

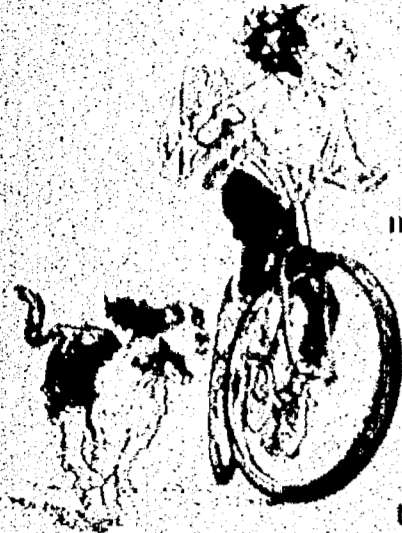
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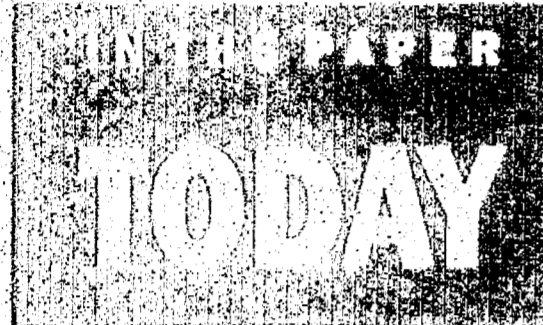
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Recall petition wording revised



Parents upset about the elimination of secondary school busing have revised their recall petition language. The county election commission will decide next Wednesday on the language change.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

New recall petitions aimed at removing Wayne-Westland school board members from office have been submitted to the Wayne County Elections Commission by a Westland parent who is angry about busing cuts for junior and senior high students. The commission is expected to rule

Nov. 30 on whether the new petition wording is suitable for a recall ballot proposal that would be decided by Wayne-Westland voters.

Westland parent Daniel Williams submitted the revised petition language to county elections officials on Thursday, just three days after the commission rejected his first proposal. The panel declared that the initial

wording wasn't clear.

Richard James, an attorney representing four of the seven board members, has vowed that the elected officials will continue to fight the recall campaign.

"They are not going to cave in," he said.

James has been hired by board members Patricia Brown, Debra Fowlkes, Francis "Bud" Winter and president Mathew McCusker, who are sharing legal expenses. Board members Richard LeBlanc, Laurel Rasmussen and Vicki Welty weren't asked to join the effort, and LeBlanc said the issue adds to some public percep-

tions of a 4-3 split on the board.

"I was extremely disappointed that my board colleagues, in their efforts to have an attorney represent them, did not ask if other board members would like to join them," he said. "I think it was yet another example of poor judgment.

"I'm going to fight this recall. I'm not going to lay down," LeBlanc said, adding that he believes the efforts of recall organizers are "misdirected."

Recall supporters want to oust board members for eliminating transportation for students in grades seven

See **RECALL**, 2A

Santa comes to town



ART EMANUEL / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Yule season opens: Santa Claus was welcomed by hundreds of children and parents when he arrived by horse and carriage at Westland Center Saturday morning. On hand for the arrival were Ronnie Thorpe (left), 5, and James Richey, also 5. Also on hand was Kathy Chopek, who brought her son, Joshua, 4, to see Santa.

Mayor seeks pay hikes for top officials

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

At a \$140,000 cost to taxpayers, 23 city employees appointed by Westland's mayor would receive annual pay raises averaging about 4 percent under a three-year package submitted to the Westland City Council.

If approved by the council, the pay plan proposed by Mayor Robert Thomas would come on the heels of a

one-year salary freeze that his directors accepted during the last year, finance director Michael Gorman said.

The pay increases would boost salaries that Gorman said currently range from \$26,976 for an administrative secretary to \$58,431 for four top-paid appointees: Gorman, Police Chief Emery Price, Fire Chief Larry Lane and Personnel Director Kent

Herbert.

The council delayed a decision on the plan Monday night, choosing instead to closely scrutinize it during a study session to be scheduled soon.

"We want to see the whole picture -- at least I do -- before I make a decision on it," Councilman Charles Pickering said Tuesday.

Pickering said he is concerned about possible perceptions that ap-

pointees are faring better than other employee groups in contract settlements. He said he would prefer to see other contracts settled prior to the mayor's pay plan for appointees.

However, he added, "I would like to see it resolved before the end of the year."

Gorman said tentative settlements

See **PAY**, 2A

City budget chief moves to private agency

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Tim McCurley has left his job as the city of Westland's budget director, creating a second vacancy in Mayor Robert Thomas' administration.

McCurley, 37, has accepted a job as director of business operations for the Inkster-based Youth Living Centers, a non-profit child care agency that assists in foster care, adoption proceed-

ings and temporary shelter for children, among other services.

McCurley said he voluntarily quit his Westland position.

"There was by no means any mention for me to leave," he told the Observer on Monday. "There was never any problem."

It was no secret that McCurley had been in the market for a new job for months. He had been considered for the position of Rochester Hills

finance director earlier this year, but he withdrew from consideration.

In his new job, McCurley will oversee a \$5 million budget, less than one-sixth of the size of Westland's budget.

Youth Living Centers serves Wayne County, but mostly children from Detroit.

Many of his budgetary duties are the same, he said. But he also is in charge of personnel for Youth Living

Centers.

McCurley's last day on the job in Westland was Oct. 26, and he began his new job Oct. 27.

His departure creates a second vacancy in Thomas' administration. Assessor Karen Hardin was fired from her job in August, saying that she and the mayor had a personality clash. They also differed on some proposed policies.

Westland fire chief offered Brighton job

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland Fire Chief Larry Lane has been offered a job as Brighton's new fire chief, the Brighton city manager's office confirmed Monday.

Lane couldn't be reached to comment on whether he plans to accept the job. He is out of his office this week, a secretary said, and he also wasn't available at home early this week.

"An offer has been made, but he has not accepted it at this point," said a spokeswoman for the Brighton

city manager's office.

The job would pay between \$42,000 and \$48,000, according to the city manager's office. Lane's salary in Westland is \$58,431, but he is eligible to retire and receive his full pension because he has completed 25 years of service.

Lane, 48, was chosen from four finalists for the Brighton post. Six applicants took an initial test.

Lane had indicated earlier that he would accept the post if he and Brighton officials could reach an agreement

on contractual issues.

Lane has been Westland's fire chief for eight years, but he has worked for the Westland Fire Department for 23 years. He received two years of credit for military service, boosting his years of service to 25.

Lane's potential successors in Westland would be Patrick Harder, assistant fire chief in charge of the fire marshal's division, and Michael Reddy, assistant chief in charge of the firefighting division.

The Brighton post became vacant

when former Chief Richard Shinske resigned in June. Shinske headed the department for six years after earlier retiring from the Detroit Fire Department.

If he accepts the Brighton job, Lane's duties would be lessened, compared to the Westland department.

He would be in charge of about 45 paid per call firefighters, compared to overseeing 73 full-time employees in Westland. Seven of those 73 jobs are currently vacant.

Hospice

Candle-lit ceremony marks opening of new office

More than 100 people took part in a candle-lighting ceremony Thursday held by Community Hospice Services, a private, non-profit group which recently moved to Westland from a cramped Garden City office.

Leading the ceremony were Mrs. Allan Breakie, widow of the founder of Garden City Hospital and a leader in the hospice group agency 13 years ago, and Ben Duckworth, a Garden City Hospital administrator.

"Mrs. Breakie delivered a tribute both to her late husband (who died last Feb. 24) and the hospice organization," said Vicki Martin, the agency's director of development and public relations.

Mrs. Breakie's comments reflected how grateful the family was to the hospice group for their help during Mr. Breakie's illness last winter, said Martin.

An open house at the organization's new office on the northwest corner of Warren Road and Venoy

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Maureen Butrico
executive director

cramped facilities in Garden City Hospital's Harrison Community Education Center, on Harrison near Maplewood in Garden City.

At the same time, the group changed its name to better reflect "our commitment to the communities we serve," said Maureen Butrico, executive director.

"We found that the old name implied that we serve only western Wayne County when we also serve southern Oakland and eastern Washtenaw Counties as well."

The organization's goal is to provide "compassionate care to persons with incurable illness and their families with no expectation but to serve."

A full range of physical, emotional and spiritual care is provided 24 hours a day in the patient's home or a contracted in-patient facility.

For more information about the organization call 522-1244.

was held Sunday, attended by many public leaders including Westland Mayor Philip Dineen, Garden City Mayor

Commerce executive director.

The move actually took place in August. The organization was located for many years in the



Program speaker: Maureen Butrico, executive director of Community Hospice Services, spoke to the crowd at the organization's new office following a candle-lighting ceremony. The agency was formed 13 years ago and late this summer moved to larger quarters on Warren Road and Venoy.



STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JACQUELO

Candle lighting: Nila Breakie and Ben Duckworth light the main candle at Thursday afternoon's ceremony at the new Community Hospice Services office on Warren Road at Venoy.

Literary club auction will raise scholarship money

A 98-year-old organization will hold its annual auction Tuesday night, Nov. 29, to raise scholarship funds for Wayne-Westland high school seniors.

The silent and live auction will be held by the Ladies Literary Club, which has nearly 100 members from western Wayne County, from 7-9 p.m., in the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square, near Wayne Road and Michigan Ave. in downtown Wayne. Browsing will start at 6:30 p.m.

The club hopes to raise at least \$2,000 for scholarships.

Among the items to be auctioned are selected works from area crafters, gift certificates, services, art works, outings and many unique items, said committee member Judy Howton.

During the auction, the club will provide refreshments and performing arts entertainment by John Glenn and Wayne Memorial High School students.

Rev. Brooks, auctioneer, will use her enthusiasm and stage experiences to the event, said the committee.

Besides Howton, other committee members are Karen Eckardt, Cindy Kelly, Darlene Hawley, Martha Raub, Ginny Attwood, Carolyn Reynolds, Carol Weyand, Louise Steinhauer, Jonelle Long, Pat Rossi, Carol Middel, Marilyn Work and Dee Raub.

Last year's scholarship winners were Heather Allsteadt, a John Glenn High School graduate, daughter of Mary Allsteadt and now a business major at University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Lisa Putty, a Wayne Memorial graduate and a freshman at Western Michigan University.

The literary club is primarily a social and cultural organization. It has been awarding scholarships for the past 30 years.

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Heather Allsteadt scholarship winner



Auction items: Ladies Literary Club members Judy Howton (left) and Cindy Kelly display an authentic Chinese rubbing, Santa bear and a gift basket — just three of many items to be auctioned off at the group's annual scholarship benefit Tuesday night.

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OBITUARIES

FRANK J. DUTTON

Services for Mr. Dutton, 87, of Garden City were Nov. 19 from the John Santen and Son Funeral Home with interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland.

Mr. Dutton, a 50-year Garden City resident, died Nov. 16 in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. A family spokesperson said he enjoyed selling and bowling.

Survivors include wife Carol Ann, sons Frank J. III and Adam; daughters Carol Jean Brenner and Sandra; grandchildren Sabrina, Crystal, Devin and Syster, mother Mary Dutton and eight brothers. Preceding him in death were father Franklin Dutton and grandchild Justin.

Memorials may be donated to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

DALLAS VERNON SARVER

Services for Mr. Sarver, 55, of Westland, were Nov. 22 from the Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home with burial in Cadillac Me-

morial Gardens West. Rev. Larry Miller of the First Baptist Church of Wayne officiated.

Mr. Sarver died Nov. 19 in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Ann Arbor. A Milford native, he was an Army veteran.

Survivors include: sons Dallas, Jr., Cecil Ray and Kenneth Lee, all of Kentucky; many grandchil-

dren; mother Edna Gilkey and sister Barbara Hudnik of Harrison, Mich.

WILLIAM C. FOSTER, SR.

Services for Mr. Foster, 85, of Westland were Nov. 16 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

Mr. Foster died Nov. 13 in St. Jude Nursing Home, Livonia. Born Dec. 23, 1905, in Knoxville, Tenn., he was an assembler.

Survivors include: son William Jr.; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; three brothers and two sisters. He was preceded in death by wife Myrtle.

JOHN E. KELLY

Services for Mr. Kelly, 69, of Westland were Nov. 19 from St. Kevin Catholic Church with interment in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. John Lehner officiated.

Mr. Kelly died Nov. 15 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born Sept. 18, 1925, he was a supervisor.

Survivors include: wife Margaret; daughters Elizabeth Kazik, Margaret Hatmaker and Bridgett Bayliss; sons Michael and Brian; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters and six brothers. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

ELENORA A. SNYDER

Services for Mrs. Snyder, 83, of Westland were Nov. 11 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with burial in Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Rev. Gary Headapohl of St. Matthew Lutheran Church officiated.

Mrs. Snyder died Nov. 8 in Westland Convalescent Center. Born in Detroit, she was a dry cleaning clerk.

Survivors include: daughter Donna Williams of Westland; son Bruce of Westland; grandchildren Dr. Suzanne Williams of Biloxi, Miss., Cheryl Shartell of Wayne, James Williams of Farmington Hills, Randal Snyder of Westland, Allen Snyder of Westland and Jacqueline Gergel of Bowie, Md., and great-grandchildren Lindsay Williams and Michael, Kathryn and Alexander White, Kelly and Cory Boutin, and Robert, Sarah, Danielle, Joshua and Rachel Snyder, and Timothy Gergel. She was preceded in death by husband William.

MARY SEPIC

Services for Mrs. Sepic, 83, of Sarasota, Fla., were Nov. 17 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mrs. Sepic died Nov. 14 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. She was born Dec. 19, 1910.

Survivors include: daughter Mildred Carlington of Westland; son Joseph, Jr.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, and sister Anne Consorti of Wallingford, Pa. Preceding her in death was husband Joseph.

Santa opens Yule season



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUEL

Center arrival: Santa Claus arrived at Westland Center Saturday morning, greeted by hundreds of children and adults. Taking part were the John Glenn High School marching band. But not everyone was happy. Rachel Peel, 2, was not a happy camper as she perched on Santa's lap with sister Danielle, 3. A Santabear skit was also performed for children later in the day.



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Engler challenges local user fees

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Wayne County and many suburbs would decide the fate of an airport tax and recycling fees under a recommendation endorsed by Gov. John Engler.

"Mandatory user fees" for recycling are used by Bloomfield Township; the cities of Rochester Hills, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Wixom; and the village of Milford.

"There are a lot of communities with 'mandatory user fees' that this report says must be voter-approved," said Patrick L. Anderson, deputy state budget director and a member of the governor's commission.

Wayne County's 30-percent tax on parking at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, 5-percent charges for 911 emergency telephone service, and Detroit's utility users tax also should be approved by voters, not imposed by governing boards, the report said.

The 12-member Blue Ribbon Commission for Review of the 1978 Headlee (tax limitation) Amendment included Anderson, a Farmington Hills resident and

chair of the 11th Congressional District Republican organization; his boss, budget director Patti Woodworth; state treasurer Doug Roberts; and Gary Wolfrum, Hillsdale College economist and member of the State Board of Education.

Wolfrum chaired the panel. Dissenting on the user-fees section were three local government members: Elaine Skarritt, Milford Township clerk and president of the Michigan Townships Association; Gene Thornton, lobbyist for the townships association; and John Logio of the city of Grand Rapids.

The dissenters said it's impossible to prove that a user fee isn't a tax. "How does one prove a negative? And to whom?" they asked rhetorically.

The dissenters said local recycling programs "have been established in good faith on the basis that the user-fee approach was acceptable and valid. A retrenchment now would not only cause a likely disruption of existing programs, but also stifle further advancement and development of this socially desirable goal."

Despite the dissent, Engler told the commission he would direct the treasurer, his legal counsel and budget director to address the administrative concerns. "I will also ask our legislative leaders to work with us on legislation addressing other recommendations," he said.

The report covers all facets of the 1978 lengthy Headlee amendment to the financial article (IX) of the Michigan Constitution. The report's section on local government fees is likely to stir the most controversy in the 1995 legislative session.

The report defines a "fee" as payment for a voluntary service, including fines for violations of law. But the panel said a charge for mandatory services such as recycling and 911 emergency service are unconstitutional unless approved by voters.

"The commission recommends that the Legislature amend each statute that authorizes establishment of a jurisdiction-wide assessment district to finance general government services" to require voter approval.

Among other recommendations:

■ Wayne County's 30-percent tax on airport parking — which ranks with Montana's 30-percent tax on coal sold to Detroit Edison Co. as one of the highest levies in the nation — also should be approved by voters, because "The revenue from this tax, although ostensibly imposed by the state, flows directly back to the cities and counties in which a regional airport is located."

■ Convention bureau marketing taxes of one to two percent on hotels and motels with more than 10 rooms should be subject to a vote of the people, not just hotel-motel owners. "These statutes effectively create local authorities that levy taxes and make expenditures without any control by the citizenry," it said.

■ A very similar statute, the "Tiger Stadium Tax" act (PA 180 of 1991), authorizes an explicit excise tax on hotel and motel accommodations in municipalities or counties constructing or reconstructing a stadium or convention facility.

Commissioner lands 'plum' county post

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Suburban Wayne County gained an edge last week as county commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, was named chair of the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

Plawecki, 27, also represents Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt.

As chair of "CRAPS," Plawecki succeeds commissioner Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, who was named chairman of the whole commission Nov. 17.

Suburban commissioners think western Wayne County will benefit greatly from having a fellow suburbanite in the CRAPS chair.

The committee has oversight responsibility for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, which does all the county road work, runs Metro Airport and the operates the



Michelle Plawecki

county park system.

Because a portion of Plawecki's district is a township, she has a strong incentive to see that county road maintenance is efficiently performed.

Commission elects chief

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioner Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, was elected chairman of the county commission Nov. 17.

Solomon replaces commissioner Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, who announced his resignation as chairman last month.

Solomon was elected by a vote of 14-0 with one abstention, commissioner Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe.

Observer-area commissioners all voted in favor of Solomon.

They are: Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township; Michelle Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia; Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City,

and Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton Township.

Solomon, 39, represents District Seven, which encompasses the northwest corner of Detroit.

Solomon has spent the majority of his adult life in government employ. His experience includes stints as the assistant director of the Economic Development Corp. of Wayne County, an employment specialist at Wayne County Metropolitan Community Action Agency, an aide to U.S. Rep. George Crockett and a contract compliance officer for the Detroit government.

Solomon has a bachelor's degree in political science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

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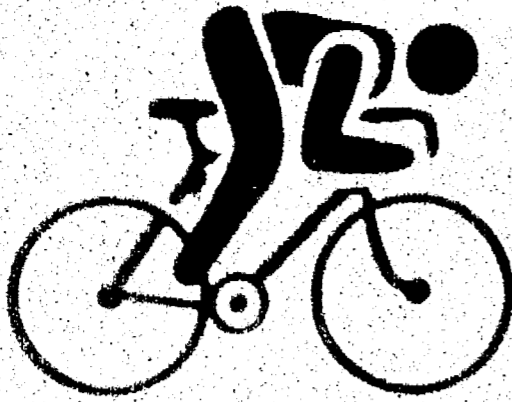
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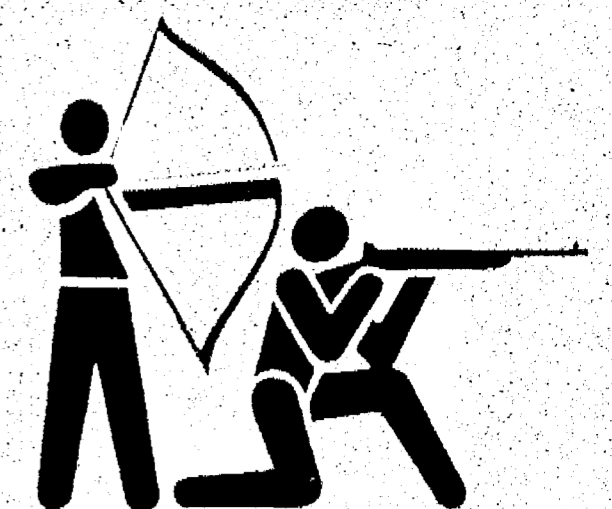
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Exercise group helps MS sufferers

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

Doris Colling has multiple sclerosis, but she is determined not to surrender her mobility.

Colling is credited with putting together the first area exercise program for people with MS.

A former employee of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Colling drew on business contacts at St. Mary Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA to put her plan into action.

"I was fortunate enough to know the right people and they were kind enough to say yes," said Colling, who has suffered with MS six years.

Combining the resources of St. Mary's medicine and rehabilitation department with the Y's swimming pool, the 14-month-old program offers participants a combination of aquatic exercise and education.

MS is a chronic, slowly progressive disease of the central nervous system which can result in muscle weakness and loss of coordination and balance. The cause is unknown and there is currently no known cure. Treatment includes physical therapy and medication.

What began as a program for a dozen people with MS has grown to a weekly session for about 40, with interest growing all the time.

"We've kind of become an advocacy group," said Colling.

For years Colling was content to listen to her neurologist, who discouraged exercising.

"Heat is the enemy. Becoming overheated is dangerous for someone with MS," she said.

Finally Colling decided to take the matter into her own hands.

"I just thought I'd like someone to exercise with, for motivation," she said. "In the pool you cannot get overheated. My balance is bad and I can't move well, especially my left leg. In the water I can bring my left knee to the top of the water. Also, if you fall, you don't kill yourself.

"If I wasn't doing this, my walking would be so much worse. With MS, tendons shorten up. They need regular stretching."



JIM JAGDELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grant presentation: R.J. Moore, area marketing director, and Chuck Keys, district manager for USA for Health Care, recently presented a \$4,500 grant to St. Mary President and Chief Executive Officer Sister Mary Modesta for the MS exercise program at the Livonia Family YMCA. Doris Colling of the MS group is in the foreground. The money will pay for a lift to help the wheelchair bound in and out of the pool and also will provide for water equipment and a physical therapist to work with the group for a few sessions.

Jan Estes of Redford couldn't agree more. Estes was diagnosed with MS in 1992. Her priest told her to start swimming -- he'd

read somewhere that it was helpful. So she joined the Livonia YMCA and became acquainted with the group accidentally just as it was forming.

"It's a wonderful group," Estes said. "We're all very supportive of one another. It's not just a bitch session. We have special guest speakers and we socialize."

She credits the swimming with keeping her mobile.

"I don't walk with a cane now," she said.

For more information on the program, call the Y at 261-2161 or St. Mary's at 591-2955. Sharon Terkins, also of Redford, looks forward to the Friday class.

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Environment is topic for public hearings

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Environmental officials from Lansing and Washington are listening to the public discuss a broad range of issues in a series of meetings in November and December.

