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# Fischer parents fight closing

Parents of Fischer Elementary School students are urging the board of education to keep the school open. Fischer is one of four elementaries recommended for closing next fall. The school board is scheduled to act on Dec. 12.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

With a decision on possible school closings looming Dec. 12, teary-eyed parents are pleading with the Wayne-Westland school board not to shut down Fischer Elementary.

Fischer is only one of four elementaries slated for possible closing, but parents from the Fischer neighborhood have become particularly vocal in their opposition.

Other elementaries being considered for closing are Stottlemeyer and

Titus schools in Westland and Monroe Elementary in Wayne.

Fischer, built in the mid-1950s, is located at 466 N. John Daly in Dearborn Heights, but it houses students from the Inkster portion of the Wayne-Westland school district.

Parent Michelle Paddock told the school board Monday night that, as a former Fischer student, she had the same teacher in third grade that her son now has as a first-grader.

"I feel I know where my son should be and what's best for him," she said, fighting back tears.

Paddock also said an addition was recently added to her house and that she "can't move" closer to another school.

Fischer students would be moved to Hicks Elementary in Inkster, little more than a mile away, under a redistricting proposal that would close four elementaries and establish new attendance boundaries.

The plan would coincide with a proposal to shift Wayne-Westland to a middle school structure. The re-

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## Preschoolers enjoy dog



Kids' companion: Kathy Prager, owner and director of the Friendship Preschool and Child Care Center, makes sure that children Regina Prager, Josh Gildea, Brandon Graytopp and Zak Zidlak get comfortable with Teddy, a St. Bernard who is a frequent visitor to the school.

# Teddy helps Friendship preschoolers learn

Youngsters in the Friendship Child Care Center and preschool program in Westland have had an under-5-year-old addition to their class in the past few months.

What makes it enjoyable is that the addition is a 5-month-old St. Bernard named Teddy who first arrived when he was nine weeks old.

Kathy Prager, the center's owner and director, said that after seeing

the comedy film "Beethoven" she decided that this was the dog she wanted for her program.

"Since I work long hours at the center, I decided I would try to take him to school with me," she said. "Teddy was an instant hit not only with the children, but also with the parents and teachers. Even the mailman stops in to give him a pat

on the head."

The dog is also used in the center in a class project on pet care. They had a chance to learn how to brush a dog, clean his ears and teeth and clip his nails, she said.

"It is wonderful therapy to have a huge, cuddly puppy to hug and ease the anxiety many children

have when their parents drop them off at the center in the morning."

Teddy also greets parents when they pick up their children in the afternoon.

The center is housed in the former Wildwood Elementary School, on Wildwood north of Palmer.

ART EMONNEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Recall drive hits another roadblock

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

A recall leader hoping to toss Wayne-Westland school board members from office hit another roadblock Wednesday morning as his proposed recall petitions were rejected by the Wayne County Elections Commission.

The three-member panel's ruling marked the second defeat since Nov.

14 for Westland recall leader Daniel Williams and his supporters, who want to oust the board for eliminating busing for junior and senior high students.

The commission decided that the petition language wasn't clear, but Williams said recall organizers won't be deterred by the second-round loss. Petitions will continue to be revised and resubmitted until the commis-

sion approves them, he said.

"If we have to go into '95, we'll do that," Williams said, following the meeting at the City County Building in Detroit.

Petitions can't be circulated for signatures until the proposed ballot language is approved by the elections commission. Recall organizers would then have a 90-day period to obtain the required signatures from 25 per-

cent of school district residents who voted in the recent gubernatorial election.

In Westland, alone, 24,091 voters cast ballots in the Nov. 8 election. And the Wayne-Westland district includes not only most of Westland, but all of Wayne and portions of Inkster and Canton Township.

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# Man is charged in attempted murder

BY DARRELL CLEM  
 STAFF WRITER

A Westland man, recently separated from his wife, faces attempted murder charges after he allegedly fired a shotgun at a man who accompanied the woman from work to her residence on Ackley, near Palmer and Wildwood, police said.

No one was shot.

Robert John Beart, 33, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing today in Westland 19th District Court to determine whether he should stand trial on charges of assault with intent to murder, felonious assault and felony firearms possession.

Beart is accused of assaulting his wife, 31, and her co-worker, 48, when they arrived at the Ackley residence after leaving work, Westland police Sgt. Tom Kubitskey said. The incident allegedly occurred at 3 a.m. Nov. 17.

The suspect, who had moved out of the house in recent weeks, was armed with a 12-gauge shotgun when he ordered his wife to tie up her co-worker, Kubitskey said.

The suspect then began to point the gun, but his wife "charged him"

only to be pushed aside, Kubitskey said. The suspect fired a single shot, but his wife's co-worker, who was sitting on a kitchen chair, dove to the floor and was missed by the bullet, the sergeant said.

Beart's wife and her co-worker then wrestled with the suspect and "overpowered" him until Westland police could be summoned to the residence, Kubitskey said. The victims received cuts and bruises but no serious injuries, he said.

Beart was arraigned Nov. 17 before Judge C. Charles Bokos, and a not

guilty plea was placed on record for him. He remains jailed in lieu of a \$250,000 bond set by Bokos.

Beart has made no statement to police, Kubitskey said.

The wife's relationship with the co-worker was described as a friendship, Kubitskey said.

Today's hearing will decide whether Beart should stand trial in Detroit Recorder's Court on the three felony charges. If convicted, he could face a maximum sentence of life in prison.



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remaining 17 elementaries would house K-5 students, while students in grades six through eight would be placed in middle schools. Ninth graders would be moved to the high schools.

Residents will have another opportunity to address the issues during public hearings scheduled

for 7 p.m. Monday at Wayne Memorial High School's Stockmeyer Auditorium and 7 p.m. Tuesday at John Glenn High School's cafeteria. The school board is expected to vote on the proposals during a 7 p.m. meeting Dec. 12 at Stockmeyer Auditorium.

Fischer parents such as James

and Sharon Taylor dominated much of Monday's meeting. The Taylors predicted that property values in the Cherry Hill Manor subdivision, where they live, will decrease as much as 20 percent if Fischer is closed.

The Taylors and other residents said many Fischer students

will have to walk past bars, party stores, strip malls and busy intersections if they are moved to Hicks Elementary.

"We care very much about our school, not just our property values," parent Debbie Bennett told school officials. "Maybe you should walk (the routes) the way our kids are going to have to."

Parent Tom Bennett warned that a child could be accidentally killed if forced to walk to Hicks.

"Is that going to be worth the money you are saving by closing down schools? I don't think so," he said.

The board would save an estimated \$1 million annually by closing the four elementaries, said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business. The board is battling a \$1.2 million deficit that is expected to increase unless cost-saving measures are implemented.

When asked Monday why Fischer is recommended for closing, school officials said Hicks Elementary has more capacity to accommodate students from the two schools.

On Tuesday, Baracy said Hicks would have an estimated K-5 population of 497 students under the redistricting/middle school proposal. Hicks now has 282 students in K-5, compared to 374 students at Fischer.

Not all students from Hicks and Fischer would be grouped together.

# Recall from page 1A

Recall organizers want to oust the board for gutting non-mandated transportation and parking lot security at the two high schools and four junior highs.

Board members Vicki Welty, Richard LeBlanc, Patricia Brown and Francis "Bud" Winter attended Wednesday's meeting. Board members Mathew McCusker, Laurel Raisanen and Debra Fowlkes did not.

Winter criticized recall organizers afterward for seeking a recall election that would cost the district \$12,000, which he called "a waste of taxpayer money."

Brown noted that she voted

against the transportation cuts and that Winter was absent when the vote was taken Sept. 12. But recall laws state that petitions have to be clear, not necessarily factual.

Welty and Raisanen aren't likely to be recalled. They can't be recalled after they enter the final six months of their four-year terms on Jan. 1.

Petitions against most board members stated the reason for recall as "elimination of secondary schools transportation and secondary schools parking lot security."

Since Winter didn't vote on the

cuts, the petition against him cited his "failure to act on alternative budget reductions to allow secondary schools transportation and secondary schools parking lot security to be restored."

Raymond Wojtowicz was the only elections commission member out of three to vote in favor of three petitions, against Fowlkes, Raisanen and Winter.

He voted against the other four petitions after attorney Richard James noted that those petitions listed board members not as elected trustees, but by their board titles of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

James, hired to represent four board members, said board members can't be listed by their officers' titles in a recall election.

# Felony charges are dismissed

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Armed robbery and felony firearms charges have been dismissed against one of three defendants accused in a gunpoint holdup of a Livonia couple outside of Westland's Best Buy electronics store on Cowan, west of Wayne Road.

Charges against Inkster defendant Victor Lawrence Deihl Jr., 26, were dropped Nov. 22 by Detroit Recorder's Judge Robert Evans after the Livonia couple failed to show up for Deihl's trial, a court clerk said.

Armed robbery trials are pending in February for co-defendants Ricardo Dolemite Donald, 24, of Inkster, and Emmett Jodyjohn Wilder, 22, of Dearborn Heights.

Deihl was accused of carrying a .357-caliber Colt revolver during a robbery that the Livonia couple said occurred at 6:45 p.m. Nov. 28, 1993, outside of Best Buy.

With the victims failing to appear for Deihl's trial, Judge Evans dismissed the case without prejudice, meaning that police can renew charges against Deihl, Westland police Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

Stobbe said he will continue to pursue the case, even though the Livonia victims have moved out of state.

During a preliminary hearing last December, Leo Porter testified that he and his wife, Roxanne, parked their van in the Best Buy parking lot and started to go inside when a gun-toting man approached and demanded money. Porter gave the man a small leather bag.

The bag was later mailed to Porter with only \$23 missing.

Roxanne Porter testified that she was chased across the parking lot by Wilder, whom she said yelled at her to "get back here."

The Porters' earlier testimony against the defendants was supported by statements made by a Best Buy employee who was outside when the robbery allegedly occurred.

The employee reported seeing two suspects get out of black Mustang while a third suspect, identified as Donald by police, remained in the driver seat. All three men later fled in the car, but were arrested by Livonia police a short time later on I-96.

# Man gets prison in molesting case

A Westland man who pleaded guilty to sexually molesting his 14-year-old stepdaughter has been sentenced to prison for three to 15 years, a Detroit Recorder's Court clerk said.

John Joseph Garland, 35, who was charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct, was sentenced after pleading guilty on Nov. 21, the same day his trial was scheduled to begin.

Garland, sentenced by Judge Vera Massey Jones, was charged after he was accused of perform-

ing various sex acts on the stepdaughter.

The girl was 14, but she appeared even younger because she is developmentally delayed, Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore said.

Garland had been ordered in August to stand trial after he voluntarily waived a preliminary hearing before Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight. But his decision to plead guilty Nov. 21 averted the trial.

# Students learn about heart

At an age when most children are just learning to read and write, elementary pupils in Livonia Public Schools also are learning about the heart through an American Heart Association program called "Getting to Know Your Heart."

The program is for students in grades 1-6 in the district which serves the northern section of Westland.

"Getting to Know Your Heart" teaches children to establish heart-healthy habits they can follow all their lives, with the goal of preventing heart disease.

"This program is particularly

important because new research indicates that heart disease can start at an early age," said Marilyn Simansek, education chairwoman and volunteer for the West Central Wayne Division of the American Heart Association.

The program is effective because it offers a hands-on learning experience and because the materials are fun to use, said Simansek. Children can listen to their own heart beat as well as classmates with the stethoscope provided in the kit.

Students also can learn to trace the blood flow through the heart and the rest of the body through worksheets and puzzles.

## Yule ceremonies set

With Thanksgiving out of the way, can Christmas events be close by? There are several planned next week by the city of Westland and the Friends of the Mill.

The first will be the welcoming of Santa Claus at the city of Westland's annual tree lighting ceremony, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, on the front lawn of City Hall, on Ford between Wayne Road and Newburgh. There will be caroling and refreshments at the central fire station, located just east of City Hall. Part of the ceremony will be a "What Does Christmas Mean to You" essay contest for local elementary school students.

The Friends of the Mill will hold their annual Christmas

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lighting ceremony at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the historic mill on Ann Arbor Trail east of Farmington Road. The group dropped its ceremony last winter because of the construction of an addition and related renovations to the building.

The special guest for the mill ceremony is Amyre Makupson, Channel 50-TV co-anchorwoman. Co-sponsoring the ceremony is the county parks department.

## Story hour

The Westland parks and recreation department will hold a story hour with Santa Claus 10-

# High schools have similar ACT scores

BY DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Seeking to erase perceptions that John Glenn High students receive a better education than their Wayne Memorial counterparts, officials Monday released American College Test scores showing similar results for the two schools.

Superintendent Larry Thomas cited no significant difference between the schools in terms of academic programs offered.

Moreover, he commended students at both schools for posting 1993-94 ACT scores that are similar to national averages.

"We are very proud that our students are scoring at the national average," Thomas announced publicly during a school board meeting.

School officials have criticized public statements made by some parents, who don't want their students moved from John Glenn to Wayne Memorial under a proposed redistricting plan.

Some students could be moved next fall to balance enrollments. John Glenn, with 1,650 students, has 449 more students than Wayne Memorial's 1,201 enrollment, based on the most recent Fourth Friday count, said Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration.

The latest overall ACT results show that John Glenn students scored 20.6 compared to Wayne Memorial's 19.4. The national average was 20.8 on a scale that reaches to 36 points, according to the John Glenn counselors' office.

Fifty percent of John Glenn students took the ACT, compared to 38 percent of Wayne Memorial students, according to the administration.

Officials also released a high school comparison of 1993-94 results on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test, though much less attention was paid publicly to those less flattering scores.

In 10th-grade MEAP scores released by the administration, John Glenn scored 45.7 percent out of a possible 100 in science, outpacing Wayne Memorial's 35.1 percent but falling short of the statewide 51.3 percent.

In math, John Glenn posted an 18.1 percent score, far outpacing Wayne Memorial's 7.9 percent, according to scores released by the administration. The statewide average was 26.9 percent, the administration said.

In reading, John Glenn scored 40.3 percent, compared to 28 percent for Wayne Memorial and 42.5 percent for the state as a whole.

like on a snowy Christmas day. Deadline for entries is Dec. 19.

## Skating time

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood and Hunter, will have a "Skate with Santa" program 1-2:45 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, with music to be provided by the Gold Tones. Admission is \$2.50 for persons 17 and younger; \$3 for adults and \$2 for skate rentals. To save 50 cents off the admission, persons may bring a can or box of food for the needy. For those interested in skating lessons, the arena will register students 4-6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, and 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 10, at the arena. Classes will start Jan. 7. Fee is \$35. Classes are available for persons 4 and older.

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# Wildwood students go for a lonnnnnnnnggg lunch

**E**ight Wildwood School pupils enjoyed a special treat for lunch last week.

They were driven to lunch in a limo.

The limo ride and leisurely lunch at a McDonald's restaurant came after the eight pupils had their names picked in a drawing. They were eligible for the drawing for selling at least \$25 in a PTA-sponsored fund-raiser earlier this year coordinated by Alice Gray.

The eight lucky pupils were Richard Yoon, Mikell Manley and Chris Miller, in the school district's preschool program housed at Wildwood; first grader Sean Mills, second grader Heather Christian, second grader Barbie McClung, third grader Lauren Stein and fifth grader Darrell Maier.

Accompanying the youngsters on the trip was principal Sharon Thomas-Brown.

Gambino's Limousine Service provided the Lincoln vehicle.



**Limo ride:** Wildwood School students are excited about their limo ride last week.

GLY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

# Board delays special education payment to county

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school officials are withholding the first payment on a three-year, \$4.3-million bill that the county says is owed to help pay for special education programs.

The county is charging Wayne County districts \$66 million over three years to offset burgeoning costs for 48 county-run special education programs, seven of which are based in Wayne-Westland, said Patricia Brand, local assistant superintendent for business.

The programs serve mentally and physically impaired students up to age 26, she said.

Balking at a \$55,625 payment, Wayne-Westland school board members said during a meeting Monday night they want assurances that county costs won't

continue to skyrocket. The \$4.3 million tab facing local officials has helped to push the district into a \$1.2 million deficit.

Upset because the county's shortfall has added to Wayne-Westland's deficit, board member Laurel Raisanen suggested balk-

ing at the \$55,625 payment until county school officials take steps "that will make me believe they're containing their costs."

Raisanen opposed paying out K-12 education dollars to the county until local officials can be convinced that the problem won't continue "and snowball for years and years to come."

Raisanen won immediate support from her colleagues.

"There has to be some plan to control this kind of thing so that we can run business here," board member Francis "Bud" Winter said.

Some districts with budget surpluses are already paying their portion of the county bill, Superintendent Larry Thomas said, but Wayne-Westland spent its surplus last year to maintain school programs during a period of financial decline.

To pay for the special education services, the county levies a

2-mill tax and receives about \$5,400 per pupil in annual state aid, Brand said. But actual per-pupil expenses can top \$25,000, she said.

"The costs have been escalating faster than the revenues," Brand said.

Wayne-Westland has no formal contract with the county for the special education programs, but Thomas said that the two sides have an agreement and that the services aren't at risk of being shut down.

Several districts, including Wayne-Westland, have hired an attorney in hopes of arranging an official contract with the county, Thomas said Monday. Moreover, districts belonging to the Michigan Association for Improved School Legislation (MAISL) are seeking ways to address the problem.

# Nature trail area will be preserved

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland environmentalists have won a decisive round in their efforts to block the potential development of a 64-acre nature area, known as Sassafas Trails, northeast of Palmer and Wildwood.

The land's owner, the Wayne-Westland school board, pledged Monday night to delay any decision on possibly selling the property.

A citizens group, Friends of Sassafas Trails, is asking the state to acquire property rights that would protect the land.

"It would be a very sad thing to see that preserve go," group leader Vicki Maple said.

Under the latest proposal, the state would pay the district for the property if local school officials would sign a contract promising never to sell the land, Superintendent Larry Thomas said.

The local district would retain ownership of Sassafas Trails, and environmentalists are hoping to spark a renewed interest in using the land to teach students about nature.

"We see Sassafas Trails as a potential for expanding our science and mathematics programs in the school district," Maple said. "We would hate to see this land sold, period, to any developer."

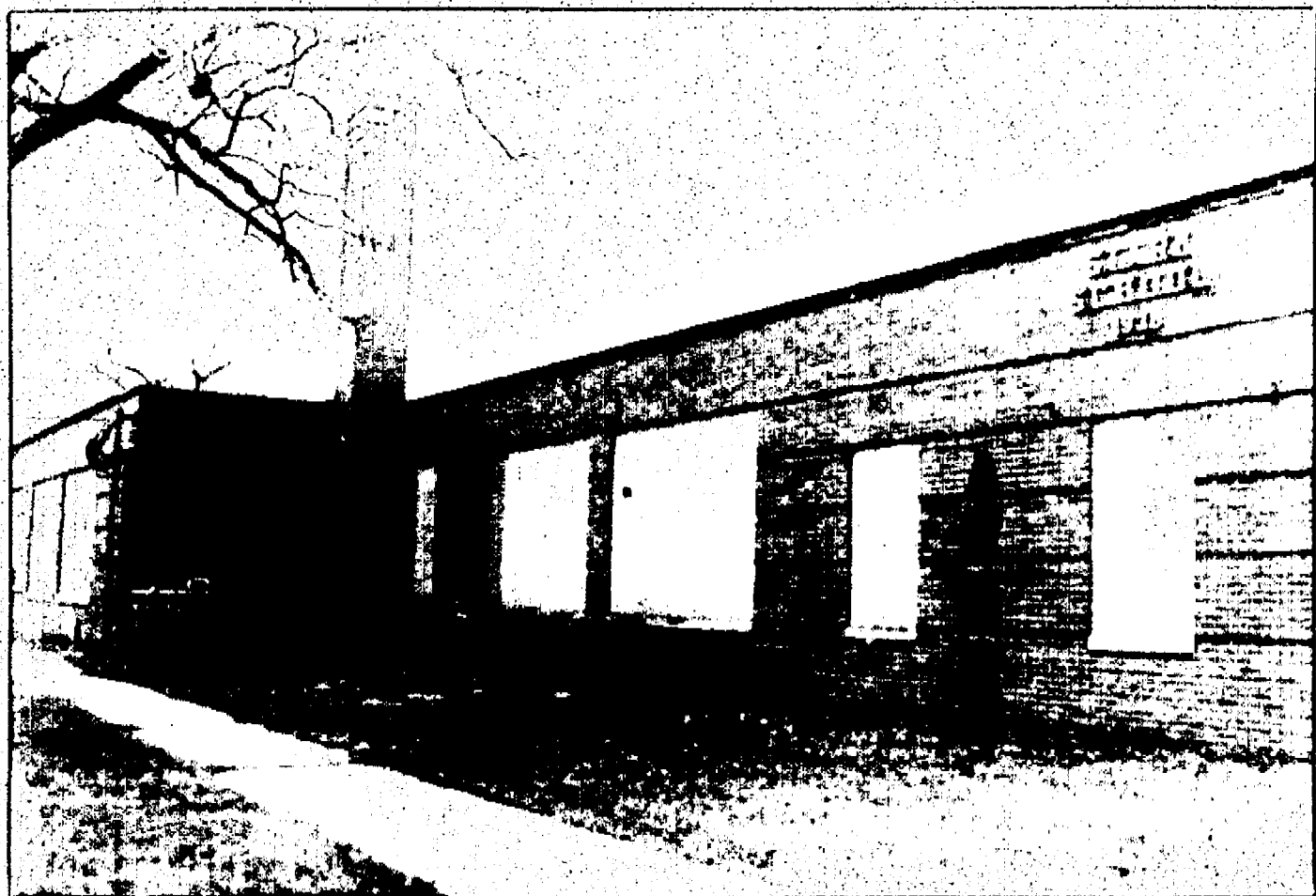
About a year ago, school officials began discussing the possible sale of Sassafas Trails and other properties to ease a persistent money crunch. The district now has a \$1.2 million deficit.

But environment-conscious residents who live near the land came to its rescue, pleading with school officials not to allow the property to be developed. Most school board members have since indicated that they won't vote to sell the land.

Friends of Sassafas Trails developed a lengthy report about the land and submitted it to the school board in September. The

report delved into the property's history and suggested that more emphasis should be placed on using the land for environmental education.

On Monday, Maple stressed that Sassafas Trails can give students a hands-on look at the environment. Such studies could never be captured in textbooks alone, she said, because books can become outdated.



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Soon to fall:** Stark School, once an elementary school for Livonia Public Schools, will soon be demolished. Homes will be built on the 4 1/2 acre site on Stark and Pinetree.

# Subdivision to replace Stark

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

Stark School, a long-closed landmark building near Edward Hines Drive, will soon be demolished to make way for a new subdivision built by Cambourne Construction Engineering of Livonia.

The construction of up to 17 homes on 4.5 acres of mostly vacant land at Stark and Pinetree hinges on several factors, said David Watson, director of operations for Livonia Public Schools, owner of Stark School. The district serves the northern section of Westland.

These factors include getting the land rezoned to residential and getting the necessary approvals from the city for the subdivision. Once preliminary plot approval is given, Cambourne has 18 months to complete the project, according to the agreement between the district and Cambourne.

"We don't want to turn it over to them and then have them sit on it," Watson said.

The Livonia school board is expected to approve the agreement tonight (Thursday).

Under the agreement, the district will retain title to the land until Cambourne does all the work necessary to improve the land. Improvements include the demolition of the brick school building, the building of a road into the property, and installing all required utilities. They will be done at no cost to the district.

Under the arrangement, the district will keep four of the 17 lots once the land is improved. The lots will be used by students in a home construction course at the Livonia Career Center.

"They do all the work and we

retain ownership until the work is done," Watson said. "Then we will quitclaim the land to them."

"We will get improved lots back for the students to build homes on. There will be four vacant lots left in there for us to build on."

The arrangement means that "no physical dollars" will be exchanged for the land transfer between the district and Cambourne, Watson said.

He estimated the value of the lots at about \$30,000 each, and the value of the homes to be built at between \$110,000-\$130,000.

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# Hart sentencing bill must wait 'til 95, says GOP chair

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Wait 'til next year, the state Senate told Sen. George Z. Hart Tuesday as he tried to tack stiffer prison sentences for parolees on a technical bill.

"I have no problem with the concept," said Senate Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorte, R-Jenison. "But the effect he (Hart) seeks to accomplish is in

effect now. I pledge to my friend, Sen. Hart, it will be an important part of the agenda next year."

Hart, D-Deerborn, seeks to write more clearly into the law books longer prison sentences for parolees who commit new crimes. Under bills Hart introduced in September, re-offending parolees would have to serve (1) the remainder of their maximum prison sentences followed by (2) a sen-

tence for the new crime they committed on parole.

Complained Hart: "The Department of Corrections is appealing this in the Supreme Court. You (VanRegenmorte) gave me your word six months ago it would get a (Judiciary Committee) hearing."

The Corrections Department is appealing a lower court ruling in the case of Gregory Young, who has 15 felony convictions on his record. The department wants the Supreme Court to say that parolees who commit new crimes should serve only the minimum sentence for the new crime — not the remaining sentence for the old crime — before becoming eligible for parole again.

If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the Corrections Department's appeal, a ruling will take a year. Meanwhile, some 700 convicts are serving the long consecutive sentences Hart advocates.

VanRegenmorte said Hart's

bills weren't introduced until September, just prior to the Legislature's campaign break, and there was no time to hold hearings.

VanRegenmorte said it would be dangerous to tack Hart's bills onto the technical bill because "the tie-bar will sink truth-in-sentencing. The House is determined to reduce prison sentences."

Hart's amendment was rejected 13-20 on nearly a party-line vote.

Supporting Hart's amendment were area Democrats William Faust of Westland and Lana Pollock of Ann Arbor.

Opposing Hart were area Republicans Fred Dillingham of Fowlerville, Michael Bouchar of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Robert Geake of Northville, David Hongiman of West Bloomfield and John Schwarz of Battle Creek.

Among five absentees was Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills.

On final passage, the VanRegenmorte bill — which moves up the effective date of the truth-in-sentencing law from April to Jan. 1, 1995 — was adopted 32-1. It goes to the House, which may approve it by Dec. 31 adjournment time.

Lone dissenter was Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, who objected: "What you have effectively done is build a new prison."

Effect of the longer prison sentences, combined with defeat of Welborn's boot camp bill, will be to add 400 more prisoners to the Corrections Department's system, he said.

"That's one new prison, with a capital outlay of \$50 million to \$60 million, plus operating costs," Welborn warned.

Welborn's bill would have allowed more defendants convicted of non-violent crimes to go to 120-day, military-style boot camps. At first it appeared his bill had won on a 28-6 vote. Faust was the only

area senator to vote no.

But Faust, retiring from the Senate after 28 years, noted that Welborn's bill amended a 1978 law approved by voters limiting "good time" for inmates. As such, said Faust, Welborn's bill required a three-fourths vote of each chamber for passage, not a simple majority.

Faust's objection sent presiding officer Schwarz, as president pro tem, to his law books and calculator. "The senator is correct. This needs 28.5 votes," Schwarz said. He ruled the Welborn bill had failed.

Supporters vowed to try again once they could round up missing senators — Faxon, who is retiring; Gil DiNello, D-Eastpointe, who was defeated for re-election; Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, a lame duck who had left the floor; and Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood, who also had left the floor.