"We're stepping out of the traditional role so we can develop long-range goals," said Denise Mogos, spokesperson for the state Department of Natural Resources' regional office in Livonia.

"The EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) has done this in other states. This is the first time it has been done in Michigan. We're having a series of nine meetings in eight counties."

"We had our first one in St. Clair County (Nov. 16). The loss of wildlife habitat was brought up a couple of times. Other people noticed an increase in bladder cancer. There were questions about ground-water and air quality."

"Much of the focus was on the St. Clair River -- foreign ships emptying their ballast."

"We're organizing the meetings around five watersheds -- the Detroit River, the Rouge River, the Raisin, the Clinton and the St. Clair River," Mogos said.

Usually DNR hearings are on a fixed topic, such as underground storage tanks or wetlands permits. In this first-of-its-kind series for Michigan, DNR and EPA say they will use public input to establish budget and enforcement priorities.

All meetings run from 7-9 p.m. Here is the full schedule for the remainder of the meetings:

■ Detroit, Tuesday, Nov. 29 -- Wayne County Medical Society dining room, 1010 Antietam.

■ Wayne County, Wednesday, Nov. 30 -- Melvindale High School auditorium 18656 Prospect.

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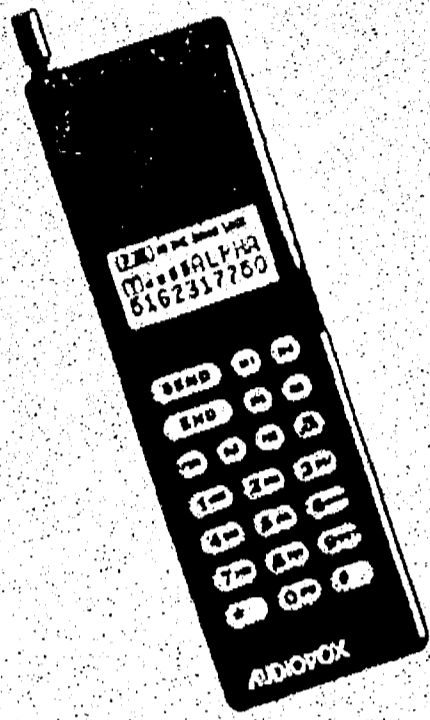
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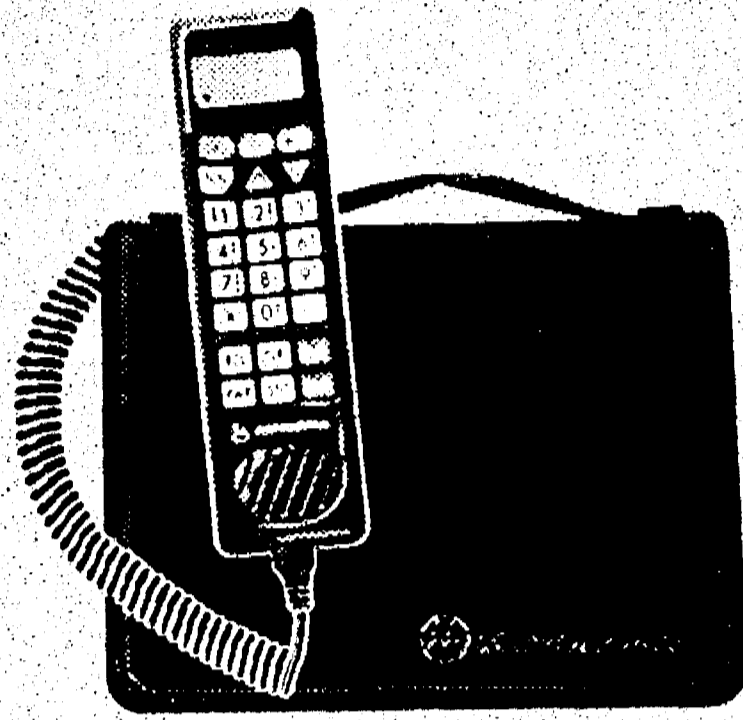
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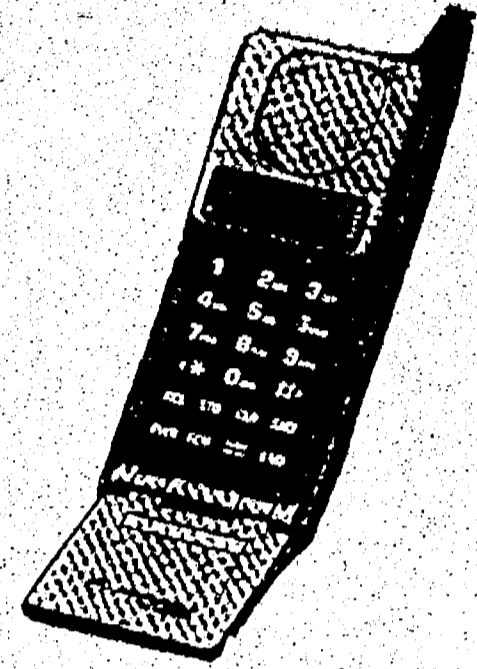
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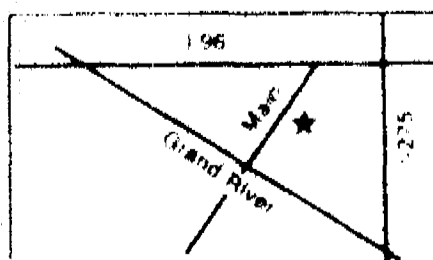
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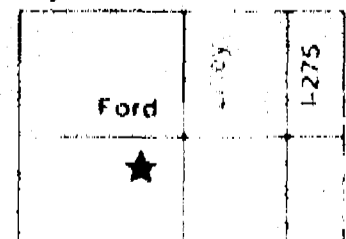
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The farmer and his wife

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See FAMILY ROOM, 13A

'House of rest' in a time of need



November is National Hospice Month, a time to reflect on the services provided to the terminally ill and their families and a time to learn more about what once meant "house of rest."

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It may be an odd subject to consider in the waning days of November, when we gather to reflect on family. It's a time to give thanks for the love, the caring and the sharing for which "family" stands.

But those familial feelings may be the reason November has been designated National Hospice Month.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of hospice in America. Hospice - a patient- and family-focused, cost-effective way of caring for incurably ill people when curing their diseases is no longer possible - was introduced to the United States by Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern-day hospice health care concept and St. Christopher's Hospice near London, England. It has grown from a single program established in New Haven, Conn., in 1974, to more than 2,000 organizations across the country.

There is much in common among hospice organizations. The care they provide is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers. They also provide 13

months of bereavement counseling and services for families following a patient's death. Their differences reflect the philosophy that guides them.

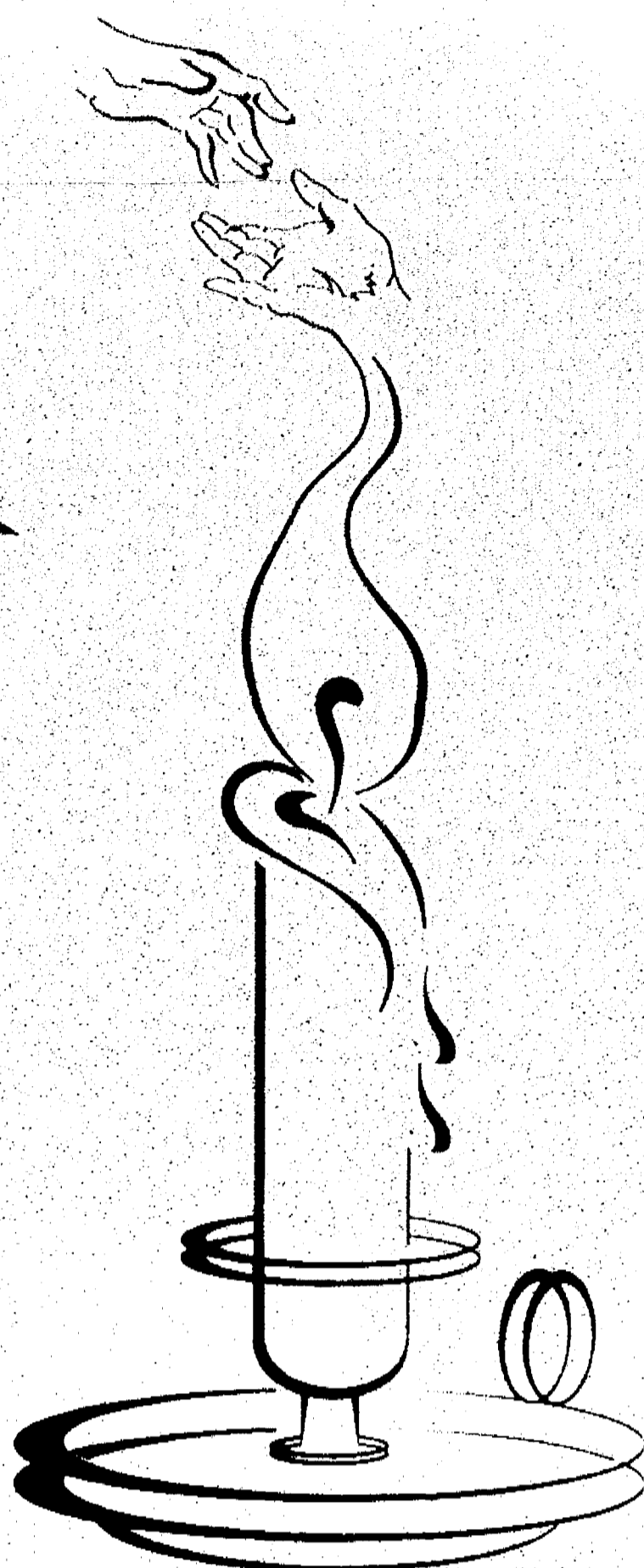
Original hospice

The Hospice of Southeastern Michigan was the first licensed and certified hospice in Michigan. Opened in 1980, its original hospice was a 48-bed inpatient unit in Southfield.

Today, most of HOSM's care is delivered in the home, with most patients remaining under the care of their own physicians. Hospice nurses visit the patient at least once a week to check the patient's physical condition, review medications and make recommendations for ongoing care.

A social worker visits the family to see if they need help with any non-medical problems. If the person caring for the patient needs help, the hospice will assign a home health aide to assist with such tasks as bathing, dressing and feeding the patient. And home service aides are also available to

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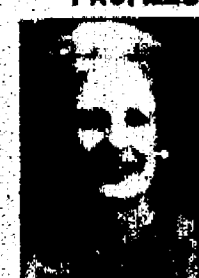
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ANNIVERSARIES

Lancione
 An early evening Mass at St. Genevieve Church kicked off the festivities surrounding Anthony and Rose Lancione's 50th wedding anniversary. Celebrated on Sept. 3, a dinner for family and friends was held at Burton Manor after the service.
 The Lanciones exchanged vows on Sept. 2, 1944, in Youngstown, Ohio. She is the former Rose Crish.
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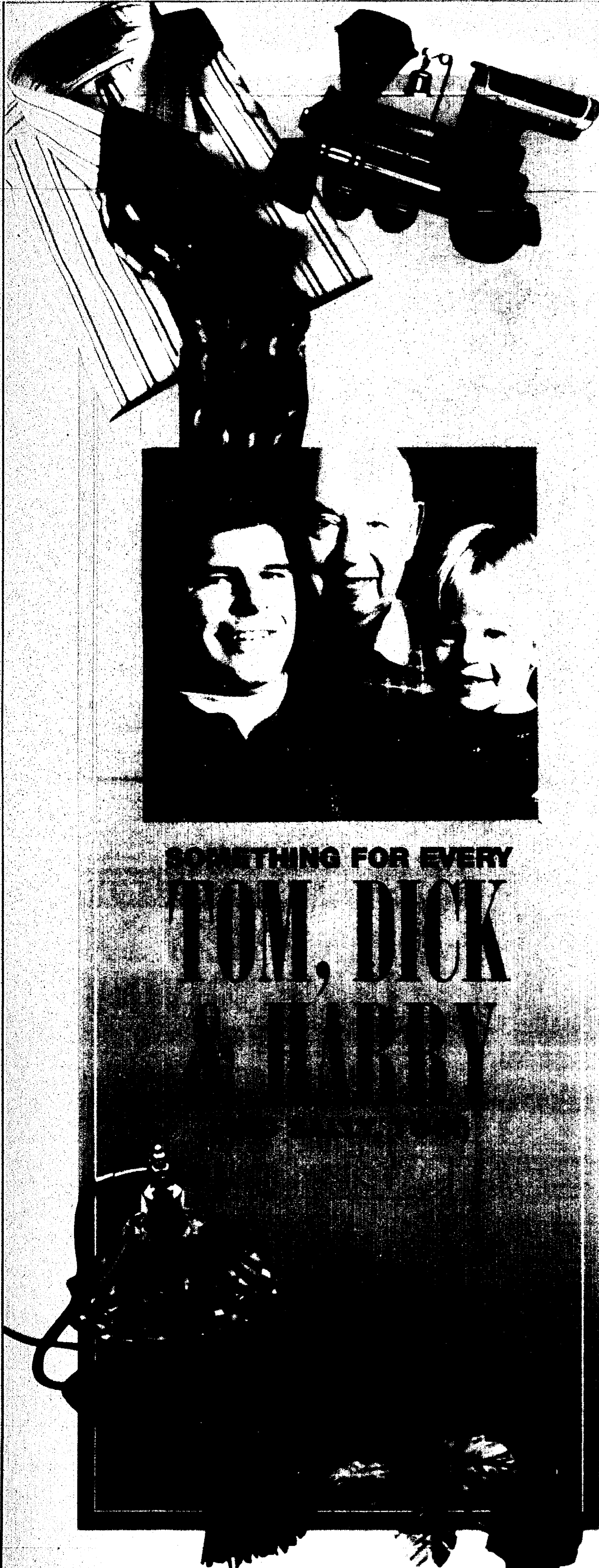
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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Generations' launches a whole new Star Trek series



JOHN MONAGHAN

TICKETS PLEASE Kirk dies. By now that's no secret. How the filmmakers are going to resurrect him is a lingering question that will keep you guessing through the first half of "Star Trek: Generations," the entertaining seventh entry in the ever-popular science-fiction series.

Instead of trotting out the original Enterprise crew, the movie focuses on the "Next Generation" cast. Though technically they lived a century apart, James T. Kirk and Jean-Luc Picard, Star Trek's most famous captains, serve together and save the universe one more time.

through his wise and steely eyes. Scotty and Chekhov (Patrick Doohan and Walter Koenig) also appear in the opening scenes, where the old gang accompanies a new Enterprise on its maiden voyage. The captain (a third one) looks to Kirk for advice when an undulating ribbon of electricity threatens to destroy the ship.

The scene, perhaps the best in the movie, works because you can see Kirk half-rise from his chair as the green captain makes wrong decisions. You know Kirk just itches to retake command.

From here, however, "Star Trek: Generations" isn't much better than an above-average episode of the television series. The conflict this time: a mad scientist (a surprisingly limp Malcolm McDowell) who casually blows up stars in an attempt to get closer to intergalactic Shangri-La.

Klingons also appear, this time as a pair of smelly female commanders who think they've found a weak link in the Enterprise. Surprisingly, the primitive warrior race has more for its women to do than on the Enterprise, where Counselor Troi (Marina Sirtis)

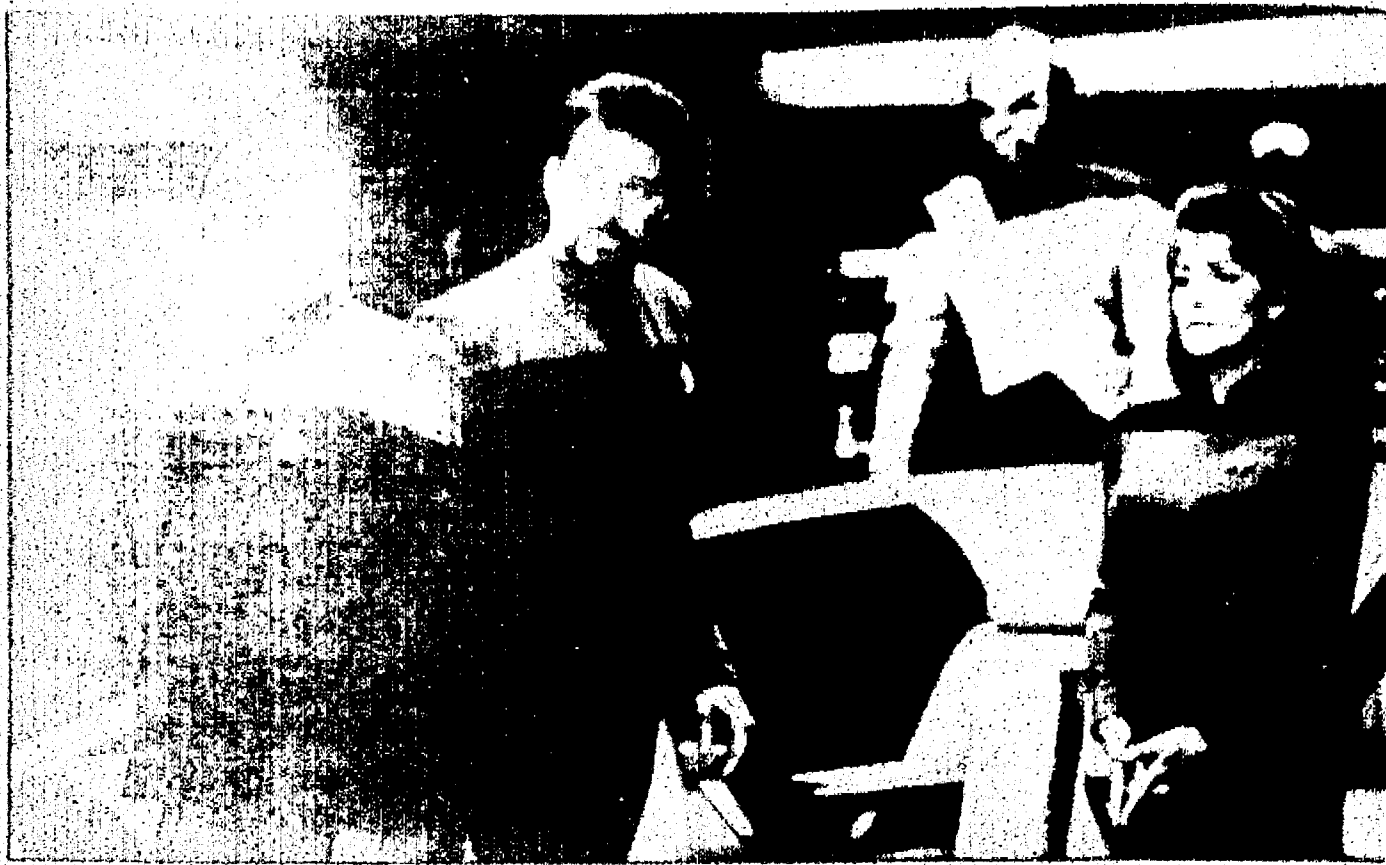
and others only offer their shoulders for crewmen to cry on.

In an entertaining twist, android crewmate Data (Brent Spiner) installs a computer chip in his brain that will give him human emotions. Now he laughs hysterically at jokes he heard years before but only now understands.

Data also discovers the meaning of fear when he's under fire and loses best friend Jody (Ben Vereen) in the process.

The rest of the crew, including Jonathan Frakes as Number 1, don't seem too out of the place on the big screen. And that's just dandy with Paramount, who pulled the series from television after several successful seasons in the hopes of making more money at the movies.

Campy and clever, "Star Trek: Generations" officially passes on the baton to the "Next Generation." Yet you still wonder, after Spock's unlikely comeback in "Trek III," can another rebirth of Captain James T. Kirk be too far behind?



New Trek: The new film, "Star Trek: Generations" stars (from left) Patrick Stewart as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, Jonathan Frakes as Cmdr. William Riker, Michael Dorn as Lt. Cmdr. Worf, and Marina Sirtis as Counselor Deanna Troi. William Shatner returns as Capt. Kirk.

COMEDY'S NEW NAME IS "SHAME"

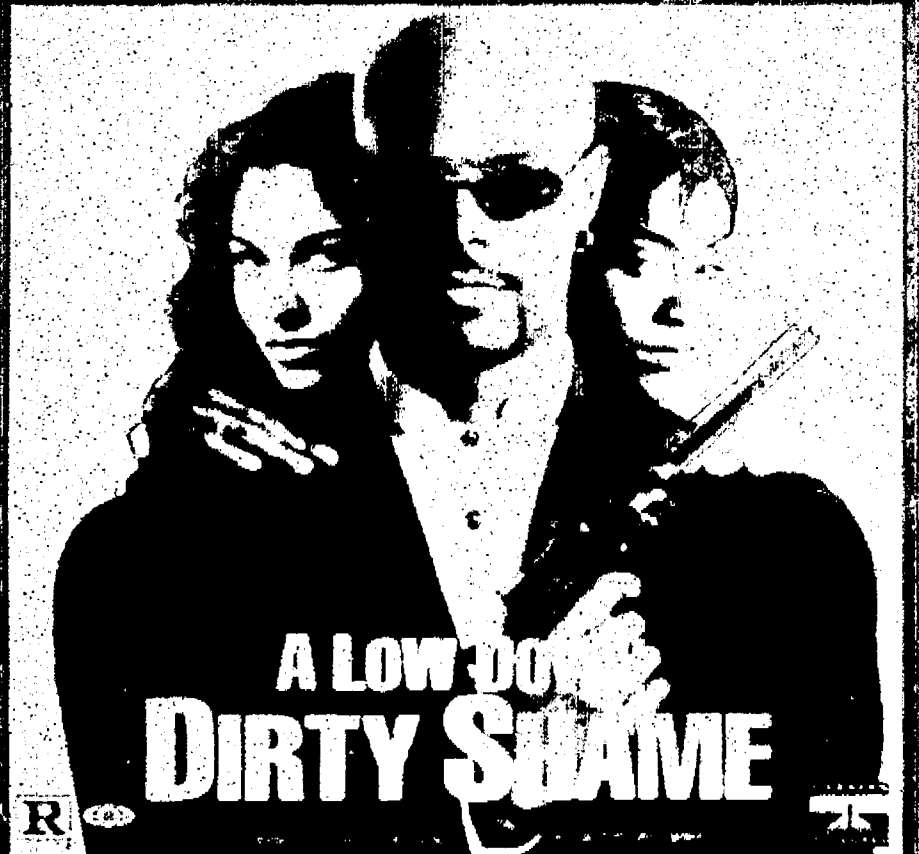


Table listing theaters showing A Low Down Dirty Shame, including AMC Del Air 10, AMC Eastland, AMC Laurel Park, AMC Old Orchard, AMC Southfield City, AMC Wonderland, Norwest, Novi Town Center, Quo Vadis, Showcase Dearborn, Showcase Pontiac, Star Gratiot, Star Lincoln Park, Star Taylor, Star Winchester, Star Lakeside, Star Oakland, Ford Wyoming.

Screen Scene

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

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

What Happened Was... (USA - 1994). 7, 9:30 p.m. Nov. 25, 26, 4, 7 p.m. Nov. 27. A tense, funny, and downright frightening two-character story about a dinner date that doesn't go as expected. Tom Noonan directed the Grand Jury Prize winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

Francois Truffaut: Stolen Portraits (France - 1993). 7 p.m. Nov. 28. When Francois Truffaut died ten years ago, he left behind a legacy of extraordinary films and a life story full of missing pieces. This new documentary, with rare interviews with friends and colleagues, helps us further

understand the man and the filmmaker.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 544-3030 for information. (\$5)

Hendrix double feature: "Jim Hendrix" (USA - 1973) and "Jim Hendrix on the Isle of Wight" (USA - 1970). 10:30 p.m. Nov. 25, 7, 10:30 p.m. Nov. 26. The self-titled documentary is a fascinating account of the guitarist's life, with invaluable interviews and lots of musical clips. The "Isle of Wight" concert, filmed just three weeks before his death, is a fitting sendoff to the rock legend.

MAIN ART THEATRE, 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0160 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3

twilight)

The Last Seduction (USA - 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda Fiorentino stars as a ruthless femme fatale who double crosses her husband.

Interview with the Vampire (USA - 1994). Neil Jordan's stunning new film version of the Anne Rice vampire novel features seductive performances from Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and newcomer Kirsten Dunst.

Bullets Over Broadway (USA - 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.

MAPLE THEATRE 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next

Thursday. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight) "The Professional" (USA - 1994). The new thriller from Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita") finds a hitman taking a young girl under his protection. Gary Oldman stars.

Oleanna (USA - 1994). The latest from David Mamet, adapted from his stage play, about a college professor trying to save his reputation against a floundering student in a sexual harassment case.

Interview with the Vampire (USA - 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

STATE THEATRE 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1) "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (Britain - 1974). 9 p.m. Nov. 28. This inspired spoof of the King Arthur legend is still the funniest feature from the British comedy team.

Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

Opened Wednesday, Nov. 23 "The Pagemaster" - A partly animated film about a young boy's amazing journey led by The Pagemaster, the keeper of books and guardian of the written word. Stars Macaulay Culkin and

Christopher Lloyd and the voices of several stars. "A Low Down Dirty Shame" - This comedy-action-adventure has a private investigator enlisting his wise-cracking secretary and her roommate to help him out of his latest jam. Directed by and starring Keenen Ivory Wayans. "Junior" - A comedy in which

Arnold Schwarzenegger is a genetic engineer who, with the help of his gynecologist friend, decided to prove that male pregnancy is possible. With Danny DeVito and Emma Thompson. Opening Friday, Dec. 2 "Trapped in Paradise" - It's Christmas Eve and the Firpo brothers come from New

York City to the small town of Paradise to pull a heist, but their big city ways are no match for the kindness of the good folks of Paradise. Comedy starring Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz and Dana Carvey. See COMING ATTRACTIONS Next Page

Advertisement for Disney's 'The Swan Princess' featuring quotes like 'ABSOLUTELY ENCHANTING!' and 'PURE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY.'

Advertisement for 'The Wizard of Oz' and 'The Pagemaster' with 'Now Showing' theater listings for AMC Bel Air, AMC Southfield City, etc.

Advertisement for Disney's 'The Lion King' and 'Pocahontas' with 'Now Playing' theater listings for AMC Southfield City, AMC Wood's, etc.

Gender-bending play is sweet treat for laughter

THEATER
REVIEW



VICTORIA DIAZ

In case you haven't heard, the zany 1959 screen comedy, "Some Like It Hot," has been made into a zany musical for the stage, called "Sugar." The Village Players of Birmingham are currently offering up the confectionary treat for area audiences.

Though it may not be the slickest, smartest comedy ever staged and though most playgoers won't leave the theatre humming any of these Julio Styne-Bob Merrill tunes, this "Sugar"—directed by Barbara Anne Gowans—makes for some delicious fun.

"Sugar" (and "Some Like It Hot") tells the story of two hapless musicians, Joe and Jerry, who, as the play begins, find themselves out of work in Prohibition-era Chicago. Things get a lot worse, though, when the klutzy pair stumble into the right garage

at the wrong time, only to witness the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre. (Here, the Massacre is cleverly choreographed by Martha Lamb.)

What to do when the perpetrators discover you've seen it all? Run for your life, of course, and get out of town fast.

But how to do that when your pockets are empty, and no jobs are to be had for the likes of you? Luckily for our heroes, an all-girl orchestra, "Sweet Sue and Her Society Syncopators," are desperate for a bass and a saxophone before they move out for an extended engagement in sunny Florida. Here's a bright idea: Why not dress up like girls, change your names to Josephine and Daphne, and apply for the jobs?

This being musical comedy, Joe/Josephine and Jerry/Daphne do just that, get the jobs, hop on the train with all those Society Syncopators, and move out for sunnier climes. Little do they know (this being musical-comedy still) that their troubles are just beginning.

As the jobless musician, Jerry,

ON-STAGE
★

"Sugar"

► **THEATER:** Village Players of Birmingham, 752 Chestnut, corner of Hunter, Birmingham.

► **CURTAIN TIME:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 25-26; Dec. 2-3.

► **TICKETS:** Adults, \$12; students, \$10, call (810) 644-2075.

Don Castle fares OK. But as the dimply, dumpling-ish Daphne, he does a knock-out job. Looking about as subtle as a fire engine in his raspberry-red costumes (they match his cute, rosy cheeks), he certainly makes the most of gender confusion whether he's onstage or making one of his grand (and flirtatious) entrances from the audience. Carousing with the smitten millionaire, Osgood Fielding (played charmingly by Tom

Spriggs), is a special delight. And don't miss his curtain call.

As his sidekick, Joe/Josephine, Dave Springer has his winning ways, too, especially as that blonde vixen, Josephine. Though not the boisterous comic that Castle is here, he definitely has his own brand of humor, in a somewhat lower key, and he's always an eye-catching performer to watch. (Impersonating Cary Grant is not his strong point, however.)

In the title role, pretty Sally Savoie — although a little heavy on the doll-like mannerisms — lends a soft, comedie touch of her own, and always adds a certain dotty charm to a scene.

For the most part, a large supporting cast performs well. Watch especially for Dianne Nowland as Mrs. Spats Palazzo, villain extraordinaire. Her big death scene is like nothing you have ever seen before, and she possesses a real knack for bringing it off.

Generally, the comedic aspect of this production works better than does its musical side. Several singing voices waver and



Musical: Dave Springer (left to right), Sally Savoie and Dan Castle star in the Village Players of Birmingham presentation of "Sugar."

quaver, searching for that elusive note. And, especially in opening scenes, Joan Bowea's orchestra tends to get a bit carried away with itself, simply overwhelming onstage voices.

Rather elaborate scene changes occur frequently, and sometimes seem troublesome and intrusive.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia-based freelancer, who specializes in arts and entertainment articles in the metro area.

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Romanian holiday: That's Garden City businessman John Santeiu in Bucharest, Romania, which he visited in October for "Romeexpo," the Romanian National Trade Exposition. It was his fifth trip to the country. Santeiu is Romanian on his father's side, and visited cousins in the cities of Cluj and Brasov. It was a working holiday, he says, full of business meetings and factory tours.

Wish you were here

Color tour: Bob and Irene Drott of Garden City pause in picturesque Bar Harbor, ME. The Drotts took a fall color tour of New England by bus. They visited Vermont, New Hampshire and New York, in addition to Maine.

Greenfield Village, Henry Ford Museum deck halls for holidays

Deck the halls with — turkey feathers? The tinsel and twinkle lights that have become the standard for American Christmas decorations were unknown a century ago, but our forebears still found ways to brighten their holidays.

Flags and feathers are among the innovative items that have adorned American Christmas trees since their popularity first took root in the 1840s.

During the holidays, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, (Nov. 25-Jan. 1), visitors will find these and other ingenious decorations amid the inventions, homes and workplaces of innovators including Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers. Greenfield Village is at Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn. Call (313) 271-1976 for information.

Family photos provided accurate reference materials for Village decorators. Music will fill the air in both the museum and village with scheduled mini-concerts by guest choirs from local communities, schools and churches.

A brass band also entertains with music of the season, and performers of Opera Lite will sing songs that keep everyone's holiday spirit tuned-up.

■ Wyandotte Museum, 2610 Bid-dle Ave. is hosting a Victorian Christmas Open House, 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. Free admission.



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Why weren't we surprised?

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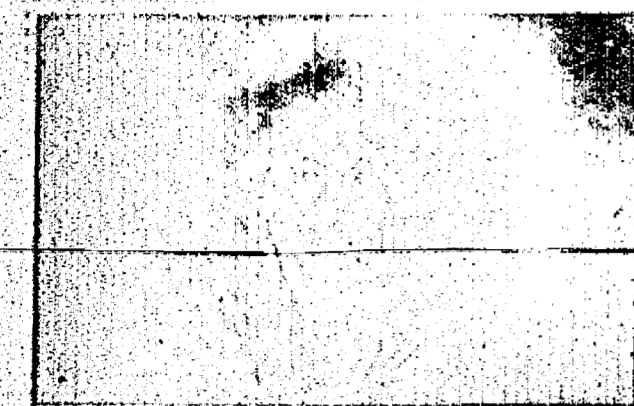


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Musicians rally for injured singer

The industrial bands HAL and Skinhorse will play a benefit at Alvin's in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 26, for Skinhorse frontman/bassist Arnie Royster who, according to their press release, suffered a terrible accident. "He wasn't meant to be paralyzed but he did fracture two vertebrae when he fell off a speaker during a performance at the House of Blues in Chicago during the Independence Festival last month. It's been a rough year for Royster, who was electrocuted earlier in the year at Alvin's. For effect, Skinhorse, who will release a CD in January, poured club-soda on the drums with black lighting overhead and Royster stepped in a puddle of it. Aside from raising money to pay for Royster's medical expenses and lost wages, Skinhorse's manager Sue Sutfin says she hopes to bring awareness to the fact that people should have affordable medical insurance.

The show is part of Alvin's 25th anniversary. The week-long celebration also includes an acoustic show at 55th Thanksgiving and a show on Friday, Nov. 25, by Knitting Factory recording artists Blue Dog and newly reformed group Fundamental Extremists, formerly Broken Yo Yo. For more information, call (313) 832-2355.

Skin Doctors will have a new look when they visit the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1 with the Rolling Stones. Guitarist and founding member Eric Slicker, 51, announced he'll be leaving the band in early October due to artistic and creative differences. He has been replaced by Anthony Krizan.

If you have a question or a comment for Christina Fuoco, call her at (313) 953-2017, mailbox No. 2130 on a touch-tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.



Bill Hovnan

Last year's winners: East Lansing's The Verve Pipe won the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 1993 Band of the Year honor. To offer us your nomination for the 1994 Band of the Year, call (313) 953-2021 before Friday, Dec. 16.

Send in your Band of Year nominations

There are a lot of impressive local bands around Detroit, and we're looking for the ones that our readers loved the most.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is asking readers to nominate their local favorites for 1994 Band of the Year honor. There's a lot of choices out there. Wig, Big Chief, Majesty Crush, Spunk, The Verve Pipe, The Exceptions, Immigrant Sons, Slot, Hot Footin' Puddin' Pie, among others. Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will headline a concert on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Deadline is Dec. 16. Call in your nominations to the 24-hour hotline (313) 953-2021 or send it in to: Street Scene, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, Mich. 48150. Please include your name and phone number.

Bad Religion: Patience pays off

It's taken 14 years and a major-label deal but mainstream punk rockers Bad Religion finally have a hit on their hands. "21st Century (Digital Boy)" checks in frequently on MTV and the radio.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Melodic punk rock may be near the top of the charts but Bad Religion guitarist expects that phase to crash and burn as fast as it took off.

"The punk rock thing's just a fad," guitarist Greg Hetson said in typical punk rock fashion.

"I'm kidding. I think people were turned off in the mid-80s because of all the bad press — punk rock riots, people getting injured (at shows), or people were afraid of what the bands were saying. I think people aren't really afraid of it now."

Afraid they aren't. Upstarts Green Day and the Offspring came out of nowhere and sold millions of albums this year. Tickets for Green Day's show on Friday at Cobo Arena in Detroit sold out in about 10 minutes. Even punk rock family siblings like Pennywise, Rancid and Black Train Jack are creating a stir for themselves by touring incessantly.

But it took 14 years for Bad Religion to emerge from the punk rock static and score a hit. A song by the band — the incredibly hook-laden "21st Century (Digital Boy)" off the band's Atlantic debut "Stranger Than Fiction" — has finally hit commercial airplay. This is also the band's first foray with an outside producer, Andy Wallace who has also worked with Nirvana, Sonic Youth and the Rollins Band.

It's not that past Bad Religion songs weren't worthy of airplay. Allen Liggett of Harmony House's Farmington Hills store said success is all in the timing.

"From my point of view it's the old adage: It isn't who or what you know — it's timing. Green Day happened because it happened. The timing was right, the song was there, people caught on to it and boom it was there. Look how long it took. Soul Asylum — 11 years. They played (Hoyal Oak nightclub) 3-D in 1989 when they were on A&M. This industry has no rhyme or reason."

Liggett said that although the al-



Religious experience: See Epitaph Records founders Bad Religion — from left, Jay Bentley, Bobby Schayer, Greg Graffin and Greg Hetson — at the State Theatre in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 26, with Samiam and Supersuckers. Member Brett Gurewitz, pictured at far right, recently left the band to run Epitaph.

bum was released in September, it's just now getting hyped.

"On the retail level, it has to be marketed properly. Maybe it just wasn't marketed enough."

Hetson, a part-time member of newly signed major leaguers the Circle Jerks, agrees that timing is part of the success equation.

"I have a theory that people who started and grew up with the punk rock scene are now the people that are programming the stations and working at labels. Maybe that's why."

Other longtime fans of the band include Pearl Jam perpetual moper and lead singer Eddie Vedder and ex-Concrete Blonde vocalist Johnette Napolitano, both of whom made appearances on Bad Religion's 1993 album "Recipe for Hate."

"We've known Johnette for a long time, and Eddie we met a couple years ago. Eddie used to come see us all the time. He even snuck back-

stage once to meet the band. He was nobody back then," Hetson said.

To "Stranger Than Fiction," Napolitano contributed the song "Television" which features the snarling vocals of mohawked Rancid singer Tim "Linc" Armstrong. MC5 guitarist Wayne Kramer, and Pennywise vocalist Jim Lindberg also make cameos on the record.

The appearances of Armstrong and Lindberg show the band's dedication to ex-guitarist Brett Gurewitz's label Epitaph Records, whose lineup also boasts Gas Huffer, and the Offspring. "Recipe for Hate" was Bad Religion's last album for Epitaph (although it was repackaged and re-released by Atlantic). Collectively, the Epitaph records "Recipe for Hate" as well as "Suffer" (1988), "No Control" (1989), "Against the Grain" (1990), and "Generator" (1992) have sold more than a million copies — something that the Offspring has pulled off on its own.

A band with an indie frame of mind, Bad Religion made sure they could keep their "hands-on band" status when they signed with the massive Atlantic Records.

"We are really a hands-on band. We pretty much know what's going on all the time. We have as much as say as what's going on with Atlantic as we did with Epitaph."

Bad Religion — who replaced Gurewitz with former Minor Threat guitarist Brian Baker — makes sure their fans are aware of that when they're slugged for "selling out."

"When we get a little slack from some of the fans (we tell them we) put out the best record we could. It (signing to Atlantic) wasn't the end of Bad Religion as we know it." Bad Religion performs an all-ages show with Supersuckers and Samiam at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

DJ goes from one 'Club' to another

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

A self-proclaimed "geek" in high school, Wayne resident Jerry Millen never imagined himself on the pages of Teen Beat magazine.

"When I saw it I thought, 'I was some nerd in high school and now I'm in Teen Beat.' It said I'm the stud of the show. It was really weird," said Millen, who is modest but a little more outspoken than in his school days.

"I'd get all these letters from teen boppers saying they wanted to come to Michigan and marry me. They'd send me necklaces. . . . For me to experience that (that) was just weird," he added.

That's what Millen experienced during his 3 1/2-year stint on the internationally popular, Detroit-based PBS teen show "Club Connect." The very tall, jovial personality also shopped with Salt 'n' Pepa in New York.

"They stripped me down to boxer shorts right in the middle of the store. We didn't bother with dressing rooms. It turned out to be quite interesting," he said with a laugh.

He hung out with the MTV spring break crew, and played in children's playlands. Millen's favorite assignment was going to Sea World and playing with Shamu.

"I've always wanted to touch a killer whale. (But) I was always the kid in the audience who never got picked. That was the coolest thing I ever got to do."

Now that the series has officially ended, he's moving on to other things. A career as an MTV VJ has always been on his A list. Technically, he already has achieved that goal. He said a few words to his friend, former VJ Steve Isaacs, after appearing during a fashion show on Isaacs' segment. He also chatted on camera with his friends "Ed and Dre" from "Yo! MTV Raps."

Instead of moving to New York or Los Angeles and waiting tables until he's offered a more permanent MTV job, he's focusing his attention locally.



By Christina Fuoco

For the past 3 1/2 years, Millen has been a part-time DJ at WHYT 96.3, now called "The Planet" after changing its format from Top 40/urban to alternative. Being a west-sider and having seen alternative music's effect on the music industry, he thought it was about time it came to his hometown area. He and a few friends were able to convince the owners of Graffiti nightclub in Westland to offer alternative music, instead of sugary sweet pop/dance hits, a couple times a week.

The bar — splattered with neon graffiti, mannequins and catwalks — took a 360 degree turn with "Club Slam," held every Wednesday in conjunction with "The Planet." Besides hard alternative dance music by acts like the Beastie Boys and Prong, "Slam" offers free tattooing and body piercing and, despite its name, no slam dancing. To

hammer home its point, they added a lip ring to their lip-lined DJ booth.

The first few weeks were so successful that the club's management had to temporarily lower the capacity to get a handle on the crowd. They hired the security firm ESI and raised the age requirements. The kinks have been ironed out and Graffiti decided to expand the alternative lineup by adding the college night "Club Y" on Friday nights with special guest DJ Gynyp from 89X. CIMX 88.7 FM Saturdays offer retro music.

Graffiti is planning to make a few more changes, but Millen won't be. He's satisfied with hanging around Detroit and taking it one day at a time for now.

"I'd rather have happiness and learn all my lessons than make it overnight," he said.

Slammin': WHYT (The Planet 96.3 FM) DJ and "Club Connect" host Jerry Millen (above) initiated a west side alternative music club at Graffiti's in Westland.

In Concert

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7270. The venues' street addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

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JIM JACOBELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tattoo you: Chastity Johnson takes advantage of the free tattoo parlor at "Club Slam" held every Wednesday at Graffiti in Westland. She got a rose tattoo on her upper shoulder from artist John Steffan, above.

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Sunday, Nov. 27

PIGFACE
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KILLING JOKE
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Wednesday, Nov. 30

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Hoover Roadhouse, 24300 Hoover Road, Warren. (country)
(810) 756-6140

HECKYL AND JIVE
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STREET BEATS

Everyone's Got One — Echobelly



I'm a big believer in the theory that you can get a pretty good idea of what a band is all about by looking at the album's artwork. When you open the CD case of Echobelly's "Everyone's Got One" (Faave/Rhythm King/Pandemonium), the letters "E.G.O." (the title's initials) are staring at you. The press materials name the first single as "I Can't Imagine the World Without Me." Without listening to the CD, you can only guess what you're going to get into to. More pompous British pop, perhaps?

The British darlings du jour throw those assumptions aside and rock. Madan, a waif-like ex-kick boxer of Anglo-Indian descent, sounds like Debbie Harry with Bjork's yodels.

Echobelly was to be the opening band on Morrissey's ill-fated tour and it's easy to see why — Madan's drawn-out vocal delivery is similar to Morrissey's. She's been on the cover of the British music magazine Melody Maker twice.

She's outspoken. Take "Give Her a Gun" for example: "In a

lifetime full of changes a woman's group is still a second class convention. Look around, who has the power. Am I big mouth with a fix of paranoia on your side, on your side, not here for the ride."

And Echobelly is an equal opportunity employer. Besides the Anglo-Indian Madan, the band is made up of the Swedish co-songwriter Glenn Johansson, the "token black lesbian" (according to the press materials) guitarist Debbie Smith, bassist Alex Keyser and former Polly Harvey bandmate drummer Andy Henderson.

(Echobelly and Scarce will perform Sunday, Nov. 27, at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Call (810) 334-1999 for more information.)

— Christina Fuoco

Short Fuse — The Blazers

When the most important Chicago rock band this side of Los Lobos signed with Rounder Records, no one in their Southern California home-base was surprised. This, after all, is just the latest manifestation of a lineage that traces itself back to Ritchie Valens. Having been mesmerized by their live sets many times over the years, most recently at the Festival of Arts this fall, I'm happy to report that that energy comes through with both barrels smoking on their recording debut.

From the opening "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!" with its Texas Tornados-meets-the Beat Farmers riff, to the closing, sashaying "Miss You Lil' Girl," this is a band that delivers the goods. Much of the formula at work here has to do with the 20-year partnership between guitarists/vocalists Ruben Guaderrama and Manuel Gonzales, and the fact that drummer Ruben,

C. Gonzalez and bassist Lee Stuart sound like they've been with them for as long a time.

Like Southern California compadres the Blasters, Paladins, Big Sandy and, certainly their spiritual big brothers, Los Lobos (whose Cesar Rosas produced), the territory that the Blazers call their own is generally pegged as roots rock. Rockers like the title cut and the radio-ready "So Long Time Sally" will do wonders to bolster that reputation. Their versions of the Mexican language "El Ano Viejo," "Mi Ultima" and, especially "Tiburón, Tiburón" put them in an even more refined subgenre that, for these ears, makes them a more delicious aural candy.

As much as this amazing disc is recommended from these quarters, the live shows are not to be missed: The Blazers are set for Club International, 6060 W. Fort St., Detroit, on Wednesday, Nov. 30. For more information, call (313) 841-0020.

—Mark E. Gallo

Mark E. Gallo is a freelance reporter from Farmington Hills.