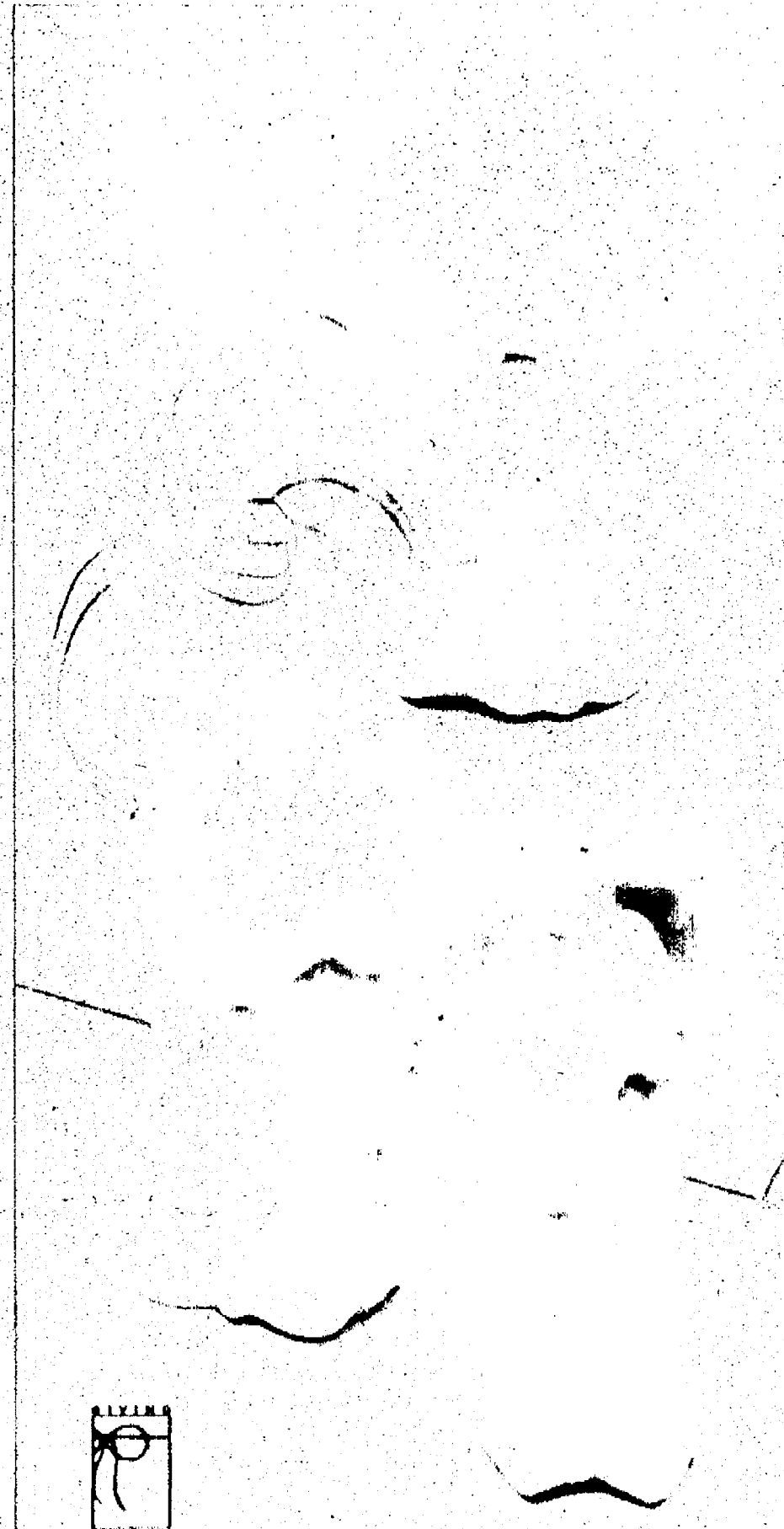
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## OBITUARIES

## CHARLES DUMA

Services for Mr. Duma, 89, of Garden City were Nov. 30 from St. John the Baptist Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church, Detroit, with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Duma died of congestive heart failure Nov. 26 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born July 16, 1914, in Detroit, he moved to Garden City in 1956 and owned Garden City Shows, a traveling carnival which performed in Indiana, Ohio and southern states as well as Michigan, from 1972 to 1980. For the previous 40 years, he performed with many carnival com-

panies. After his retirement, he was secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Show Association.

Survivors include: son Kenneth; daughters Marilyn Clarke and Rosandra Sedam; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife of 52 years, Helen, died in 1989.

Arrangements were by the John Santeu and Son Funeral Home, Garden City.

## ANTONIO "TONY" O. TEICHMAN

A Masonic service for Mr. Teichman, 85, of Westland was held

Nov. 30 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery, Southfield. Rev. Neil Cowling officiated.

Mr. Teichman died Nov. 27 in Garden City Hospital. Born Nov. 16, 1909, in Circleville, Texas, he was a retired Ford Motor Co. engine production control employee at its Dearborn plant; a Tiger Stadium usher for more than 30 years; member of the Pingree Lodge of the Czechoslovakian Society of America for more than 50 years; charter member of the Walnut Lake Boat Club and a life member of Eastgate Lodge 508 of

the Point Temple, F&AM.

Survivors include: Gertrude, his wife of 49 years; son Jeffrey of Westland and brothers Louis of Allen Park and Alfred of Dearborn Heights.

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## ANNA S. NOZEWSKI

Services for Mrs. Nozewska of Westland were Nov. 28 from St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland, with burial in St. Hedwig

Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. Rev. John Hall officiated.

Mrs. Nozewska died Nov. 25 in Garden City. Born in Detroit, she was a homemaker and member of St. Richard Church.

Survivors include: husband, Frank; sons, Thomas of Ecorse, Gerald of Westland and Richard of Plymouth; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister Estelle Cisko of Detroit, and Walter Zarzycki of Detroit.

Memorials may be donated in the form of mass offerings at St. Richard Church.

Arrangements were Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland.

## MORENE ELEANOR RUTH LEACH

Services for Mrs. Leach, 79, of Rochester Hills and a member of the Nankin Chapter of Order of Eastern Star, PTA and Wayne Historical Society, were Nov. 26 from Uhl Funeral Home, Westland, followed by cremation. Rev. Raymond Zips officiated.

Mrs. Leach died Nov. 23 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born June 22, 1915, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: husband, Clarence (Jack); sons, Henry and John; daughter, Martha Needham and six grandchildren.

## Music store owner is irked by ordinance restrictions

BY TEDD SCHNEIDER  
STAFF WRITER

The owner of a resale music store believes complying with a city of Livonia ordinance for used compact discs is costly and unnecessary.

While policy varies at other area music outlets, some western Wayne County stores have begun taking detailed information from people selling CDs to avoid buying stolen merchandise.

Also, a trade association recommends retailers demand a driver's license and credit card — along

with a signed statement that the materials belong to the seller — before accepting them.

An attorney representing Warren Westfall, owner of the Record Collector at Eight Mile and Grand River, said adopting such a policy could put him out of business.

"It's cost-prohibitive. He would have to hire one-two full-time employees just to keep track" of CD transactions, said attorney Mark Chapman.

Chapman has asked the Livonia City Council to exempt CDs,

records and tapes from its ordinance on second-hand merchandise dealers. The law requires dealers to keep a detailed log of transactions and take a thumbprint of sellers.

The information is then turned over to police.

Council members voted 6-0 last week denying the request, but agreed to take up the general subject in a future committee meeting.

The Record Collector received a violation notice from the city in-

spection department last month.

The notice orders the store to obtain a license as a second-hand merchandise dealer (\$50 annually) and comply with the record-keeping provisions. Livonia Police said the law helps deter fencing operations for stolen goods from locating in the city.

An increasing number of compact discs are reported stolen in home and car burglaries, police said.

Area dealers pay \$2-\$4 for most used discs, depending on title and condition, store managers said.

At Repeat the Beat in Plymouth, sellers don't receive cash but are offered other CDs in trade.

"We try to police it ourselves," said David Haupt, manager of Repeat the Beat in Plymouth.

"If somebody calls us and lets us know their collection has been stolen, we look out for those (titles)."

Haupt said the store doesn't ask for identification or keep a log.

Neither does Music Music in Garden City. A spokesman said suspicious-looking merchandise doesn't turn up very often at the small store.

But Desirable Discs II in Dearborn keeps a log where sellers sign their name and address, said owner Ann Garbus.

"If there are initials on the disc you have to prove those are your initials before we buy it."

The Independent Music Retailers Association suggested guidelines for purchasing used

CDs in a recent newsletter.

The guidelines say it is advisable to:

■ Have all sellers fill out detailed forms stating where the CDs are from, that they are the true owners and have a right to sell them;

■ Make sure the form is signed in your presence;

■ Get a picture ID (driver's license) and a credit card number from the seller.

"These are important precautions, because if you are hauled into court, you can prove that you took reasonable precautions against buying stolen merchandise," the bulletin said.

Westfall earlier said his store is no different than a collectibles store that sells baseball cards or a used book shop. Those types of businesses are exempt from the ordinance.

## Urology Specialists open office

Urology Specialists of Michigan has opened an office in the Marian Professional Building adjacent to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

Board-certified urologists Gerald F. Conway, M.D., John R. Lichtwardt, M.D., Donald F. Moylan, M.D., and William F. Spencer, M.D., are on staff at both St. Mary Hospital and Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Urology Specialists of Michigan treat all aspects of general urology, including problems of the prostate, male and female urinary tract conditions, kidney stones, male infertility, and male sexual dysfunction.

In addition, the treatment of urologic cancers, such as those affecting the prostate, kidney and

**■ The treatment of urologic cancers, such as those affecting the prostate, kidney and bladder, is a special focus of the practice.**

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Conway earned his medical degree at the University of Iowa and completed his residency at Harper Hospital in Detroit. He also served a fellowship at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

Lichtwardt earned his medical degree from Washington Univer-

sity in St. Louis, Mo., and completed his residency at Wayne County General Hospital in Wayne.

Moylan graduated from Wayne State University School of Medicine and served his residency at Case Western Reserve Medical Center in Cleveland.

Spencer earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan and served his residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland. He also completed a fellowship at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md.

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# Exec to SMART: Scale back demand

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

L. Brooks Patterson says the suburban bus system is likely to get \$4.5 million in new revenue next year — not the \$60 million being requested by its general manager.

"I don't think the public in the tri-county area or in Oakland County is willing to support a tax to the tune of \$60 million to support a merger of DDOT (Detroit's Department of Transportation) and SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority, the suburban bus system)," said Patterson, the Oakland County executive.

"That number (\$60 million) was arrived at, quite frankly, among the Big Four (executives of Oakland and Wayne counties, chairman of Macomb County, mayor of Detroit).

"Dennis Archer, the mayor of Detroit, said 'I'm subsidizing my bus system to the tune of \$30 million, so I want \$30 million out of the pot.' So if Detroit wants \$30 million and the suburbs want \$30 million, that's your \$60 million."

"We're just never going to reach it. I buy into that (need for public transportation). I don't buy that it takes \$60 million to achieve it. If we learned anything (Nov. 8), it's make do with what you've got, Lansing and Oakland County, don't ask for more."

"There's going to be a gas tax (increase). It won't be the 15 cents floated by the County Road Association. Maybe five cents. Whatever the governor says he needs, I'll support — no more, no less."

"For every penny that goes up, the SMART system gets \$900,000. So five times nine is \$4.5 million. That's what we're going to get."

Patterson, the frequently pugnacious prosecutor of Oakland County for 16 years (1972-88), is in his first term as county executive and part of the Big Four that oversees public transportation. He was interviewed for the Nov. 27 "Spotlight on News" program on WXYZ-TV.

Michael Duggan, acting general manager of SMART and deputy Wayne County executive, told the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments late last summer that it would take \$60 million in new revenue to accomplish the merger of SMART with Detroit's system and to extend the bus system to employment areas competing for workers.

Duggan cited the Chrysler Tech Park in Auburn Hills and the area in Livonia east of Middlebelt Road as places seeking workers who lacked public transportation to get there. During the interview, the West Oaks area of Novi also was cited for paying employees



**Revenue:** Michael Duggan, acting general manager of SMART, told SEMCOG late last summer that it would take \$60 million in new revenue to accomplish the merger and extend the bus system.



**Oakland Exec:** L. Brooks Patterson says the suburban bus system is likely to get \$4.5 million in new revenue next year — not the \$60 million being requested by Duggan.

bounties to recruit new workers. Patterson agreed Oakland's economy is spectacular.

"They are paying bounties. — \$1,000 for engineers. California has 460,000 designers and engineers (laid off from the aerospace industry). We're bringing back people to fill the jobs. As county exec, I've got to have workers for those jobs, or the jobs will go right back to California," Patterson said.

"According to the University of Michigan, which does a research project into our county every year, we will create 52,000 new jobs, which is 47 percent of all the new jobs in Michigan."

"It's just exploding out there. The economy is humming. I just get out of the way. But as we create growth, we create stress on the infrastructure.

"Right now Oakland County has retail sales greater than 17 states."

On other matters, Patterson said:

■ In 1994 the county froze wages and eliminated more than 200 positions to balance its budget — and was rewarded with an improved credit rating on Wall Street.

■ He will support Kathy Longo over Pat Hardy for Oakland Republican chair replacing Birmingham attorney Jim Alexander.

■ He's undecided about a State Bar proposal to create one "trial court," replacing circuit, probate, recorders and district courts. And he's against the plan by state Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, to take supervision of Friend of the Court operations away from the circuit courts and place it under general county government.

■ There's "not a chance" he would support casino gambling in Oakland County. "Good luck, Dennis. I wouldn't want to build my economy on a casino," he said.

■ His 1996 political interest is a second term as Oakland County executive, not U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's seat, and he has no favorite for the GOP presidential nomination.

# Ex-husbands protest court order bills

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Senate was ready late this week to adopt the remaining domestic-violence bills on its agenda — over the protests of two ex-husbands who said their child-visitation rights weren't protected.

"It creates frustration on a denied parent, and it's unfair to children," said Gary Amman of the Non-Custodial Parents and Grandparents' Organization in Grand Rapids.

But Senate Judiciary Chair William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, told Amman his problem was with the courts, not the Legislature's efforts to protect women from ex-husbands and ex-lovers. "I have some sympathy with your concerns, but they're not part of the domestic violence (problem)," the senator said Tuesday as his panel approved all bills in the package and sent them to the Senate floor.

VanRegenmorter said he expected the House, which is working on similar bills, to be able to adopt them before the Legislature adjourns Dec. 31.

**■ Kathleen Hagenian, of Ann Arbor's Domestic Violence Project, said the men's objections weren't valid because 'these (PPO) orders do not interfere with custody or visitation rights. A judge won't issue an order that conflicts with a visitation order.'**

The package of bills requires circuit courts to issue "personal protection orders" to keep "ex's" from assaulting, "entering the homes of, removing minor children in violation of custody agreements from, and bothering at work their former wives and lovers.

"Personal protection order" is the new term for what has been called a permanent injunction or temporary restraining order. Under the 1994 legislation, judges would have little power to refuse the request; police would have to enter the PPO information into the LEIN (law enforcement information network); and the PPO could be issued "ex parte" — that is, without the defendant's presence at the hearing.

One of the bills is sponsored by Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. It would require the State Court Administrator's Office to design a short form a fearful person could use to petition a judge for a PPO without an attorney.

Kathleen Hagenian, of Ann Arbor's Domestic Violence Project, said the men's objections weren't valid because "these (PPO) orders do not interfere with custody or visitation rights. A judge won't issue an order that conflicts with a visitation order."

The Grand Rapids men — Amman and Stanley Stempleski — had bad stories to tell, however, about judges.

"PPOs limit people who want to see their children," said Am-

man. "Your bills don't recognize support of visitation (rights). I had an ex parte domestic restraining order issued for trying to get a visitation order. How am I supposed to protect my time with my children?"

"You're pushing these things through awfully fast," objected Stempleski. "With your injunctions, we have nothing to protect people's constitutional rights."

Stempleski, who said he was divorced in 1986, said, "I've had numerous ex parte injunctions issued against me. Woe be to anybody who asks a hearing (before the judge to lift the order) because you piss off the judge and get a kangaroo court."

"I appealed a five-year injunction. It's been sitting in the Court of Appeals for three years," said Stempleski. He said the Kent County judge in his case accepted affidavits from his ex-wife that weren't notarized and denied him a transcript of the hearing.

"We're not in a position to act as an appellate court," replied VanRegenmorter. The bills were reported out on 3-0 votes.

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## Kids can visit Santa at Hines Park lightfest

Jolly ol' St. Nick will be visiting children of all ages at Wayne County Lightfest night-ly through the holiday season.

Santa's temporary castle will be at the Warrendale picnic area at the end of Wayne County Lightfest, the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show. Photos with Santa and food concessions are available.

The spectacular display winds along four miles of Hines Drive in the Middle Rouge Parkway. News

donated by corporate sponsors and new tree lighting have added sparkle to this year's event.

The lightfest is open nightly from 7 to 10 p.m. through Jan. 1, except Dec. 25. Traffic enters Hines Drive at Merriman Road in Westland and travels one way, eastbound, exiting at Warren Ave. just east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights.

A donation of \$5 per car will help raise funds to keep the parks operating and maintained. For more information, call the Wayne County Park System at (313) 261-1990.

# Lifesaving decisions

## Documentary tells of need for organ donors

BY MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

What do U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, the Rev. Jim Holley and radio personality Dick Purtan have in common?

The trio has independently made the same lifesaving decision — to be organ donors. All three also appear in a new video documentary, "Legacy, the Gift of Life."

The 27-minute film produced by Bob Senglaub, a kidney recipient, is a film that brings the subject of donation out of the hospital and into the living room.

Donor families, recipients, doctors and people waiting for organs share their stories. The message is simple: donation is a wonderful legacy, but you must discuss your wishes with family members.

Shortly after completing the

film, Senglaub died of a heart attack. The Gift of Life agency has picked up where he left off and in making the film available to groups and individuals wanting more information free of charge.

Michael Cosgriff of Farmington Hills knows too well the importance of organ donation. He is one of more than 32,000 people across the country currently waiting for a transplant. In Michigan that translates to about 1,500 people waiting for a vital organ.

"Four years ago I had a bad heart attack," said Cosgriff, who is 53 and totally disabled. "Doctors hoped that eventually part of my heart's functioning would come back, but it didn't. My heart is only 18 percent functional."

That means stairs are too much work; everyday chores are too taxing.

"I'm always short of breath and my stamina is very limited," he said.

After 29 years as a homemaker, Cosgriff's wife had to go back to school and re-enter the workforce.

"It's rough," he said. "We have a daughter, she's going to Eastern (Michigan University) majoring in speech pathology. She's doing real well."

Cosgriff has been on the waiting list for a donor heart for 32 months now.

"I probably would have had one by now, but my antibodies are extremely high. We have to get the numbers down before I can get a new heart," he said. "Otherwise I might not make it off the table."

"I'm on an experimental drug and doing OK. You get up, you do the best you can. I take it one day at a time. I'm always glad to see the sun. It means I've made it for another day."

Every year, 2,000 people on the national waiting list die because no organ is available. In Michigan, several die each month while waiting. Filmmaker Senglaub wanted to do what he could to help the number of organ transplants rise.

"Studies consistently show that a great majority of the population favor organ donation and would want their organs donated," said Tom Beyerdorf, executive director of the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan.

"The problem is they don't tell family members, who at the time of death are asked to make that decision. Legacy encourages family members to sit down with family and say 'I want to be an organ donor.'"

Copies of Legacy: The Gift of Life can be ordered by calling the Gift of Life Agency of Michigan at (800) 482-4881.

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# Proposal A reflects national trend

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Michigan's 1994 school finance reform was part of a broader national trend away from local to state funding, a University of Michigan economist said.

"The trend is away from the property tax to anything and everything else," added Paul Courant, U-M professor, at last week's annual seminar on quantitative economics.

"It was especially interesting because there is an enormously strong tradition of local finance and local decision in Michigan," Courant said.

"As an economist, I believe he who pays the piper calls the tune," he said, predicting stronger state supervision of public K-12 education.

Before the Proposal A changes

approved last March by voters, Michigan ranked third (behind New Hampshire and Oregon) in the percentage of school funding that came from the local level. "It was in the top handful of states in property taxes per \$1,000 of personal disposable income," he added.

Proposal A, a constitutional amendment and a package of legislative bills, drastically cut locally levied property taxes for school operations from a statewide average of 34 mills to 6 mills on residences and 18 on non-residential property.

Voters replaced the \$7 billion in lost revenue with a two-cents increase (to six cents) in the sales tax, a tripling of the cigarette tax (to 75 cents a pack) and other non-income taxes.

Effects of the massive school

finance reform, Courant said, were:

- A "small potatoes" change toward regressivity in the overall tax package. The sales tax will be less stable as a revenue source than the property tax used to be.
- A hefty revenue increase for poorer school districts, which will be brought up to \$5,000 per pupil.
- Little change for districts spending \$5,500 to \$6,500 per pupil.
- Downward pressure on districts — largely in the southern Oakland suburbs — spending more than \$6,500 per pupil. They must vote local tax increases if they wish to preserve their spending differentials.
- Little help for Detroit schools. State treasurer Douglas Roberts noted the reform of operations funding didn't stop Detroit voters

from voting a \$1.5 billion capital improvement bond issue on Nov. 8.

Asked if the massive effort to equalize per-pupil funding will result in equalizing of student outcomes, Courant said the answer is "very unclear" because little correlation has been found between high spending and high student outcomes.

Courant, a Princeton University Ph.D. who has lived 10 years in Michigan, called the new "charter" school system "a wild card" in its impact on schooling but of little significance fiscally.

Charter schools may appear cheaper, he said, "because they can hire teachers without a whole lot of seniority. They're not cream-skimming, but they do have students with high motivation and strong parental input."

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KAREN MEIER

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Now I'm about to divulge some refrigerator information which is very personal and more than likely quite damaging. It's about what else is inside. I'm going way out on a limb here by telling you this. But here goes.

Up until Saturday afternoon my refrigerator had several grams of Cajase stored in it. That's right, Cajase. It pains me and shames me to admit it to you. Years ago I never thought this could happen. I was just not the type to be caught up in such a thing. But you know what? It's just like they say on TV, one thing led to another and before I knew it, boom, I was in it, up to my eyebrows. And to break away is tough.

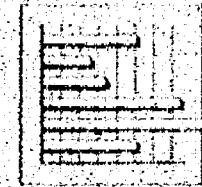
If my dear mother knew about my possession of Cajase it would tear her apart. Actually, when I think of it, during her visits these past few months she probably saw it in there, in my refrigerator, and just couldn't bring herself to believe her own daughter was capable of such a thing. As for my husband and children, they just look the other way. They don't want anything to

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

'Pop' goes this All American

The sound of corn popping is music to the ears of four entrepreneurs who have decided what the western suburbs need is a good popcorn company.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



When the buzzer sounds, Dave Wdowiak is off and running. The buzzer means a sale and sales are what Wdowiak and his

three partners are pushing for at the All American Popcorn Company in Livonia.

The new kids on the block when it comes to popcorn supplies and related snack foods, All American opened its doors in October with hopes of meeting the popcorn-loving needs of the western suburbs.

And while it's been a slow start, the quartet of entrepreneurs say a bit of smart marketing has helped get the word out about All American.

"We took 4-pound bags of popcorn to our neighbors to share the fruits of our labor and tell them what we do and how we do it," said partner Mike Millington. "The businesses were shocked to get something like that free of charge, and 50 percent of them have been in to purchase popcorn or buy gifts."

"And everyday there seems to be more volume and more smiling customers."

"It's going slow, but it's going good," added Wdowiak.

The idea for the company has its roots in the Southfield Business Network. Millington, a Dearborn Heights resident, along with partner Dick Laramore of Livonia belonged to the organization and that's where the two started talking popcorn.



JIM JACQUELLE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Popping sound: Dick Laramore (from left), Don Artushin, Mike Millington and Dave Wdowiak are the bosses and employees at the All American Popcorn Company in Livonia.

Millington's background is sales - 30 years in pharmaceuticals and snack foods, while Laramore owned several restaurants, including the Landmark in Dearborn Heights, and currently an Auto One in that community.

Chain reaction

It was a case of one thing leading to another. Laramore talked to Wdowiak, a Canton resident and lineman for Detroit Edison with experience in sporting goods, who in

turn talked to Don Artushin of Livonia, also a Edison lineman.

It took two tries to get a building. The first location, they said, couldn't be brought up to Federal Department of Agriculture standards and city of Livonia codes. The second required some improvements like floor drains with the partners providing much of the labor.

By buying some used and some new equipment and with Wdowiak's and Artushin's know-how, they were able to set up a fully automated pop-

corn popping system that delivers 10 pounds of popped corn in 3 1/2 minutes.

"All the equipment was set up to operate separately, but we set it up to operate as a flow-through system," Wdowiak said. "We fought, we screamed, we argued about why it wouldn't work, but eventually it worked."

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## WEEKEND

**WINTER WALK**  
A Holiday Nature Preserve Association "winter walk" led by Bill Craig will be noon Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Cowan Road entrance, just west of Wayne Road. Walkers may park at the nearby Service Merchandise lot. 522-8547.

## SOMETHING SPECIAL

**MAID OF ERIN**  
Women 17-23 years old of Irish descent are eligible for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held at the Irish-American Club next February. The winner will go to Ireland and participate in all Irish functions during Irish week. She will appear on various radio shows. Bridie Glynn, 464-8556, or Peggie Boland, 255-7677.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

**NANKIN MILLS**  
Friends of Nankin Mills invite all to participate in decorating the historic mill at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The mill is on Ann Arbor Trail east of Farmington Road.

**TREE LIGHTING**  
The Friends of the Mill will hold their annual tree-lighting ceremony and Christmas caroling at the mill, starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. Channel 50 news anchor Amyre Makupson will serve as celebrity hostess.

**PWP DANCE**  
Parents Without Partners Inc., Wayne/Westland Chapter 310, is hosting a Red Ribbons and Bows Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 9, at the Aravets Hall, 1217 Merriman near Avondale, Westland. The dance is open to the public at a cost of \$5/\$4 for members before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. 397-8592.

**LIGHTFEST**  
Wayne County Lightfest will continue through Jan. 1, 1995, with a closing on Christmas Day. Four miles of giant, animated characters made from twinkling lights will be open 7-10 p.m. nightly on Hines Drive in the Middle Range Parkway. Enter Hines Drive at Merriman, 2 1/2 miles south of I-96, between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Donation \$5. 261-1999.

## PETS

**SANTA PAWS**  
Santa's Sleigh will make a stopover at several Michigan Humane Society locations including:

Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livonia Mall Community Room, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia. 810-476-1166.

Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Michigan Humane Society West, 37255 Marquette, Westland. 721-7300.

## CRAFTS/BOUTIQUES

Dec. 10  
Wayne Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

## KIDS AND TEENS

**YOUTH BASKETBALL**  
Wayne Westland YMCA is accepting registrations for fall and winter youth basketball program. Two different sessions available for grades three through nine. Sessions are one practice a week and one game per week, running through Feb. 4. Cost is \$25/Y members and \$40/Y program members. 721-7044.

**CHEERLEADING**  
Cheerleading and pompon dance classes will be 7-8 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays, at Wayne Community Center, Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. Cost is \$20 for 8-week session. Ranae Paulus 729-8177.

## CLUBS

**BETA SIGMA PHI**  
Preceptor Gamma Phi, a chapter of the international sorority of Beta Sigma Phi, will hold its meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the home of Peggy Pirschel in Northville. Carole Anderson will present a program on making a Christmas craft. Jackie Timte, 453-4479.