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BY CAROL E. STRONG
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If you haven't had time to send for tourist information, check your hotel for a free copy of "Where — Chicago," an excellent and timely guide.

Now, get those shopping bags ready.

"The Magnificent Mile," as North Michigan Avenue is called, starts at the river, marked by two architectural sentinels, The Tribune Tower and the Wrigley Building, joined by the historic Water Tower further up the avenue.

The way north is lined with dozens of intriguing shops (Gucci and Cartier among them), four malls and trees adorned with over 30,000 holiday lights. The flagship store of Crate & Barrel, a glass-fronted, four-story looker, is an Oprah Winfrey favorite, reportedly.

For the bargain hunter, there's a clearance Crate & Barrel at 800 W. North Ave. — a short taxi ride

away.

Two atrium malls are stand-outs. They are Chicago Place, anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue, and Water Tower Place, featuring Marshall Field's and Lord & Taylor. Together they offer over 180 shops and boutiques. Bloomingdale's and Neiman Marcus are here, too.

FAO Schwarz grabs your attention with three floors of toys. There's everything from stuffed gorillas to Barbie and her exercise video and musical "foot," notes you play with your feet. The ultimate street for shopping, Oak, has over 70 exclusive boutiques and salons.

The North Pier on East Illinois Street is a waterside warehouse-turned-trendy-festival-marketplace with interesting specialty shops, restaurants and nightlife.

When you're ready to change shopping venues to downtown's State Street, you can walk (only for the hearty) or ride a bus or

taxi. Newly renovated at a cost of \$115 million, Marshall Field's is the queen of retail stores, the second largest in the U.S., with 145 departments on nine floors. Best of all, you can use your Hudson's charge card.

Marshall Field's was established in 1852 during a rebirth that followed a big city fire and it can't be topped in architectural elegance. Marvel at the soaring atriums — one with a blue mosaic Tiffany dome, another decked out with a skyscraping Christmas tree in the Walnut Room Restaurant.

Lunch here (chicken pot pie is the favorite) is a cherished tradition, like strolling past the outdoor windows that each year tell an animated Christmas tale. This year it's an all-new Pinocchio.

Also on State Street is Carson Pirie Scott & Co., a full-line department store famous for its scrolled ironwork entranceway that was designed by Louis Sullivan in 1904.



Looking grand: Marshall Field's flagship store on State Street was recently renovated. Its architectural elegance dates back to 1852. The store is shown here well-dressed for the holidays.

Only half a block north of Field's is the restored Chicago Theatre, currently staging Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with Donny Osmond, no less, through December. It's a tempting respite from shopping.

Another refreshing time out is

afternoon tea at a landmark hotel like the Drake, Ritz-Carlton or Hotel Inter-Continental. The Fairmont is selling gingerbread houses, signed by the chef/artist. Too many packages to tote home? Make one last trip to Mail Boxes Etc. or one of its competitors; they'll pack up your loot and ship it home.



Wish you were here

Nearly the North Pole: Seventeen-month-old Darcie (left) and four-year-old Danielle Cordes pose with Santa and one of his reindeer at Bonner's in Franhenmuth.

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BRAD EMONS

Bad news travels fast for ex-Rocket

It's Thanksgiving tomorrow. Let's not forget. I'm thankful for such a great prep football season which provided many fine moments.

The post-season success of the Westland John Glenn and Livonia Stevenson football teams certainly made things enjoyable.

But Wednesday's Detroit News front page sports story hit me like a ton of bricks.

Former Glenn all-stater and ex-Michigan tail-back Tony Boles was arrested Nov. 11 in Naples, Fla. on a drug paraphernalia and theft charge.

Boles, arguably the best running back ever to come out of Observerland, now sits in the Collier County Jail unable to post the \$1,000 bail.

He apparently was unemployed and playing semi-pro football in Florida.

And this isn't Boles' first brush with the law. In the spring of 1992 I learned that Boles was charged with aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon, a passenger in a getaway car during a holdup of a flower shop in Bexar County, Texas.

The charges were later dropped, so I felt it wasn't necessary to inform my readers.

In the late summer of 1991, Boles disappeared with Emmitt Smith's car for a day during the Dallas Cowboys training camp. That was widely reported.

The 11th-round pick of the Cowboys was coming off knee surgery, which cut short his collegiate career by one year.

Boles played an abbreviated stint with the San Antonio Riders of the World League of American Football in 1993, but disappeared for nearly three weeks after the WLAFA came unannounced for a random drug test of all its players.

Mike Reilly, at the time the head coach of San Antonio and now an assistant at Southern Cal, was stunned by Boles' disappearance.

"We know his background after the knee injury and I was so happy for the guy because I felt he was making it," Reilly said. "We felt he was getting his big-time speed back, but with his knee, there was a confidence problem. For awhile he was leery of getting hit, but he was coming around."

"I genuinely liked the guy knowing what he went through."

"But once Tony saw the equipment man, who said to report for the drug test, he turned and walked out. He didn't answer his phone or answer his door for three weeks. My quarterback finally saw him on the street one day and he said he looked terrible. Tony just told him, 'I'm tired of football.'"

"Ironically, we were testing for steroids that day."

Reilly said Boles never showed the symptoms of having a problem.

"He was always on time," said the coach. "He was very quiet, never had much to say. He had no problem learning. He was attentive at meetings."

"We just shook our heads. We were totally fooled. After he was arrested it was totally on my mind for a long time."

Boles, who always seemed reluctant about his football fame, is now isolated for the time being. Unfortunately bad news travels fast.

Aristeo captures 2 state titles

Livonia Stevenson sophomore Anne Aristeo won two individual events and helped the Spartans place high in two relay events at the state Class A meet.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson couldn't match its team finish of a year ago in the state Class A girls swim championships, but sophomore Anne Aristeo won two individual races.

The Spartans, second in 1993, settled for sixth place Saturday at Michigan State University's McCaffree Pool.

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central repeated as state champs with a team-high 178 points. Rounding out the top six were Birmingham Seaholm (153), Grosse Pointe North (103), Rochester (95), Ann Arbor Pioneer (89) and Stevenson (78).

Aristeo, as expected, cruised to victories in the 200 individual medley (2:04.39) and 500 freestyle (4:52.56).

She did not eclipse the state record in either event, but broke her own school record in the 500 freestyle and topped Sheila Taormina's mark of 2:05.14 in the 200 IM.

Aristeo defeated Grosse Pointe North's Christine Jamarino by nearly 3/4 seconds in the 200 IM, and North's Courtney Piper by just under eight seconds in the 500 freestyle.

"Anne could have gone faster, but being so far out front might have affected her," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said. "And she wasn't fully rested because she has her sights on the U.S. Open (next month in Buffalo, N.Y.)."

"She's zeroed in on the Olympic Trials and she used this high school



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State champion: Anne Aristeo of Livonia Stevenson captured the 200-yard individual medley and 500 freestyle in last weekend's Class A finals.

meet as a stepping stone.

"But she had a great year and she did her best for her team, and she's happy about that."

Aristeo teamed up with Julie Gallagher, Becky Noechel and Kelly Carlisle to finish second in the 200 medley relay (1:51.64). Forest Hills' foursome of Kelly Hungerford, Courtney Wilson, Carla Sutton and Marisha Stawiski won the race in 1:48.91.

Stevenson also gained a fifth in the 400 freestyle relay as Aristeo, Gallagher, Marla McKenzie and Tina Caranicolas were clocked in 3:39.19

(during the prelims). Seaholm's quartet Rachel Curfman, Jordan Parker, Katie Schellenberg and Jenny Vanker took first in a state-record 3:32.26.

Stevenson may have moved up higher in the standings had not it been for injuries suffered by Caranicolas (pinched nerve in her shoulder) and Carlisle (back problem.)

"Tina would have scored at least scored 20 points with average swims, but I decided to pull her out of the prelims for the 200 (freestyle)," Phill said. "I only let her swim the relay. She got hurt the week before the

league (Western Lakes) meet.

"And Kelly just couldn't train like she needed to all year with the bad back. She battled that all season."

"We had some good swims, but we didn't score where we expected. We'll regroup next year. Hopefully everyone will be healthy and we'll go for it. Luckily, we have everyone back."

One area swimmer who was able to break through was Westland John Glenn's Adrienne Parri, who took fourth place in the 100 backstroke with a time of 59.45.

Murray-Wright rips Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson couldn't ground Detroit Murray-Wright's Lady Pilots in Monday's Class A regional girls basketball semifinals.

The Spartans, one of only five Observerland teams to win a district, bowed out of the state tournament following a 60-38 defeat in the first game of a double-header Monday at Detroit's Communication/Media Arts High.

Murray-Wright, the Public School League runner-up, improved to 15-4 overall with the victory.

Stevenson, who got 14 points from senior guard Jill VanTiem, finishes its season at 12-11.

Ebony Dickinson, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, led Murray-Wright with 19 points, including eight in the opening quarter as the Lady Pilots jumped out to a 20-6 advantage. Sparkle Smith, a 6-foot sophomore

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center, also had eight during the surge.

Stevenson made only two of nine shots in the first eight minutes while committing eight turnovers against Murray-Wright's press.

The Spartans were able to adjust to the pressure somewhat in the second quarter, but Murray-Wright increased its lead at halftime to 38-16 after Dickinson and Alshirre Davis each scored layups in the closing seconds.

Stevenson coach Wayne Henry was disappointed with his team's defense, particularly after the Spartans held Redford Union to 21 points and Detroit Henry Ford to 28 in last week's district tournament.

"We lost focus on what we were doing," said Henry, whose team opened up in a matchup zone. "In

stead of sliding and helping out, we turned and watched. We didn't step out in front of the cutters like we had been before."

"To beat them, we had to play better than we did against Henry Ford (a 61-23 victory)."

The Spartans played evenly against Murray-Wright in the second half (22-all), but the damage had been done in the first half.

"We see a lot of zones and you don't find many people that play us man-to-man," Murray-Wright coach Virginia Lawrence said. "We had a little bit of a plan and it was working for the most part."

"When you've got the (fast) break, you take it. And we were able to get some good shots."

Dickinson, who is considering Michigan State among a number of schools, ranks right up there with some of the best players to come out of Murray-Wright, according to

Lawrence.

"Ebony can play all the positions," Lawrence said. "She has a repertoire of skills. She can handle the ball, shoot with either the left or right hand, drive to the basket, and shoot the three-pointer."

Had it not been for the ball-handling and passing of the 5-11 VanTiem, the score may have been worse.

"We had a lot of shots in and around the basket, but they had people altering our shots," Henry said. "Early on, we got a little impatient after we broke their press."

Junior Jenny Dulz and senior AnneMarie Aquino each added eight points for the Spartans.

Stevenson shot only 14 of 46 from the field (30 percent) and while committing 23 turnovers.

Murray-Wright had 17 turnovers and made 28 of 72 field goal attempts (38 percent).

Ice shavings

Shamrocks must defend crown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central coach Gordie St. John knows all too well that the 1993-94 hockey season is going to be a tough act to follow.

St. John, in his first year after taking over for long-time coach John Gumbleton, led the Shamrocks to the coveted state Class A championship and a 24-1-2 record last season.

CC cloathed Midland, M.I., in the finals after surviving several close games en route to the tournament title.

Gone are three first team All-Observer players including goalie Mike Brusseau, who sported a 1.35 goals against average; forward Jon Heady, who racked up 57 points on 32 goals and 25 as shots; and Mark Holdridge, a smooth skating defenseman who had 30 points.

Holdridge, who was eligible to

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come back this season as a senior, opted to play in the junior select ranks.

"We just can't step onto the ice and expect it to happen," St. John said. "We're going to have to work hard."

"And we've got to be careful after having the kind of year we had. It all depends how they fit together. We have a long way to go."

The cupboard is not completely bare, however, for CC.

Senior center left winger Jason Couture led the tough Michigan Metro High School Hockey League with 33 points. Also back in senior center left winger Jeff Helmer.

"Couture played on a line with Heady and he was our sniper," St. John said. "We got hit hard (by graduation) and you just don't replace a guy like Brusseau, who was arguably the best in the state last year."

Once again, Birmingham Brother Rice and Trenton will have a say in the Michigan Metro race as well as the state tournament.

"Rice is loaded and Trenton has a strong team," St. John warned. "Both teams are going to be hard to beat. We'll really be challenged to do well in our league."

Meanwhile, defending Suburban High School Hockey League champion Livonia Stevenson (15-9) has a new man behind the bench in Mike Harris.

He takes over for Matt Mulcahy, who resigned last March after a two-year stint.

Harris, who served five years as an assistant under Mulcahy and Paul Ferguson, returns senior left winger Kevin Berger, the SHSHL's leading scorer (43 points).

Berger finished the year with 33 goals and 19 assists.

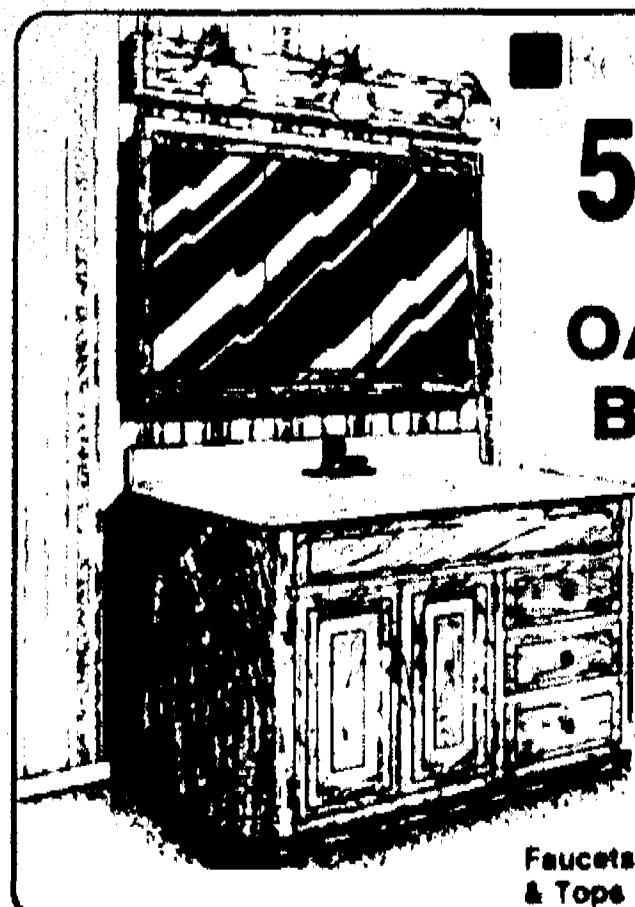
Also returning is junior right

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■ THANKSGIVING EVE

Start your holiday off by remembering the giver of all gifts, Jesus, at a special service of praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. With the theme of "Giving Thanks — Times 10," the service will feature music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, the Cherub and Choristers Choirs, Sunday School children, instrumentalists and Handbell Choirs. The Christ Our Savior Choir and Brass Choir will perform the national hymn, "God of Our Fathers."

Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for food baskets to be distributed by St. Andrew the Redeemer Church in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 622-6830.

■ **St. Paul's Presbyterian Church** invites the community to a Thanksgiving Eve service and Pumpkin Fest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

■ A festive service of Thanksgiving with communion, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Garden City. Pastor Arthur Wilde will preach; the Good Hope choirs will sing; a special liturgy of thanksgiving will be used; and the church will be decorated for the holiday.

■ **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 17810 Farmington, Livonia, will have its Thanksgiving services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24.

■ HEALING POWER

In the spirit of love and gratitude, members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, invite the community to join in giving special thanks to God at the 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day services. A special lesson-germon from the Bible and from "Science and

Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be read.

During the service, there also will be time for Christian Scientists to express gratitude for the ways in which they have experienced God's grace during the year. Child care will be provided for the service, and no collection will be taken.

■ SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26, to carpool to the Box Bar in Plymouth for a casual dinner and movie at the Penn Theater. The movie costs \$2 and dinner is based on the meal selected. No reservations needed.

Nick Berar will speak on criticism at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, in Boll Hall, while it will be Friday night volleyball 9-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. Cost is \$3.

The First Presbyterian Church is at 200 E. Main St., Northville.

For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

■ 'HANGING OF GREENS'

The Livonia Baptist Church at 32940 Schoolcraft will have a "Hanging of the Greens" service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. In addition to the decoration of the church for Christmas, the service will include a number of readings, congregational participation and musical presentations. The public is invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.

■ PARENT'S NIGHT

Livonia Baptist Church will sponsor a "Parents' Night Out" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Activities will be provided at the church for children infants through the sixth grade. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, the church will present the musical drama, "Isn't This What Christmas Is All About?" The public is invited to attend.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA CHOMIN

Create your own holiday spirit

Thanksgiving weekend is the official starting time for decorating the home for the holidays. Florists are stocking up on greens, pine cones, poinsettias, and silk to create fresh arrangements, wreaths and silk centerpieces. These designing experts have up-to-the-minute information on what's in for trimming your home this season. Here are their holiday decorating tips:

According to the folks at My Lady's Florist in Westland, poinsettias, fresh greens and silks will be popular again this year for decorating homes.

"It's a great time of year for traditional. Poinsettias, people have come to know that's a Christmas item. They still want the Christmas greens, the bulbs. A brass horn or Christmas sleigh can be recycled in an arrangement next year," said owner, Lawrence Derderian.

"A fresh arrangement fills their traditional need to have that holiday quality, something that's alive. With so many people having silk and artificial trees now, a fresh arrangement can still give the scent of Christmas. We use only pine because of the scent. Not only is it Christmasy looking, but it smells nice."

Pink and white poinsettias were a big seller last season as were white and gold Christmas trees. Many more people are draping garland, fresh and fake, over fireplaces and staircases to add a touch of spice. A potted poinsettia placed on each step of a staircase creates a dramatic vista leading to an upper level.

"It's not as traditional as it used to be. Fresh greenery is expensive because the roping is hand-tied. With the silk, you can use it again next year," said Pam Prough, a designer for the full service florist.

Prough expects this holiday to see a lot of pink, mauve, gold and silver decorations. Having been in the business for 11 years Prough has noticed that today, less is more.

"People want to be more elegant, but want less on them (wreaths). Less is better. If they're too elaborate, you can't close the door. People want things they can keep and add to next year," said Prough of Westland.

As far as arrangements, the reverse is true. Christmas picks are becoming more popular every year to add a little pizzazz to all that greenery.

"Christmas picks like boxes, reindeer, snowmen and candy canes are popular. Frosted pine cones are in this year, anything that adds height and dimension."

Oddly enough, My Lady's Florist sells a lot of Christmas arrangements for Thanksgiving. As Misa Manners will tell you, it is proper to bring flowers or a little gift for the hostess when asked to dinner.

"Christmas greens last forever if you keep them watered. A dish garden or terrarium is nice for just the sentiment itself. It's a nice

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

■ Artsy Holiday Gifts abound in Observer communities.

■ Textiles by EMU art professor, Patricia Williams take on new forms in show at Madonna University.

■ Victoria Diaz looks at the latest books by local authors.

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INSPIRE HOLIDAY DECORATING IDEAS WITH A CHRISTMAS WALK

Soak in the sights and scents of the season at the sixth annual Christmas Walk to benefit Greenmead Historical village Saturday, Dec. 3. From the smell of bayberry and pine to sleigh bells ringing in the air, it's all bound to be there.

by
Linda Chomin - staff writer

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead will host a Christmas Walk featuring seven Livonia homes 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$9 on the day of the walk, and are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington.

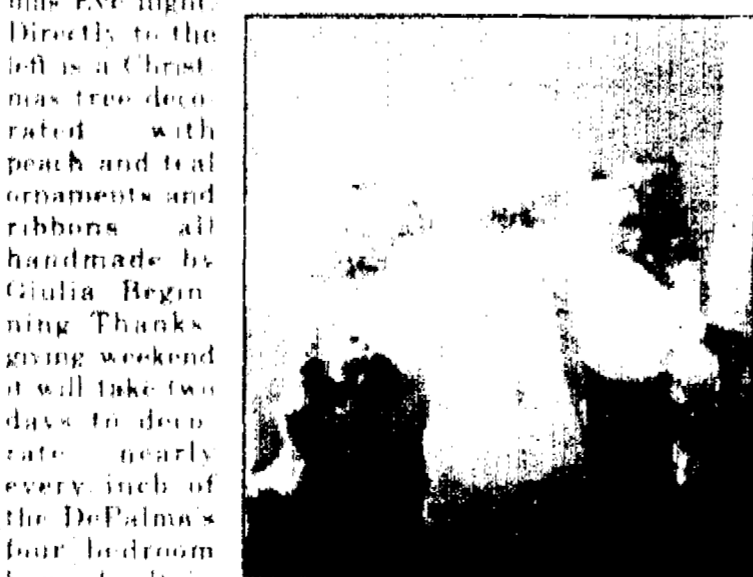
Homes on the walk range from a 3,500 square foot contemporary with alabaster fireplace to an all solar home. Five of the homes will be decorated by local florists.

"I'm excited about the variety from the two spacious contemporaries to our old 1850s farmhouse, it's amazing," said Friends president, Janet Bennett.

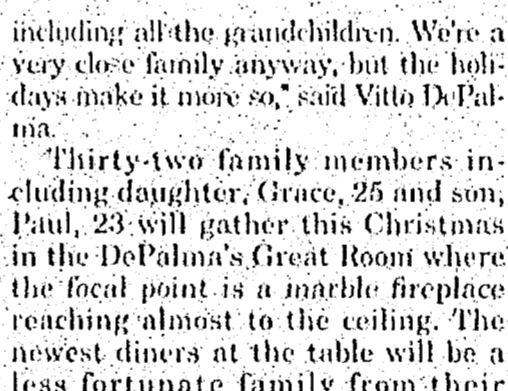
"Because we have seven beautiful homes on the walk, when they get done they will want to start decorating," hostess chairperson, Rosemary Parobaugh added enthusiastically.

Greeting visitors

Seven of Santa's reindeer will greet visitors to the 3,000 square foot home of Guilia and Vito DePalma. Guilia handcrafted the ceramic creations resting on the floor of the two-story foyer in preparation for their Christ-



Awes inspiring: Angels are in this year especially at the home of Michaila and Jerry Burt



including all the grandchildren. We're a very close family anyway, but the holidays make it more so," said Vito DePalma.

Special touches

All around the expansive home you will find Guilia's touch from silk arrangements to swags. Even the skirt beneath the Christmas tree, and a ceramic lighted wreath over the fireplace are hers. In the music room, a Christmas nativity scene surrounded by a white wickerland village is Guilia's work as well. While the interior is her decorating domain, Vito will festively deck the exterior with two beautiful wreaths.

Not to be missed is the breath taking master bathroom. Throughout the house, the work of Guilia's green thumb can be seen in the myriad of thriving houseplants. As part of the walk, Cardwell Florist in Livonia will accent the decorations in the DePalma home.

A house of light best describes the 3,500 square foot home of Michaila and Jerry Burt. A large expanse of windows in the Great Room brings the wood-bud-like back yard indoors. Throughout the home is decorated



Season's greetings: Seven of Santa's reindeer (above) welcome visitors to the 3,000-square-foot contemporary of Guilia and Vito DePalma, who (left) admire the family Christmas tree. Far left, Victorian Father Christmases give visitors a pause to rest on the way through the home of Michaila and Jerry Burt.



Making plans: Michaila and Jerry Burt discuss last minute details for the Christmas Walk with Janet Bennett, president of Friends for the Development of Greenmead.



Much merriment: Decorations as well as good cheer abound this holiday season at the Burt home in Livonia.

See WALK, 2D

Contemporary sculptor works in wood and clay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Betty Marianetti sculpts abstract forms from alabaster, wood and clay. Her contemporary sculpture is on display through Nov. 27 in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases on the second floor of the Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington.

Marianetti, an instructor at the Art Palette in Livonia, earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Madonna University in 1993. She works part time at the Print Gallery in Southfield.

"It's mostly contemporary and it's the style I prefer. I like the fact that she works with different materials," said arts commissioner, Leo Alankas.

A work not to be missed in this exhibition is the experimental ab-

ter sculpture, "Enveloping Love II." The lyrical line of the form leads the viewer's eye in an around the head and shoulders of the work very successfully.

"I like the touching part of it. The fact you can touch and be able to feel the piece I'm working on," said Marianetti of Novi.

Marianetti usually starts with a sketch. At other times she begins directly working with the clay, wood or stone, if she hits a snag, or a wood grain that's troublesome, the only solution is to follow its lead.

"You kind of try to listen to what's in the piece, what the piece is trying to tell you," said the 52-year old sculptor. Originally from Rochester, New York, Marianetti moved to Novi eight years ago because of her husband's job. Only in the last several years has she

begun to involve herself with sculpture. She prefers working in stone.

"There's so many different colors of stone. I like the translucent Italian white. When I get the stone it's very rough, then I start chipping. I like watching how the stone evolves. When I finish, it's really interesting to see the shine and color."

"Breaking Free" features an American Bald Eagle emerging from a piece of roughly hewn stone. Most of the work is non-representational abstract. But a few pieces like the eagle, and works from the Enveloping Love series give a hint of the subject matter.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 p.m. Sunday.



Varied mediums: Betty Marianetti, an instructor at the Art Palette in Livonia, exhibits sculpture in alabaster, wood and clay through Nov. 27 in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases at the Civic Center Library in Livonia.



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Experimental exercise: As of late, Marianetti is experimenting with incorporating a variety of materials including found objects like tree branches into her work.

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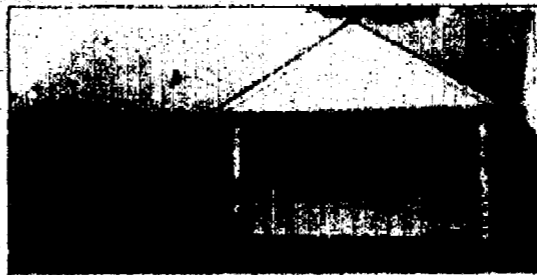
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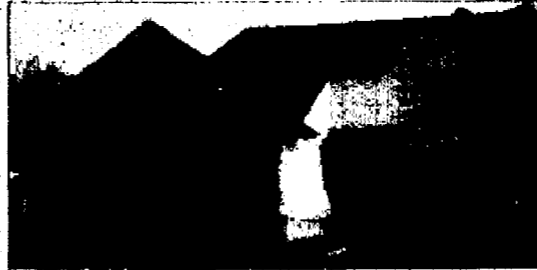
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Through Dec. 31 - Director Laura Hardy presents her annual Art as Gift show featuring smaller, reasonably priced gift art now through Dec. 31 at the gallery...

open house takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. This year's show spotlights 13 artists working in a variety of media from painting and glass to jewelry and clay...

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Nov. 26 - New paintings by Brian Rutenberg will be displayed through Nov. 26. Opening reception for the artist 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday...

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY
Through Nov. 26 - A collection of etchings by Arthur Geisert will be showcased through Nov. 26. Reception for the artist 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday...

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - An exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoski will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday...

G.R. MAMDI GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - "Scrapple from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monoprint by Vincent Smith...

SMITH'S JAZZ IMAGES
An exhibit of works on paper and monoprint by Vincent Smith, will continue to Dec. 31. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday...

MICHIGAN GUILD GALLERY
Through Dec. 4 - The gallery's last show of 1994 continues through Dec. 4, featuring the watercolor artistry of Lula Nestor and jewelry by James Patterson...

MARDIGIAN LIBRARY
Through Dec. 16 - "Contemporary American Works of Art on Paper," an exhibit of prints and drawings, sponsored by the Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn...

CENTER GALLERIES
Through Dec. 16 - "A Place in Time: The Inlander Collection of Great Lakes Regional Painting, 1913-1958" will continue through Dec. 16, focusing on artists from the upper Midwest...

PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY
Through Dec. 29 - La Raza, a Canadian artists collective, will be presented in an exhibit called "Urban Realities" continuing to Dec. 29...

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART
Through Dec. 17 - "John Stephenson: After the Fire, A Retrospective" will continue to Dec. 17 at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor...

CARY GALLERY
Through Dec. 2 - "Dreams and Memories," a show by Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association faculty member Ellen Moucoullis and Danguole Jurgutis...

JURGUTIS COMBINES ABSTRACT FORMS
In her group of paintings in the exhibit, Moucoullis deals with the memories and dreams of her father. Jurgutis combines abstract forms with realistic references...

WOODWARD GALLERY
The gallery at 1357 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie...

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GALLERY: FUNCTIONART
"The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie...

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Nov. 11 - "Glass X Nino," a collective vision of nine Center for Creative Studies glass studio artists, continues in the Front Room...

BRIDGE STREET GALLERY
Through Nov. 11 - An exhibit of works by nature photographer David Marks, and a sampling of "Polaroid Transfers," a new photography technique...

DONALD MORRIS GALLERY
Through Nov. 12 - An exhibit of paintings and pastels by Louisa Matthiasdottir continues. Matthiasdottir's landscapes, cityscapes, still lifes and imposing self-portraits are often drawn on their simplest, aged geometrical, constituent elements...

BOOK BEAT
Through Nov. 12 - "Mr. Lotus Smiles," an exhibit of recent work by Jeffery Silverthorne, continues at 26010 Greenfield in Oak Park. Call (810) 968-1190.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Informed real estate clients study up

By JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

Consumers don't have to look far for up-to-date information about buying or selling real estate. In fact, some of the best researched material, geared for first-time or seasoned home buyers and sellers, is available free from real estate brokers in Observer & Eccentric communities.

In the first of a two-part series, here's a sampling of the literature available to real estate clients:

■ **ERA Real Estate's comprehensive consumer guide, "Answers,"** is worth keeping after the transaction. The 76-page reference answers the 91 most frequently asked questions about buying or selling real estate, among them: What's a fair asking price; how to find a mortgage lender; how much house can you afford, is an older home as good a value as a new one, and do you need a Multiple Listing Service. It has easy-to-understand chapters on buying, selling, financing and general home maintenance.

The financing section alone is worth a look. It includes a mortgage chart with a range of interest rates; definitions and the pros and cons of six different mortgages; a rundown of

typical closing fees, and a housing cost worksheet.

The glossary defines the most commonly used real estate terms. Each chapter is sprinkled with interesting buying and selling tips: before listing, give the house a gas-powered pressure wash; if commute time is important, test drive to work from the home you're considering; sellers tend to be more flexible the longer a house is on the market, so check the original listing date; appliances listed "as is" probably are on their last legs. There's a home features worksheet, an inspection checklist, refinancing guidelines and maintenance tips to help add to a home's value at resale time.

ERA, which has offices in almost every Observer & Eccentric community, said it developed the guide to make the purchase or sale of a home less stressful.

"Home buying and selling is the most stressful event in a person's life — besides death — and it's probably the largest expenditure most of us will make in our lifetime," said broker-owner Kevin Berry of ERA Quality Realty in Redford.

For a free copy, call (800) 362-7537, or stop in an ERA office.

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■ Prudential Great Lakes Realty, headquartered in Birmingham, has a slew of consumer handouts: an estimated payment chart based on a 30-year fixed loan; home shopping checklist; buyer's financial worksheet; moving checklist; glossary of real estate terms, and tips for first-time buyers. "Here's How to Save the Real Estate Commission" is a mind-boggling, 20-step guide for selling your own home. Even if you wind up listing with an agent, the guide shows what your real estate sales commission pays for.

Prudential agents will customize an information packet for potential clients who want to begin some fact-finding.

Associate broker Jim Surret, manager of Prudential Great Lakes in Rochester Hills, says make sure the consumer information you read reflects

the latest changes in real estate law, such as the Seller's Disclosure Act, Agency Disclosure Act and Homestead Exemption Act.

■ RE/MAX in the hills, Bloomfield Hills, will assemble a relocation package if you're moving from Wayne to Oakland counties or across the country. They also supply potential buyers and sellers with a checklist that includes each step in the sale or purchase of a home.

Only 30 percent of RE/MAX in the hills' clients are first-time buyers, but broker-owner Joan Downing says it's important for every buyer to understand what happens during a real estate transaction.

"Informing and educating buyers and sellers is an important job. Most of our clients have purchased before, but they still want to know what will hit them," she said.

Board backs people's interests; sellers have obligations



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. Certain members of our association are concerned about a restaurant that plans to open in a commercial strip that abuts our condominium association.

A. Do we have an interest in getting involved in behalf of our residents to try to keep the restaurant from obtaining proper zoning?

A. The board of directors' paramount concern should be the best interests of the association and its members.

While the condominium association normally does not own real estate, per se, it does have a vested interest in ensuring that the tranquility and enjoyment of its members is developed and preserved.

To that end, our experience has been that condominium associations and their counsel can be successful in defeating what are perceived to be undesirable commercial facilities from seeking inappropriate zoning variances.

However, the association must ensure the position it takes is reasonable and is supported by the majority of the condominium association members.

Q. Is there anything I can do as a seller under the law in providing

the purchaser with a seller's disclosure statement?

A. Yes, in lieu of providing the seller's disclosure statement, the seller can provide a prospective purchaser with a report prepared by a licensed contractor, if the report is provided upon the request of a prospective purchaser.

However, this exemption will not help the seller if the seller had knowledge of a known defect or condition that contradicts the report provided by the licensed expert.

In other words, if your inspector misses a leaking roof and the seller is aware of the problem from inhabiting the property, the seller would still be required to disclose the problem to the prospective purchaser.

Moreover, the seller's disclosure statement must be provided to a prospective purchaser before the seller accepts an offer made by the prospective purchaser.

If the seller's disclosure statement is not provided to the prospective purchaser until after a purchase agreement has been signed by the seller, then upon receipt of the seller's disclosure statement, the purchaser is provided 72 hours in the case of personal delivery, and 120 hours in the case of delivery by registered mail, to rescind the transaction.

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ASSOCIATES OF YEAR

Gordon Fox of Hall & Hunter Realtors and Millie Rzepa of Weir Manuel Snyder and Ranko, both in Birmingham, were named Birmingham Bloomfield Board of Realtors 1994 Realtor Associates of the Year in late September.

Hill Bonsky of Century 21 East in Rochester was named Rochester Area Association of Realtors 1994 Realtor Associate of the Year.

Fox, Rzepa and Bonsky were honored at the Michigan Association of Realtors annual convention held during the second weekend in October.

LENDING A HAND

Century 21 Town and Country will sell 3,000 poinsettia plants to benefit the Easter Seals Society of Southeastern Michigan. The eight-inch potted plants sell for \$15 each and come in red, white, pink and peppermint.

Plants may be picked up Friday, Dec. 2, at any of the Century 21 Town and Country offices in Birmingham, Rochester and Troy. Century 21 also will sell the plants Friday-Sunday, Nov. 25-27 at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester. For more information on how to order the plants, call Easter Seals: (810) 338-2513, ext. 19.

REALTOR HONORED

Ada Johnson, Realtor for the Livonia office of Quality Real Estate NW, Better Homes and Gardens, was recognized by the national headquarters for generating outgoing referral business for network members and for achieving her quarterly referral goal.

NEW HOME

The West Bloomfield office of Cranbrook Realtors has moved to a new location at 7001 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 855-2200.

ON BOARD

Beverly Ross has joined the Bloomfield Hills office of Coldwell Banker/Schweitzer Real Estate. Ross, a Rochester Hills resident, is a licensed pharmacist and former pharmacy owner. She is a member of the Mayor's Committee on Homeowner's Affairs.

—Compiled by Becky Burris

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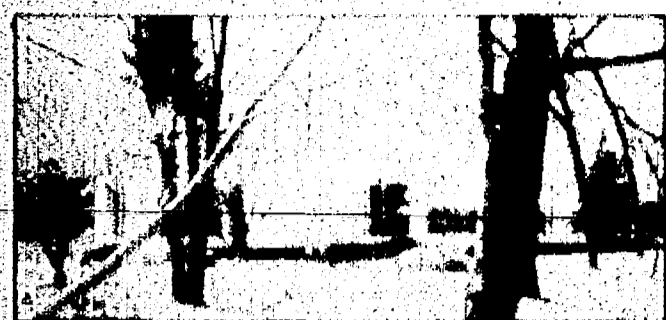
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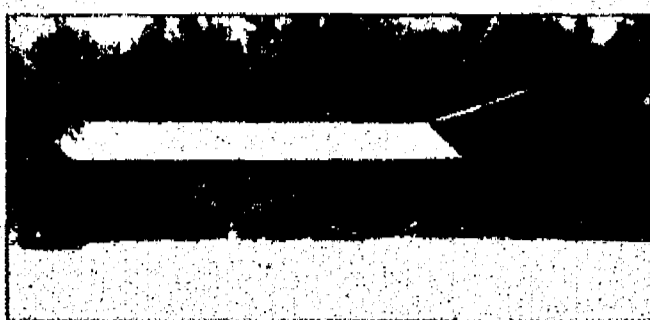
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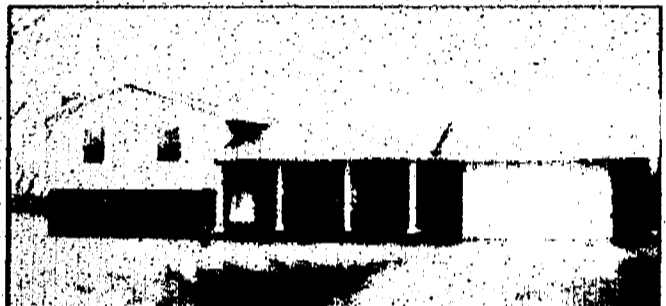
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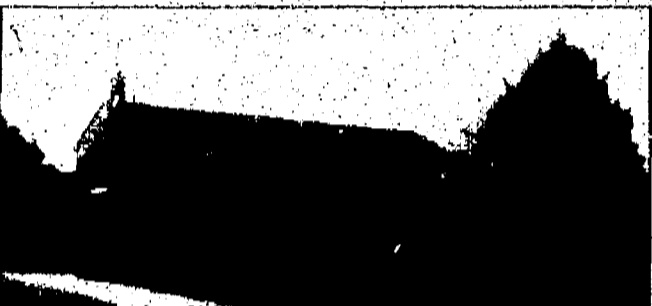
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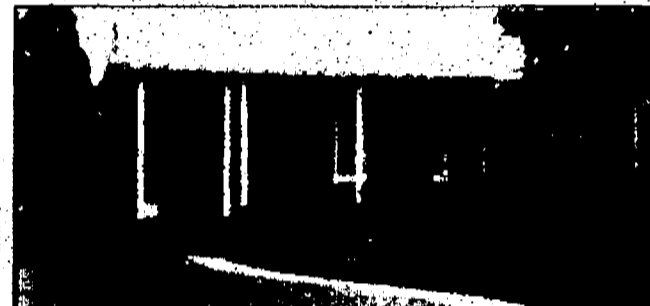
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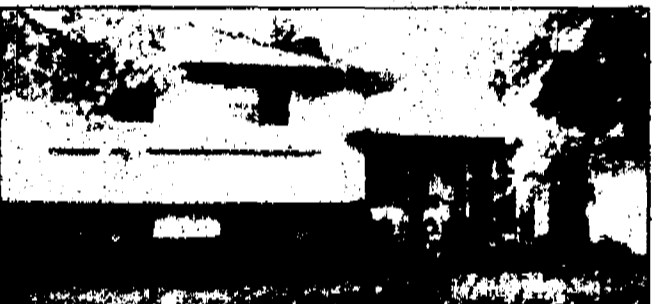
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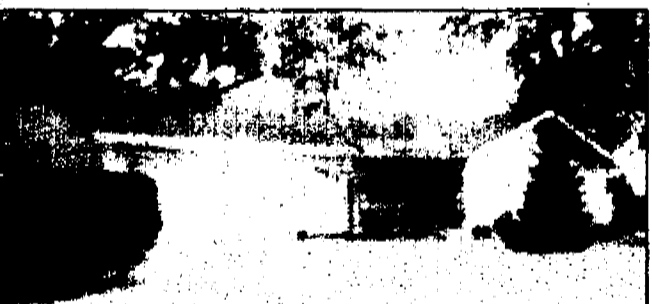
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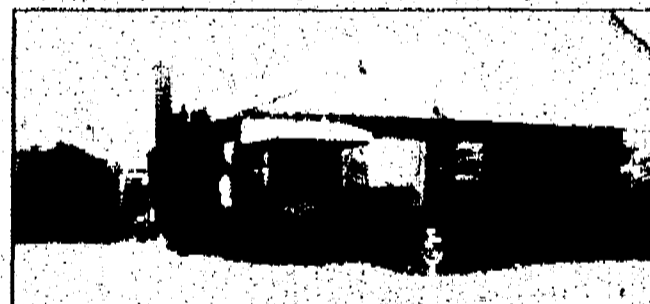
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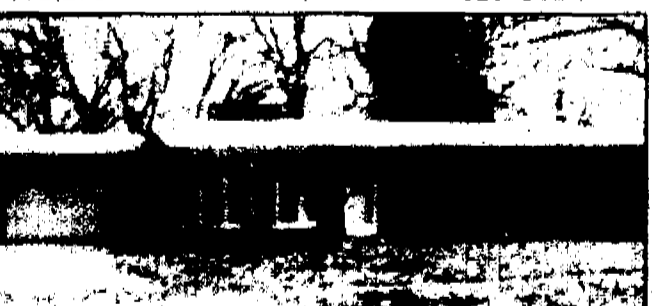
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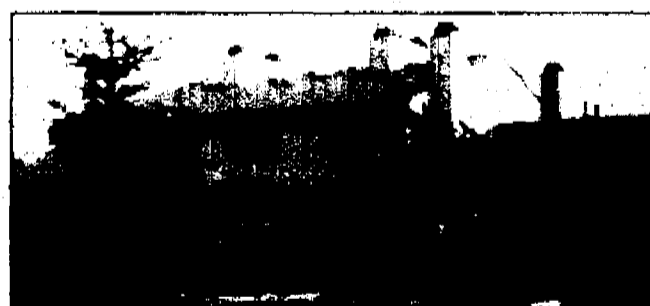
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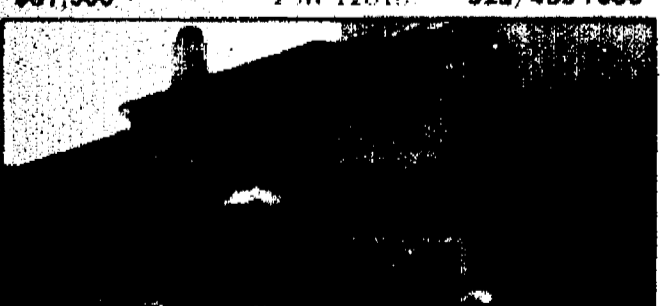
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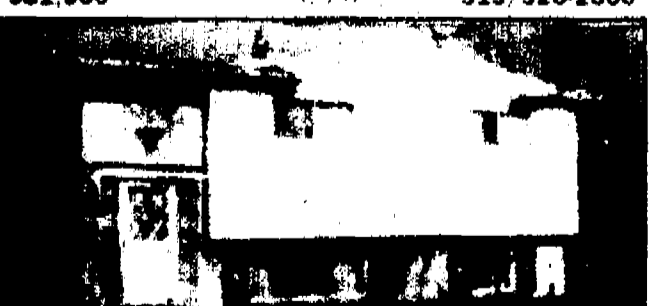
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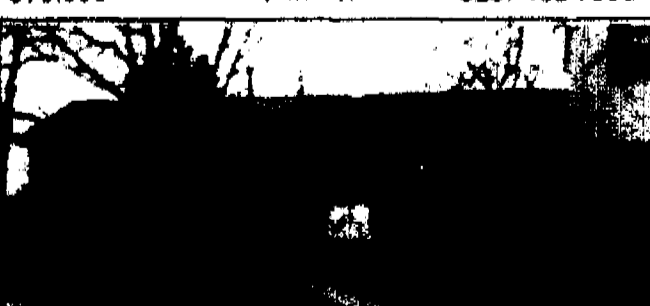
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This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Richard P. Haslinger of Birmingham was named first vice president and director of the Metro West region of the bank's southern metropolitan regional banking division. He began his banking career at NBD in 1979. He had been vice president and director of the bank's metro south region.



Haslinger

Al Fisher received the first-ever Allard Award during the October meeting of the Detroit chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth. Fisher is president and chief executive officer of Livonia-based Computer Carrier Corp.



Fisher

Jean Umholtz of Bloomfield Hills joined D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills as vice president, direct marketing strategic manager. Before joining the company, Umholtz had been vice president, account supervisor at Wunderman Cato Johnson/Young & Rubicam.



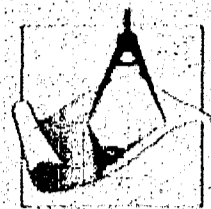
Umholtz

John Heike has been promoted to parts manager for Fox Toyota in Rochester Hills. Heike has 10 years of automotive background. He joined the Fox organization in 1993 as assistant parts manager.



Heike

Builder enters Hall of Fame



The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is one of the largest professional associations in the nation, with some 2,000 members. Several individuals receive special recognition every year for service to the organization and the building industry.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A young Dick Roeser, discharged from the Army with a degree from General Motors Institute in sales management, had an interview scheduled with GM in what turned out to be a pivotal career day in 1959.