**PRECEPTOR GAMMA RHO**  
Preceptor Gamma Rho, a chapter of the international sorority of Beta Sigma Phi, will meet 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Leean Guerins, 34142 Blackfoot, Westland. Pat Gromacki will present a program.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL**  
Volunteers meet 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at 34850 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. Emergency services, cadet program, aerospace education, ages 13-17 for cadets. The program is for persons age 18 and older.

**TOPS**  
Take Off Pounds Sensibly Michigan 53 Westland, meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Kellee Hassell, 522-1841, or Rosalie Fisher, 728-0299.

**CAMPING CLUB**  
Moonlighters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1901 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled campouts during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3669.

**WEEKENDERS**  
The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2993.

**TOASTMASTERS**  
Toastmasters International Club No. 6694 28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0264.

**HOLY SMOKE MASTERS**  
The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays in Denny's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road. 466-1636.

**DEMOCRATS**  
Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Meaplewood Community

## Craft shows continue



**Yule gifts:** This scene at a recent arts and craft show will be repeated at Westland's P.D. Graham School Saturday, Lutheran High School Westland Friday and Saturday and the Wayne-Westland Family YMCA, which also serves Garden City, on Saturday, Dec. 10. Graham is on John Hix near Avondale; Lutheran High on Cowan east of Wayne Road and the Y at 827 S. Wayne Road.

Center, Room 5. Alice Leclercq, 421-1169, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

**GARDEN CITY LIONS**  
The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Ivan Nunneley, 422-6656, or Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

**HOST LIONS**  
The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Red Lobster Restaurant, on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

**CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION**  
Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

**WESTLAND JAYCEES**  
Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, 261-7856.

**CORVETTE CLUB**  
The Corvette Club of Michigan meets 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

**CAMARO BUFFS**  
The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at King Chevrolet in Taylor. 325-9658.

**AMBASSADORS**  
Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting

House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5409.

**PURPLE HEART**  
The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford, west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

## RECREATION

**CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCING**  
Old-time contra and square dances will be 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Westland. Cost \$6 per person. Caller is Tom Allen with music by the Joyous Noise String Band. Margaret Martin 722-7620 or 467-3259.

**BASKETBALL**  
Registrations being accepted for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. 722-7620.

**COUNTRY GYPSIES**  
The Country Gypsies country dance club meets once a month at the Cambridge Center, 23901 Cambridge east of Middlebelt, Garden City. They also meet once a week to practice line dancing and couples dancing, and once a month they go to a country dance. Nancy 421-5896.

**SQUARE DANCE CLASSES**  
Beginner square dance classes will be 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays, in Bailey Recreation Center, (behind City Hall), Ford, Westland. Fee \$3/person weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

**OPEN SKATING**  
The Westland Sports Arena will be available for open skating Saturdays and Sundays 1-2:45 p.m. through April 15. Admis-

sion is \$2.50 for 17 and under and seniors, \$3 for adults. Skate rental \$2. 729-4560.

**FOR DISABLED PEOPLE**  
A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

**OPEN SWIM**  
The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

## SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

**SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S**  
Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler parent class Fridays 9:30-11 a.m. There are openings in the 3-year-old class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15-11:15 a.m. Janet Macuga 453-9018.

**UNITED CHRISTIAN**  
Enrollment is now being accepted for preschool through 12th grade at United Christian School, on the corner of Middlebelt and Florence. For information or application forms, call 522-5099.

**ST. RAPHAEL**  
Registrations now being accepted at St. Raphael School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. There are openings in grades two, five and six; possible openings in grades three, four, seven and eight. 425-9771.

**SPARKY PRESCHOOL**  
The Wayne Westland school district is taking applications for its preschool Sparky program, open to 3- and 4-year-olds. Residents and nonresidents may apply to the tuition based program. For appointments, call 595-2660.

**PLUS PRESCHOOL**  
Registration for preschool by appointment for the Wildwood and Hicks Elementary School area is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify.

**GARDEN CITY**  
Garden City Cooperative Nursery is accepting applications for next fall's class for 3-year-olds. The school is in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. Diane, 425-4549.

**MCKINLEY**  
McKinley Cooperative Preschool, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne, is accepting applications for children ages 2-4. Call Denise Gillette, 421-0015, about 4-year-olds, Chris Hickson, 261-4843, regarding 3-year-olds and Susan Cruz at (810) 486-1539 about toddlers. The preschool is administered by parents and taught by certified teachers, not church-affiliated.

## BENEFITS

**VEGAS NIGHT**  
St. Linus Parent Teachers Guild is sponsoring a Las Vegas night from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 2 and 3, at the school at 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. The benefit will support students.

**BINGO**  
Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games every Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. The K-C hall is on 28945 Joy Road, Westland. 525-0585.

**FRUITCAKE SALE**  
Garden City Rotary Club is selling holiday fruitcakes. Proceeds of the drive assist members in their work with youth, seniors and the handicapped. The Benson fruitcakes are \$6.50/2 pounds and \$8.50/3 pounds. Ray Wiacek 421-0106, or stop in at the City Hall.

**BINGO**  
Wayne Civitan Bingo is 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and Reading Projects. Information, 728-3915.

**BINGO**  
Westland Jaycees hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

## HISTORY ON VIEW

**BC HISTORY**  
The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

## VOLUNTEERS

**COMPANIONSHIP**  
Volunteers are needed for companionship, telephone

reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. Diana 981-8820.

**A PLACE TO LIVE**  
Youth Living Centers are looking for families for abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working. 728-3400.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**  
Youth Living Centers are looking for people interested in being an evening receptionist, a youth mentor or people to work with the youth assistance program. Dorothy Murphy, 728-3400.

**HOST FAMILIES**  
Fifteen families are needed to provide a place to stay for exchange students from countries including: Sweden, Norway, Finland and Germany. Students are well screened and have good English skills. Information, Maria Bayne at 729-6102.

**FOSTER PARENTS**  
Youth Living Centers offers classes for people interested in becoming foster parents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a two-week session. Noreen Green, 728-3400.

**FOOD DELIVERY**  
Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. 326-4444.

**GIRL SCOUTING**  
Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Huron Valley Council are looking for girls and adults who would like to be involved in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro, 964-4475, Huron Valley, 483-2370.

## SENIORS

**LINE DANCING**  
Line dancing lessons will be offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, at Marquette. Fee is \$2 per session. 722-7632.

**DYER CENTER**  
The Wayne Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads.  
Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays, Kitchen Hand, 10 a.m. bingo at 1 p.m.  
Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

**HAWAIIAN DANCE**  
A Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Oria. Sign up at the front desk or call 722-7632.

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

**CANCER SCREENING**  
Annapolis Hospital offers free prostate cancer screenings monthly. Includes physician exam and PSA blood test. For an appointment, call 467-5666.

## CALENDAR FORUM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 313-691-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

Event:  
Date and Time:  
Location:  
Telephone:  
Additional info:

Use additional sheet if necessary



**ENGAGEMENTS**

**Kitchen-Robertson**

Richard and Kathy Kitchen announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Mary, to Michael James Robertson, the son of James and Bonnie Robertson.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Edsel Ford in Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and secondary education. She is employed as a teacher of adolescents at the Carlyle Center for Mental Health in Warren.

Her fiance is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and Eastern Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in computer aided design. He is employed as a software engineer at Autodesk in Novi.



They will make their home in Westland.

**Edwards-Christensen**

Lynn and Alice Edwards of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth A. to David J. Christensen, the son of Mark and Myrna Christensen of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Churchill High School and Brigham Young University. She is employed in the automotive industry.

Her fiance is a graduate of Redford Union High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University where he is studying computer aided design.

A December wedding in Toronto, Ont., Canada, is planned.



They will make their home in Westland.

**Parker-Yaske**

Carolyn and James Parker of Flushing announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary K., to Donald E. Yaske Jr., the son of Marilyn and Donald Yaske Sr. of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is attending Lawrence Technological University and works at Travelers Insurance Co.

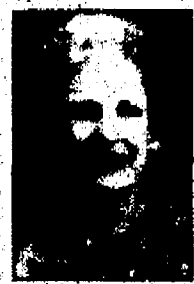
Her fiance is a University of Michigan-Dearborn graduate and works for Kopechick and Co.

A May wedding is planned at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington.



**Writer forms friendships carefully**

**GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES**



**LORENE GREEN**

Dear Lorene: For years I've read your column but have never taken time to do this. So finally I made myself sit down to write you. I've always been interested to see what my handwriting tells.

I'm 42 years old. I'm married with two children; a son, 17, and a daughter, 18. My husband is a firefighter. I've been a hairdresser for 20 years, and now I'm starting to change my career. I'm working in the public school with special education.

For the past three years I've taken classes for sign language and finally am able to use it with these special education people.

I'm also involved with the prison ministry with my church. It involves singing for the prisoners. I'm curious to see what you have to say about my handwriting.

Thank you for reading.  
P.M., Livonia

A very special young woman begins to move into focus in today's left-slanted handwriting. This slant was never taught in Ameri-

can schools. From this fact we know it is a change that she consciously made. So we must consider the reasons for doing it.

Research tells us that left-slanters have usually been raised in a strict atmosphere where much, possibly even perfection, was expected of them. When we combine this with the total picture of her handwriting, we begin to see someone who perceived some rejection as she was growing up. Outwardly she learned to control her emotions and may appear reserved to others. Inside, however, there is emotional activity at work, I believe.

Our writer forms friendships carefully because she has been hurt in the past. She seeks approval from her relationships to compensate for this deprivation. Once a friendship develops she can be loyal and devoted. At times, however, she may feel a little jealous of outside friendships.

Having been exposed to considerable criticism our writer is quite sensitive to criticism of a personal nature. She may even expect it when none is intended. Compliments would be music to her ears, especially from a certain male.

There is worry and some mood fluctuation in this handwriting. At times she is friendlier than at other times. This can be confusing to those who do not know what she may be experiencing.

Ostensibly, she lives with am-

*After reading your column for the first time, I thought I'd write. Because you're a graduate of the state of Michigan, I'm 42 and right handed. I would appreciate reading your...*

bivalent feelings. She does not want to be held back by past roots. Often she has an inner struggle between reaching out to others and taking care of her own needs. This contradiction can cause indecision for her.

Her desire to move into the world and be helpful is confirmed in many ways (both from the letter and in her handwriting) where she reaches out with love and caring. This can also bring needed benefits by way of approval and appreciation. Someone once said, "The scent always remains on the hand that gives the rose."

To her credit, she has overcome a great deal, but her ego still can use a little positive reinforcement.

Our writer has a good mind that is constantly probing for answers. She is inclined to investigate and analyze to find answers for herself. Then she decides what she can accept and what she cannot.

She has been exposed to some of the finer things in life.

If you are a regular reader of my column you know of my love of humor. It can be an asset in keeping one's perspective. I am pleased to see the humor in this handwriting sample. I know it can grateate her to others. Readers Digest says that "Laughter is the best medicine." I agree, don't you? Here's one with both humor and wisdom. "The cat and what you give away always come back to you."

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper write to: Lorene C. Green, certified graphologist at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, signature and handedness are all helpful. Feedback is always welcomed.

**NEW VOICES**

**CHRIS and WILLIAM MARSHALL** of Westland announce the birth of **WILLIAM ALAN JR.** Oct. 1 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are Gil and Mary Burczyk of Westland, and Carl and Frieda Marshall of Warren.

**MR. and MRS. JOHN R. MONS** of Westland announce the birth of **ROBERT MERRILL II** Oct. 5 at Providence Hospital. He was named after his late great-grandfather. He has a brother, Keith. His grandparents are the

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Clapp of Livonia, and Mrs. and Mrs. John S. Mons of Westland.

**KEN and LORI BESSINGER** of Canton announce the birth of **LINDSEY NICOLE** Nov. 10 at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital in Garden City. She has a brother, Kevin Richard, 5, and sister, Andrea Marie, 2½. Grandparents are Howard and Carole Yeskie of Canton and Frances and Darlys Bessinger of Au Gres, Mich. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Nelson Kennedy of

Sterling, Mich.

**SCOTT and DENISE CONRAD** of Novi announce the birth of **MEGHAN ELIZABETH** Oct. 14 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Tony and Sharon Conrad of Livonia, and Dennis and Gayle Korfonta of Canton.

**JOHN and KELLY SCHNOES** of Livonia announce the birth of **DAVID JOHN** Sept. 5 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Matthew, 2. Grandparents are David and

Sherrill Striker of Plymouth and Edward and Judith Schnoes of Canton. Great-grandparents are Robert and Arline Smith of Clinton and Betty Collins of St. Clair Shores.

**DOUG and MAUREEN SYTSMA** of Canton announce the birth of **COLIN DOUGLAS SYTSMA** at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, in Ann Arbor. He has two sisters, Shannon and Nicole. Grandparents are Bob and Betty Morrison of St. Clair Shores and Marge Sytsma of Grand Rapids.

**Family Talk.**



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# Popcorn from page 11A

them to yet another mesh drum that removes the unpopped seeds and broken pieces of popped corn. From there, they drop into the mixer where the slurry of corn, soybean and peanut oil and fine butter flavoring is sprayed on and a very fine salt added.

"The salt is so fine that it's like a cloud so we have to let the mixer run 15 minutes until it settles," Wdowiak said.

"We use a little less (salt) than what they do in movie theaters," Millington said, "and we have people coming back because it tastes just like theater popcorn."

Once done, the finished popcorn is dumped into a trough where it travels through a shoot to an overhead bin that with a press of a foot pedal releases the finished product into plastic bags.

Off to the side sits a large copper kettle where the caramel is prepared for the caramel corn and nearby is a 10-foot-long stainless

**'All the equipment was set up to operate separately, but we set it up to operate as a flow-through system. We fought, we screamed, we argued about why it wouldn't work, but eventually it worked.'**

Dave Wdowiak

steel table where it is cooled before being bagged.

Wdowiak's son-in-law, who works in the candy business taught the quartet how to make the caramel coating. It took 20 attempts, or roughly 200 pounds of popped corn, to get it right, according to Millington.

With that task mastered, the men have gone on to produce chocolate-covered caramel corn — Wdowiak's idea — and are refining the process for a popcorn paté made of chopped pecans, caramel, popcorn and chocolate — Millington's idea.

There's also a South of the Border popcorn that has ground hot chili peppers added to the slurry. Another Wdowiak idea, the concoction is a hit in bars around Oakland University, thanks to the marketing skills of his son, an OU student.

### A family affair

The All American Popcorn Company is a family affair. Wdowiak's other son, a student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, fills in at the business when none of the partners are around.

Millington's wife has devoted a lot of hours doing typing for the business, and his son helps package the popcorn, while Millington devotes full time to marketing the products.

One of Artushin's sons helped with the concrete work and his wife quit her job of 18 years to deliver popcorn. Artushin like Wdowiak still works full time for Edison, and is at the company in

his off-hours.

Laramore's daughter also does typing for the business, while her father, being the businessman, handles the tax forms.

At present the company pops corn three times a week in 8-hour shifts to maintain freshness. They estimate they pop close to 2 tons of corn in a two-week period.

While the company is happy about the walk-in business, it's also working on a fund-raising relationship with local churches and schools. It has sent out fliers and mailers, letting people know it has all the supplies from the seed and oil to paper cones, boxes and bags.

And for the holidays, it has laid in a supply of tins, filled with flavored and caramel popcorn and nuts.

"We believe in serving the customer," Millington said. "We believe in listening to what they say and trying to provide what they ask for. . . . And we do taste test every batch to make sure it's what we're looking for."

The All American Popcorn Company is a 12620 Newburgh Road, south of Schoolcraft Road at Amrhein, Livonia. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (313) 591-7977.

## CRAFTS CALENDAR

Information for the Crafts Calendar may be sent to Sue Mason, The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Friday, Dec. 2

**CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
Annual Christmas craft sale will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2-3 at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center and Proctor roads, south of Cherry Hill Road. There will be holiday decorations and gifts made by society members, baked goods and raffle of a quilt and afghan. No strollers allowed. (313) 397-0088

**LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND**  
"A Christmas Wonderland" arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2-3 at the high school, 33300 Cowan Road, east of Wayne Road, Westland. There will be more than 100 crafters and a bake sale. Lunches will be available. Admission is \$1.50.

Saturday, Dec. 3

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL**  
Holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Featured will be handcrafted items and crafts from around the world, fresh cedar roping, wreaths and holly, bake sale and luncheon cafe. (313) 453-0190

**LATHERS SCHOOL**  
23rd annual Christmas boutique 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school, 28351 Marquette, Garden City. There will be more than 60 crafters. Admission \$1; senior citizens and children under age 12 free. (313) 427-5756

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
Holiday craft show/coffee walk 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. (313) 532-8728 before 9 p.m.

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road. There will be a bake sale, raffle, luncheon cafe and greens sale. Crafters needed — table space available, \$35, or \$45 with electricity. (313) 453-0190

**ST. KEVIN AND NORBERT**  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the St. Kevin Social Hall, 30053 Parkwood at Henry Run, Inkster. (313) 728-2470 or (313) 728-6228

Saturday, Dec. 10

**WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA**  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. (313) 721-7044

**MICHIGAN GUILD**  
Artists' and Artisans' 20th annual holiday art fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 11 at Oakland Community College on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. There will be more than 130 juried crafters. Admission \$3. (313) 662-3382

Sunday, Dec. 11

**ST. RAPHAEL SCHOOL**  
Arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school, 31500 Beechwood, north of Ford Road on Meridian, Garden City. Crafters needed. Table space is \$15. (313) 425-9771

# Family Room from page 11A

do with Cajase — that's C.A.J.A.S.E. — Crumbs And Junk Accumulated Since Easter. Handy acronym — Cajase.

Anyway, like I said, my refrigerator had several grams of this Cajase in it until Saturday afternoon. That would be the Saturday just before Thanksgiving. You see, the last time I really cleaned the refrigerator out was just before that other big eating holiday, Easter. Eating holidays — that's when relatives come to my house and invariably look in various food storage areas and then judge my worth as a human being. And now with relatives due to arrive again in mere days, it was time for the pre-Thanksgiving cleaning.

This monstrous job of cleaning the refrigerator was begun and finished in one afternoon. The children sensed I was on one of my missions. They didn't question me and they didn't whine at me. They knew better. And so away I went. I worked feverishly for nearly two hours. And I finished with a flourish. One last wipe, one last unidentifiable thing tossed, and I was done. And then I packed up the children and off to 5 p.m. Mass we went. And my refrigerator was clean. It all seemed so fitting. You know that old saying, "Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

And you know that other old saying, "You are what you eat." I wonder if the inverse/reverse/transverse (whatever) of that is true. "You aren't what you don't eat." I found a fair share of what my family isn't in the refrigerator during this purging. Like empty candy wrappers. What's with that? Empty wrappers wedged between the milk shelf and the Miracle Whip. Why do my children put candy in the refrigerator in the first place? And why, oh why, don't they put wrappers which no longer serve any purpose whatsoever in the garbage can?

Also what my family isn't is leftover-for-the-third-time chili. They do not eat that. Nor do they eat coconut shreds left over from the bunny cake I made at Easter. And another thing we're not is pickle juice. Who ate the last pickle, screwed the cap on the jar, and put the jar back in the refrigerator? That's not useful or sensible.

Liquified tomatoes in the vegetable bin were definitely not. Those are no gross. Actually those can't be considered those at this stage, they've transformed into it. As in, "Something green and sloshy is in this plastic bag down here. What is it?"

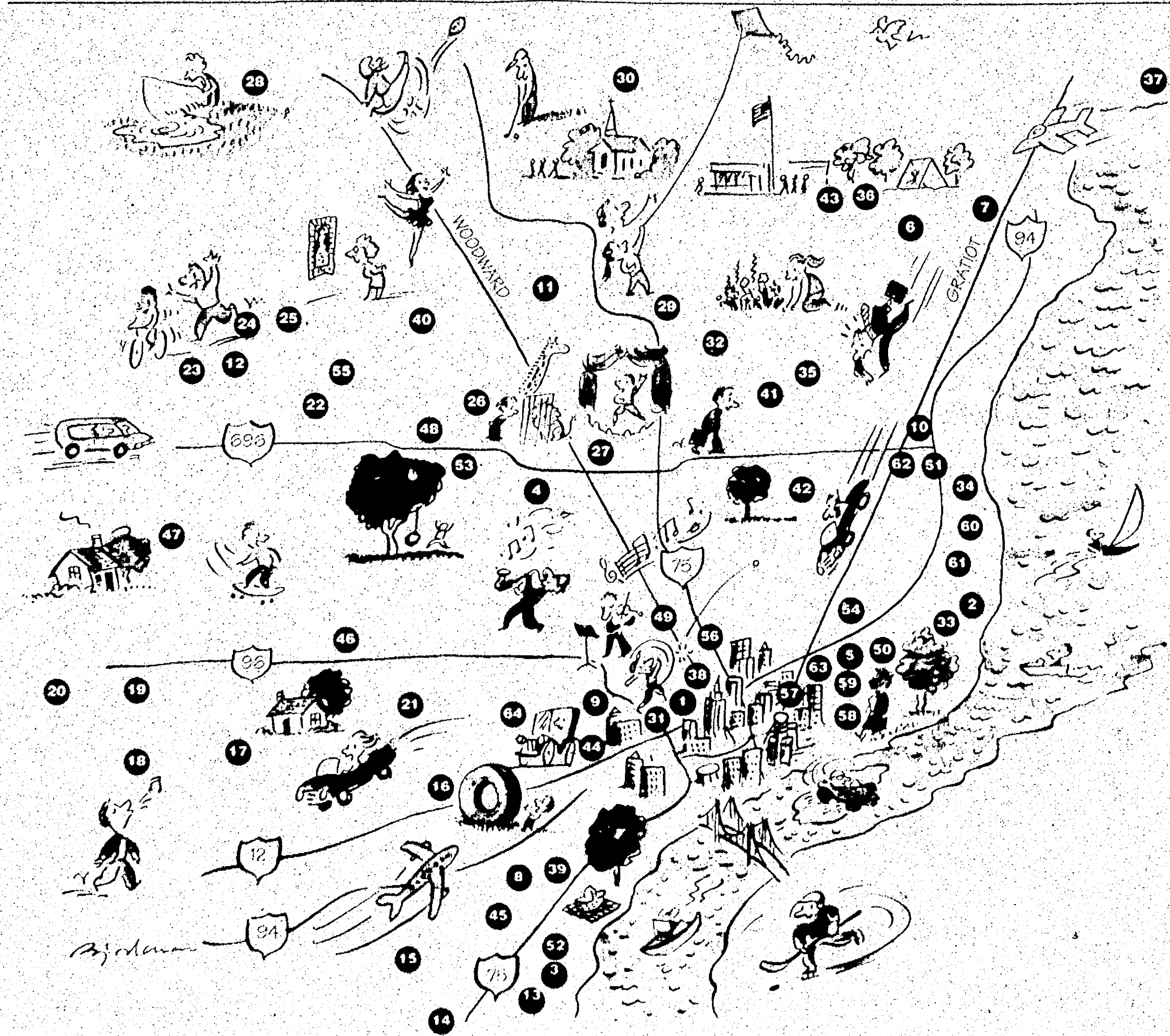
The problem is I don't like tomatoes, never have. So I buy them for the tomato eaters in my house of which there are two, and occasionally, on a whim, three. So if a schedule gets changed at the last minute and the BLT plans get cancelled, the tomatoes targeted for that night get forgotten. And before you know it, you're left with a big green, sloshy pile of it.

But Saturday took care of everything. No more Cajase. I'm clean. For now. But it's like they say, one day at a time. One day at a time.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at

**Eating holidays — that's when relatives come to my house and invariably look in various food storage areas and then judge my worth as a human being.**

953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a touch-tone telephone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



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## Friscione-Fisk

Charisse Marie Fisk and Brian Walter Friscione were married Sept. 3, by Rev. Jim Edwards.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fisk of Taylor, formerly of Plymouth.

The groom is the son of Mr. Zano Friscione of Fraser.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for close friends and relatives at a restaurant in Mount Clemens.

They are making their home in Harrison Township.

## WEDDINGS

## Uckele-Bucht

Lisa M. Bucht and Bolton D. Uckele were married Sept. 23 at their home in Pine Grove Township (Gables), Mich. She is the daughter of Frances Bucht of Livonia and he is the son of William Uckele of Blissfield.

The bride is a 1983 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1987 and 1992 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a doctor of veterinary medicine in the Kalamazoo area.

The groom is a 1980 graduate of Blissfield High School and a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. He is employed as a territory manager for Burns Veterinary Supply.

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# Voters frustrated Schools to face recall vote

Wayne-Westland school district residents will probably face a recall election of the seven-member board of education. The leader of the recall drive was rebuffed last month and again this week by the county election commission because his proposed petition didn't have the required clarity of language needed to be approved by the commission.

Now the leader is reworking the petition language so it will pass muster, lead to the circulation of petitions and possibly a special election date.

The recall generates memories of the 1982 campaign in which four school board members targeted for recall were ousted by the voters.

At that time the issue was the board's approval of a new teachers' union contract and pay raises which the recall committee felt were excessive during an economic recession.

The problem in the current recall effort is different - the elimination of non-required secondary school busing as of Oct. 24 - but the frustrations are the same.

If the upcoming recall is successful and board members are dumped, what will stop another group of parents in the future from doing the same thing when the board does something that irritates a segment of the public?

For example, will board members be recalled for closing several schools to save \$1

million in operating costs? That's possible, although the Observer suggests that the board members supporting the closing be commended for cutting overhead costs at a time when state funding for local schools is still uncertain in the post-Proposal A educational environment.

Will future school boards be targeted for a recall if they fail to replace outdated textbooks or lay off non-academic teachers to avoid a budget deficit?

The Observer has said for years that recalls should be used only to get rid of crooks on the board, not for mere displeasure of a policy action.

That's a narrow interpretation based on what a Wayne County circuit judge said when a group of residents tried unsuccessfully to stop the 1982 recall election. At that time, the judge said that recalls are political decisions which should be left to the voters and there shouldn't be any restrictions enacted by the courts.

The bottom line, based on that court ruling, is that voters can recall elected board members for any reason - as long as the recall petition language is clear, simple and specific.

Recalls may be good for relieving voters' emotional and political frustrations, but they don't do any good for running the educational system.

# Help First Step continue work

The spirit of giving comes on strong during the holiday season, when people make an effort to share with those less fortunate.

Many such deserving local organizations are asking for help. They are organizations that feed, clothe and in general help people who can't help themselves.

This year, one local organization that needs some immediate help is First Step, the only domestic violence and sexual assault program to serve western Wayne County.

First Step is facing its largest funding gap - \$200,000 - in its history.

Domestic violence has been in the nation's consciousness this year because of news coverage of the Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman murders, and the trial of O.J. Simpson.

Thousands of local victims in Observerland have received the message that domestic violence is a crime and that help is available.

According to First Step Executive Director Judy Ellis, survivors are now reaching out for help in record numbers.

Ellis reports that in 1994, First Step provided 12,795 nights of shelter to women and children fleeing violent homes. That's a 31-percent increase over the previous year. The number of non-residential families insured also increased over the previous year by 24 percent. First Step advocates provided 3,500 more counseling hours than last year, a 22 percent increase. Crisis calls, often the first contact that clients have with First Step, are averaging 500 calls per month, says Ellis.

In addition, since the summer of 1994, First Step has started two new programs - a non-residential children's program which provides age-appropriate support groups to children living in violent homes, and is the only such program in

Michigan. In August 1993, First Step launched a 36-week program for men who batter, one of the most comprehensive batterers' programs available.