"I sat in the lobby and waited and waited," Roeser recalled. "I've always been a high-energy person. Another thing with me is impatience, I just can't wait."

Roeser had the interview and eventually was offered a job. No thanks, he said.

Later, acting on advice from a friend of his father and some personal research, Roeser got involved in selling prefabricated houses and development tracts.

He was on his way. Now, 35 later, Roeser has been selected for induction into the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan Hall of Fame. That's the highest award the professional

association can bestow on its members.

He and his partner, James C. Reachum, have built, own and manage 17 office buildings in southeastern Michigan with an aggregate size of 500,000 square feet worth more than \$50 million.

Roeser is a past BASM president, and a former director of the National Association of Home Builders and the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

"The builder's association has promoted better housing, higher standards over the years," he said. "It helps the industry fight some of the anti-growth legislation and problems facing all builders."

"Networking and communication of ideas between builders is very important," Roeser said. "We have common goals, and we can all learn from one another."



BILL BEESLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hall of Famer: Dick Roeser, who constructs and manages office buildings, will receive the highest honor the builder's association can bestow upon members.

"The local, state and national

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Meet the Builder of the Year

Fred I. Capaldi, son of a builder, always figured he'd end up in the construction business, even while studying economics at the University of Detroit.

"Since I was 12 years old, I wanted a job in summer," he said. "I started on job sites in miscellaneous labor, sweeping out houses. When I got my driver's license, I became a go-fer."

"I guess when I was in college, I ran some jobs myself," Capaldi continued. "My dad sent me out to meet with carpenters."

However, Capaldi's mother, Louise, attempted to steer him in other directions.

"She tried to discourage me," he said. "She would say, 'Look at all the aggravation your father has. There is aggravation in this business. There's aggravation in every business.'"

Capaldi, a residential custom

builder/remodeler in Rochester Hills, has been selected Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. This is his 29th year in the business.

"I was surprised and shocked when told that I'd been nominated," he said. "I told myself I know a lot of builders who could be builder of the year."

"Buzz Silverman won last year," Capaldi said. "He's someone well respected in the business. The name goes back many years. My name next to it - I can't believe it."

Capaldi, who now runs the family business, builds about 10 new houses a year, most starting at \$200,000. About half of his overall volume is major renovation projects.

"I think the biggest satisfaction is being able to create something," he said.

"When you sit down with someone who has dreams of a house

they want built but they're not focused in - to sit down and take their dreams and put them down on paper then build them - I think that's my biggest satisfaction."

Capaldi, a past BASM president, has channeled his construction efforts in Oakland County - Rochester Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Oakland Township.

"First of all, you've really got to have a dedication to the business and really have to have an understanding family," he said of his success. "In fact, my wife, Barbara, works in the business with us. She's office manager."

"I think you have to have a good sensitivity to the people you're working for," Capaldi continued. "Word spreads that Fred will go out of his way to accommodate you."

"My superintendent, Jim Bish

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Developer wins honors

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Donald Van Every, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has enjoyed a long, varied and successful involvement with real estate.

He's sold houses, built houses and condominiums, and developed raw land into buildable lots.

This year, Van Every was selected Developer of the Year by BASM. He previously had been inducted into the association's hall of fame.

His company, Streamwood Development, is currently active in Paint Creek Ridge, Silver Bell Village and White Oak subdivisions in Orion Township. Willow Pond is on the drawing board for White Lake Township.

"There really isn't land all over the place," Van Every said. "You have to know the marketplace, have a feeling where development is going. As each (site) fills up, you keep moving out. That's what it's all about."

Van Every, 71, decided to concentrate on developing - preparing site plans and placing roads, water lines and sewers - rather than building about six years ago.

"I've got a place in Naples, Fla.," he said. "My plan now is to spend half of each month in Naples. You can't run a building operation that way. You can be in land development."

For 30 years, he and partner William Allen, doing business as Van Allen Builders, built houses and condominiums in Livonia, Southfield and Troy.

Van Every figured that real estate would surge as he prepared to leave the service after World War II.

"I was married. It was very evident a lot of housing was going to be needed with all of us guys coming back together at the same time," he said.

The first consideration in selecting land for development is to find a parcel in the general direction of population movement, Van Every said.

"Number two, is the ground usable?" he said. "You



Donald Van Every
developer of the year

try to find a piece that's easily workable. A lot of land left today you have heavy woods or water. That's why it's been by-passed before."

Availability of water and sewers and the relative cost to connect are major pieces of the puzzle, Van Every added.

He's bothered by anti-growth sentiments sometimes expressed at public hearings that get rich-quick developers don't even live where they plan to develop.

"It's hard for them to understand that we live in a community, that we're part of a community," Van Every said. "I've lived in communities I've developed in. It isn't possible to live in every community."

Profit is a two-way street, he added.

"You can make it or lose it, too," Van Every said. "The market turns. You're paying interest, carrying charges and can't sell a lot for what it's worth."

Van Every doesn't blame himself or other developers for urban sprawl.

"We don't force people to live or buy in an area," he said. "People buy the type of housing and size lot they want. We just try to re-

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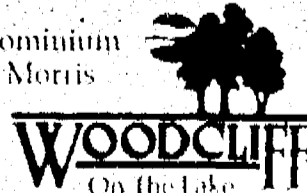
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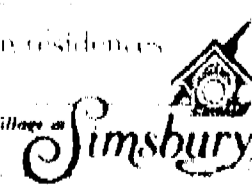
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Here's how to subscribe to Internet listservers

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EMORY DANIELS

Last week's column was a general overview of LISTSERV as a discussion forum. This week let's attack the keyboard.

A quick review. To access a LISTSERV discussion forum, we send the request to a specific e-mail address using the C for Compose command in Pine. We fill in the e-mail address of the Listserv administrator on the "To" line and leave all other portions of the header blank. In the message area we type the command line (subscribe or unsubscribe) and then type Control X to send.

When we receive the subscription confirmation message, we write down in a notebook the one-line command instructions on how to cancel our subscription. Here are some Listserv sites, one of which you may wish to try:

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■ Netsurfer is a discussion forum on the Internet in general:

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--- subscribe nsdigest-html (for hypertext version).

■ Party of Five is a list for discussing the Fox network television series "Party of Five." To

subscribe write a request with conversational sentences in the message area and address to salingers-request@wwa.com.

■ ADLAW is a moderated list for those interested in discussions and updates about advertising law:

--- adlaw-request@webcom.com

--- Subscribe

Adlaw apparently is the only discussion list generated from this host, which is why you don't need to list the topic. If it bounces back, though, I'd resend with "Subscribe Adlaw" command.

■ INCLASS is about using the Internet in the classroom under sponsorship of Canada's SchoolNet. INCLASS promotes the use of the Internet as a means to keep students interested in life-long learning, focusing on adapting successfully and creatively to change, concentrating on aiming for personal excellence:

--- listproc@schoolnet.carleton.ca

--- subscribe (your first and last name);

■ Undercover, the Rolling Stones digest. This list has changed locations and can now be joined by sending a message to a real human with a short written conversational request. Send request to: undercover-request@tempest.cis.uoguelph.ca.

Before going further, an important distinction must be learned by those users who want to avoid embarrassment. Commands are sent to the List Administrator; messages to the List itself. If the discussion list name is "MacAttack," and the host of the List is McDonald University, you would send commands to: LISTSERV@McDonaldU.com (a fictitious site) but you would reply to MacAttack@McDonaldU.com. Otherwise your commands end up on the forum for all to read and laugh at. So write down this reminder: Send your LETTERS to the List Address; send your COMMANDS to the LISTSERV address.

Some other commands that might be useful are:

--- GET (specific List topic name) FMAIL (returns a specific file to you);

--- SET (listname) DIGEST (sends messages in one listing, daily or weekly);

--- SET (listname) MAIL (receive messages individually);

--- SET (listname) NOMAIL (to suspend getting messages while on vacation or for other reasons);

--- REVIEW (listname) FMAIL (to get a list of subscribers to List);

--- INDEX (listname) (to get an archive of

postings).

You can try the GET command to obtain by e-mail from the University of North Carolina a copy of Barbara Semone's updated syllabus and reading list for her database journalism class at UNC:

--- LISTSERV@ULKYVM.LOUISVILLE.EDU

--- GET DBJOURN UNCSYL FMAIL

--- GET DBJOURN UNCREAD FMAIL.

In the above example, note that "DBJOURN" is the file type (database journalist) and "UNCSYL" is the file name (University of North Carolina Syllabus). The FMAIL command tells the Listserv administrator to send the syllabus to you using e-mail.

Like other Internet tools, LISTSERV has more advanced functions that readers can learn on their own.

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Developer

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spond to their needs and desires." Van Every and wife, Jean, are parents to Donna Jean and Sandra Lee, and grandparents to four. He enjoys golf and playing the organ.

"My biggest kick in developing — going back through the subdivisions a few years later. Usually you're thrilled to see what's happened. You literally have an effect on the future."

Profit, not altruism, is what keeps him in business, Van Every added.

Gerald Kosmensky, a builder and property manager, is a long time friend of Van Every.

"He's a super nice guy, the epitome of a gentleman," Kosmensky said. "He's been very successful. He's been a very fair shooter, the kind of guy if you make a deal and shake hands, that's the deal."

"He's extremely competent," said Robert Brody, a Bloomfield Hills developer/builder. "He has experience, lots of experience."

"He's a very honorable individual," Brody said. "He lives up to his word. It's a pleasure to do business with him."

Builder

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op, he's a real key to our business," Capaldi said. "I still seek the counsel and advice of my father, Fred. You can't beat experience."

Capaldi, 51, enjoys golf, tennis and travel. He's father to Tim, a student at Lawrence Tech who probably will become a third generation Capaldi builder, Maria, Angela and Christie.

Capaldi believes that the successful builder today needs both formal education and hands-on work in the trades. "You need a business background and practical experience background," he said.

Mark Guido, a Northville residential builder, described Capaldi as one of the most honorable builders in the area.

Hall of fame

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associations provide first-class seminars for learning and advancing yourselves."

Roeser and Beachum started building houses and condominiums together in Rochester, Canton and Livonia in 1974.

"We made the decision in '78 to diversify our product line," Roeser said. "As a recession in the late '70s and early '80s took force, we found more demand for office than housing. It became a natural evolution. We never looked back, I guess."

The years have been kind to the partners, who attended camp together as kids and worked together in real estate development before joining forces.

"You know what our biggest problem is now — we don't have any space," Roeser said. "We're probably 99 percent leased."

Beachum/Roeser office properties carry a distinctive colonial Williamshburg architectural look. "It's a classic style that reflects tradition and timelessness," Roeser said.

Also honored:

Several other members will be honored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan next week at its annual banquet.

Dominic J. Mocerri, partner in Mocerri Development of Grand Blanc, is Young Builder of the Year.

Alan Aulgur, president of Alan R. Aulgur Residential Builder in Clarkston, is Remodeler of the Year.

Lynne Pratt, office manager of Wake-Pratt Construction, Troy, receives the Women's Forum Leadership Award.

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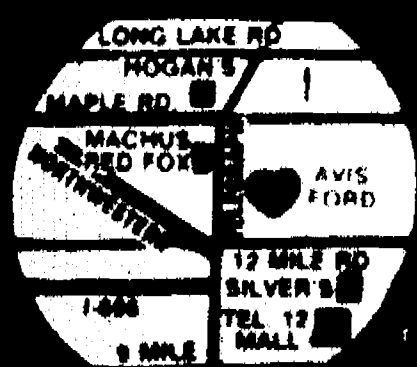
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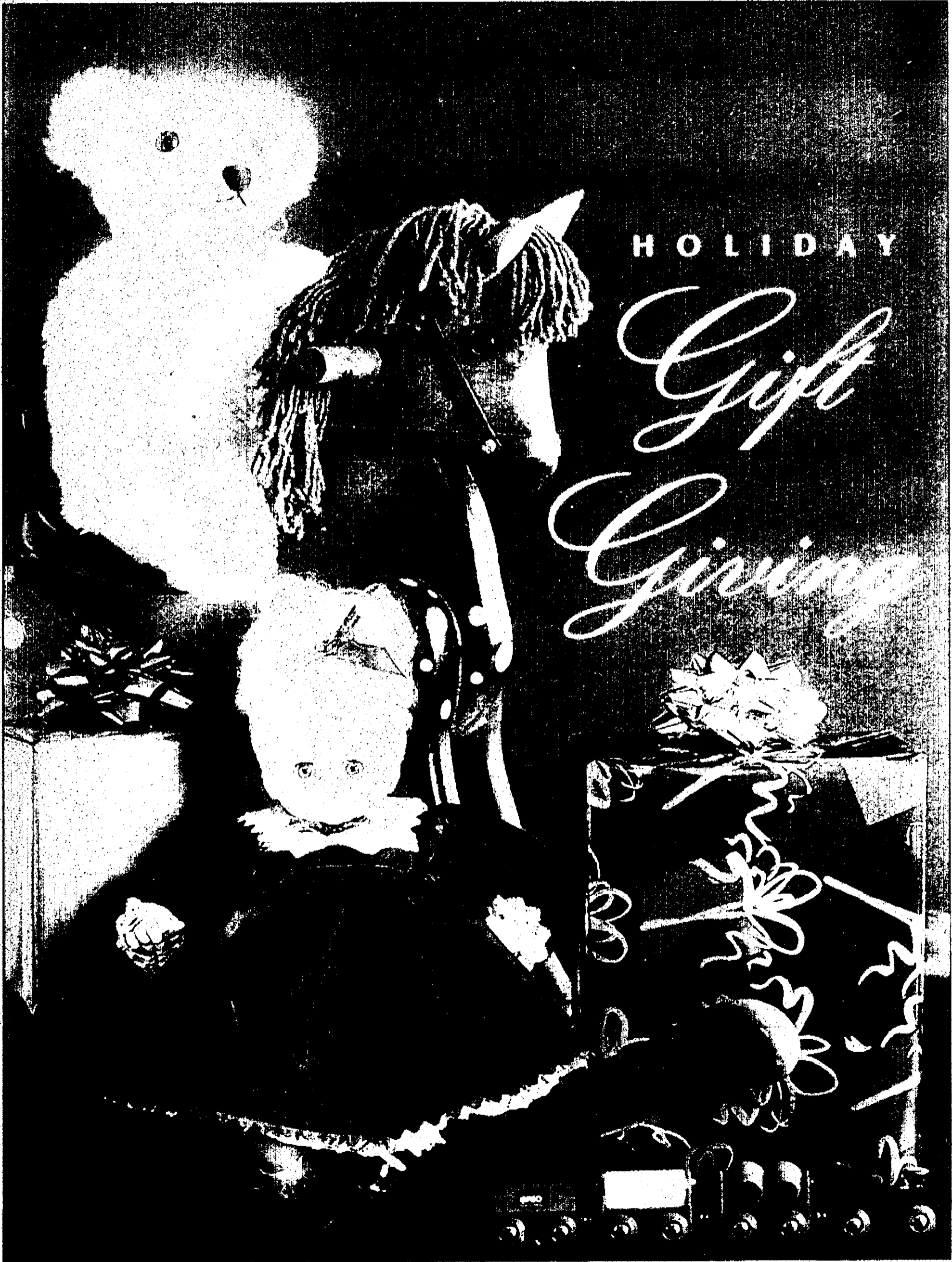
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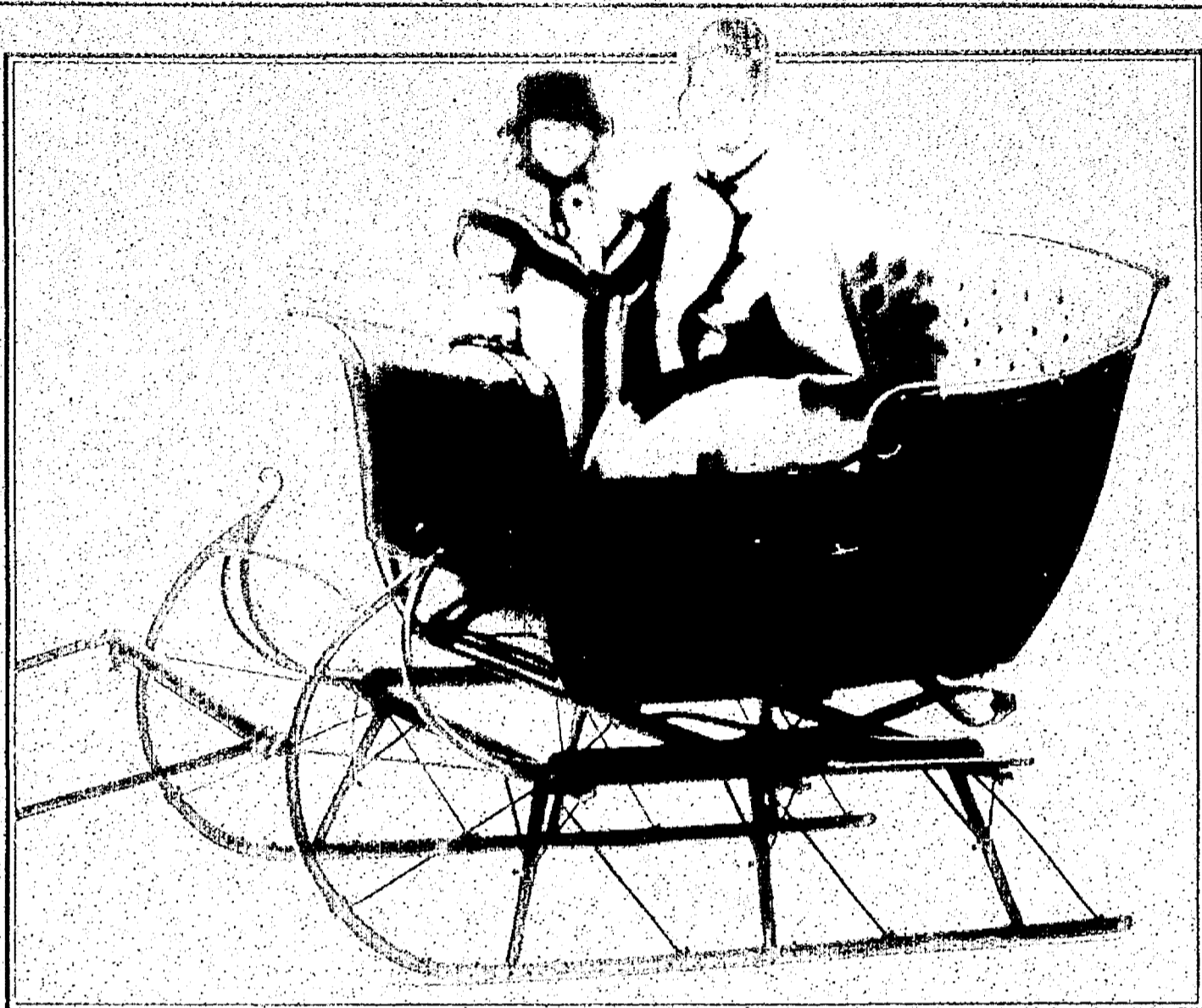


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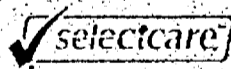


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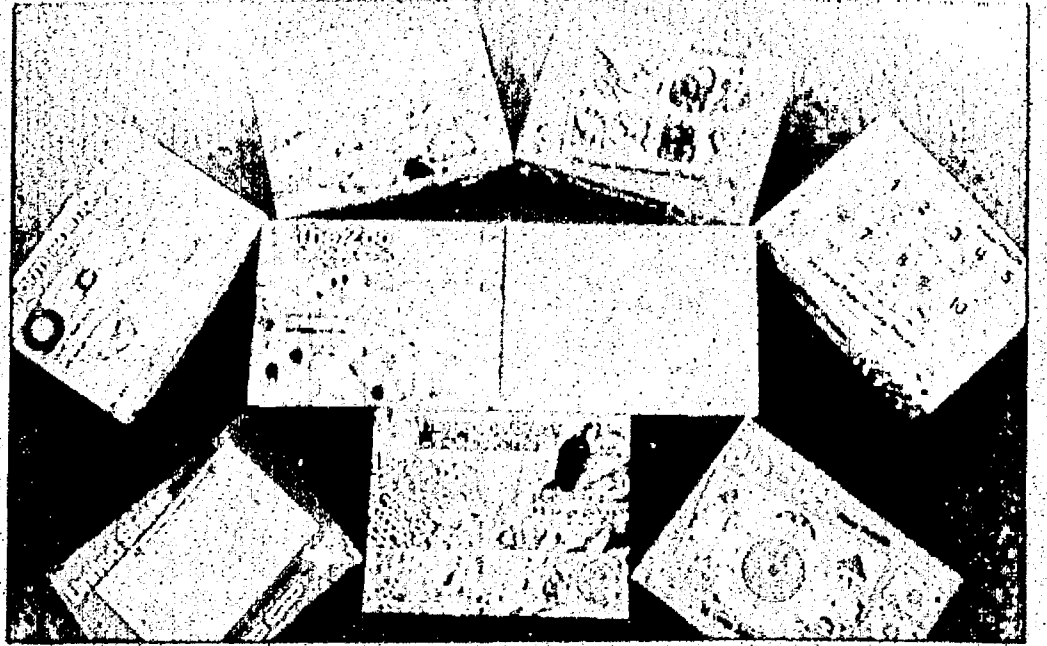
Before making that annual pilgrimage to malls and main streets,

however, take some time to pour over our holiday gift guide supplement. We hope it will inspire you with unique gift ideas for everyone on your list. You'll find everything you need from gifts, to home-decorating items, to crafts at local specialty shops, department stores and shopping malls. Here's a round-up of the best-of-the-best.

The staff of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers offers you and your family the warmest wishes this holiday season.

About the Cover: A collection of holiday treasures from Jacobson's. A Heritage Rocking Horse, \$250; Stuff Teddy Bear, \$280; Madame Alexander Doll "Pussy Cat" \$95; and Brio train \$39.95. Photo by Observer & Eccentric photographer Dan Dean.

Credits: Special writer Barbara Wilson coordinated this holiday section with assistance from Susan Rosiek, Observer managing editor. O&E representative Heather Paddison coordinated advertising.



Puzzles: Giant floor puzzles are gifts that will be enjoyed again and again by children ages 3 and older. A wide variety are available at local teachers' supply stores like *The Teachers' Store* in Livonia.

Step off beaten path to find toys that last

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Many grandparents have been caught pulling their hair out trying to find the perfect gift for their grandchildren this jolly Christmas into a grumpy one overnight.

They are frustrated by the notion of finding the perfect gift that is just the thing the child always wanted.

Too often, however, it seems they fall back on clothing or fad toys that are not necessarily pleasing to them nor do they prompt an overwhelming response from the recipient.