Ellis says First Step has "stretched donation dollars to the maximum limit to keep the 24-hour line operating, maintain the 42-bed shelter and to keep counseling and support group services available free of charge."

"We utilize volunteers to their fullest potential," says Ellis.

"Last year, volunteers contributed the most time in First Step history - over 22,000 hours, the equivalent of 12 additional full-time staff. This year we have 15 student interns at the undergraduate and graduate levels from area colleges and universities. Interns provide crucial counseling and group services, perform intakes, work the crisis lines and help manage the shelter," adds Ellis.

But it's not enough to compensate for a \$200,000 budget gap because of recent reductions in state and federal funds and increased costs.

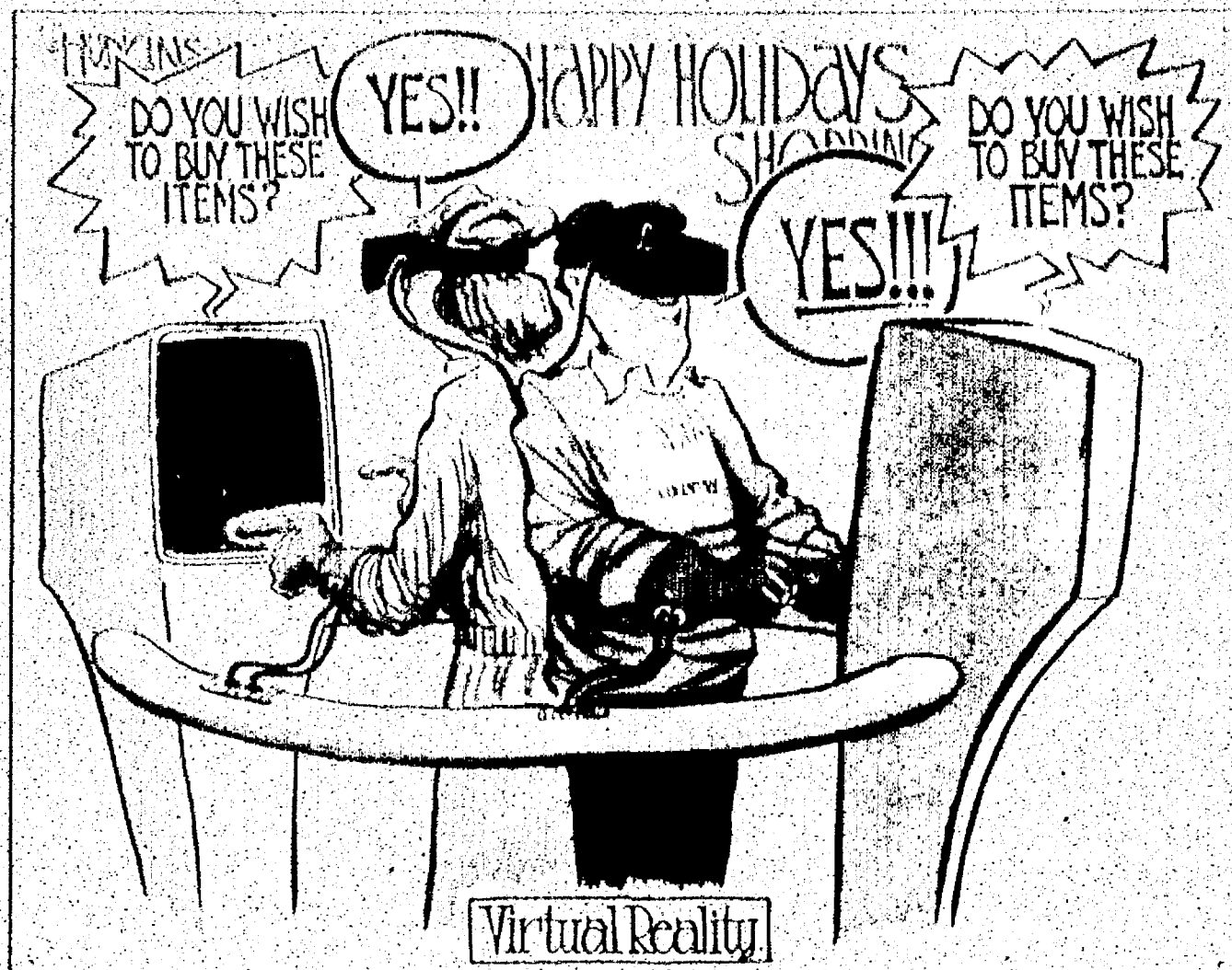
Public support is critical. If First Step can't replace the funds, it will be faced with eliminating programs or turning people away.

Adoption - in any amount will make a difference. Your help will keep open shelter doors, put linens and blankets on the beds, purchase meals and stuffed animals to comfort children.

If you are able, put First Step on your holiday list. Any donation amount will be appreciated. Send your donation to First Step, 44978 Ford Road, Suite C, Canton, Mich. 48187.

Domestic violence has existed a lot longer than a year. However, First Step is here making a difference and playing a part in the drive to reduce it in western Wayne County.

ARKIE HUDKINS



# Trip is criticized

Once again, the Wayne-Westland school board has failed to comprehend the folly of their actions. During a time when the school system is fighting a million-plus deficit and our children are walking miles to school, two Board members attended a conference at the Grand Traverse Resort.

If newspaper accounts are correct, we can estimate an expense of a minimum of \$750 to \$900. Compared to a \$1 million deficit, this doesn't make much of a dent. However, issues such as common decency, public regard, community respect, and common sense are apparently beyond this board's ability to comprehend.

How can you justify spending taxpayer monies for an unnecessary conference when thousands of students are walking to school with winter coming and no hope of relief?

Don't misunderstand me, as a member on three boards - a professional organization, a non-profit community group, and a multi-million dollar credit union - I am well acquainted with the need to stay current and obtain continuing education in order to best serve those who elected me to those positions.

However, it would have been an incredible lack of compassion, respect, and intelligence to attend a conference at the group's expense if the group was in dire financial condition. Take a clue from the hundreds of members of other boards who pay their own expenses when group finances are critical. If you truly believe in the value of the conference and are dedicated to your cause, you would have paid your own way. Why didn't you?

I find it incredible that one member (Vicki Welty) would attend after indicating that she is undecided as to whether she will run for the board at the next election. To Welty: if you're leaving, what is the benefit for you to attend? Even more incredible, is the lame excuses spouted by the other attendant, Mathew McCusker, in a ridiculous attempt to justify this outing. No one is doubting Mr. McCusker, that board members should try to learn to be the best they can - it's your methods to which we object. Let's look at each of McCusker's excuses in turn:

He says it's important to receive in-service training to properly fulfill their roles. Why was this conference so important that it couldn't be missed or materials couldn't have been obtained by mail? Surely, with you as a member of MASA and both of you on the planning committee, you could have arranged for extra copies?

He says he and Welty served on the planning committee. So this obligates the parent of the child who has to walk five miles to school to pay your expenses? It doesn't fly. Perhaps his time would have been better spent addressing the issues facing our district rather than planning a conference.

McCusker says he is a member of the board for Michigan Association of School Boards and he "should be there." That was your choice, not ours. You can argue that it benefits our district for you to be on the board. That's debatable. Considering the state of our district, exactly what benefits have we accrued?

McCusker says the conference sets policy and Wayne-Westland shouldn't be left out of the decisions. Surely, as a regular member of MASA, missing one conference would not leave us out. Judging from your dramatic performances at the football games and your ability to develop creative excuses, I seriously doubt you would let issues slide through MASA without comment.

McCusker says board members discuss issues ranging from charter schools to violence and drugs. Are you telling us you only discuss these issues at conferences?

And then, the grand finale of all excuses, McCusker has the nerve to note that the members must miss work to attend these conferences.

McCusker, missed two and a half days of income and possible overtime. You poor man! What a sacrifice you've made! How will you ever pay for Christmas?

Perhaps you should seek advice from the scores of bus drivers and school employees who will be out of work far more than two and a half days. Ask the parents who must choose between getting a car fixed to take their kids to school and putting food on the table. I'm sure they would have some interesting suggestions for you.

One last question, of the hundreds of reasonably priced hotels and motels in the Traverse City area, only the Grand Traverse Resort had rooms?

Let's not forget, each one of you CHOSE to run for a seat. You KNEW going in that the pay would be minimal and you KNEW going in about the district's financial troubles. If you want our cooperation in solving the district's financial woes, you will have to exhibit the same sensitivity and restraint you are asking of the parents, bus drivers, teachers, and other employees affected by this deficit.

And please, just because I suggest that have a little more sensitivity doesn't mean I am suggesting that you go to training. Please, no more.  
Gretchen A.B. Alaniz

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POINTS OF VIEW

# Garbage industry dumping trashes our county

Five years ago the public was told there was a landfill crisis. We needed to have recycling programs and we needed incinerators; otherwise, we'd be suffocating in our own trash.

Today Michigan, and Wayne County in particular, has so much landfill space it's poised to become the biggest importer of solid waste in the nation.

The one constant between these two situations is that the waste-disposal industry has manipulated events for its gain.

City Management wants to expand the capacity of its Carleton Farms landfill in Sumpter Township five to seven times beyond its current approved limit. If successful, this will become the largest landfill in the U.S.

At the time of the "landfill crisis," City Management was able to arrange a timely salvation by convincing Sumpter Township to agree to be a host for a new landfill. The writing was on the wall for the township as County Executive Ed McNamara already had his eye on it for a landfill site.

City Management sweetened a bitter pill with an impressive royalties commitment. The bureaucracy was handled and Section 36 of the township was zoned for a new landfill. The new facility, Carleton Farms, allowed Wayne County to meet the requirements of Act 641 (the state solid-waste plan).

Under the Wayne County siting process, the county approved a maximum of 22 million cubic yard yards (MCY) of capacity at Carleton Farms. Fully developed, however, section 36 contains 156 MCY capacity.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Deputy Director Russ Harding is the decision-maker for this issue.

Against the wishes of Wayne County officials, contrary to the goals of the state solid-waste plan, and even against the opinions of experts from his own department, he has given his blessing to City Management for an amendment to the Wayne County Solid Waste Plan to allow this expansion.

According to Jim Murray, Director of Wayne County's Department of the Environment, "If the DNR amends our plan to increase disposal capacity, it will be the first time in the history of the state it has amended a county plan that is in compliance with Act 641, for the sole purpose of satisfying the desires of a particular interested party (City Management)."

Currently Wayne County has 27 years worth of landfill space available for the solid waste it generates. That's without increasing the volume at Carleton Farms.

Mr. Harding has taken one phrase in the host community agreement that says the facility would have a minimum of 21 MCY capacity to mean the entire 156 MCY has been approved for siting by Wayne County already.

This reasoning made no sense until an MDNR source revealed business-friendly Gov. John Engler made it very clear to MDNR higher-ups that landfill operators are to be accommodated.

The county has maintained all along that expansion beyond the 22 MCY maximum it originally approved would need to undergo the siting process of the County Solid Waste Management Plan. The county had no intention during the original approval process of allowing expansion beyond the 22 MCY because there is an abundance of landfill space. And there is a great deal of documentation to support this.

There are even tape recordings of meetings with City Management to this ef-

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SCOTT HEINZMAN

fect. Mr. Harding chooses to disregard this.

Michigan has some of the easiest waste disposal siting requirements in the country. More landfills mean lower dumping fees. It's actually cheaper for communities hundreds of miles away to transport and dump their trash here than it is to dump it there. That's why we import hazardous waste from 35 states, Mexico, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Michigan as a magnet to waste-industry interests is nothing new. Communities like Livonia were forced into curbside recycling programs because there was a "landfill crisis." The state mandated that each county had to plan on reducing its solid waste output by 40 percent. Incineration, composting, source reduction, and recycling were the only viable alternatives.

The same companies that could handle recycling programs the most affordably happened to be waste haulers and landfill owners. It was no coincidence that after the state forced municipalities into waste-reduction programs that new landfills were sited.

The city of Detroit was conned into building the world's largest incinerator.

It committed hundreds of millions of dollars into building a "state-of-the-art" facility only to discover it would have to invest hundreds of millions more in pollution controls to get it up and running.

The owners of the incinerator in Dearborn Heights want to double its capacity. Another company is trying to gain approval for deep injection wells in Milan. A company in Alpena is using a legal loophole to burn hazardous waste in cement kilns.

These parasitic corporations have a stranglehold on every facet of waste handling. They'll haul your solid waste to a disposal facility, for a price. They'll dump, burn, or recycle your solid waste at a facility they own and operate, for a price. And if you're without a way to dispose of your solid waste, they'll build you a facility, so that your garbage will trouble you no more, for a price.

Unfortunately, our garbage does continue to trouble us. The ecosystem shared by all life is affected after our garbage leaves our homes.

Landfill materials pool a nasty soup at the bottom called leachate. Leachate is a mixture of everything that is tossed out, like batteries, pesticides, bleach, used diapers, drain openers, etc. And there isn't a landfill that exists that prevents leachate from escaping into the ground and subsequently into waterways. Although con men from the waste disposal industry will tell you it's no big deal.

The garbage we burn is an even bigger environmental mess.

Combustion of garbage creates highly toxic chemicals like furans and dioxins that otherwise wouldn't exist. It changes mercury, lead and other heavy metals into their gaseous forms. Smokestack filters collect a lot of it, but

some goes into the air. What remains are highly toxic ashes. The ashes and used filters are now hazardous waste which, for an exorbitant price, are land-filled.

Carleton Farms' expansion is just another in a long line of waste-disposal industry scams. An industry trying to make a buck.

But in the big picture, how does the state of Michigan benefit from importing solid waste? Tourism is the second leading business in the state. So doesn't it make sense to protect our natural resources, not just for today, but for tomorrow?

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) appoints MDNR's director and deputy directors. So MDNR answers to the NRC. NRC members are appointed by the governor, so the commission reflects the will of the governor.

If Michigan is going to avoid becoming the garbage capital of the nation, then significant pressure is going to have to be applied to the governor and the NRC. The next NRC meeting will be 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Appearances before the NRC may be scheduled by calling Karen Scott at (517) 373-2352. Written comments are also acceptable for lengthier responses.

If we do choose to wallow in other people's garbage, the waste-disposal industry will help us any way it can. Its pollution cleanup subsidiaries are available when needed... for a price.

Guest columnist Scott Heinzman is a member of the Livonia Human Relations Commission who also has been a promoter of environmental causes locally and in the region.

# Ever-rising governmental fees: the truly taxing issue

It finally happened Sunday, Nov. 27. I had to pay more to park (\$4 at the State Fair Grounds) than for a ticket to the event (\$3, Oakland Kennel Club dog show).

The Fair Grounds, of course, is a state operation. The parking charge is a fee, not a tax, but it's still governmental revenue. What's doubly galling is that the site is Eight Mile and Woodward, a commercial wasteland that doesn't warrant such gouging.

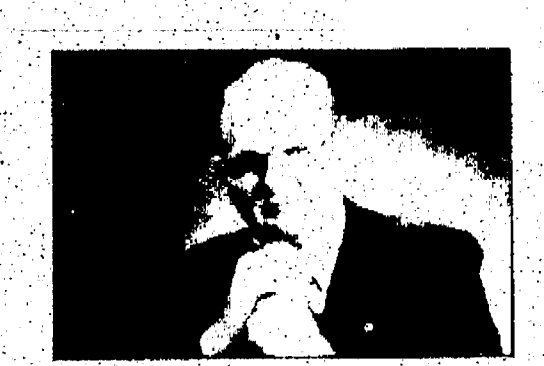
Gov. Engler's Blue-Ribbon Commission on the Headlee Amendment recently said some harsh things about fees: That panel said we voters should decide the fate of some fees.

Where there is a "mandatory juris-

diction-wide" fee, it said, voters should be consulted, according to the panel's interpretation of the Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Examples: recycling fees, 911 emergency telephone service, the 30-percent Wayne County tax on parking at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the Detroit utility users tax, and that kind.

The blue-ribbon types did not suggest a vote on such non-mandatory governmental fees as skating rinks and college tuitions. Too bad.

It's about time somebody besides the news media woke up to the fact that governmental revenue is more than just taxes. We tried to tell Dick Headlee that in 1978 when he was sell-



TIM RICHARD

ing his tax-limitation amendment. Headlee had a clever sales pitch—so clever that I listened to it three times before I caught the subtlety of his wording. Headlee's reasoning was

that governmental spending was rising far faster than the consumer price index (very true, and a very valid criticism). But then he would say that, therefore, taxes should be limited. Headlee said nothing about two other sources of governmental revenue: (1) federal aid and (2) fees and tuitions.

There are building permit fees, plumbing inspection fees, electrical inspection fees, and thousands more.

State and local governing bodies have raised most fees far faster than the rate of consumer price inflation. The University of Michigan jacked up tuition 6.6 percent in a year when the CPI rose less than 3 percent. Wayne County courts charge \$2.25 a page for copying, and one of our less-priced po-

lice departments charges \$5 a page—at a time when the copying fee in the local party store is 5 cents a page.

In the late campaign, Engler boasted that, under his leadership, 11 taxes had been cut—remember? Did you hear him boast about cutting fees? Or even capping fees at the rate of inflation, like property assessments? Nope.

But let us be thankful for small improvements—like the Blue-Ribbon Commission's realization, 16 years after the news media warned us, that it wasn't enough to cap taxes. Fees are governmental revenues, too.

Tim Richard may be reached at 953-2047, ext. 1881.

# It's time for political reappraisal

Don't expect to see a whole lot coming out of the two-day lame-duck session of the Legislature this week. The real action will come next year, when Republicans add slim control of the House (56-54) to their majority in the Senate (22-16) and the governorship.

You'll hear much confident talk this week, though. Republicans will be riding on the crest of their election victory, talking about their conservative "Contract with Michigan." Democrats will insist that things weren't so bad, really, with only a one-vote swing in the House in the middle of a national GOP landslide.

Both need to look beyond their noses, and this week's session is as good a time as any to do it. Being the minority party, Democrats have the more intense need.

Their problem is not finding a charismatic candidate and better media consultants. Their problem is that they are largely out of ideas.

It has been a long, long time since G. Mennen Williams and Neil Stuebler built the modern Democratic Party on a base of liberal ideology and broad citizen participation. The ideology, like most, has had its 50-year run and is now pretty shopworn. And broad citizen participation is often an unnecessary inconvenience in the eyes of a lot of party bosses.

Recasting the Democratic Party is going to take some time, great effort and a lot of thought.

One good place for minority lawmakers to start is to steal a useful device from the Republicans: legislative task forces. Beginning in the late 1980s, when they were a minority, GOP lawmakers created a series of task forces.

Their purpose was to propose specific policy and legislative changes for a series of high-profile policy issues. Minority status being what it is, most of their ideas were not adopted. More importantly, they represented a concrete way of acting on the conviction that political majorities are the consequence of good ideas.

Republicans, for their part, would do well to think about the rules of the political process, which they now are in a position to control.

This subject may invite more than the usual



PHILIP POWER

Lansing hypocrisy. Consider, just for fun, the likely durability of GOP commitments to term limits, now that Republicans are the majority.

More important, it's time to reflect on an unintended consequence of term limits that shows up in this past election: There were more than a dozen hotly contested legislative races, each involving more than \$200,000 in advertising.

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And the problem will get worse in years to come as term limit laws dislodge longtime incumbents from office, setting off more and more of these absurdly expensive elections.

The cash will be raised just as it is now: by House and Senate leaders who bundle contributions from special interests and dispense it to local candidates who go along with the program. Result: More negative campaigning, more partisanship, more control by big money.

So far, the Republican response to this problem has been hotly partisan: Shut down the Democrats' successful bingo operations.

Certainly, something more far-reaching and more in the public interest is called for.

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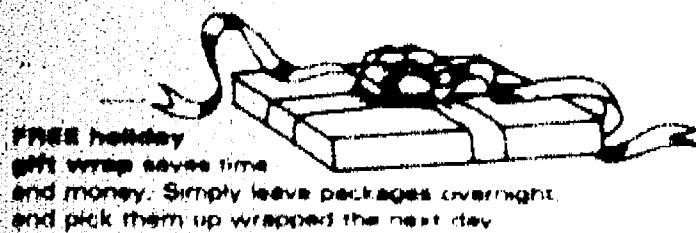
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**ON THE MARQUEE**



KEELY WYGONIK

## Chefs cooking to raise money for pastry team

On Monday, Dec. 19, the 1995 U.S. World Pastry Cup Team will prepare a gourmet holiday dinner to raise money for their competition in Lyon, France in January 1995. The dinner will be at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. For \$75 per person, gourmet connoisseurs will enjoy a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception and dinner starting at 6 p.m. The Fenton Community Choir will be performing. Call (313) 462-4417 for tickets.

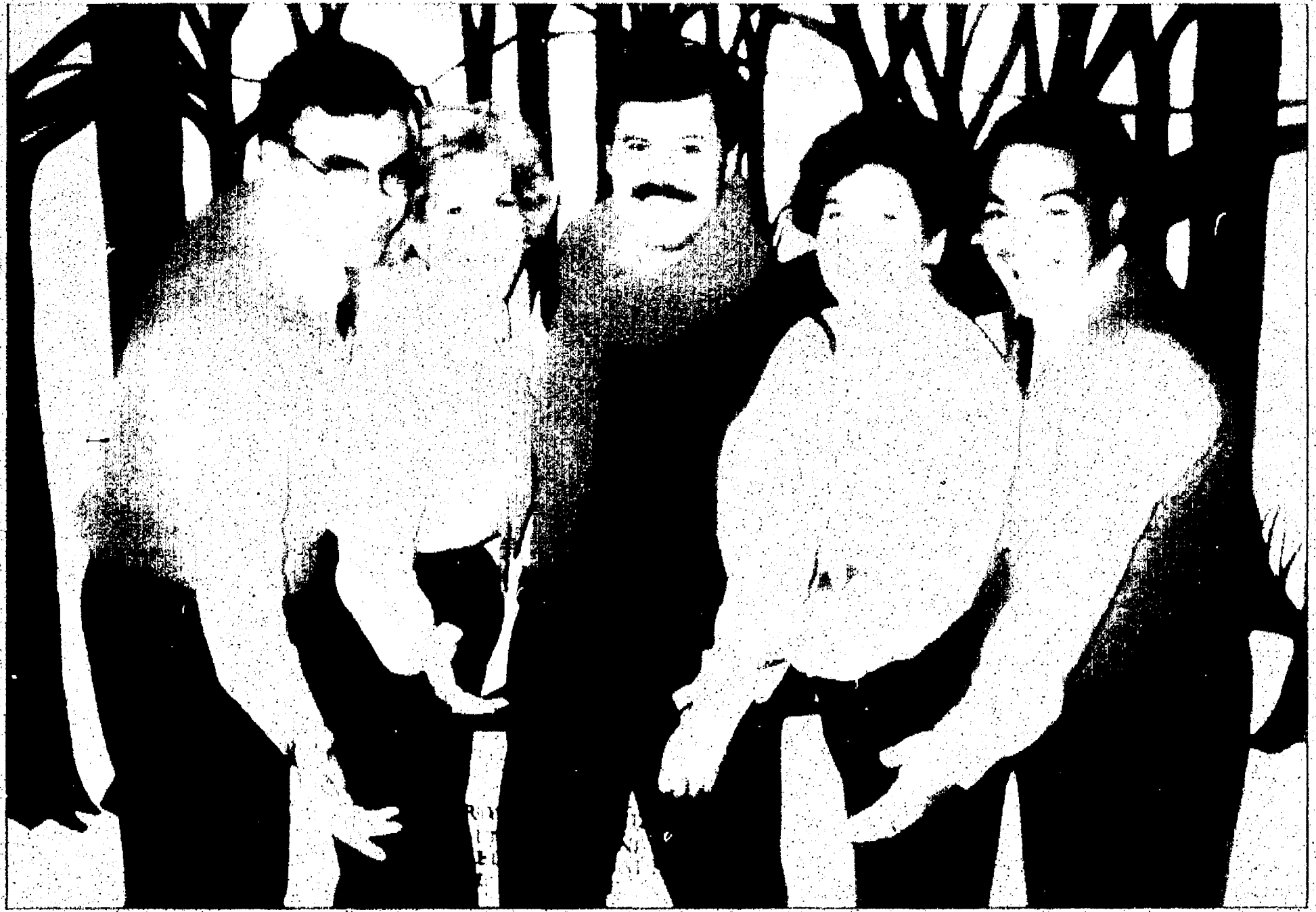
Participating chefs include E. David Auers, Milos Cibielka, Kevin Gawronski, Jeffrey Gabriel, Daniel Hugelier, Ed Janos, Brian Polcyn, Leopold Schaeli, and Jeff Smith.

I know a lot of people are groaning now that cold weather has arrived with a flurry, but snow and ice can be nice. They celebrate it every year in Plymouth at the International Ice Sculpture Spectacular scheduled Jan. 11-16.

Hundreds of thousands of pounds of ice will be transformed into dazzling displays by culinary artists who specialize in this magical art form. Some of our country's finest professional and student ice artists, as well as competitors from all over the world, will create one-of-a-kind displays.

One of the highlights of this year's events will be team competitions which begin 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. The showcase during this year's event will be a spectacular light show that will turn the ice sculptures and downtown Plymouth into a winter wonderland. "Fantasyland," a themed ice display, will be highlighted in the Gathering. There will also be a gingerbread house and decorated cake contest. Call (313) 455-0052 for details.

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Carolers: Ken and Linda Rainford (left to right) with Livonia Civic Chorus director Jim Whitten, Buff and Jim Bumford rehearse for the Dec. 18 concert.

# Joyful concerts lift holiday spirits

BY KEELY WYGONIK  
STAFF WRITER

Holidays are a magical time. Seasonal music uplifts our spirits, and helps us recall pleasant memories of Christmases past.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus, featured in our photo above, will present its 30th annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Wish," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The concert includes classic holiday favorites "Let It Snow," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and an Irving Berlin medley which includes "White Christmas." There will be original music composed and performed by an original 30-year chorus member, Hank Kanar, and even a wooden soldier or two. There is no admission charge.

■ A concert of Polish Christmas Carols will be performed by the Polonaise Chorale 4 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 4, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is free. The Christmas Carol Concerts of the Polonaise Chorale have been an annual tradition in Livonia since 1982. All those who enjoy singing are invited to join the chorus. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Call (313) 464-7996 or (313) 863-6209 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir will perform two holiday concerts "Echoes of Christmas" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (corner of Church and Main St.) and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concerts will feature the ensemble "Solid Brass," traditional holiday favorites and a Christmas Carol sing-along. The Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will also

perform. Tickets are \$4 each. Call (313) 462-4448.

■ Farmington Area Philharmonic presents their holiday pops concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Farmington Hills Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Complimentary refreshments. Tickets \$15, senior citizens, \$12, children under 12, \$5. Tickets available at all Metrobank locations, and by calling (810) 478-2075.

■ Madrigal Choir of Southfield, which includes John Criter and Jon Grief of Livonia, will present their 14th annual holiday concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Old St. Mary's Church in Greetown, Detroit. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 students and senior citizens. Tickets available at the door or by calling (810) 652-3097.

■ Lyric Chamber Ensemble rings in the holidays with the music of

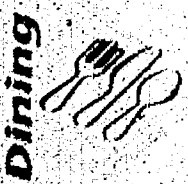
Bach 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. "J.S. Bach Jubilee" will feature the Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University. The chorale will also perform other holiday selections, with traditional carols. Tickets \$16 adults, \$14 students and seniors, call (810) 357-1111.

■ Noel Night 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, University Cultural Center, Detroit celebrates the spirit of the holiday season with music, dance performances, craft sales and exhibits. Call (313) 577-5088.

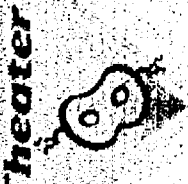
■ Motor City Metro Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society presents "Home for the Holidays," a concert of barbershop and holiday classics 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at

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## Looking ahead

▶ Holiday light shows near and far are delightful.

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## Westland actor enjoys role in 'Miss Saigon'

BY BRIAN LYSAGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Leo Daignault, an actor who is in town for three months with the hit musical "Miss Saigon," recalls his senior year at Westland John Glenn with fondness.

"My senior year was pretty packed with fine arts classes," said Daignault, 29, a 1983 graduate. "I had one required class, political science, and the rest were either dance, drama or choir. Then I went home early."

Not that he was slacking off. He played the lead in the school play, "Pirates of Penzance" and won an award as the school's top fine arts student.

"They were really good to me there," Daignault said.

After a year at Eastern Michigan, he decided to go to Chicago to further his performing career.

In August 1992, he joined the national touring company for "Miss Saigon." The company has done 850 performances in Chicago, Boston, Washington, D.C., Denver and Minneapolis. The mammoth production is at Detroit's Masonic Temple Theatre until Jan. 7.

Daignault has relatively small ensemble roles as a Marine and a Vietnamese villager. The show is a love story about an American soldier and a young Vietnamese woman.

He said he's glad to be home for an extended stay, and that opening night at the Masonic in October, with about 25 friends and family members in the crowd, was a thrill.

His mother, Joann Daignault of Canton, has seen the show five times in several cities. She said she is very proud of her son, whom she recalled, "used to put on puppet shows in the backyard."

"At first I thought that it's just because I'm his mom that I felt he had a great voice. Then I realized other people liked it too."

Bruce Graden, then a Glenn music teacher, said Daignault was very focused on the performing arts. He was "a great singer, great actor and very good dancer."

"It was pretty obvious to me that he had everything going for him," said Graden, now retired but still in touch with his former student.

Daignault also stays in contact with Dan Cooney, who graduated from Glenn a year later and performed the role of Perchik in "Fiddler on the Roof" this fall at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

Daignault took an early interest in theater. He was doing makeup for Garden City and Westland theater groups as an eighth grader. As a ninth grader, he summoned the courage to play his first lead role (Ichabod Crane) in a Marshall Junior High School production of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

"I always wanted to perform," he said. In Chicago, he took whatever roles he could and paid his dues.

"I did shows where I was making \$50 a week and supporting myself waiting tables, just for the love of theater."

He performed in Midwest premieres of touring shows like "A Little Night Music," and "Pacific Overtures." He managed a restaurant.

Eventually he joined the actor's union, which ensured better-paying roles.



Leo Daignault

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# Concerts from page 1B

Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 625-6211 or (810) 631-1332 (evenings) for tickets.

Home for the Holidays, with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Churchill High School's James P. Carl Auditorium. (Newburgh at Jay Road) Livonia. Clarenceville High School Choir, guest conductor Carl Karoub in a concert of seasonal favorites ending with an audience participation in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Call (813) 421-1111 or (313) 461-2741.

Plymouth Community Band Winter Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Canton High School Little Theatre. Santa Clause will be making an appearance. There is no charge.

Madonna University Chorale presents their annual concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Felician Motherhouse Chapel. There is no

charge. Call (313) 591-5037 for information.

Redford Civic Symphony presents its annual Christmas concert with the St. Valentine Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Valentine Church, on Beech Daly, south of Five Mile in Redford. The program includes Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and a sing-along at the end of the program.

Rackham Symphony Choir presents Handel's "Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Old St. Mary's Church in Greentown on the corner of St. Antoine and Monroe, Detroit. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call (313) 292-4650.

Farmington Community Band will present "Holiday Collage," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt

and Orchard Lake Roads in Farmington Hills. The concert band, jazz/dance band, and several small ensembles, will play a collection of holiday classics. Tickets available at the door. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412 for information.

Cool Yule will be presented by Farmington Community Chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

Tickets \$6, senior citizens and students \$5, children 10 and under \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door on an availability basis. Call (810) 474-4516.

Selections include "Home for the Holidays," several soloists and small ensembles, comical numbers, and the title selection "Cool Yule," written by Steve Allen.



Polish chorale: Polonaise Chorale will present a concert of Polish Christmas Carols at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia on Dec. 4.

# Actor from page 1B

He was cast as one of the four comedic do-woppers in "Forever Plaid" in Chicago, and in October 1991 began a 10-month run with the show in Boston.

He left to join the "Miss Saigon, which opened in Chicago in October 1992.

The show's next stop, after Detroit, is nine months in Los Angeles, which can be a good town for

young actors. Daignault said he will look for opportunity there. But stardom?

"Stardom is dependent on so many outside factors -- a good press agent, a good agent, luck.

My goal is to work as many years as I can and to enjoy my work.

"It's cool to be able to say that I get to do for a living what I love so much."

# Marquee from page 1B

This year's festivities begin 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$30 per person, students \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Fund. Call Jan Wojtan (313) 425-2727, Christine Kanabrodzka (810) 549-4627 or Christine Brestek (313) 822-3379 for reservations.

The meatless Polish dinner features pickled herring in cream, mushroom soup, pierogi, baked sauerkraut and vegetable medley. Ewa Siarkowski Depa of Livonia will be singing popular Christmas carols in English and Polish.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council kicks off its new Symphony for Kids Series 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, with a Young People's Concert featuring Prokofiev's "Peter and the

Wolf" with the Bob Brown Pup-

pets and the symphony. After the performance, Symphony Kids will gather for a "Picnic in the Woods," on the box level of Orchestra Hall. Children will be welcomed with goodie bags, face painting and refreshments. Tickets are \$19 for the concert and party or \$10 per person for those who already have concert tickets. For more information, call (313) 962-1000, Ext. 285 or 245, weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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# 'Miss Saigon' memorable despite faults

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSZY, SPECIAL WRITER

There's a new "lady" in town and although she's good -- very, very good -- she ain't all she's cracked up to be. The lady is "Miss Saigon," which is now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit.

"Miss Saigon's" arrival was preceded by some of the biggest hype produced in these times of exaggerated endorsements. And, via radio, television and newspaper ads, this hype has continued since "his classic love story of our time" hit the stage in Detroit.

The hype worked on this reviewer whose expectations were of such magnitude that there was little chance for this show to meet them. But, expectations aside, there are some areas in "Miss Saigon" to appreciate, and a few that evoke raves from the audience.

"Miss Saigon" tells the story of love and self-sacrifice between a young Vietnamese girl and an American soldier at the time of the fall of Saigon in 1975.

Jennifer C. Paz, in the role of Kim, gives an outstanding performance during most of "Miss Saigon." There are times, however, when the words to the songs she is singing are unrecognizable. This is also true at times for the singing of Kevin Gray, who plays

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the Engineer, and for Eric Kunze, (Chris). Only, John, played by native Detroit's Charles E. Wallace, is able to be consistently understood.

Not being able to understand the lyrics to the songs is disconcerting in any musical production, but in "Miss Saigon," this is especially unfortunate since most of the dialogue in this production is through songs.

Lighting and scenery works together to create many powerful scenes, beginning with the vivid red opening, followed by the use of lighting to frame the girls in a sea of blue, up to the gigantic statue of Ho Chi Minh and through the evacuation of Saigon in 1975, and on, everything works well together.

Speaking of the evacuation, Leo Daignault of Westland as Sergeant Hicks, belts out his short line with conviction.

Also during the evacuation in Act II a helicopter lands on a platform above the stage giving rise to approving applause.

The helicopter, which looks and sounds real, adds tremendously to the scene, however, it is because of the helicopter that the next scene with Kim singing a reprise of "Sun and Moon" is not



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Musical: A dramatic scene from the Cameron Mackintosh production of the musical, "Miss Saigon" now playing at the Masonic Temple Theatre.

as strong as it should be.

Raising the helicopter causes the set to shake, and it continues to shake and be distracting during Kim's solo.

One special effect that really does work well is exhibited during "The American Dream" performed by the Engineer. A Cadillac convertible, complete with Miss liberty, appears to hover in the air when it comes straight out

of the back curtain. The car, the catchy song, and the Engineer's likeable singing all make this a memorable scene.

While certain aspects come to mind after the curtain goes down on "Miss Saigon," disappointingly, there is something that is not memorable. Also, why the ending should be memorable, it is more expected than momentous.

"Miss Saigon" does have its faults, but it is also powerful and entertaining. The story line is simple, and a reflection of a bleak period in our time. "Miss Saigon" is well worth the trip downtown, just don't have too many expectations.

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# LET'S GO! DINING

## Garden City couple aims to keep Muggs diners happy

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and I make it for her, and it's all ready when she gets here," said Jack Dubay, who keeps the kitchen. His wife, Ann, serves the food. The Garden City couple opened Muggs Coffee Shoppe in April in

a Ford Road building that long housed a donut shop.

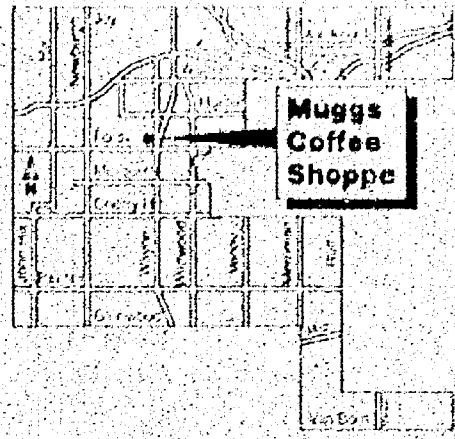
Things have been going well since, and Ann Dubay said it may be because they keep the place clean, the prices low and the food good. And they're not afraid to serve shrimp for breakfast, even if it's not on the menu.

The Dubays are high school sweethearts from Garden City (he East Class of '82, she Garden City High Class of '83). He started as a 17-year-old short-order cook, graduated from the culinary arts school at Schoolcraft College and worked as a chef at the Hyatt Regency, Grand Cafe in Farmington and Oakland Hills Country Club, among other places.

But they always wanted to own their own place, and for the last three years, they've been working toward that goal.

"Our dream was always to have a small mom and pop shop, and that's how this came about," said Ann Dubay. She saw a for-rent sign in the window, and that's where it all began.

She did the decorating. There are pictures of old movie stars: James Cagney, Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart and Lucille Ball. Ann Dubay said she wants



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to keep the place cozy. It seems to be working. Some of the older crowd has drifted back.

"We have tons of old regulars who weren't our regulars, but they've become our regulars," she said.

There are also city workers, business people and families.

Muggs Coffee Shoppe serves breakfast and lunch — no dinner. The servings are large. A bowl of soup, for example, is served in a 16 oz. mug that many people don't finish.

There are three-egg omelettes and the fried red-skinned potatoes are popular. The morning special offers two eggs, two bacon strips or sausage links, potatoes

and toast for \$2.  
For lunch there are sandwiches, including a turkey burger fried in soy sauce, burger and turkey and swiss. The soups are made fresh daily and change daily.  
"Everything is big," said Ann Dubay. "It's a lot for your money."

All the items on the menu are under \$4. The coffee is fresh ground.

There are no plans to begin offering dinner, Ann Dubay said.

There are other family members involved at Muggs: Her father, Ed Jentzen; his mother, Dorothy Caren; and her sister, Susy Bates, among them.

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What did you do that was the most fun? We'll be sharing your ideas with Let's Go! readers in a story on Dec. 15.

Maybe you went to dinner at a really nice place, or had a formal home party where everyone dressed up in their finest attire. Send suggestions for fun things to do on New Year's Eve (be sure to

include a daytime telephone number) to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go! editor; Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax entries to (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2105. Winners will be notified by phone.

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# Dance groups present holiday classic

The magical holiday season begins with swirling snowflakes and waltzing flowers as the Michigan Classic Ballet Company, under the direction of Mary Celeste Geiger, presents "The Nutcracker Ballet," 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4 at West Bloomfield High School Auditorium with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra.

Special guest artist, Sean Kelly of the Houston Ballet, will dance the role of the Cavalier. A benefit performance for the St. Vincent Sarah Fisher Center 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 will be especially appealing to young audience members as they are guided through an abridged journey to the Land of Sweets with narrator, Shelley Smith of WXYZ Channel 7.

Tickets for the 3 p.m. Dec. 3-4 performances are \$15 adults, \$12 senior citizens and children. Reserved seating only. The Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m. benefit performance tickets are \$8 general seating only. Call (810) 661-4349.

Ballet Electric presents their Winter Concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Clarenceville High School,

Livonia. Features Act 2 of "The Nutcracker," dances to Gershwin and Vivaldi. Admission \$6, students and senior citizens, \$5. Call (313) 477-3830.

Midwest Dance Theatre, which is based in Walled Lake, will present "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at Old Warren High School, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Mercy High School, Eleven Mile at Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$9 senior citizens and students. Call (810) 669-9444 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the performance.

The full-length ballet, in two acts will be performed under the direction of artistic director Evelyn Kraszon.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present "Nutcracker" with Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the James P. Carli Auditorium in Churchill High School, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 adults, senior citizens age 62 and older, \$10, and students 21 and

under \$8. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741.

Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents "Nutcracker Suite, Pas de Quatre and Siftle de Jazz," sponsored by the Michigan Touring Arts Fund and Farmington Parks and Recreation at Mercy Center, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children. The troupe will present the entire "Nutcracker" ballet 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Southfield High School. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12.50 children. Call (810) 474-3174.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, presents "Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 at Salem High School Auditorium in Plymouth. Tickets \$14 adults, \$8 students. Call (313) 451-2112.

The holiday festivities will continue after each matinee performance with the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League.

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 9-11;

14-18; 20-23, at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$22, \$25 and \$27, call (313) 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for tickets and show times.

Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutcracker," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Call (313) 421-8264 or (313) 464-7310.

Oakland Festival Ballet Company is staging six performances Dec. 16-18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Guest artists Karen Denise Gabay and Raymond Rodriguez, principal dancers with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company, will perform as Sugarplum Fairy and Cavalier. Atlanta Ballet's Kuan Lin Fay will dance as Nutcracker Prince.

Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. All seats for the morning performance on Friday, Dec. 16 are \$10 each; for Saturday and Sunday performances the prices are \$14 children and senior citizens and \$16 adults. Call (810) 546-7610 or Ticketmaster for tickets.



Featured dancers: Noelle Doner and Kyle Forrest will perform with Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Ballet Company Dec. 2-3 at "Nutcracker" performances with the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

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With the holiday season quickly coming upon us, Livonia's newest dining sensation, East Side Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Road, Livonia, recently held a pre-grand opening celebration.

All event proceeds were donated to the Livonia Heart Fund. East Side Mario's entertained over 500 people and raised \$3,100 for the fund.

"We are very pleased and grateful to East Side Mario's for the turnout, and the amount of money we were able to raise," said Joe Taylor, Livonia City Council President, and Livonia Heart Fund Board member and trustee.

The Livonia Heart Fund will divide the \$3,100 among its recipients of Livonia charities, college scholarships and the emergency room of St. Mary's Hospital.

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

# Preppie style makes 'Seduction' a ho-hum affair

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JOHN MONAGHAN

She not only refuses to open up to the man she sleeps with, she routinely insults him. She's so cold that she extinguishes her cigarette in an apple pie baked by his grandma. Linda Fiorentino's Bridget in "The Last Seduction" caps a whole history of movie femme fatales. Sexy, sadistic, and way too cool to care, she is infinitely more fascinating than the predictable and pliable males she manipulates throughout the film.

This is the second theatrical release from director John Dahl and his third project to harken back to

film noir, the shadow-filled crime and detective films of the 1940s and '50s.

Earlier this year Dahl's "Red Rock West," starring Nicolas Cage and Dennis Hopper, became one of the few movies ever to enjoy a healthy theatrical run after cable and video release. It played for over a month at the Main Art Theatre.

"The Last Seduction," at the Main and Star Taylor, might be more at home on the small screen. Though filled with bright ideas and humor, it's film noir as made by preppies; it talks tough, but never grabs you by the collar.

Bridget's medical student husband (Bill Pullman) writes illegal prescriptions for Manhattan drug addicts. His big score, a \$700,000 cocaine transfer, is foiled when Bridget absconds with the money

in a brown grocery sack.

She drives all night, finally reaching Boston — "Home of the Bulldogs," as the town sign proudly states. After seeing "Red Rock West," you just know she's not leaving anytime soon.

Her lawyer advises that she stay put until the heat blows over, which could be as long as two years. She lands a job with an insurance company, which also employs the guy (Peter Berg) she picked up, slept with, and abandoned the night before.

Film noir is typically set in big cities like New York and Los Angeles. Dahl proved in "Red Rock West" that smalltown USA, with its town square and friendly locals, could also be a scene of depravity and murder.

He has the same potential here, but Boston (Bridget calls it

'Mayberry') never plays a major role. When a private investigator (Bill Nunn) tracks down Bridget at her new job, the receptionist makes a point of telling her "it was a black man," as if she's never seen one before.

We long for more scenes with Fiorentino practicing her wit and bitchiness on the locals, but, perhaps for budgetary reasons, Dahl rarely strays from a few key sets — the bar, the office, the bedroom — and a handful of characters.

Equally disappointing in "The Last Seduction" is the dialogue. Like Quentin Tarantino in "Pulp Fiction," Dahl and writer Steve Barancik have strung together bits from other great movies, including the oft-copied "Double Indemnity," which many call the quintessential film noir.

But Dahl has yet to create a

way of talking that isn't just re-fried film noir banter plus profanity. Tarantino's dialogue flies off the screen; Dahl's only serves to remind you of the better movies: it's mimicking.

The success of "Red Rock West" came too late for Dahl to enjoy any buying power at the casting office. "The Last Seduction" was already in the can. Bel-

ter male actors would still lose to Fiorentino's Bridget, but at least they would make this cat-and-mouse game a bit more sporting.

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

## Screen Scene

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

### MAIN ART THEATRE

118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 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.

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

"The Shawshank Redemption" (USA - 1994). Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman play prison in-

mates whose terms span the decades. An entertaining, if cliched, adaptation of a Stephen King story.

### REDFORD THEATRE

17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"White Christmas" (USA - 1954). 8 p.m. Dec. 2; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 3 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Army buddies Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye try to boost the popularity of a winter resort, singing Irving Berlin songs along the way.

## Coming Attractions

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

Opening Friday, Dec. 9

"Disclosure": A high-tech story of corporate intrigue and sexual harassment, based on the novel by Michael Crichton. Stars Michael Douglas, Demi Moore and Donald Sutherland.

"Drop Zone": A thriller about a U.S. marshall who gets involved with exhibition sky diving while investigating his brother's murder. Stars Wesley Snipes and Gary Busey.

"Heavenly Creatures": The tale of a joyous friendship between two young, imaginative women, who find themselves on dangerous ground.

Opening Friday, Dec. 16

"Richie Rich": Based on the Harvey Comics series, the story of a boy who has everything and takes over the family business

when his parents are believed lost in a plane crash. With Macaulay Culkin and John Larroquette.

Opening Friday, Dec. 21

"Mixed Nuts": A Christmas comedy for the '90s about a group of people at a suicide hotline on Christmas Eve, dealing with love, birth, death and fruitcakes. Stars Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn.

Opening Sunday, Dec. 23

"Nell": A woman raised in a remote cabin in the wilds and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist who control her fate. With Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson.

"Pret-A-Porter": Director Robert Altman shows a world of intrigue, romance, comedy and suspense against the Paris fashion industry. With a large cast of stars.



"Trapped in Paradise": It's Christmas Eve and the Firpo brothers Dave (Jon Lovitz, left), Bill (Nicolas Cage) and Alvin (Dana Carvey) have 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.

# Jeff Daniels' Fox party won't be dumb

It won't be just another dumb party when Jeff Daniels brings home his new movie "Dumb and Dumber" for a gala benefit premiere at the Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec.

New Line Cinema's "Dumb and Dumber" is a comedy about the simple-minded, starring Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey. The proceeds of the event will benefit The Purple Rose Theatre Company, a not-for-profit professional theater in Chelsea, Mich., founded by Daniels.

Tickets for the Premiere are on sale now for \$15 (General Admission) and are available at all

Ticketmaster locations or charge by phone at (810) 645-6666. Patron tickets, \$125, are available by calling The Purple Rose Theatre at (313) 475-5817, Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patron tickets include VIP seating and an after-glow reception hosted by Jeff and Kathleen Daniels at Risata restaurant (next to the Fox Theatre in the Second City).

Also expected to attend are director Peter Farrelly, producer Charles Wessler and actress Carrie Fisher. Carrey (The Mask) and Daniels (Speed) star in this highly anticipated comedy about a

pathetic pair of dimwits who embark on a cross-country road trip in hopes of returning a briefcase full of cash to its rightful owner. For these two, every day is a no brainer — and "cross country" means traveling from Rhode Island to Aspen, Colorado.

Lloyd Christmas (Carrey) and Harry Dunne (Daniels) redefine the meaning of the word "stupid" as they confound cops, kidnappers, truckers, migrant workers and anyone who has the incredible misfortune of crossing their path.

Co-starring Lauren Holly (Dragon), MTV's Karen "Duff" Duffy,

Teri Garr, Victoria Rowell (The Distinguished Gentleman) and Boston Bruins star forward Cam Neely. "Dumb and Dumber" is directed by Peter Farrelly. The film is produced by Charles B. Wessler and Brad Krevoy and Steve Stabler from a screenplay by Peter Farrelly, Bennett Yellin and Bob Farrelly. Executive Producers are Aaron Meyerson and Gerald Olson.

"Dumb and Dumber," New Line's first major film to be distributed during the holiday box office season, opens in theaters nationwide on Friday, December 16.

## A 'Speechless' contest

Tell us about a holiday gift you received that left you "Speechless" to win a sweat shirt and two tickets to see the movie 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Star John R. Theatre in Madison Heights.

The first 24 entries will receive a "Speechless" sweatshirt. One grand-prize winner will receive a sweatshirt, two tickets to the movie, and a commemorative book. Deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 9. You must be 18 to enter, only one entry per family.

Send or fax entries to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go! editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax entries by calling:

(313) 591-7279. For information, call (313) 953-2105.

"Speechless," opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on Dec. 16, stars Michael Keaton and Kevin Davis. Sparkle fly when Kevin Vallick (Keaton) and Julia Mann (Davis) meet over the last box of Nylol in an all night convenience store, but these two have more in common than insomnia. Both political speech writers, they are unaware that they share the same profession and work for opposing candidates. When they discover the truth, romance gives way to rivalry as they engage in an escalating and hilarious match of one-upmanship.

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This contest is open to children ages 5 to 12. Only one entry per family. Deadline for entries Friday, Dec. 2.

Include your t-shirt size with the entry, name, address and a daytime telephone number where your parent's can be reached. Winners will be notified by mail.

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### Singles Mingle

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#### Dance parties

**SQUARE DANCE/HAYRIDE**  
Tip Toppers Club of Detroit is sponsoring a square dance and hayride at Sugarbush Farms, 3520 Gathewood Road, in Ypsilanti at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The cost is \$18 per person, payable in advance by Thursday, Dec. 1. Admission price includes hayride, coffee, food, soft drinks and dancing with a square dance caller. (313) 421-4537.

**WESTSIDE SINGLES**  
For November, Westside Singles will hold dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft west of Ingham Road. Admission before 8 p.m. \$2. 21 and over, dressy attire. (313) 562-3160.

**WEDNESDAY DANCE**  
Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in November at Burton Manor, 196 and Ingham, Exit 137, Livonia. Age 21 and older, proper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3. (313) 642-0443 or (313) 477-8260.

**MEGADANCE**  
Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

#### Ballroom dancing

**STARLITERS**  
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beacon Day, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-5913.

**ANN ARBOR SINGLES**  
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892, (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322.

#### Single groups

**UNITY OF LIVONIA**  
Unity of Livonia is hosting a Christmas "Carol" Costume sing-along potluck dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. 278-0459.

**BETHANY FARMINGTON**  
A holiday get-together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$3. 478-7841.

**SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS**  
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

**BETHANY**  
Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123.

**ST. PAUL'S**  
Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45 years and older meets at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. On Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the "History of Automobile Industry" at \$3.50 per person.

**NEWBURG SINGLES**  
Newburg Singles mix-ups meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in the Shrine Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburg, Livonia. Light refreshments served. (313) 663-0014.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS**  
A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and

want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

**SINGLE PLACE**  
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents Active Singles, social group for singles who work afternoons, nights and weekends. Events include social, cultural and sports events, and brunches and tours in and around the metro area. Ages 21-44. (810) 478-1220.

**SINGLE POINT**  
The Rev. Paul Cough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk II Over (110) 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (313) 422-1854.

**EXPRESSIONS**  
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 956-0141.

**REAL PEOPLE CLUB**  
The Real People Club, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9826 or (810) 616-3347.

**ACTIVITIES GROUP**  
The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777.

**EXPLORERS**  
St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 461-2027.

**PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD**  
The Livonia/Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Embassy Suites Hotel, just east of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 481-1969.

**PWP WAYNE/WESTLAND**  
The Wayne/Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Merriman, Westland. Meeting is 8-8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6937.

**CATHOLIC ALUMNI**  
The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to marry in the Catholic Church. (313) 561-7564; (810) 939-1558 or (810) 617-7076.

#### Sports/Recreation

**WALLEYBALL**  
Farmington Single Professionals host Walleyball at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, and 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Racquetball Farmington, located on Five Mile between Farmington and Drake roads. Cost \$4 for members per hour and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

**BOWLING**  
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is sponsoring a bowling night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Thunderbird Lanes, located on Maple Road west of Livonia in Troy. The cost is \$9. (810) 682-1807.

**HOLIDAY VISIT**  
Farmington Single Professionals are hosting a "Holiday Time" visit at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Sunday, Dec. 11. Group members intend to walk through the village if weather permits. Admission is \$11.50. (810) 478-9181.

**INDOOR VOLLEYBALL**  
The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Briley Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members/\$5 for non-members. (810) 682-1807.

**BOWLING**  
Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league meets 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Memorial Lanes, Five Mile and Michigan roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717.

**NOWLING**  
The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. (810) 624-7777.

**BRIDGE**  
Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177.

**WALLEYBALL**  
Farmington Single Professionals play walleyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

**RUNNERS/WALKERS**  
Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181.

#### Other activities

**UNIQUE SINGLES**  
Unity of Livonia Singles is hosting a Christmas "Carol" Costume sing-along potluck dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road.

**IN SEARCH OF**  
The Activities Group in Search of Club members will search "To find the best thing in Metro Detroit" as part of the group's In Search of Series to find the best of what the area has to offer in restaurants, foods and novel decor. Suggestions and samples will be discussed at the noon meeting Saturday, Dec. 3, at Langan's Bowling Center, 32905 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills. The Activities Group is composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities. (810) 624-7777.

**VIENNA CHOIR BOYS**  
A gourmet brunch at the Whitney Restaurant, 4421 Woodward Ave., followed by a concert by the Vienna Choir Boys at Orchestra Hall will start at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. The event, which is sponsored by The Activities Group, a singles group composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities, will cost \$57; non-members add \$5. RSVP is required. (810) 624-7777.

**DINING/THEATRE CLUB**  
Meeting  
The Gourmet Dining and Theatre Clubs' Meeting of The Activities Group, a singles group composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities, will meet before the "Miss Saigon" performance at Moris, 30100 Telegraph Road. Dinner and theater tickets package price is \$120; non-members add \$5. RSVP is required. (810) 624-7777.