Some retailers suggest that these harried shoppers relax and try out some smaller specialty toy stores, teacher's stores and even hobby shops to find a gift that will satisfy them and their grandchildren.

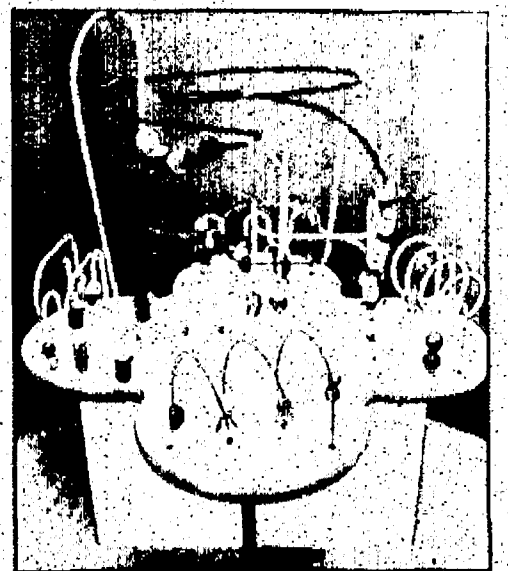
Educators agree that books make wonderful gifts for children and grandparents might make it a tradition to expand their grandchildren's library every holiday season. Hardcover books at the appropriate age level are a gift that keeps giving all year long.

Grandparents might also consider buying museum-quality books available at educational stores, museums and through mail order of animal life or the solar system or prehistoric times. For school-age children these books might spark some interest and influence them to read more on the subject.

By avoiding the mega-giant toy stores, grandparents might find toy stores where they receive more specialized attention and are even able to play with the toys before making their choices.

Toy shoppers can solve their woes and regain some seasonal cheer by visiting a specialty toy store or even a teacher's supply store, says Peter Reynolds, president of BRIO Corp., a toy company based in Milwaukee. The specialty stores emphasize toys that encourage creative play and usually aren't available in the mass market.

"Shoppers can turn to specialty toy



Wave table: A favorite to children in libraries and waiting rooms, this imaginative toy can also be found in teachers' supply stores.

retailers for personal service in selecting good toys that fit their particular children's interests and developmental needs," Reynolds said. "These retailers understand toys and play and can be good resources."

The importance of play and good toys is a message more adults are taking to heart, especially after they've been disappointed with some commercially promoted toys.

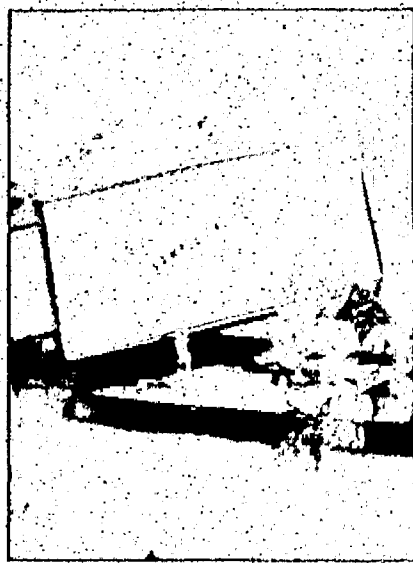
Christmas, however, can be a particularly emotional time for making toy purchasing decisions. There's a tendency for grandparents and other relatives to have a specific list from the child, and they feel under great pressure to fill it.

If consumers want to give toys that children will enjoy long after the holidays, however, they need to evaluate the toys and make informed decisions. Franklin and Reynolds emphasize. Specialty toy retailers, who know their products and are willing to work one-on-one with a customer, can help

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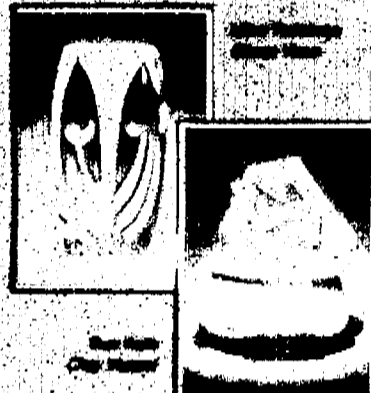
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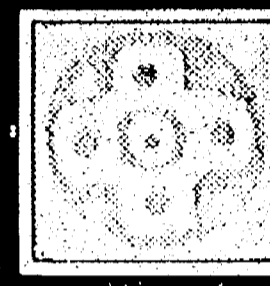
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Pamper your partner

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Finding just the right gift for that favorite person in your life who is always rushed and harried and seldom takes time out for themselves may seem complicated, but it shouldn't be.

Simply give them the gift they would never give themselves: A day in a spa or salon, a weekend trip to a luxurious hotel, a custom-made shirt or suit, or how about maid service for a month.

If you're tired of buying a sweater or book for that favorite someone, try a gift certificate for pampering.

Charisma, a full-service salon in Laurel Park Place Mall, pampers many pooped moms and dads. Salon coordinator Judy Briney said they are still honoring gift certificates from last Christmas that people decided to hold onto until they were in desperate need for a "pick-me-up."

Charisma's Day of Beauty package for women includes a massage, facial, manicure, pedicure, make-up application, hair cut and a catered lunch for \$175. A similar package for men includes a haircut, shave, show shine and massage for \$68.

Gift certificates can be purchased for individual services at about \$40 each.

The Total You, on Grand River in Farmington, offers a pamper package for \$145 that includes 30 minutes in a sauna or steam room, 30-minute massage, facial, manicure and paraffin dip for your hands, a pedicure and a

catered lunch.

Owner Nancy Mantiri said the package has been a very popular gift for the holidays because women need real pampering especially during the cold, long months of January and February.

Tamara Institut De Beaute on Northwestern Highway in Farmington, also offers packages that will leave your haggard partner with an added skip in his or her step. Salon manager Barb Whisnant said their luxury packages are very popular holidays and are enjoyed all year long.

For women, the full package includes a skin consultation, European facial and neck-firming treatment, one-hour therapeutic massage with sauna, hot oil manicure with liquid nail wrap, pedicure with foot treatment, eyebrow arch, make-up application, scalp treatment, finished hairstyle and champagne lunch.

For him, Tamara offers a jacuzzi, a one-hour therapeutic massage, hot-oil manicure and champagne.

If your partner is a hard-working professional who enjoys looking their best, another great gift option might be a gift certificate for custom-made suits or shirts. For the hard-to-fit man, a custom-made suit fits the bill for feeling great.

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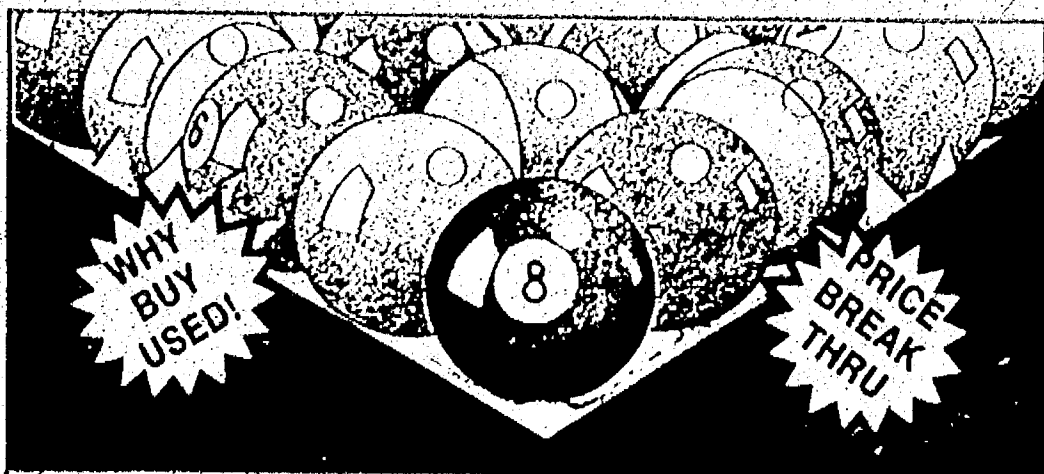
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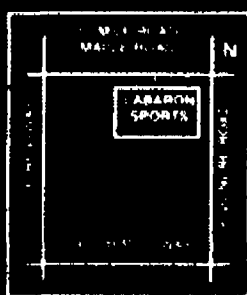
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Holiday crafts limited only by imagination

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The creativity bug has bitten most everyone these days. Painting, sewing, flower arranging and just about any other kind of craft can be converted into a holiday gift or a decoration for the home.

The craft is better still when children can become involved in the project. "The kids love doing the crafts," said Mary Locke, craft consultant for Frank's SuperCrafts store in Westland. "We have them in for parties and demonstrations and there are so many things they can make that make really nice gifts."

Most local craft stores already have a large supply of Christmas merchandise designed to spark the imagination and get the creative juices flowing. A walk down the aisles will result in a plethora of projects to entice you, but Locke warns not to get too far ahead of yourself.

"Sometimes people buy supplies for too many projects that they will never be able to finish in time for Christmas," she said. "It's best to have realistic expectations so you can spend some time and do a good job with each project. If time allows, you can always

go back and get things for another project."

Kits for needlework like counted cross stitch, crewel and embroidery can be very time-consuming, especially when making a tablecloth, Christmas tree skirt or stocking. Locke suggests these projects be started far in advance unless you have a lot of time on your hands to work on the project. Many craft enthusiasts buy these kits after the holiday season, and work on them all year long.

Some less complicated ideas for holiday gifts follow.

■ An item that first became popular with crafters last holiday season are glass and acrylic ornaments for the Christmas tree that can be decorated in almost any fashion. The glass ornaments can be painted with acrylic paints in several fashions to achieve a beautiful effect. Pictures and designs can be painted onto the outside of the ornament or paint can be poured inside the glass ball, swirled around and allowed to dry and drain in an egg carton. Locke said as one color paint dries, another can be added to make an abstract design that is simple and yet quite ele-



Crafts: Hand-made holiday gifts and decorations are as varied as the people who make them. These miniature fir trees are about \$1 and can be decorated with a variety of miniature items. Placed in the wooden wagon, the tree takes on a whole new look and makes a fun centerpiece or mantle decoration for the holidays.

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The Ole General Store

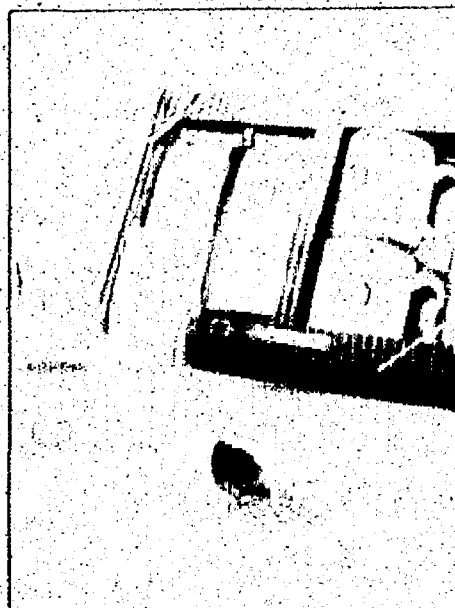
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The store is in the historical LaSalle Winery and has a complete assortment of unusual gift items and home-decorating accents, including miniature Christmas trees (pictured) starting at \$16 and carolers with light post wall hangings (pictured) starting at \$16.99.



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shoppers make good toy purchases based on the age and interests of the child.

Locally, shoppers can find this type of individual attention at several specialty stores.

Science and Things of Livonia, in Wonderland Mall, will bring back a lot of happy childhood memories for adults and provides an interesting selection of toys that kids love, but don't always ask for until they see it.

"To see all this stuff together is pretty neat," said manager Steve Worley. "There are things that kids don't realize they would like until they see it and when they're in here they go nuts."

Science and Things carries telescopes, microscopes, kits for doing experiments, test tubes, anatomic models, magic kits, model rocket kits and much more.

"We see a lot of grandparents in here looking for an alternative to the 'normal' toys like power rangers and GI Joes," Worley said.

Construction sets like Erector and K'Nex are very popular during the holiday season and aren't necessarily found everywhere. Rock tumbler and sand art kits are also popular.

The Teacher's Store in Livonia, on Middlebelt, is not a spot many parents would think of going to buy holiday gifts, but manager Cindy Kelly said the few who do are pleased with the choices available.

A wave table is a popular addition to a child's playroom, but they are usually only found through expensive catalogs. The Teacher's Store carries it for about \$89. A puppet theater and puppets are also great imagination builders for children, Kelly said.

They also carry award-winning floor puzzles that measure 2-by-3 feet and are durable enough to stand up to classroom use. The Create A Creature puzzle won top honors last year in Parents magazine.

GeoSafari, a popular electronic game, is also available, Kelly said. The game helps build confidence by developing skills in geography, history, math and many other subjects.

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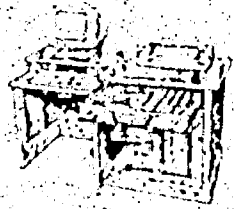
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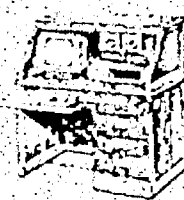
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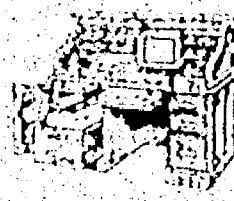
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Adults can take lead in selecting tots' toys

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Choosing the right toy for a preschooler can be a real challenge to parents, not to mention for grandparents and childless aunts and uncles.

They are too young to really make out a list to Santa and, although they might see things that interest them in the mighty toy stores, they probably won't have their heart set on that item showing up under the tree.

This is the time in a child's life that adults can steer them the direction they want them to go in by selecting toys that will withstand the test of time and provide hours of entertainment to boot.

"Children this age tend to ask for a lot of things that they might see on television or passing through a store and many parents are willing to let them play with these things," said Debbie Cortellini, a sales director for Discovery Toys and a lecturer on the appropriateness of toys. "But as parents we still know what is best for our children and we need to put in their hands toys we think are appropriate for them."

Toys should fit into several of the categories of play for preschoolers: active and physical play, creative and constructive play, imitative play and social play. Of course they also need to be safe and should be considered an investment spanning 5 to 6 years of usefulness with the same child.

"Toys that encourage open-ended play are the best investment," Cortellini, a Plymouth resident, said. "That means every time the child plays with it, it's something different."

A simple pegboard makes a great preschool gift if pieces meet the appropriate age requirements. Children might start out sorting the colors of the pegs and just randomly placing them on the board, as they get older they might count the pegs and arrange them in geometric shapes on the board and finally they might enjoy stacking the pegs or stringing them on a piece of yarn.

Wooden beads, abacus boards and similar games fulfill the same functions for children and are often found at teacher supply stores and other educational toy locations.

Discovery Toys offers a new board game that even preschoolers can master. The game lets children test out funny facial expressions in a mirror as they try to imitate pictures on cards. They might just have fun making the faces to start, but then move on to playing the game with adults or other children. Teachers of the speech impaired have found the game valuable in showing students the various

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*Debbie Cortellini
educational consultant*

shapes they can make with their mouth.

"Play is a child's work and toys are the tools you give them to perform that task," Cortellini said. "Through play children learn about the world and their place in it."

Large, bulky little Tykes toys are great for teaching gross motor skills, Cortellini said, but young children need little things too so they can learn to manipulate.

And even though computer software programs can be outstanding learning tools for the pre-kindergarten set, they should be offered in moderation.

"The hi-tech electronic games are great, but kids need crayons, markers and paper, too," Cortellini said. "And as they say you can't beat a cardboard box for teaching imaginative play."

Puzzles make wonderful introductions into math skills for preschoolers as do stackable cups. Discovery Toys makes a set of stacking cups in sizes that help teach math skills. The number three cup and number two cup can be filled and then poured into the number five cup filling in to the top.

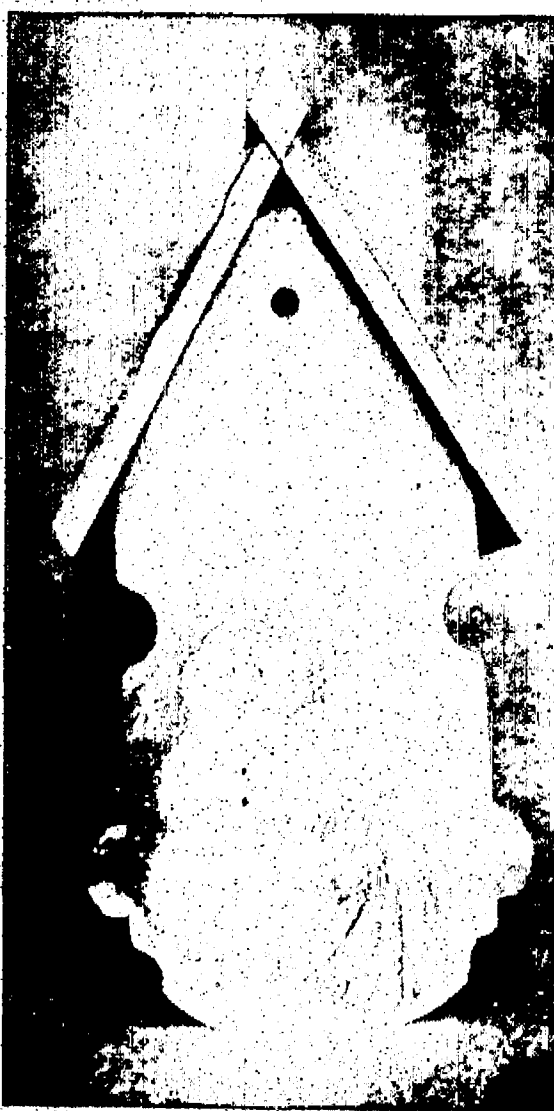
"Everyone shopping for children should remember that a book is always a perfect gift," Cortellini, a former teacher, said. "Nothing can be substituted for the time spent reading to your children or with them."

She also advises that parents not overwhelm small children with a huge toy box filled to the rafters with toys that outlive their usefulness in just a few months. It is better, she says, to purchase a few good toys with many uses and store them on shelves so they are in clear view and not so confusing.

Discovery Toys are sold through in-home demonstrations and through catalog sales. Christmas orders can be placed up until Dec. 16.

The Hide Inside fabric box by Discovery Toys was recently awarded a Parents Choice award and an Oppenheim Award for children from 12 months up and many of their toys are featured in parents magazines.

To find a consultant near you, check the telephone directory.



Deck the halls: Gifts and decorations made by hand always maintain their value. Simple ornaments (above) in glass and acrylic can be bought at most craft stores and can be decorated with paints or by filling them with unusual or commonplace items. They are great for kids to make as they anticipate the holiday season. Wooden bird houses (left) have become a popular home-decorating item. If you have a steady hand, try painting one on your own or choose from a wide assortment of stencils to get you started.

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gant with the right combinations of colors.

The acrylic ornaments can be opened and filled with miniature figures to create scenes or with a handful of potpourri, marbles, buttons or sequins. The ornaments are in two pieces so you can have easy access to the inside, but once they are filled Locke recommends sealing them with a hot glue gun and even decorating the seam with ribbon or snow paint which is available at most craft stores.

These ornaments make great gifts for teachers, babysitters and others be-

cause children can work on the project with minimal supervision.

■ Paper mache boxes can be used to hide a gift, or they can be the gift themselves. Craft stores are now carrying a full line of boxes made from paper mache in all shapes and sizes. Star-shaped, ovals, tissue boxes and moon-shaped are especially popular.

There is really no end to the potential of these boxes, Locke said. They can be decorated with regular acrylic paints and stencils can be incorporated for more intricate designs. Fabric appliques, ribbons and other items can also be used to decorate these treasure boxes that would please any grandparent.



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Books always have a place on Santa's sleigh

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Everyone on your holiday shopping list, no matter what age, gender or personality, can be satisfied with a new book. With the dreary winter months of January and February looming ahead, a good "read" is just the ticket for most people.

Booksellers agree the holidays are their busiest time, and they enjoy working to match up the person with a book they'll enjoy.

"Some people come in with a specific book in mind that the individual might have requested, but sometimes they come in with no ideas at all," said Mary Ann LaPointe, manager of Little Professor on the Park in downtown Plymouth. "Usually we can just ask questions about the person and find something that will meet their needs."

The angel craze continues in reading material, according to LaPointe. Books about angel healing and experiences with angels have prompted their own section in her store, and people contin-

ue to request more.

Coffee table books are good gifts for those who are not avid readers but enjoy specific subjects like gardening or cats or airplanes. These large, colorful books make wonderful gifts for the elderly who might not be able to read smaller type and who have become unaccustomed to reading. Tasha Tudor's "Garden Book" and Charles Wysocki's "Heartland" are good choices.

Books as gifts for children are especially popular with aunts, uncles and grandparents, looking for something other than toys to put under the tree.

A gift of a classic children's book like "Heidi" or "Treasure Island" is available in hardcover at Books Abound in Farmington for just \$12.99, according to Skip Rosenthal.

The following is a list of Rosenthal's and LaPointe's picks for what are expected to be the big sellers for the holidays.

For children:

- "The Rough-Faced Girl" - a Native American version of the Cinderella sto-

ry with beautiful illustrations. Adults will enjoy reading it to their children.

- "The Crippled Lamb" - a beautiful Christmas story of a lamb that is forced to stay behind in the barn when his friends go out and the lamb sees first-hand the birth of Jesus.

- "The Remarkable Christmas of the Cobbler's Sons" - another fun Christmas story.

- "Red Ranger Came Calling" - written and beautifully illustrated by Berkeley Breathed of Bloom County fame, this book will entertain children and grown-ups.

For adults:

- "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" by Pope John Paul II - Rosenthal and LaPointe agree that this will be a popular gift this holiday season.

- "The Hot Zone" by Richard Preston - This is a fiction book written like nonfiction which discusses deadly viruses being let loose on society.

- "Bridges of Madison County" - On the best seller list for nearly a year, booksellers agree this will still show on

many holiday shopping lists especially with new interest brought about by the movie being made.

- "The Love Cookbook" by noted relationship author Leo Buscaglia.

- "In the Kitchen with Rosie" - A low-fat cookbook by Oprah Winfrey's personal chef.

- "Insomnia" by Stephen King.

- "Death of Honor" by Tom Clancy.

- "Cat Stories" by James Herriot.

- "Men are from Mars"

- "Embraced by the Light."

Rosenthal also suggests the book "Gumpisms" as a great stocking stuffer. It features some of the sage advice of movie hero Forrest Gump.

Magic Eye books are also expected to be very popular. These books have unusual designs when studied carefully, other pictures can be seen within them.

Book stores are filled with potential gift items even if books were not on the list you're trying to fill. There is a book that everyone will find entertaining, so just browse a bit.