**DIVORCE RECOVERY**  
Single Place presents a workshop, "Living Beyond Divorce, Phase III," 7:30 p.m. Sundays, to Dec. 4, in First Presbyterian Church Library/Lounge, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. Cost \$30. (810) 349-0911.

**SINGLES LECTURES**  
Focus On Singles is presenting a seven-week lecture series on various topics followed by a dinner banquet. 514-7462.

**DIVORCE RECOVERY**  
Single Place presents a Seminar for Divorced and Separated Persons of All Ages, designed to help people during the holidays. The seminar will be Thursday evenings, through Dec. 15. Donation \$20. (810) 349-0911.

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Single Place presents at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, euchre night every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, a \$4 donation requested.



### Restaurant Specials

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#### Special events

**THE LARK**  
Old English Holiday Feast 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5-6, Monday, Tues. Oct. Wednesday, Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Holiday repast will be accompanied by live music, including madrigals and carols. The main dish is roast beef served with port wine sauce. Cost is \$75 per person and does not include beverage or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 661-4466.

**SLI & DORRY**  
Sheridan Oaks, across from Twelve Oaks Mall, meet El Zaret and Derry McLean Sunday brunch served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adults \$12.95, senior citizens \$10.95. Live entertainment 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. (810) 348-5000.

**EMMA BON BOURNILLER**  
Variety of Holiday events at the German style restaurant, 17324 John R., Detroit featuring St. Nicholas Night on Dec. 16, and the 2nd annual snowflake cutting contest and sing-along, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. (313) 867-9722.

**HAPPY'S**  
Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 a.m. Friday.

Dec. 2 at Westward and Northland, 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at Northland, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at Fairlane. The cost is \$1.50. Call for reservations. 1-800-292-2459.

**GENETT'S**  
Have lunch with Santa at the kids' Christmas Show Dec. 3-4, Dec. 10-11 and Dec. 17-18 at the restaurant in Northville. Seating is at 10:30 a.m. for all shows. Cost \$12.95 adults, children \$9.95 plus tax. (810) 349-0522.

**BURRER THEATER**  
Genett's Christmas Capers, Dec. 1 through Dec. 31. Cost \$37.10 per person includes tax and tip. A down and out television station is once again preparing for the Christmas Eve special. Along the way they sing songs, create hilarious situations, and make some of the audience members television stars. (810) 349-0522.

**ALLEN PARK BEFORE LOGS**  
Dinner theater at 14487 Southfield Road. Something's Afoot, a musical murder mystery 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 17. Cost \$20.95 in includes dinner show and tax. (313) 386-6900.

**HAPPY DINNER**  
Hop aboard the Amtrack at the Detroit or Dearborn station for trip to Gandy Dancer in Ann Arbor, Dec. 6, 21 and 28. Train leaves Detroit 5:29 p.m. and Dearborn 5:40 p.m. Cost \$48.50 per person in includes train tickets, dinner, taxes and gratuities. (alcohol is extra). Dineand band entertains on board. Football brunch offered, 9:11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. Cost \$14.50 per person. (313) 768-0662.

**GALLOP IN ST. CLAIR**  
The restaurants of St. Clair are hosting the second annual Gourmet Gallop 6-10 p.m. Dec. 1 and 15. Horse drawn carriages will carry participants for appetizers at the St. Clair Inn, Murphy Inn, DJ Gallagher's, the Voyageur and Pacheco's on the River. Dinner will follow at the William Hoagwigs Manor. Tickets are \$27. (810) 329-7159.

#### Change restaurants

**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
Ridgewood Cafe in 1305 of Terrell Hall, Oakland Community College, 27055 Dr. Harold Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Student-run restaurant is open for lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. (810) 477-7766.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE**  
The college's gourmet restaurant, Aman can Harvest in the Watermar Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia is now open for lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A lavish buffet is offered each Friday at \$10.95 per person. (313) 462-4488.

#### Packages

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## STREET BEATS

### Hydrophonic — The Soup Dragons



Now pared down to a mere dragon, vocalist Sean Dickson seems to have lost some of his fire. He's drifted to a more rock-oriented sound, much in the same regard as fellow Brits Primal Scream.

Bootsy Collins, Neville Staples, and Tina Weymouth have tagged along for the "Hydrophonic" (Raw TV/Mercury) ride, but the songs don't live up to The Soup Dragons' earlier hits.

"Freeway," which sounds eerily like Primal Scream's "Get Your Rocks Off," comes the closest. The harmonica solo in "Freeway" is worth taking a quick listen. The feel-good lyrics are there, but the hooks aren't.

— Christina Fuoco

(Dickson and his cast of touring musicians hit the Majestic in Detroit on Saturday, Dec. 3. Call (313) 953-7680 for more information.)

### Autogeddon — Julian Cope



Go ahead and throw Julian Cope in that musty pile with Iron Maiden albums, mystery shows on PBS, and all other things way too British to be understood by major American audiences. Then again, Cope (once the leader of the Teardrop Explodes) is probably inaccessible, even to the British.

Always a critically acclaimed artist, his late two albums "Peggy Suicide" and "Jehovahkill," both drew raves from the music press, but went mostly unheard by the alternative crowd he is pitched to in the United States.

"Autogeddon" is his first album for Rick Rubin's hip American Recordings label, but don't expect Copemania to sweep the country anytime soon. This album is a thoroughly frustrating listen. There are decent songs scattered through.

"Autogeddon Blues" is a spluttering acoustic attack somewhere between Iggy Pop and Nick Cave, and "Ain't No Gettin' Round Gettin' Round" is a bare-bones rocker.

However, Cope's vocals don't add to his songs, but seem to instantly deflate whatever life they showed in their first ten seconds. He starts in with either an adonoidal, robotic drone or sings like a wacked-out character from "Looney Tunes," showcasing on the infuriating "Paranormal in the West Country."

The nine songs here are thematically related, all spitting at the automobile as a thing of evil. Cope's press release calls "Autogeddon" a "gripping and coherent rant against cars, the crap that comes out of them, the crap that springs up wherever they go, and the idiots — for the most part — who drive them."

Now this could be nitpicking, but it might be a little easier being called an idiot by some eccentric English musician, if his music was actually likeable. In a way, it's fitting that Julian Cope thinks the majority of North America, Europe and the rest of the civilized world are idiots; they're certainly not buying his albums.

"Autogeddon" makes no argument to change that fact, either.

— Todd Wicks

A Rochester Hills resident, Wicks is a student at Michigan State University.

## Send us 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, Majestic Crush, Spank, 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, 48150. Please include your name and phone number.

# Stones' 'circus' is back in town

Never mind the Ben Gay and Geritol jokes, nging only makes the Rolling Stones better. See for yourself as the Stones play the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1.

By Todd Wicks  
SPECIAL WRITER

It's been almost three months since the Rolling Stones played Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. Much has happened since then. The leaves fell from the trees, the air got colder and colder, and the T-shirts sold at that show were washed a few times and quickly became see-through.

Christmas decorations are everywhere, the "Crazy Clearance" Wonderland Music ads are back on TV, and Keith Richards has worked his way through roughly 180 more packs of Marlboro Reds (they reportedly have the same effect on him as vitamins do on the rest of us).

But it's time to forget all of this and get excited once again, because the rock 'n' roll circus is coming back to town once again: the Rolling Stones are playing the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1.

It's their second Michigan appearance on their '94-'95 Voodoo Lounge tour. This very well could be your final chance to see these living legends in concert, but there are several more important reasons to pay the \$25 or \$50 and go. Put simply, this concert will be a textbook lesson in rock 'n' roll.

Pink Floyd gave the Stones a run for their money in ticket sales over the summer, but the Floyd show was about special effects and stuffy, plodding mood music. Live, the Stones deal exclusively in an earthy, blues-influenced rawness that is the essence of their art.

### With energy

The Voodoo Lounge show positively kicks with energy for a solid two hours, so don't worry about getting your money's worth.

Then there are the weathered, wrinkled, been-there-rocked-it-Stones themselves. International playboy/vocalist Mick Jagger



Loungin' around; After a weekend of television appearances, The Rolling Stones will turn the Pontiac Silverdome into the Voodoo Lounge on Thursday, Dec. 1.

showed no signs of slowing back at the September show.

Yes, the lips are still huge. Yes, his butt was officially measured to be smaller than a postage stamp. The age lines may be visible, but Jagger's ability to sing, dance and generally work a crowd into a frenzy remains unchallenged. He is in incredible shape for a man half his age and in equally fine voice, so leave the Ben-Gay jokes at home.

Childhood friend and sometimes-bickering partner Keith Richards embodies the Stones' image. He comes out, guitar slung low, stalking the stage slowly, but by show's end is leaping and jerking around almost as much as Mick. His playing remains inspired; if your pulse doesn't quicken at the opening riff for "Jumpin' Jack Flash," you just might be clinically dead.

And parents, bring the kids; there is no finer role model for America's youth than Richards, The Telecasters, the skull ring, the mileage. He must be seen to be believed.

Then throw in the loveable antics and king-bee slide guitar of Ronnie Wood and impressively irreplaceable drummer Charlie Watts. There's not a dull one in the bunch.

The show's set list sticks mainly

to the '70s and the new album. A handful of tracks off the classic "Exile on Main Street" are sprinkled throughout, along with more intense cuts off "Voodoo Lounge," and favorites off 1978's "Some Girls." Almost every song played is or was a hit, from the recent "Love Is Strong" to massive crowd pleasers like "Shattered" and "Happy."

### Changing play list

The Stones have stressed in recent interviews that the song list will change from show to show, so let's hope for more surprises. In September, "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction" was one of the first songs played, sending the already-excited crowd completely over the top.

On Dec. 1 anything could happen. Maybe "Gimme Shelter" or "Wild Horses" will make the cut this time. In any case, here's hoping for "Angie." Just don't expect stage-diving or drum solos — let's be reasonable.

The stage on this tour lets the band interact with the audience more than the traditional stadium show. Two walkways allow Jagger up almost into the nosebleed seats on either side, and a catwalk high above the drums lets him get down in front of a massive video screen.

The futuristic set is a sight to behold, but should be seen mainly as something to look at and talk about as it looms ominously overhead during the Spin Doctors' opening set. Once the Stones begin playing, the stage will quickly become an afterthought.

Notoriously tricky for live music, the Silverdome will prove a daunting task for the Stones' sound crew. But don't let these facts affect your decision negatively. The Stones will make it up for you, I promise.

The official list of reasons you should go see the Stones on Dec. 1 goes on and on. Most importantly, it will be great fun, and this could be your last chance to experience the group known as the Greatest Rock 'n' Roll Band in the World live. But no one in the audience was getting depressed over sad goodbyes or farewell tours in East Lansing. They were all smiling and dancing and having too good a time. At least I think they were; once the Stones came on, I couldn't be bothered to check.

The Rolling Stones and The Spin Doctors play the Pontiac Silverdome, Pontiac, tonight, Dec. 1. For more information, call (810) 645-6666.

# Skeleton Crew unplugs with its 'dig'

By Bob Sadler  
SPECIAL WRITER

The popularity of the "Unplugged" genre in rock music today, spawned in part by the MTV series of the same name, has resulted in phenomenal record sales for a diversity of artists ranging from Eric Clapton to the current chart-topping act Nirvana.

It's interesting that the acoustic, bare bones approach to music making has achieved such a widespread following, especially in light of the fact that a Royal Oak-based band named Skeleton Crew has been playing that way for about five years. They were "unplugged" before it was cool.

In spite of the band's acoustic approach, Skeleton Crew's music is tough to label. Even the members of the band couldn't completely agree.

Vocalist Bill Pilipchuk, whom you may remember from Bitter Sweet Alley during the early '80s, says the group's music is a blend of "the Beatles, Jacques Brel and Chicago blues." Bassist Chris Badynee prefers the term "alternative folk." Guitarist Scott Christy, son of famed Detroit radio personality Paul Christy and former sidekick on his father's old WKSG-FM morning show, struck a bit of a compromise.

### Quite a Crew:

Skeleton Crew — Dan Hess (top row, from left), Chris Badynee, Greg Tyler, Bill Pilipchuk and Scott Christy (bottom, left) will celebrate the release of their debut CD with a party and performance at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.



"Our songs always feature acoustic guitar, fretless bass, vocal harmonies and very poetic lyrics," Christy said. "If you have all those things, it's probably Skeleton Crew."

The group is doubly excited to be releasing their first album, "pre-historic dig," this month. At the same time "Christmas in Detroit Too" hits the streets with a new Skeleton Crew tune called "Mary Christmas Was Her Name."

The follow-up to the successful 1992 benefit album "Christmas in Detroit," "Christmas in Detroit Too" was once again produced by Brian and Mark Pastoria, and Jimmy Romeo of DC Drive fame.

Besides Skeleton Crew, the other artists donating their time to the project include DC Drive, featuring Graham Strachan, the Detroit Blues Band, Michael Brock and Business as Usual II, Mitch Ryder with the Garfield Blues Band, Howling Diablos and Foni Booker to name a few.

Proceeds from the album will benefit The Dream Fund at the Center for Creative Studies, established in 1990 by columnist M... Album to distribute... produced by Philip...

former Bitter Sweet Alley bandmate Gary Spaniola on his Baltic Records label — is a 12-song sampler of Skeleton Crew's melodic best that reaches out to many types of listeners.

"It was very hard putting this album together," Christy said. "We decided to make a record that embraced a whole variety of styles, including some ballads, some more pop-oriented songs and some rock songs."

While tracks like "Callilili" and "Kiss the World Goodbye" might be more radio friendly, a couple tracks on the album merit special attention. "Trumpeting Soul" is a bit of a departure, even for Skeleton Crew, with its jazzier arrangement, featuring the horn work of Detroit legend Johnny Trudell. And, of course, the album would not be complete without the inclusion of the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus."

"When we recorded 'Walrus,' it just turned out so hot that we had to put it on the record," said Pilipchuk whose Fab Four fixation permeates all of Skeleton Crew's music. "Some record people that we know told us it's a very honorable rendition."

"I wanted to sing it from the Walrus' perspective. I think that, even though he sang 'I am the Walrus,' John Lennon sang the song more from a perspective of an outsider looking at the Walrus."

"pre-historic dig" is being shipped to major labels right now, but Skeleton Crew has a local record release party at the Gem Theatre in Detroit on the immediate horizon.

"We do have some label interest," Pilipchuk said. "But right now, we're hoping to show them that we know how to market the band — this is the look, the sound, etc. If we can't get airplay, that's what we think can put us over the top."

"Detroit radio has always been very good to us."

"Labels are not sinking a lot of money into new bands right now," Christy added. "But the success of a band like the Gin Blossoms, who kicked around the Arizona bar scene for so many years, encourages me."

Skeleton Crew will perform on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Call (810) 589-3344. The official record release party for "pre-historic dig" will be at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call (313) 963-9801 for more information.

The record release party for "Christmas in Detroit Too" will be at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Second City, 2305 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The album is available at all Harmony House locations and most independent record stores.



# In Concert

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According to Chilean author Ariel Dorfman, "The time is the present and the place, a country that is probably Chile, but could be any country that has given itself a democratic government just after a long period of dictatorship."

Gerardo (Mark Rademacher) is a successful attorney who has just been appointed to a commission to investigate human rights violations by the past regime. Fifteen years ago his wife Paulina (Anne Capron), then his girlfriend and a dissident university student, was kidnapped, raped, starved and tortured by that regime.

## REVIEW

lina's nerves have never recovered and her heart and soul are still captive. She despairs that the new commission will care only about those who died or permanently disappeared, not those who survived.

Following a chance encounter with Gerardo, Dr. Miranda (David Regal) is now a house guest. From his voice and key expressions, Paulina recognizes him as the doctor who supervised her torture. When she has him bound, gagged, and held at gunpoint, revenge is at hand, but now she must decide what will actually satisfy her. Also, she must convince her husband that she isn't mistaken, hasn't gone mad, and won't irreparably damage his career.

Regal, a long-time virtuoso in Detroit-area theater, is a consummate actor whose deep, rich voice would be mesmerizing if he were reciting the phone book. He fully captures his character's complexities — his initially hiding his fear of discovery behind vehement denunciation of the old government, his vacillations behind real fear for his life and outrage at his "mistaken identity" and brutal treatment.

The heaviest weight of making the drama works falls to Paulina, and Capron is magnificent in the role. Her initial edginess, her re-

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Drama: Anne Capron (left to right), Mark Rademacher and David Regal in a scene from "Death and the Maiden."

laxed moments of self-satisfied gloating over her captive, her honest evaluation of her feelings are all highly convincing. In her super-charged confrontations with Dr. Miranda one can visibly see the emotions sweeping through her body.

As Gerardo, Rademacher is sympathetic and believable in a part that is automatically overshadowed by the other two. A good man caught in an untenable position, he tries to uphold his principles without enflaming his wife's instability.

Director Yolanda Fleischer has staged the production masterful-

ly, particularly in the decision to eliminate the intermission. The result is a much-heightened dramatic intensity that leaves the audience gasping at the final fade-out.

Dorothy Smith's set design and Mark Berg's lighting work beautifully except for the final scene, when lights bouncing off the mirrored panels nearly blind some in the audience. The ever-present

sound of the waves crashing against the beach outside is a nice reflection of the turbulent emotions on stage, but having Dr. Miranda wear dark glasses at midnight to suggest his shady character is definitely overkill.

Barbara Michals is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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# Port Austin is a great getaway any time of year

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSHY  
SPECIAL WRITER

When cold weather arrives, most people head for the sun. Others head for the Thumb.

The Thumb, of course, is the descriptive name for northeastern part of Michigan's lower peninsula. And Port Austin, located at the tip of the Thumb, is a great place for a weekend getaway because it offers shopping, fine dining and a whole lot of nature.

This resort village on Lake Huron is just a two- to three-hour trip from Detroit's western suburbs. In fact, just as the kids get restless in the car, you've arrived at this haven for fishermen. (Perch and salmon are among the wealth of catches available in Lake Huron.)

You can break up the ride to or from Port Austin.

Stop in Bad Axe, on M-53, which bisects the Thumb, for some great family shopping. The Huron County seat offers Norman's, located just south of town on M-53, where last year's overstocks of clothing can be unappreciated for just a few dollars. (And do take cash or a credit card. Norman's will not accept checks.)

Right in Bad Axe, and also on M-53, is a wonderful little "junk" store called The Jungle. This establishment carries resale items and finds, like inexpensive, but attractive jewelry, a vast assortment of sunglasses, seasonal items and other assorted things.

If you're looking for "the good stuff," go 17 miles north to your final destination, Port Austin. Right in the center of town, on Lake Street, is the Porthole, a small gift shop that carries an-

tiques, unusual and quality new wares and hand-fashioned (versus the more common "handmade") items, like quilts, decorated denim clothing and wreaths.

The Porthole's proprietress, Sharon Upthegrove, makes browsing in this shop an even more enjoyable experience (just looking at the stock is a treat) by offering friendly words and helpful and expedient service. (This shop will be open weekends until Christmas, then closed until April.)

After shopping, Port Austin visitors can enjoy a number of natural and man-made attractions, starting with the many public parks. A family favorite is Bird Creek County Park that's within the village limits. Gazebos and a boardwalk with cutouts for seating and covered picnic shelters provide a view of the lake and

harbor at this park.

For year-round recreation, Port Crescent State Park, five miles west of Port Austin on M-25, is the place to visit. In addition to offering almost 200 modern campsites, day visitors can swim during summer months, view nature close up from hiking trails most of the year, or enjoy cross-country skiing on groomed trails during the winter -- including candle-lit trails on certain days. For further information on Port Crescent State Park, call (517) 738-8663.

No matter what a visitor does in Port Austin, if it's near the beach it's combined with fantastic views of natural shoreline, outstanding sunsets and the tranquility of the sounds of the lake.

All this fresh air can make you hungry, and Port Austin has the perfect solution in its three world-class restaurants.

Both the Garfield Inn (a favorite summer retreat of President James Garfield) and The Bank 1884, fashionable eateries just a few steps from each other on Lake Street, share the honor of being National Historic Sites. They also share the distinction of offering fine cuisine in comfortable surroundings.

The Garfield, at (517) 738-5254, is open year round. The Bank, at (517) 738-5254, however, closes during winter months when owners Anthony Berry (a teacher) and Marilyn Berry (a librarian) concentrate on their other profes-



Excellent view: Port Austin, perched on Lake Huron at the tip of the Thumb, offers long stretches of beach, including the 800-foot of beachfront in Bird Creek County Park.

sions. The newest entry in fine food -- specifically "Cuisine of the Heartland" -- is The Farm, owned by Jeff and Pam Gabriel and located west of town on Port Crescent Road. Jeff is a certified master chef and an instructor in the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College. The Farm, at (517) 874-5700, also has seasonal hours.

For hearty appetites with modest budgets, there's Chuck & Jane's on State Street. The food is inexpensive, abundant and tasty (try the breakfast specials and homemade cinnamon rolls.)

Lodging is just as important as food. Port Austin offers a number of accommodations, including

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# Canton reaches Final Four



To the hoop: Which is where Amicie Crayton is headed, right around Central's Jaelyn Pilkiewicz. Such trips — Crayton scored 11 points — helped guide Canton to the state semifinals.

■ Never count Plymouth Canton out, particularly during the state tournament. A Bob Blohm-coached team always seems to find a way. Which the Chiefs did in Tuesday's state quarterfinals against Walled Lake Central.

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER



Here's a statistic for you: Three of Plymouth Canton's six games in the state girls basketball tournament have been against teams the Chiefs lost to during the regular season.

Canton won all three rematches. The latest came in Tuesday's quarterfinal against Western Lakes Activities Association foe — and champion — Walled Lake Central, which had beaten Canton 63-49 Oct. 25 at Canton. This time, however, it was the Chiefs with a 14-point victory: 49-35 at Walled Lake Western. The victory propels the Chiefs to their third Final Four appearance in the past six seasons. Canton plays Flint Northern (23-2) in a Class A semifinal at 1 p.m. today at Battle Creek's Kellogg Center.

A win puts the Chiefs into Saturday's championship game, 2 p.m. at Kellogg.

This rematch victory was easily the most surprising of all (the others came against Plymouth Salem in the district semifinals and Birmingham Marian in the regional finals). Central, which finishes with a 23-3 mark, had nearly all factors in its

See CHIEFS, 2C

## Westland Sharks 1st

The Westland Sharks defeated their city rival the Westland Panthers, 3-2, to win the Squirt B Division I title at the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament last weekend at UM-Dearborn Ice Arena.

The Sharks also scored victories over the Sylvania, Ohio All-Stars (2-1), Flint Icelanders (7-3) and the Plymouth Sharks (5-1) en route to the crown.

Members of the Sharks include defensemen Mike Brant, Bob Jensen, Ryan Peer, Tony LaPere, Sterling Brooks and Ray Starks, along with forwards George Milhan, Jason Robinson, Bill Fritz, Ryan Nesbitt, Joe Oliver, Jeff Ruark, Ryan Malloy, Mike Cather, Ryan Sergison and Chris Schuster. The goalie is Ed Dick.

The coaching staff includes Wally Sparks, Chris Robinson and Keith Stevens.

## Thanksgiving champs

Three Livonia players — Jeremy Hornak, Adam King and Steve Kleczynski — helped Vardar III's '80-81 under-14 boys soccer team captured its division for the second year in a row at the Soccer First Thanksgiving Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. They defeated Dublin, Ohio Premier in the finals, 6-0.

Other members of Vardar, which outscored its opponents 34-5 in five straight victories, include Vince Alexander, Scott Badenoch, Elliott Belden, David Burnett, Yuri Burrell, Marcus Chorvat, Nick DeGraw, David Dwaiby, Josh Epstein, Danny Ferrin, Victor Gordon, Steve Kolb, Raj Mehta and Stuart Yingst.

The team is coached by Mark Christensen. The team manager is Doug Yingst.

## Football coach wanted

Dearborn St. Alphonsus High School is seeking an experienced varsity head football coach.

For more information, call athletic director Paul Sherzer at (313) 582-0666.

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# Raking up fall

## Recent season leaves memories



BRAD EMOIS

Time to put a wrap on the fall sports season.

The best high school football game I viewed in 1994 was Friday night's Class B final between Belding and Detroit Country Day.

It was a pleasure to watch it from the stands.

I don't think a Silverdome crowd ever witnessed such an offensive display (won by Belding, 50-41). That Wing-T offense was something, especially the way Belding mounted their second-half comeback after trailing by 19 at halftime.

John Wilson, one of the Country Day assistants, told me the coaching staff was worried sick all week in trying to get a handle on the ball-deceptive offense. My question is: How do you simulate and practice against it?

The game is going to be replayed on PASS, 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 10. It's worth watching.

I wasn't surprised the Troy-Bay City Central game turned out to be a defensive bore. Somehow, I still believe either Westland John Glenn or Livonia Stevenson could have given Troy a better battle.

## Tough Western Lakes

After watching Farmington Hills Harrison win the Class A title Friday afternoon, I've got to believe the Western Lakes Activities Association is one of the best football leagues in the state.

The same goes for the Western Lakes in girls basketball, but I couldn't get enthused about this season for some reason.

Maybe it was because I only got to see Tara Overaitie play one time.

Worked on the stat crew the other night at the Detroit Wayne State men's basketball game. Good to see former Observerland players Perry Robinson (Redford Bishop Borgosa), Randy Calcaterra (Livonia Churchill) and Matt

Paupore (Plymouth Canton) play prominent roles for their respective teams.

Can't wait to see Tony Goins (Westland John Glenn) lace up the sneakers next year for Wayne State. Have patience, my friend.

Saw MHSAA executive director Jack Roberts two weeks ago in the press box at Lansing Everett (the best hospitality and high school facility in the state). Despite my disagreements with the association from time to time, he's a gentleman and personable guy. He's smooth with the media.

I had reservations about Detroit School of Communication/Media Arts (old St. Mary's of Redford) as a regional site for girls basketball, but the floor was brand new and the seating was adequate. It was a friendly atmosphere, just ask Stevenson coach Wayne Henry.

## Gripe line open

How can I respond to complaints from people who don't leave their names on my voice mail (phone)?

The one I got Tuesday from a disgruntled and anonymous Franklin hockey mother was hard to take.

She couldn't understand why two Franklin games weren't reported in Monday's paper, while the Stevenson and Churchill games were. She said it simply wasn't fair and that I had something against the Patriots (which happens to be my alma mater).

"There are three teams in this city," she said.

I have one simple response: The Franklin games weren't reported until Monday — two days past our normal deadline.

Ninety-eight percent of the time, items (games) don't appear in the paper because they weren't reported.

I voted for Henry Carr, Barney McCosky, Rudy Tomjanovich and Rolla Anderson in first category for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

I nominated Hank Aguirre and Terry Tyler for the first category,

but they didn't make the final ballot.

In Category II (amateur sports), I went with Joe Falls, but the field was tough with such eligible candidates as Bob Reynolds, Fred Stably Sr. and Dick Enberg.

## Superpower summit

Did you know that former Redford Catholic Central varsity basketball coach Bernie Holowicki is now an assistant under Chuck Henry at Wayne Memorial?

You have to wonder if former CC football assistant Terry Powers, now the head coach at Royal Oak Kimball, learned his passing tricks under Tom "Air" Mach.

Is there anybody more congenial than Lutheran Westland football coach Dennis Tuomi?

Saw Calvin Hill, donning a Yale sweatshirt, taking a stroll along Oplyke Road while I was en route Friday morning to the Silverdome.

Wonder what Mike Modano does in his spare time during the NHL strike?