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The 'natural' trend translates for holiday

Here's the latest news in decorating, trends, facts, gift buying, etc. for this holiday season.

- Combine holly and ivy with evergreens, pine, eucalyptus and boxwood. The combination of natural greens will add originality to your holiday decorating and the room will smell fresh and festive.

- Hanging mistletoe is ever popular at Christmastime. Not only a festive decoration, but when the mistletoe is hung, it becomes an instrument of goodwill. Pass under it and exchange kisses of peace and love.

- According to the National Christmas Tree Association, some 72 million trees are sold at Christmastime (36 million each natural and artificial).

- Pointsettias are a timeless classic and make a perfect display for the home or office. Adorn your work area with several colored pointsettias: red, pink, white, orange and marbled leaves. Pointsettias are easy to care for and can be enjoyed year-round.

Shopping trends

At Christmastime this year, FTD estimates that more than 1.5 million flower-by-wire orders will be placed, generating approximately \$56 million in sales. In addition to floral gifts, other preferred gifts at Christmas time are clothes, toys/games, books, recorded music and jewelry. Here are some other trends.

- Women are more likely than men to finish their holiday shopping by mid-December. But Americans aged 60 or older are the most likely to finish their Christmas shopping early.

- Focusing on ethnic or geographical traditions during the holiday season can teach children the value of family; everyone will enjoy participating in games, meals and gift-giving rituals from the past.

- The '90s are synonymous with nature, and this holiday season reflects this trend. Natural designs made of wood and other materials derived from the Earth are very popular this year.

- Angels and cherubs are also a big influence. Appropriate year round, these items can be combined with any greenery to create beautiful holiday displays and decorations.

- Candles give a natural and spiritual feel to the holiday season. Candles with a pine or cinnamon-scent displayed in several rooms give the home a warm glow and a welcoming aroma.

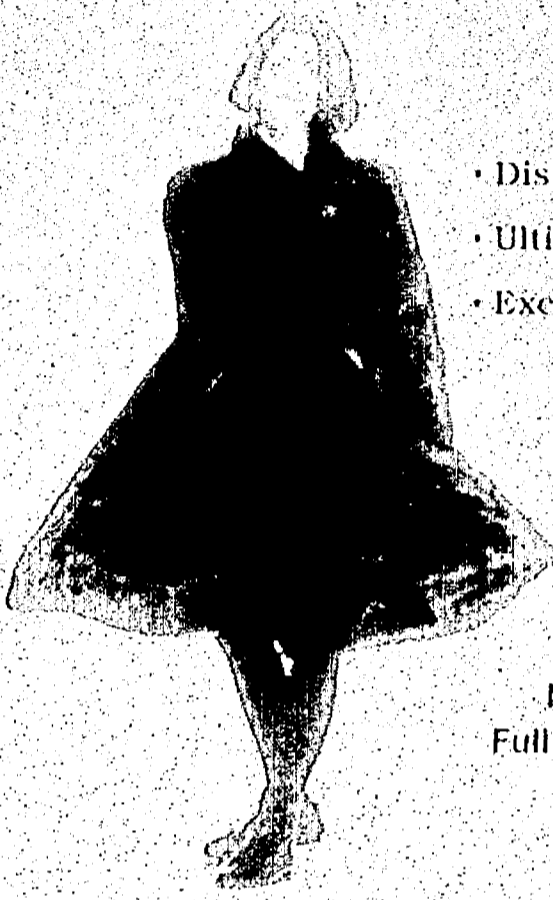
- The traditional red and green colors of the holiday season are still a favorite. Add tones of blues and natural browns to create an updated, stylish look.

- Garden centers sell \$3.1 billion annually in "trim-a-tree" goods, says Nursery Retailer.

- Gold is a key color in decorating this season. The gold is brushed rather than bright, and it combines beautifully with white as well as jewel-tone plums, reds and greens.

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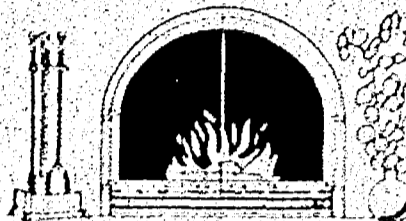
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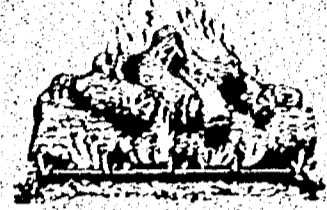
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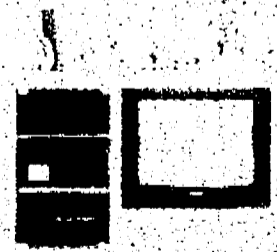
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It's the gift that always fits and pleases just about any woman. "Men know that a little velvet box with something shiny inside will always put a smile on the face of their lady friend," said Orin Mazzoni, an owner of Orin Jewelers of Garden City and Northville.

That's why most jewelry stores experience a rush of last-minute male shoppers, as well as a few who plan ahead.

While jewelry always fits, it's may be a little more difficult to match a piece with a woman's personality, finding the item that she will be comfortable wearing and will enjoy for many years.

Bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings and brooches are the basic options available, but choosing a stone and setting can be more complicated.

Mazzoni said he has several customers who work each year to put together a matched set for their partner, buying the necklace one year and a bracelet the next. Others are just interested in finding one stunning piece that will complicate their loved one.

"We always remind customers that it is the stone and not the setting that is most meaningful as an investment," Mazzoni said.

Jewelry stores should have a certified gemologist on hand to explain the finer points of gemstones and to help in selections.

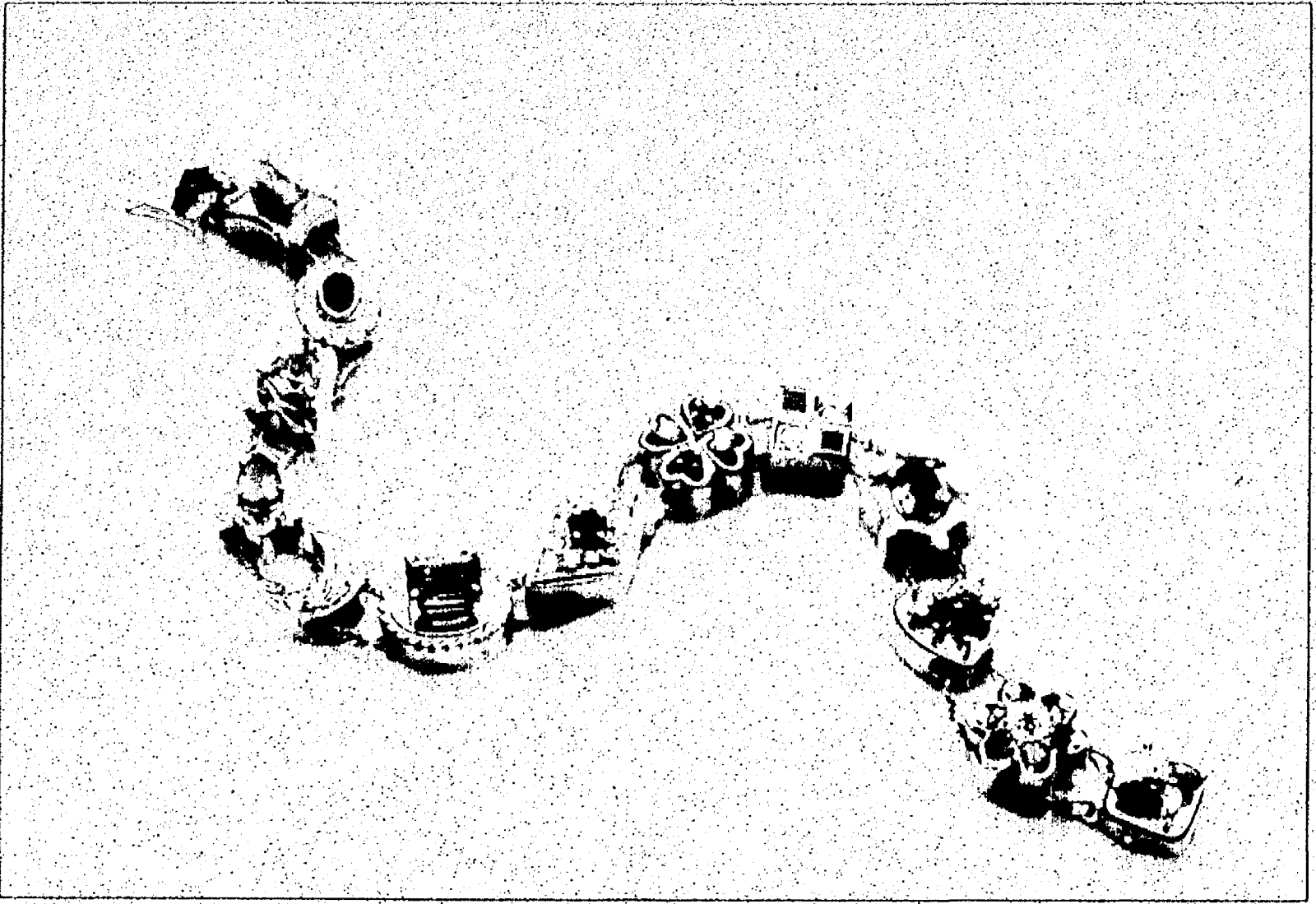
Mazzoni said diamonds continue to be the most popular gems because they go with everything and are appreciated overall by the recipient.

Rubies and emeralds are also popular, especially in combination with diamonds. Tanzanite, a bluish-purple stone, is also gaining popularity as a replacement for opals, according to Mazzoni.

Pearls are also a classic choice and suit most personalities well.

Gold continues to be the most popular metal used in jewelry, but Mazzoni said they are also selling a lot of gold in combination with platinum for a two-tone effect.

Most jewelry stores offer a varied collection of settings for stones, but many also have designers on hand to create something more personal. At Orin Jewelers most selections are made directly from the cases. There are some customers who come in and want to rework a design from a piece of heir-



One of a kind: A slider bracelet allows the gift-giver to select from a variety of "fobs" to create a bracelet that will suit his mate. The Diamond Boutique in Farmington has specialized in these bracelets for 35 years.

loom jewelry.

"They might have a pendant or something that was handed down through the family, and the woman never cared for the setting," Mazzoni said. "Sometimes a man will come in wanting to put the stones into a new setting."

Diane Rose of Diane Rose Jewelers in Garden City has just a few pieces on display in her shop, but is well-versed in designing pieces for her customers.

"They can come in and get anything they want," Rose said.

She sketches ideas for her customers and does a cast to show them what the completed project will look like.

"It's really an opportunity to use your imagination and make your own

style jewelry," Rose said. A certain amount of pre-planning is required when giving custom jewelry, of course.

Rose said mother's rings and grandmother's rings are very popular with her customers.

The Diamond Boutique of Farmington is offering another type of opportunity for gift-givers to use their imagination in a gift of jewelry. They are well known for slide bracelets that allow the customer to select from a wide range of stones and settings to be strung onto a bracelet. The idea for slide bracelets originated from antique watch fobs and most have an antique look about them. They are a great conversation piece and start at just \$89.

The holidays continue to be a popu-

lar time for marriage proposals and Mazzoni said they sell quite a few engagement rings. Usually the men come in on their own when the ring is going to be given as a holiday gift, he said. At other times of the year, the couple usually makes the decision together.

Men's jewelry has not caught up with women's in popularity, but Mazzoni said women seem to enjoy selecting jewelry for their mates.

"Women, in general, come in earlier to do their shopping," Mazzoni said. "Men seem to have a need to wait until the excitement builds and run in at the last minute. We always have things on hand for these last-minute shoppers. We know who they are."

Ford Museum decks halls with history in mind

Deck the halls with... flags and feathers?

The tinsel and twinkle lights that have become the standard for American Christmas decorations were unknown a century ago, but our forbears still found ways to brighten their holidays. Flags, feathers, and even bits of fancy paper are among the innovative items that have adorned American Christmas trees since their popularity first took root in the 1840s.

During the holiday season at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village

(Nov. 25 through Jan. 1), visitors will find these and other ingenious decorations amid the inventions, homes and workplaces of innovators including Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers.

Visitors to the Village's 1880s Firestone Farm (birthplace of tire magnate Harvey Firestone) will find costumed interpreters busily making gifts that are suitable for hanging.

While Greenfield Village displays historic trees of different sizes, adjacent Henry Ford Museum shows visi-

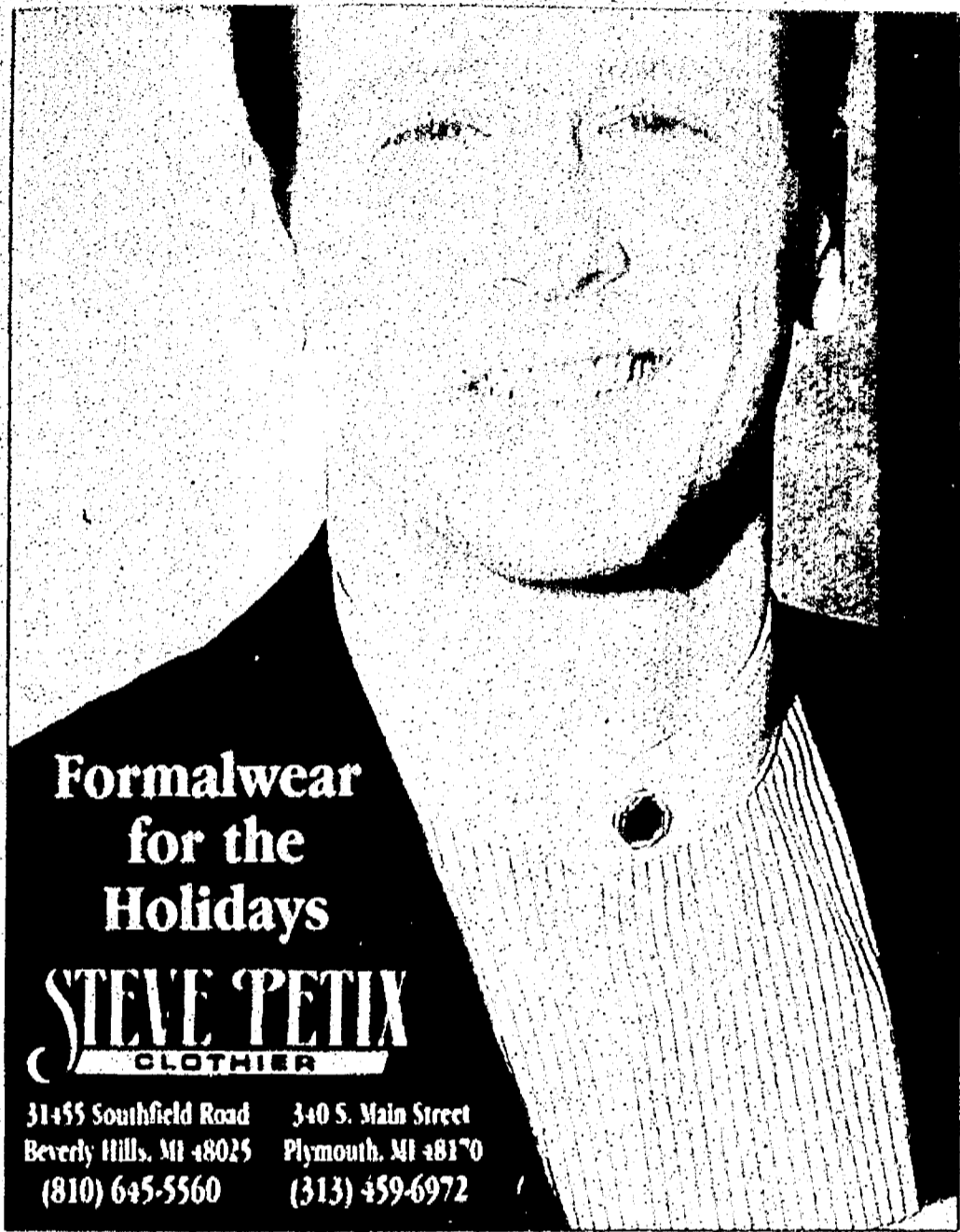
tors one of the largest indoor trees they'll ever see.

Among the challenges for tree decorator Gina Tomaszewski is finding ornaments big enough to suit the three-story high conifer. Instead of ornaments that resemble toys, Tomaszewski hangs actual toys that reflect Museum artifacts. The Museum has cars, so the tree features toy cars. The Museum also has airplanes, furniture and trains, which Tomaszewski seeks out in kid-sized versions. She also prospects for gold and silver globes "about the size of beach balls"

to hang alongside ornaments and garlands.

Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village is an independent, non-profit educational institution not affiliated with the Ford Motor Company or the Ford Foundation.

Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They are closed Thanksgiving and Christmas day. Admission for adults is \$14.50 and \$10.50 for senior citizens. Children age 5-12 are admitted for \$5.75 and children younger than 5 are admitted at no charge.



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Hudson's sets holiday stage

The major department stores in the area take the lead in planning holiday events to drum up business and to flame the holiday spirit.

Many area stores have already put on their best holiday attire and are wrapping up their celebration plans.

Hudson's, a landmark in Detroit, has set their stage. The holiday season is kicked off with the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Nov. 24. Hudson's will debut a 30-foot-long "Beauty and the Beast" float for the 68th annual event.

A holiday "Beauty and the Beast" animated display will be featured at the Summit

Place store through Dec. 31.

Locally, a holiday wardrobing seminar will be offered at the Westland Center store at 7 p.m. Dec. 1. The event will feature M.J. Burns, Hudson's own fashion expert.

Families can also enjoy a special morning together at "The Breakfasts with Santa." The morning affairs feature a complete breakfast, participation in a "Beauty and the Beast" skit, special gifts and visits with Santa Claus. Tickets are \$7.50 per person and are available by reservation only. Santa breakfasts at Westland Center are slated for 8:30 a.m. Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 and 9:30 a.m. Dec. 11. For reservations call 1-800-282-2450.



Special needs kids benefit from special toys

Easy-to-grasp handles, chunky shapes, rounded corners and bright colors — trademarks of pre-school toy manufacturer Little Tikes' playthings — are characteristics all children like.

"They also make Little Tikes' products well-suited for children with disabilities. That's why the company received two national awards this year. Little Tikes was commended by the National Easter Seals Society and by the organizers of National Rehabilitation Week for its efforts to design toys that special needs kids can use easily and for including these children in its catalogs and ads.

Just in time for the holidays, the following toys make it easier for children with disabilities to learn and have fun just like everyone else.

■ Play About Walker is a sturdy help-

to children who have difficulty walking. A wide leg base and large handle make this toy a very stable support. Clicking wheels provide sound stimulation and the legs fold for convenient storage. An activity panel with fun sights and sounds adds to the value. Ages: 9-24 months; Suggested retail price: \$20-35.

■ Go fish! That's just what a child in a wheelchair can do with the Catch 'n Count Fishing Set. Ten colorful fish turn their tails upward so little fishermen can reach down and catch them with the fishing pole and hook. The fish and pole can be stored in the see-through tackle box. Ages: 2-5. Suggested retail price: \$15-20.

■ Musical toys are great therapy and all children find the Maracas and Tambourine easy and fun to play. Colorful beads swirl inside the clear mara-

cas, making a wonderfully loud shaking noise. The tambourine is easy to hold and produces a high quality cymbal sound. Ages: 2-6 years. Suggested retail price: \$18-20.

■ "Wheelchair, Ramp and Friend" takes the lead in offering a toy that features a child with a disability. Used with Little Tikes Place doll house or on its own, the toy introduces the idea of disabilities to young children and serves as a model to those with special needs. Ages: 3 & up. Retail price: \$9.12.

These toys might be available through a traditional toy store, or similar ones might be found by Susan Fitzmaurice, owner of Curious Child in Plymouth's Old Village. The Curious Child has interesting things for all children and Fitzmaurice emphasizes that even toys designed for handicapped children could be purchased to

make other children more tolerant.

"I consider myself an expert at finding gifts for the developmentally disabled adult and child, but I don't limit my store to those things that only that group would find interesting," Fitzmaurice said.

She carries a line of locally made dolls with beautiful detail. Some of the dolls wear glasses, some of braces on their legs or other disability. They sell for about \$40.

Miniature wheelchairs occupied by cheery bears and dolls might make a good gift for the sibling of a handicapped child, Fitzmaurice suggests.

The Curious Child also offers a full line of sensitive books to help answer those difficult questions about puberty, going to the hospital, knowing someone who dies or is terminally ill,

Send greetings, help charities with 1 stamp

Thanksgiving is here. Time to shift gears and get ready for the biggest family time of the year.

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By buying the cards, you can make life a little brighter for youngsters cared for by agencies like the Christ

Child Society, Methodist Children's Home Society and Angel Place to name a few, organizations that help animals like the Michigan Humane Society and Michigan Animal Rescue League and groups that train canines to help the blind — Leader Dogs for the Blind — and the physically challenged — Paws with a Cause.

The cards cover a variety of styles from traditional religious depictions to

stylized drawings and caricatures, depicting the Christmas season, and several groups like the Alzheimer's Association also have a selection of cards for Hanukkah.

Offering holiday card displays are several area libraries — Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road, Farmington Community Library branches at 23500 Liberty St., Farmington, and 32737 W. 12 Mile Road,

Farmington Hills; and Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

As in previous years, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have books, containing samples of participating charities' available holiday cards, in its five offices. The books can be perused during business hours at our offices at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 33411 Grand River, Farmington; and 744 Wing St., Plymouth.



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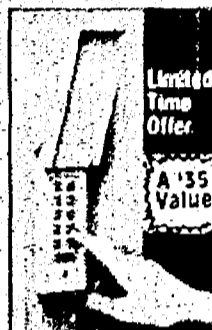
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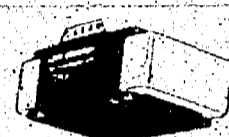
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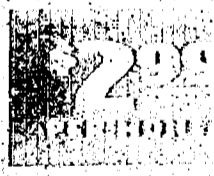
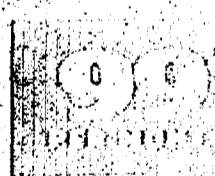
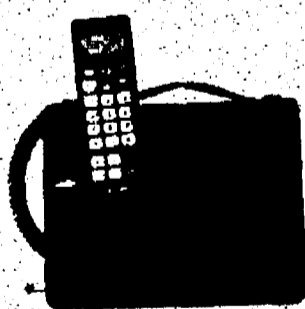
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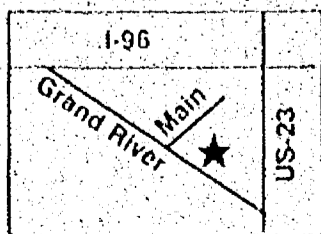


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