Why can't they start the high school hockey season the same time as boys basketball?

I thought this season was Chuck Gordon's best coaching job in his 18 at John Glenn.

How good is this year's Livonia Stevenson wrestling team?

I liked the intensity of Stevenson linebacker Mike Redington, the humbleness of Glenn running back Brent Washington, and the discipline Lauri Niikanen has instilled in Farmington High's football program.

I'll miss Dave Van Wagoner this season as Plymouth Canton boys basketball coach.

Wonder what Kenny Kaestner and Armand Vigna are up to these days?

I've got to see Dawn Warner and Bobby Kummer play in person some day (time is running out).

If I had a vote, I'd put Steve "Air" McNair at the top of my ballot.

He's related to Tom "Air" Mach?

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Bishop Borgess girls storm into semifinals

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER The Redford Bishop Borgess girls basketball players gave Tuesday's trip to Michigan's Thumb a collective thumb's up. The 2 1/2 hour bus ride ended at Sandusky High School's beautiful two-year-old gym, where the Spartans met Goodrich in a rematch of last year's Class C state playoff quarterfinal game.

BASKETBALL

Borgess led 32-23 after three quarters before outscoring the Spartans 14-2 to start the fourth quarter. "It wasn't as big a crowd and our team was really focused," DuBose said. "Last year, they played us tough, there were a couple bad officials, and they really went after the ball hard. We had to play harder than them."

Maschke's 25 spurs ocelots to win

Finally -- a victory. After four consecutive defeats, that's no minor accomplishment for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team. The Ocelots reached that milestone Monday, when they held Adrian College's junior varsity for an 81-79 win in Adrian.

BASKETBALL

to Bogataj. Maschke finished with 25 points (12-of-18 from the field, 67 percent) and 17 rebounds, leading SC in both. Despite early foul trouble, Tony Maciejewski netted 10 points and seven boards, and Eric Powell totaled nine points and eight rebounds. Mike Pichan chipped in with 10 points and Mark Cady had nine points.

Junior point guard Adriane Bryant sparked the Spartans' fast break in the second half and had a game-high 18 points. Reese finished with 10 points and sophomore center Candice Finley added seven points. The Spartans led only 29-23 midway through the third quarter, but after a timeout, Christina Anderson's bucket and Finley's free throw raised the lead to 32-23 entering the fourth quarter.

Crusaders drop pair

A trip to the Aquinas College Tournament last week-end provided no relief for Madonna University's women's basketball team. The Lady Crusaders (2-4) lost twice, stretching their losing streak to three. On Friday, Grand Valley State posted a 76-62 win; on Saturday, Madonna lost to Ferris State, 72-57.

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favor: size, better interior offense, and superior outside shooting. The only advantage Canton had was in quickness, and that wasn't by much. The task facing the Chiefs was simple but imposing: push the defense up to a disruptive level and keep the taller Vikings off the board.

sica Regentin and 5-8 Jaelyn Pilkiewicz. But Canton's Amicie Crayton, Melissa Marzoff and Jackie Nicastro pressured the ball relentlessly throughout the game, and it took its toll. Central was weary from just getting the ball up the floor, finding an open shot inside, with 5-10 Sarah Warnke diving on any ball (loose or otherwise), proved equally tiring.

said. The difference between this meeting and their regular-season match: "We were more prepared this time. We watched our tapes, we watched Salem's tapes (of Central) ... we were more focused this time. "We all had a lot of heart. We all wanted to go to Battle Creek."

gave Canton a 16-14 lead at that point and helped sustain a 13-2 run to end the half, with the Chiefs up 25-16. The momentum continued into the third quarter. Central was limited to five points, while Canton put up 15; the 40-21 lead proved far too large to overcome.

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**COLLEGIATE HAPPENINGS**

**Ferris State junior linebacker Mike Brooks** (Livonia Churchill) was recently voted to the first-team All-Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference squad for the second consecutive year.

Brooks lifted the Bulldogs to an 11-1 season record. Ferris was eliminated last weekend in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs by visiting Indiana of Pennsylvania, 21-17.

**BROOKS**

Brooks finished with a team-high 13 solo tackles and three assists in a 43-40 first-round victory, Nov. 19 at home, against West Chester, Pa.

During the regular season, Brooks led the 12-member MIFC in total tackles.

The Western Kentucky University women's basketball team, ranked No. 19 nationally, is off to a 2-0 start thanks to the efforts of junior point-guard Dawn Warner (Livonia Franklin).

Warner scored 17 points, dished out five assists and made only two turnovers in 42 minutes of action in a 94-86 double overtime victory over Clemson (Nov. 27 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.).

Warner added seven assists and five steals in 24 minutes in WKU's season-opening 82-59 victory over Duquesne (Nov. 25 in Bowling Green, Ky.).

Army goalie Daryl Chamberlain (Livonia Stevenson) earned his second career win, stopping 10 of 11 shots in a 12-1 Cadets' triumph Nov. 15 over visiting Scranton.

Western Michigan University sophomore outside hitter Liz Gunn (Livonia Ladywood) led the Bronco women's volleyball team with a season-high 338 digs, second on the all-time WMU single season list.

Gunn also collected a career-high 25 kills in a victory Nov. 15 at home over Illinois-Chicago.

She ranked in the top 10 in the Mid-American Conference in three statistical categories — kills per game, aces per game and digs per game.

WMU finished the year 10-16 overall and 6-11 in the MAC (tied for seventh).

North Carolina-Charlotte junior forward Bobby Kummer (Livonia/Redford Catholic Central) was recently named co-captain of the men's basketball team along with senior Jarvis Lang.

Kummer, a 6-foot-6, 215-pound small forward, started in 21 of the 49ers' 29 games. Charlotte reached played in last year's National Invitational Tournament.

"As coaches, we're happy the team has recognized these two players," NC-Charlotte coach Jeff Mullins said. "Jarvis and Bobby are two of the hardest working players in practice we've had here. This is a fine reward."

Kummer, a double major in history and education, carries a 3.6 grade-point average.

**OUTDOOR CALENDAR**

**FISHING CLUBS**

**FOUR SEASONS**

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816. Hob "Hag Man" Mitchell will be the featured speaker at the January meeting. Mitchell will cover the basics of ice fishing including the latest equipment, techniques, safety and local hot spots.

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The Wayne County Sportsman's Club will hold a class in shotgun safety and marksmanship at the WSC clubhouse in Romulus, (313) 532-0285.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting to gather input from citizens on their environmental concerns beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Court House, 1200 Telegraph, Pontiac, (810) 858-1000.

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**McCormick streak hits 21**

**OUTDOOR INSIGHTS**



**BILL PARKER**

My phone was buzzing with successful hunter calls when I returned from vacation Monday. Although I think we're still behind the record pace of some 40 calls set in 1989, we are making headway. Plus, there's a lot of hunting left before the 1994 deer season comes to an end Jan. 1.

Let me remind successful hunters (friends, relatives and spouses, feel free to call for those shy hunters you know) to call, fax or write to me and report your success. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call me at (810) 901-2573.

Now, on with those successful hunter reports:

There are streaks and then there are STREAKS. John McCormick's run of luck qualifies as the latter.

Much like Lou Gehrig's impressive STREAK of playing in 2,130 consecutive baseball games, McCormick is in the midst of quite an impressive STREAK of his own.

The 35-year-old Birmingham resident took his 21st buck in a row on opening day of the 1994 firearms deer season.

"I was sweating it out this year," admitted McCormick, who was hunting near St. Helen in Roscommon County. "There were 16 of us in camp and only two of us got deer."

Hunting from a blind in a field surrounded by hardwoods, McCormick dropped a spike horn at 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 15.

McCormick has been hunting with a gun for 22 years and he has taken a buck each of the last

21 years. His biggest to date is a 10-point.

"I got two nice 10-pointers about 10 years ago," explained McCormick. "I said to myself, 'The next big one I get I'll have mounted,' and I haven't got any big ones since."

Lenny Tillards was the other lucky hunter in McCormick's party. Hunting in an oak ridge near St. Helen, Tillards shot a 3-point buck on Nov. 16.

Hob Branton, of Farmington Hills, shot a 140-pound, 4-point with his bow on Oct. 30. Branton was hunting from a tree stand in Tuscola County between a swamp and a weed/cut corn field.

In late July, Branton took a trip to Colorado to bowhunt for pronghorn antelope. After three days of hunting in a pit blind near a water hole in 100-degree temperatures, Branton arrowed a Pope and Young buck with a 22-yard shot. The buck scored 69 points.

Greg Kozell doesn't let a disability detract from his hunting. A Vietnam veteran suffering the effects of Agent Orange, Kozell "has a tough time getting around sometimes", according to Branton, his brother-in-law. Kozell was affield with Branton during the archery season, and although he didn't get a shot at a deer, he was able to connect on a grouse with his crossbow.

On opening day of the firearms season, Kozell shot a doe in Tuscola County with a 12 ga. shot gun.

Andy Harpser shot a button buck with his bow on Oct. 5 in Oakland County.

The Crandell family had a great firearms deer season. Hunting at the Silverwolf Ranch as guests of Marilyn Plank of Franklin, Barney Crandell, his sons Bill and Jon and Bill's 14-year-old son Billy each bagged a buck by the third day of the season.

Barney, a Birmingham resident, broke in his birthday present by taking a 6-point buck opening morning.

"My sons made a 4x4 plywood blind for me for my birthday," said Crandell. "We set it up in an open area on the edge of mixed pines and popples." Crandell took the buck with a 70-yard shot at 7:40 a.m.

Barney's son Bill dropped a 4-point at 11 a.m. Nov. 15 while hunting along the edge of a river bed.

Having not seen a deer from his blind on opening day, Billy took over his dad's blind along the river bed and shot a 6-point at 5:10 p.m. on Nov. 16th.

Jon, of Rochester Hills, decided to stake out the same blind Bill and Billy had used and shot his biggest buck ever, an 8-point, at 11 a.m. on Nov. 17th.

"There were 12 hunters in camp (at the Silverwolf) and we killed nine deer in the first three days of the season," Barney said.

Plymouth Canton's Mike Maloney took a 145-pound spike on opening day in Wexford County. Hunting in a swamp near Mesick, Maloney tagged a buck with 9-inch tines at 8:30 on opening day. It was the third buck he has taken from the same blind in eight years.

Troy's Dave Rollings has taken 16 bucks in his hunting career, but none have been as big as the one he shot opening day of the firearms season in Ontonagon County. Hunting from a field on the edge of a swamp, Rollings dropped an 8-point that dressed out at 220 pounds.

"I had one other guy there to help me drag him out," said Rollings. "We struggled for a while, but we had a plastic toboggan. We used it in the snow before. We didn't have the snow this year, but it still helped a lot."

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GOLF

Shamrocks place 2 on All-Area golf team

BY STEVE KOWALSKI

It seems rather late in the year to be writing a story about golf.

But is it really? Just head over to the Oasis Golf Center in Livonia and watch players carry their clubs into the golf dome to hit some balls.

You'll probably find a lot of these guys there, working on their game before the next warm season arrives.

So it's never too late to introduce an All-Area Boys Golf Team, especially since Observersland has been waiting years for one.

Plymouth Salem, the only team from Observersland to qualify for the Class A state meet, played two players on the first team along with Detroit Catholic League champion Redford Catholic Central.

Players from Livonia Churchill and North Farmington round out the six-member team.

This is the first boys All-Area golf team selected by the Observer, in recent memory at least.

The coach of the year is Rick Wilson, who in his 12th season at Plymouth Salem led the Rocks to the Western Lakes championship and a third-place finish at the Class A regional at Oakpointe

Table with 2 columns: ALL-OBSERVER GOLF TEAM and HONORABLE MENTION. Lists names of players and coaches for various schools.

Golf Course in Brighton

The Rocks, who were 11-2 in dual meets, beat Churchill in a fifth-man tie-breaker to win the WAAA meet at Brae Burn. Salem qualified for the state meet in two other years, 1985 and '86, under Wilson's coaching.

Following is a profile of each first-team member:

FIRST TEAM

Brandon DiPaola, junior, Redford Catholic Central: DiPaola had a 38.6 average for nine holes and a tournament average of 78 for 18 holes. He won the Catholic League meet with a 76 at Riverview Highlands and was medalist at the Brighton Invitational earlier in the year, shooting a 74 at Oakpointe.

state meet as a sophomore, failed to advance this season after shooting an 81 at the regional at Pontiac Country Club.

"Brandon's been our top golfer the last two years," CC coach Phil Hoyer said. "He really improved his game this year, came down three to four strokes. He's got all the shots. He hits considerably far for his size. He works at his game year-round."

Bob Beckman, senior, Redford Catholic Central: Beckman helped the Shamrocks win the Catholic League title, scoring a 77 to take second place individually. He had a 40.3 average for nine holes and an 80.5 average in tournaments.

Beckman was a four-year player at CC and captain the last two seasons.

make as many as he should."

Mark Weener, senior, Plymouth Salem: Weener averaged 40.6 for nine holes and 81.5 for tournaments. He came home with a 76 at the Oakpointe regional.

"He was the guy who held us in and allowed us to qualify for the state meet," Wilson said of his captain and four-year letterwinner. "He demonstrated leadership qualities and was very consistent. Only one match did he not make his average."

Ryan Andrzejewski, junior, Plymouth Salem: Andrzejewski was the WAAA medalist, carding a 74 at the league meet held at Brae Burn. Andrzejewski had a 41.9 average for nine holes, finishing the season with an 80 at the regional.

"That WAAA tournament was very close and his two-over par was very impressive," Wilson said. "He's a real tough competitor and student of the game."

Draw Sopha, senior, North Farmington: Sopha averaged 40.2 strokes to lead the 8-3 Raiders, who were fourth in the WAAA. Sopha shot 74 in the league meet, and led North to first place in the Farmington city tournament (76) and the Farmington Invitational



Brandon DiPaola



Bob Beckman



Dave Higham

sons.

"He's been a real consistent player all four years," Hoyer said. "You'll never see his scores fluctuate too much."

Dave Higham, junior, Livonia Churchill: Higham had a 38.6 average for nine holes and placed third at the WAAA meet with a 77 at Brae Burn. He also was in contention for a state meet berth, finishing with a 77 at the regional at Oakpointe.

"Dave is real consistent and has been good since he was a freshman," Churchill coach Kirk Osler said. "He keeps the ball in play and is a good driver of the golf ball. When he puts well, he scores real well. Like a lot of us, he doesn't (75). He also shot 81 in the Oak-



Draw Sopha

land County event.

Sopha, who became the first Raider ever to qualify for the state meet in 1993, was a two-year captain and team Most Valuable Player.

Divine Child ties CC; Patriots stop Milford, 8-5

Defending state Class A hockey champion Redford Catholic Central is off to a 1-0-1 start.

The Shamrocks skated to a 4-4 draw against Dearborn Divine Child in a nonleague Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena.

Trailing 4-3, CC earned the tie when Mark Wollschlaeger scored from Dan Hunt and Matt Giordano with 2:33 to play.

"We did not play a well-disciplined game," second-year CC coach Gordie St. John said.

HOCKEY

"We're coming off a great season (24-1-2 record), but I don't think everyone understands this is a new team and a new season."

"Divine Child outplayed us. They kept skating and working. It was not a strong game for us, and we have our work cut out for us."

Joel Fabris scored twice for the Falcons.

The Shamrocks and Divine

Child were tied 2-2 after one period.

Neil Bratcher tallied CC's first goal from Bob Klemmer and Pete Davis. Klemmer notched the second goal from Neil Bratcher and Nick Kaleniecki.

In the second period, DC forged ahead 3-2.

Kaleniecki had a goal for CC during the period from Jeff Helner and Bob Beckman.

Shamrock goaltender Jason Hubenschmidt made 25 saves.

On Friday, CC opened its 1994-95 season with a 6-3 win over St. Joseph's of Buffalo, N.Y. in a game played at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Shamrocks, who led 4-0 after two periods, got two goals and two assists from Jason Couture.

Eric Bratcher added one goal and one assist. Giordano, Neil Bratcher and Michael Davis also scored CC goals.

Hunt contributed two assists, while Nick LaChappelle had an-

other. FRANKLIN 8, MILFORD 5: Dominic Cantanzarite collected two goals and three assists as Livonia Franklin earned the nonleague win Friday over the host Redskins in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena.

Pat Harrigan, Kevin Bernard, Greg Jol and Jeff Berger each added a goal and one assist for the Patriots, now 1-1 overall.

Rick Leirstein and Eric Hillebrand also tallied goals for Franklin, which outshot Milford 40-23.

Ed Krushka chipped in with two assists, while Brad Dicks, Jason Wel-

and Scott Hillebrand contributed one apiece.

Pete Stasevich played 34 minutes in the nets for the Patriots, allowing four goals. Brendon Frazier gave up one goal in 11 minutes.

On Nov. 23, Franklin opened its 1994-95 season with a 5-3 loss to host Milford Lakeland.

Berger scored twice, including a short-handed effort.

Harrigan added the other Franklin goal. Bernard and Jol collected assists for the Patriots, who trailed by only one after two periods, 3-2.

Stasevich played 38 minutes in the nets, giving up all five goals.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

LIVONIA OVER 30 HOCKEY ASSOCIATION STANDINGS (as of Nov. 27)

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, P, GF, GA. Lists standings for various teams like Loxley, McLean, etc.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: Nov. 27: Loxley 4-1, Ayn Ford 3-1, McLean 3-0, Suburban 0-1, etc.

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Table with columns: Girls Basketball State Semifinals, Prep Hockey, Men's College Basketball, Women's College Basketball. Lists upcoming games and times.

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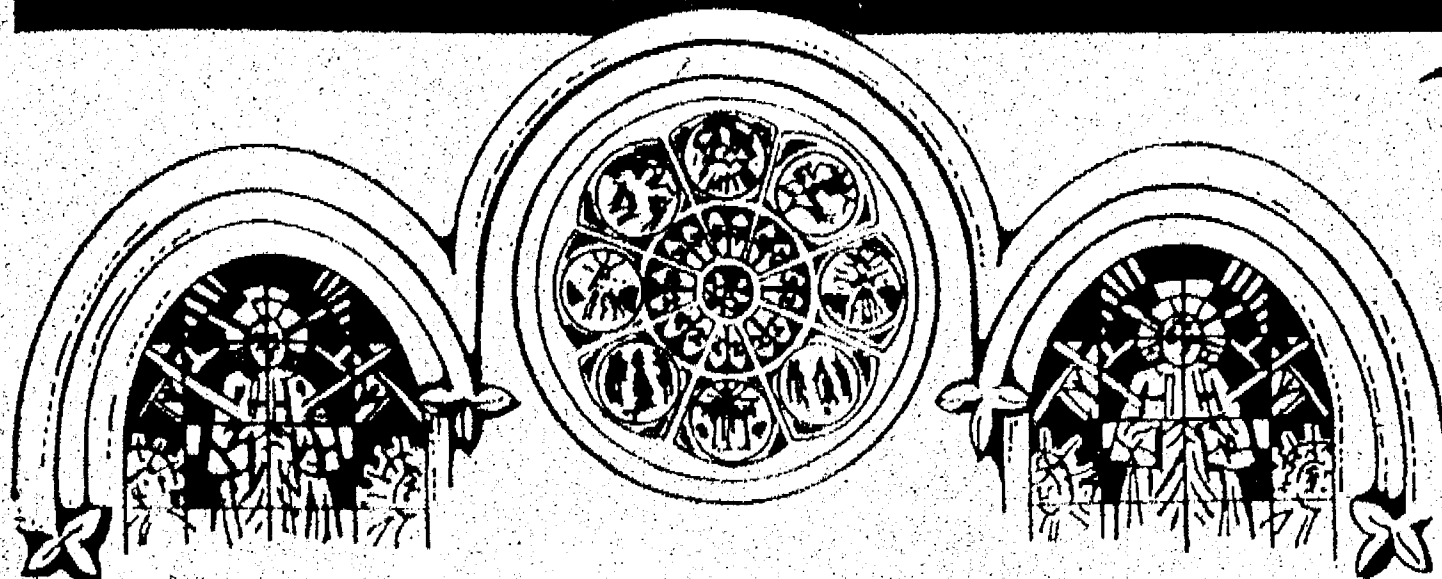
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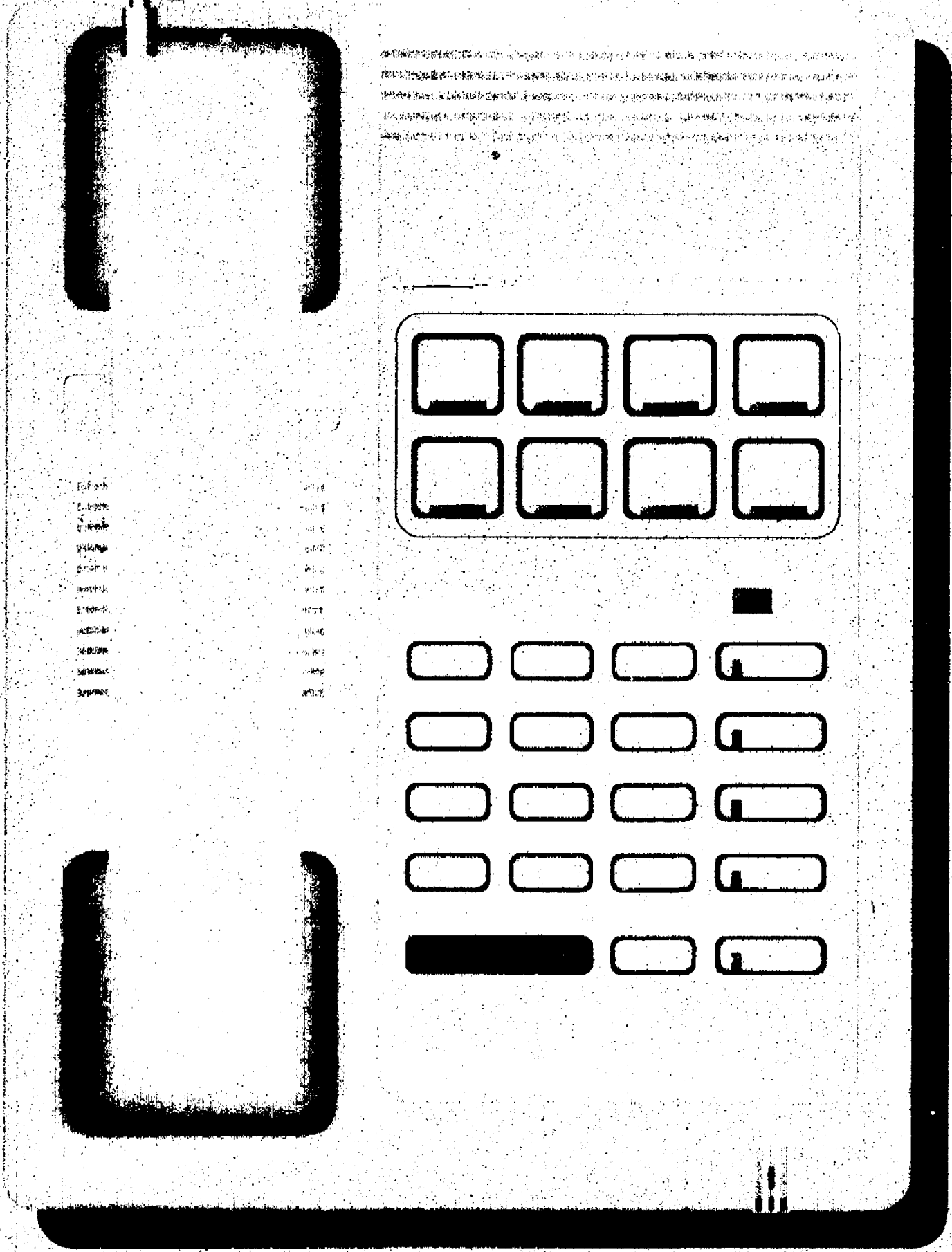






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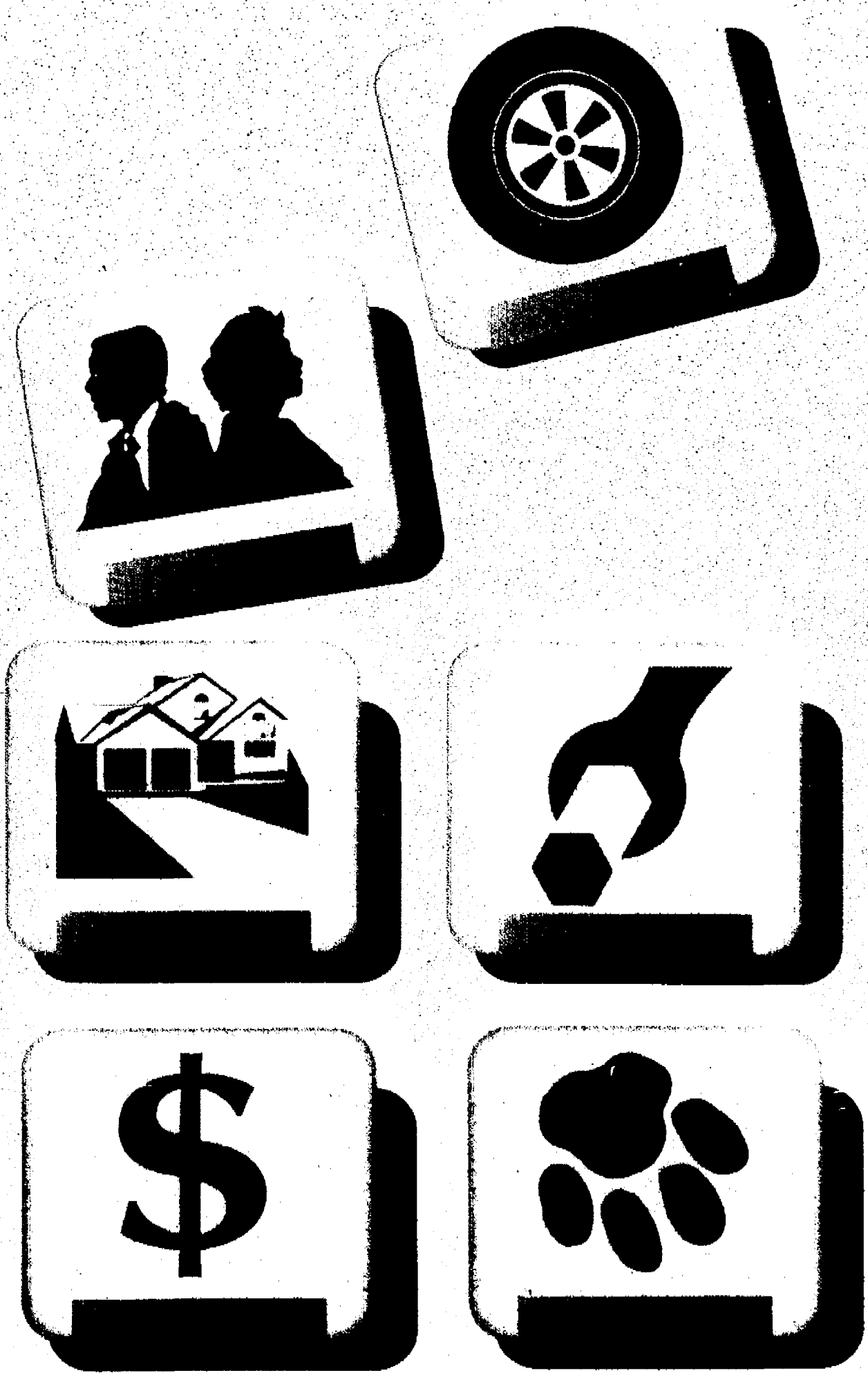
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# Harrison survived tough schedule for 7th state championship

BY DAN O'NEARA  
STAFF WRITER

The 1994 football season ended the same way as the last one, but it was a little different experience for Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Hawks had to deal with much higher expectations as they battled their way to a second straight Class A championship.

Being the defending league and state champ would have been a full plate for any team, but Harrison also was ranked No. 1 in Michigan and 20th nationally in the preseason.

"A year ago we weren't favored to do anything, coming off a 4-6 season," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Most teams were geared up to play us, and we did OK. We didn't sneak up on anybody; that's for sure."

Following a loss to Birmingham Brother Rice in the first game, the Hawks won all the rest, capturing a 10th Western Lakes Activities Association title and seventh state crown.

## FOOTBALL

This year marked the 12th time in 15 seasons (1980-94) that Harrison has won 10 or more games.

Harrison faced three playoff teams -- Class AA champ Troy, Marysville and Clarkston -- in its preseason scrimmage and four more during the regular season -- Rice, Westland John Glenn, Livonia Stevenson and Oxford.

"We had 12 victories in a row, and the kids did a tremendous job playing against that kind of competition," Herrington said.

While the Hawks had important and exciting wins against Stevenson, South Lyon and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, they probably played their best game against Oxford.

Harrison dealt the Wildcats their first home-field defeat in five years while posting a 42-0 victory in the last game of the regular season.

"Maybe they weren't the best

team we played, but it was our best overall performance," Herrington said.

When he recalls the '94 season, Herrington will remember how the Hawks overcame so many injuries.

Harrison had its smallest squad in many years and had only 23 healthy players after six games, but the Hawks persevered.

Seniors Dave Hensel and Kevin Bryant, a pair of important two-way players, made it through the playoffs despite injuries. Hensel "limped through the last three games" with a bruised shin and Bryant had a slight shoulder separation.

"The difficult thing was overcoming injuries," Herrington said. "We changed the lineup time and again."

The Hawks were more of a veteran team, with established players at some skill positions -- the main reason for the high preseason ratings. But Harrison also had many new starters who picked up where others had left off.

Sophomore quarterback Kevin Bambenek took over when senior Jake Lawson (16-35-300) was injured and completed 61 percent of his passes (61-84) for 737 yards. Both threw seven TD passes.

Senior defensive end Jeremy White, senior tackle Brian Gurwin, junior center Brad Donahue and sophomore linebacker Nick Shaieb also were pleasant surprises as first-time starters.

The Hawks will miss Bryant, who has committed to the Michi-

gan, and bruising fullback Nick Williams, who plans to visit Miami (Florida), Michigan State and Michigan.

Bryant caught 33 passes for 360 yards and 10 touchdowns, and Williams rushed for 1,351 yards and 21 touchdowns on 206 carries.

Senior linebacker Evan Jefferson, defensive backs Dave Hensel and Lawson and defensive ends Scott Gurke and White hope to continue playing in college, too.

The Hawks also lose four two-way linemen to graduation: Steve Shaieb, a three-year starter at guard, Tony Valdez (guard), Jim Struble (tackle) and Dave Wolff (end).

But Harrison will return a good

nucleus of talent and plans to be competitive next year in Herrington's 26th season as head coach.

"(Junior Jason) Granger will be back, so we'll still have the big-play threat," he said. "Bambenek will have another year of experience, and we have some solid linemen coming up from the JV. We think we'll be a good football team."

Granger led the Hawks with 1,551 yards and 13 TDs on 164 rushing attempts. Sophomore tackle Francis Gofejaj was the leading tackler (14) and also had one sack in the state final.

The kicking game will be round with all-league junior Kyle Vesell, who hit 60 of 61 extra points,

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### BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

## 'Last House' fills the bill

*"Last House on the Road: Excursions into a Rural Past," by Ronald Jager (262 pp., \$18.00, Beacon Press).*

I don't always understand why perfectly-intelligent people often choose to pull up stakes in a relatively-comfortable neighborhood and move, with great anticipation, to the edge of an ever-encroaching wilderness. Here, beside the road that leads to nowhere much, and blissful as well-fed puppies, they buy a drafty old house that is riddled with stuff like plaster-turned-to-dust, squirrels' nests, oozy pipes, and lots of mouse manure, and settle in for a taste of the country life. (Maybe I got my fill of "untamed" places when I grew up in one of them?)

Despite my perplexity, people make these moves all the time, though. And actually, I'm very glad they do. Some of them turn out to be writers like Ronald Jager, and little books like this get written as a result.

"Last House on the Road" is not another one of those we-moved-to-the-country-and-restored-an-old-house books. It's more like a we-moved-to-the-country-and-it-really-set-me-to-thinking book.

Ronald Jager, you may recall, is a Michigan native who, in 1990, wrote "Eighty Acres," an acclaimed account of the family farm in Missaukee County where he grew up. He is also a former professor of philosophy at Yale University who, with his wife, Grace, bought an abandoned farmhouse some 30 years ago in the granite hills of southern New Hampshire. They live there today. (Unfortunately, not even a small sketch of the house is included in this book.)

Having been a Michigan farm boy, Jager was fairly well-equipped for the rustic life. But he likes to stress here that country living, though it may have its very real and endearing charms, is not always an especially pretty piece of cake when you get right down to it.

... a couple spots an old house, bereft and unlovely, and feels a yearning to take it into their ... custody," he writes, remembering the discovery of his rural New Hampshire home. ... sometimes the impulse leads down a steep path to a stern wisdom.

We come to know his "nest built by others" and its environs, not just by walking through the front door and taking a look around in the company of Jager, his family, and his friends. He introduces us from many different angles and directions, and even from different time periods. We get a taste of its essence in a kind of circuitous, unpredictable way that sometimes feels a bit odd, but ultimately fills the bill.

Here is the Revolutionary War soldier, Ebenezer Wood, who built the small Cape Cod-style home in the 18th century. Here is yet another traveler, lost on the dead-end road that runs beside the house, knocking on Jager's door in the dead of night, asking where the road goes to. (Here is Jager, answering the knock, tempted to reply, "It's been here. ... 200 years. ... ain't gone nowhere yet.") Here is the nearby village of Washington, whose city fathers still

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### LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A primer on prints with Madonna University print making professor, Doug Semivan.
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BILL BEESLEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Glassy gift:** For an unusual gift worth collecting, blown glass ornaments made with ash from the 1980 Mt. Saint Helens' eruption can be found at Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts in downtown Plymouth.

In search of the...

# PERFECT HOLIDAY ART GIFT

■ If you're looking for art as gifts for family and friends this holiday season, Observerland galleries offer a treasure trove full of ideas.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like handmade to say I love you, to say you're special. Handmade, handcrafted art gifts abound in Observerland for giving this Hanukkah and Christmas season.

The variety of mediums is endless. Painting, pottery, glass, photography, jewelry, and wood items can be found at local galleries. Spend as little as \$5 for a clay cow lapel pin to \$500 for a wildlife print. If you find it impossible to decide, most of the merchants offer gift certificates.

Blown glass ornaments made with ash from the 1980 Mt. Saint Helens eruption, mesmerize with swirls of color as they glitter in the light at Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts, 827 Penniman Ave. in Plymouth. Hundreds of bulbs, gift-boxed and ready for giving are sure to become collectibles, perhaps a seasonal tradition.

Handcrafted by American and German artists in 38 styles from round to chili pepper, the ornaments can be displayed by themselves on a stand, or in groupings on a Christmas tree. Some cre-



JIM TAGGARD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Art as gift:** Nelson's Gallery in Livonia spotlights a wide variety of works by 14 local artists including (clockwise) sculpture by Randall Lentz of Bedford; "Tomatoes," colored pencil by Gwen Dietrich of Canton; pottery, Daniel Showalter, Garden City; glass bowl, Joe Wisniewski and paperweight, Christine Fleischer of Livonia; pencil drawing, Tom Dyer, White Lake, and jewelry by Sam Galate of Redford

ative souls even heap them in bowls faced with lights. Ash creates style.

"The ash created a style of glass from the Pacific Northwest," said Scott Smith, owner of Penniman Showcase. "People display these all year. They move and change colors because of the interaction glass has with light. It's an affordable beautiful item that they can collect."

Smith sold hundreds of the blown glass ornaments last Christmas. By the end of October, he had stocked drawers full of them in the 11-year-old shop. Smith thinks they're so popular because of the fact more and more customers are choosing beauty over novelty in gift purchases, quality over quantity.

"There's a return to elegance, a lot of metallics, gold and patinas. I think people are enjoying shopping again, and people are decorating more of their homes not just their trees."

Prices for the blown glass ornaments start at \$20; softball size bulbs are \$40. Along with the bulbs, Penniman Showcase carries lead-free, dishwasher safe pottery; wood boxes; glass vases, bowls, and paperweights; jewelry and raku. Environmental art

For the sports enthusiast, environmentalist or animal lover in your life, wildlife art prints may

See GIFT, 41

## Christmas Walk

Decorations like fresh pine garland roping on the 1850s farmhouse of Glenn and Andrea Scholdt could inspire even Scrooge to get into the holiday spirit at the sixth annual Christmas Walk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Hosted by Friends for the Development of Greenmead, the walk includes seven Livonia homes ranging from contemporary to solar, dressed in all their holiday finery.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 the day of the walk and available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

Proceeds benefit the continuing restoration of the Alexander Blue house, one of 13 vintage buildings on the grounds of Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.



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Reading for guests:

Angela Scholdt and her sons Christopher, 6, and Kevin, 8, stand in front of their decorated farmhouse that will be featured on Saturday's Christmas walk.







# Textiles' tactile sense shows

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

The warmth of Eastern Michigan University Art Professor Patricia Williams' textiles take over the Exhibit Gallery at Madonna University in Livonia through Dec. 9.

Williams weaves, dyes and works her ways with fibers of all kinds in "Abstract Journey," a retrospective spanning the last 20 years.

"One doesn't get the chance to see fiber, the formal discipline

that goes into a piece," said art department chairman, Ralph P. Glenn.

"It opens up possibilities in the awareness of fiber and all the ways three dimensional textures can operate, the handling of design aspects. It's a new dimension," said Glenn.

"There's an affinity with print making, the raised surfaces. Patricia's work has a warmth. She's very versatile."

Woven squares of subtle color variations, crochet pieces dyed

and then stiffened with glue, as well as computer generated (using existing software) weaving amaze with the myriad of techniques employed by Williams.

"It amazes me, the fact that she can work with so many concepts of the three dimensional form, woven piled, and make it endlessly interesting."

"They're meant to be appreciated for their fiber, three dimensional qualities, colorations, and form stimulating form. It's abstract images, after all, it will open a lot of eyes here," said Glenn.

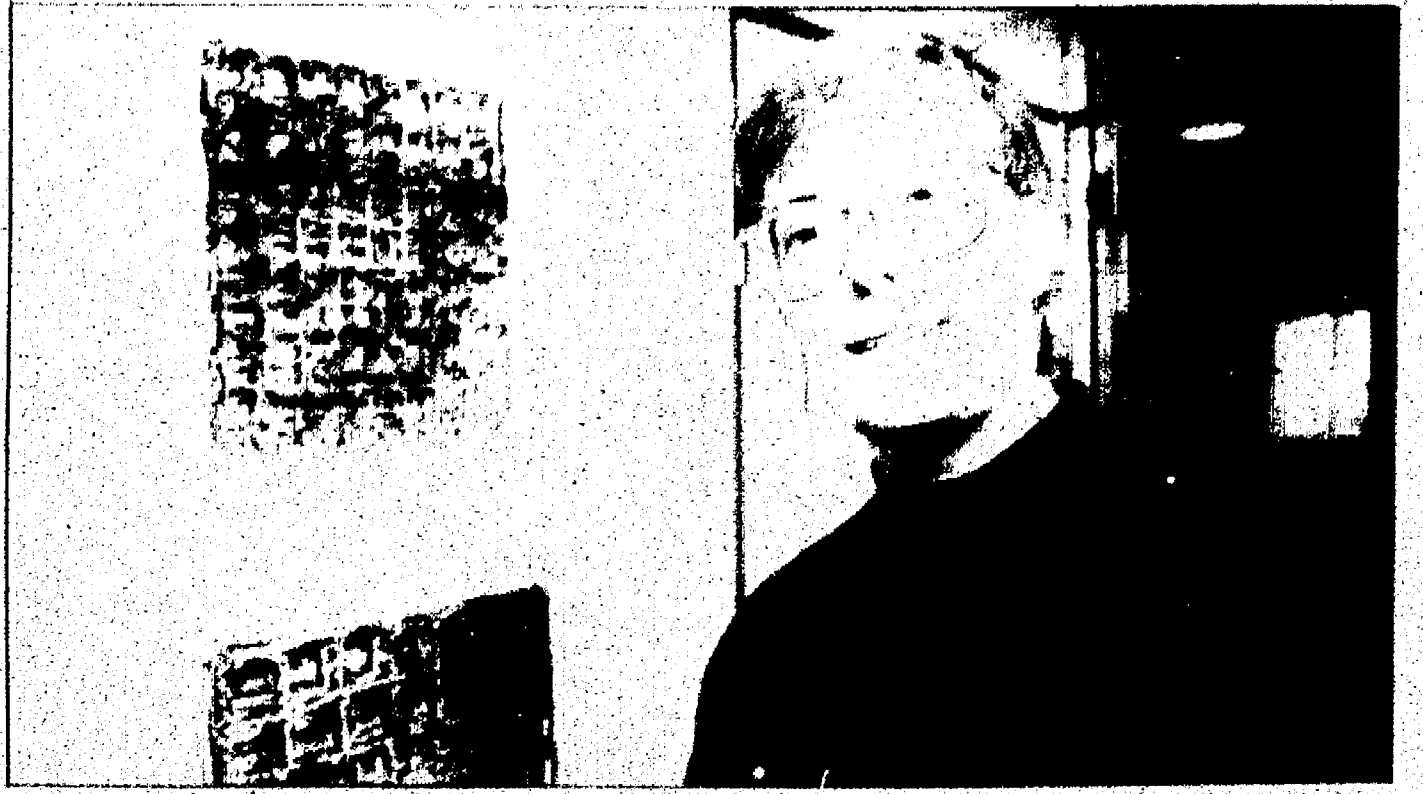
A block of felt makes the skin crawl with its wriggling maggot shapes oozing out of a Pop Tart like form.

"If I were a painter these are the sort of things I'd be doing, but you can't do this with paint," said Williams, who first learned to weave in 1968.

White wool fleece, dyed and carded and made into felt are some of the primary steps it takes to make Williams' fiber wall hangings. She employs both loom and non-loom approaches from there.

"I like the physicality of textiles. It was more appealing to me than paint or clay. The pieces develop slowly. The challenge is to make it interesting after you've spent hundreds of hours on it," said Williams of Brighton.

Before her 19 year stint teaching the textile curriculum at Eastern Michigan University, Williams earned a master of fine arts degree from Indiana University.



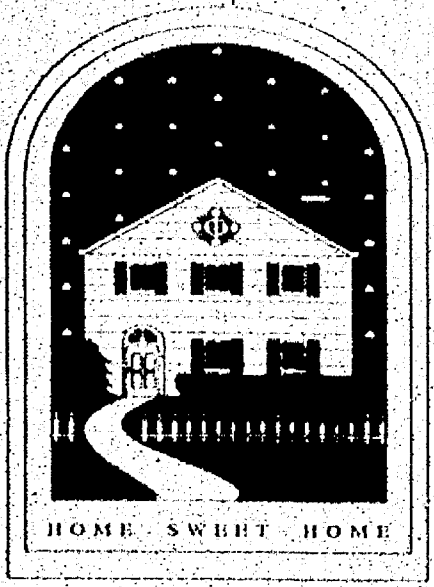
JIM JAGDELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Painterly persuasions:** Textile artist Patricia Williams exhibits part of her 20 year exploration into the world of fiber through Dec. 9 at Madonna University in Livonia.

Additional studies took her to California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland and Arrowmont School of Crafts in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She has exhibited at Clare Spittler Works of Art in Ann Arbor, the Nevada State Museum and Historical So-

ciety in Las Vegas, University of Michigan School of Art, Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson, The Galleria in Pontiac, Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena, and Handweavers Guild of American in Washington, D.C. to name a handful.

"I'm very drawn to natural imagery. I like to explore that image using felt, crochet and weaving. I have an idea, I try it. It evolves. It's like painting with threads." Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



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# Gift from page 1D

be the answer to your gift needs. S & R Wildlife Art Gallery, 33163 Ford Road in Garden City, has the largest selection in the area. Robert Bateman, Jim Foote, Carl Brenders and Terry Reilin are a few of the artists the gallery represents. If an unframed print is purchased, S & R owner Ron Hughes highly recommends customers take advantage of the conservation, or museum style framing services offered at the 18 year old gallery.

"The safest place for a print is in a frame. We do professional framing on 100 percent rag paper. Anything touching the print is acid free," said Hughes.

Other great gift ideas at S & R include hand carved deer and manatee, hand painted rocks, by Scott Fountain of Livonia; Sandi East collectible figurines of rottweilers, greyhounds, retrievers and chocolate labs; books; decorative decoy reproductions; bronze sculptures; and Do-a-Duck kits for creating your own cherry mallard.

For specialty items like kaleidoscopes, glass perfume bottles as well as other time honored crafts stop by Chameleon Galleries LTD, 370 S. Main Street in Plymouth. Chameleon considers its contemporary gallery a year-round stationary, indoor Ann Arbor Art Fair.

If it's animation art like a cel of Pongo from 101 Dalmatians you're after, the Animation Station, 550 Forest in Plymouth offers the widest selection of cels and related collectibles including plush stuffed animals in the area. And if they don't have it on hand, the folks at the Animation Station will make a computer search for it.

### Make your gifts

Cannon Ceramic & Gifts with more than 2,500 pieces of greenware offers the opportunity to hand paint a gift for a friend or yourself. Christmas decorations including Nativity sets, and angels of all sizes as well as chess pieces and carousel horses are a few of the greenware items on hand.

"This is the biggest time of year for Christmas decorations but we sell a lot of home accessories as well. We recently did a purple canister set for a lady because she couldn't find one to match her color scheme," said Shirley Henning, co-owner of the two-year old

shop with brother, Jerry Lee. Finished and unfinished ceramics fill the shop. But unfinished is so much more fun, and therapeutic, too. For about \$30 you can make a standard size ceramic Christmas tree with lights and save yourself the cost of a therapist.

"It's relaxing, a big tension breaker. We had one person who used to go to a therapist, now she comes here," said Henning's husband, John.

"Everything's made right here. You can start from scratch and clean it yourself, or we can clean it, fire it then paint them. We're a full service ceramics shop."

Soccer, football and basketball ornaments, angel icicles, beer steins, pitchers, bowls and garden planters by your hand or the folks at Canton Ceramic & Gifts, 6720 N. Canton Center Road in Canton Township, are certain to make someone on your list feel special, maybe even you.

### Southwest flavor

If you're looking for a gift with Southwest flavor, two Plymouth galleries have a large selection of merchandise from pottery to American Indian Dream Catchers. The Sipapu Company, 298 S. Main Street, specializes in home furnishings like tables, chairs, hutches and entertainment centers but also pueblo pottery, sculpture and weaving.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, offers everything from kachinas to handcarved fetishes, paintings and jewelry. Just arrived are sterling silver kachina necklaces in two price ranges, about \$42 to \$140.

"One of the hottest things these days is native American gifts for the home like a small framed piece of art. People are tired of buying junk. They want to give something that has meaning to it like pottery formed from the earth by hand, or fetishes. They don't take up a lot of room," said Annette Horn, Native West co-owner.

Artists' cooperatives as well as the smaller, independent galleries offer reasonably priced artworks for gift giving. The Art Gallery, 30069 Ford Road in Sheridan Square in Garden City, has media ranging from painting to sculpture. Hand painted T-shirts (\$24) by Mary Ellen Brittain of Dearborn Heights spotlight your dog or cat, while ornaments hand

Painted (\$10 from stock on hand, \$15 from your photo) by Norma McQueen of Garden City show off that special pet on a different type of canvas.

### Affordable art

If you're on an especially tight budget this year, consider purchasing something from the corner devoted to previously owned art.

"We've tried to make it known as an affordable gallery," said director, Norma McQueen. "There's nothing over \$250."

If you're looking for a portrait in pastel of your favorite person or pet including horses, don't miss the sample work on display at The Art Gallery by artist, Laurel Raisanen of Westland. Raisanen is perhaps best known for her striking portraits of sports celebrities such as Steve Yzerman, Cecil Fielder, Secretariat and Seattle Slew. The price for a portrait done from a 30- to 60-minute sitting is \$50. If Raisanen works from a photograph, the cost for a 12-by-18-inch head and shoulders portrait is \$65. A portrait of your horse's head and shoulders is \$125.

For more information about having Raisanen sketch a portrait of your loved one call her at (313) 729-7361.

Pottery, textiles and stained glass make the Michigan Art Exchange, 470 Forest in Plymouth, a

must for selection and low prices. Hand painted silk scarves by Celia Block cost around \$30. Clay by sisters, Pat Powder of Farmington Hills and Thalia Shunk of Bloomfield Hills is more than reasonably priced. It's a bargain.

"We have a lot of small paintings, bud vases and small raku dishes," said coop artist, Nancy Dendy of Redford Township who paints animal portraits among other subject matter.

Photography by Chuck Dujcik of Plymouth, a Merit Award winner in the Canton Project Arts Gallery Showing of Fine Arts 1994, is reminiscent of works by American painter, Edward Hopper.

"Chuck's work is so strong it hits you," Dendy said.

From sports figures to glamorous women painted in the style of the late artist Patrick Nagel, one last stop on your shopping

list should be Nelson's Gallery, 16376 Middlebelt Road between Five and Six Mile in Livonia. Watercolor paintings of light houses, Chinese brush painting, photography, glass, jewelry, pottery, painted, mixed media and walking sticks by 14 artists are featured in the third annual Art as Gift show. If you're lucky enough to have money to spend after Christmas, this is the place to go as the show continues through Dec. 31.



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# Last House from page 1D

perform the ancient ritual of "perambulating the bounds." Here is a lengthy (too lengthy?) history of the countryman's ancient friend, the double-bitted axe.

Here is Jager attending a town hall meeting, or working a traditional church fair on the village green, or trying to figure why the water from the old well in the cellar tastes suddenly odd (earthworms), or accidentally unearthing Ebenezer's patiently-crafted, granite hearthstone.

This thoughtful, entertaining book is often enhanced by Jager's lively, sometime lyrical, way with words (nature is an "obscure ferocity," that is "bolstered and splendid beyond the singing of it"), and by his fresh and candid insight into things like "19th century nature romanticism."

But perhaps what turns this succinct, history/geography/philosophy "lesson" into something really special is Jager's personality, a kind of sophisticated folkiness that comes through on practically every page. This is

nowhere more evident than in his chapter entitled, "Chicken Dinner: The Unwritten Recipe," in which he demonstrates that, to really get into the country life, there is no better tool than a world-class sense of humor.

This is how to fry a chicken, literally from the ground up, and with every dreadful detail included. At some point in all of it, you may discover that, like the hapless chicken at the center of this scalded drama, you are not too crazy about this recipe.

Then, concludes Jager, "maybe you don't really know if you like the farm."

Food for thought.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a longtime member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and literary industry for the Observer Newspapers. She has a lifelong interest in reading, "everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a Touch-Tone phone by dialing 953-2947, then her mailbox number, 1854.

# Artists aid Girl Scouts

The annual art benefit for the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council will take place 5:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan Riverside Center in Southfield.

The center is at 25425 Telegraph, one-half mile south of I-990. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. For more information, call Caroline Solomon at (313) 964-4475, Ext. 204.


Nine local artists will be featured. Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale of art work will benefit the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. Exhibited art will be in a variety of mediums, including jewelry, fabric, water color, stained glass and collage.

Featured artists are Julie Dawson of Birmingham, Nora Mendoza of West Bloomfield, Katharine Bligg of Sterling Heights, Marie Brnell of Oak Park, Sandra Somers of New Boston and Cecily and Jole Coelbo, Carole Harris and

Halima Coelbo of Detroit. Dawson's watercolor reflect her favorite memories from independent journalism she and her husband have made in 74 countries, three and seven continents. Human dignity and personal worth are themes that run throughout spells stained glass work.

Bligg calls her work "sculpture in jewelry" because it is sculpture that adorns the body rather than jewelry in the typical sense, she said. Cecily Coelbo uses found materials, such as buttons from a favorite old jacket, to add to the unusual identities of her specialty dolls. Jole Coelbo's wearable art is inspired by her appreciation of diverse cultures and aesthetics. Owens uses such materials as paper, fabric, jewelry and paint in her collage work.


Honorary chair of the art benefit is Janet Offidile, president and CEO, Blue Care Network of Southeast Michigan.



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There's plenty of client consumer hints

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER  
SPECIAL WRITER

In the last of a two-part series, here's a sampling of consumer information available to home buyers and sellers in Observer & Eccentric communities:

Century 21 has an array of consumer information to help educate potential buyers and sellers.

Learn how to spruce up your house for a faster sale in a 17-minute video, "Dress Your House For Success." You'll see your home from a buyer's point of view and learn how to give the place pizzazz without making a big investment — borrow or rent house plants or matching lawn furniture, for example. The video offers six general steps for a quicker sale: remove clutter; clean up and make sure rooms smell as good as they look; make general repairs; neutralize with paint and carpet; make rooms look special with fresh flowers and decorative touches, and keep the house

ready to show. A "Dress Your House For Success" booklet includes checklists for creating curb appeal and for sprucing up the bathroom, kitchen, entry, living areas, basement and garage.

Century 21 estimates more than half of all houses are sold before buyers even get out of their cars. The booklet suggests standing across the street from your house to check "curb appeal."

Another video, "It's Your Move," takes a family of four through the home buying process — from defining needs and working with a sales agent to applying for a mortgage and closing.

Century 21 has a slew of information-packed booklets for buyers and sellers. The buyer's guide has a form to figure how much house you can afford, a monthly payment chart, a "want list" and a glossary of real estate terms. The seller's guide covers pricing, comparative marketing analysis, tax information, preparing the

house for sale and accepting an offer. There's also a moving guide and two comprehensive booklets on financing and real estate investment.

Fact-finding is an important step, but buyers and sellers should consider talking about their needs with a real estate professional, suggests John Lichtenberg, marketing director for Century 21 Great Lakes Division in Novi.

"At some point, it's important to sit down with a professional to narrow down your wants and needs and determine how much you can spend without over-extending," he said.

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, whose franchises are in several Observer & Eccentric communities, has a series of brochures in its Home Merchandising System. They offer tips for preparing your home for sale and presenting it to buyers. Decorating and landscaping suggestions are gleaned from their sister-magazine, "Better Homes and Gardens."

John Ekstrand, marketing director

for Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate, says the focus of all their consumer material is long-term maintenance, so that clients have good results when they re-sell.

■ Sterling Heights-based Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, with offices in almost every Observer & Eccentric community, updates its Home Price Comparison Index quarterly, so consumers can easily compare home prices from one community to another without looking through ads or driving to open houses.

If you're considering a short-distance move, the chart helps you figure what your current home in Plymouth, for example, would cost in Rochester Hills. The broker's chart gives an index value to 39 communities throughout Michigan. There's also a nationwide index, so corporate transferees can compare their current home to a similar home in more than 250 markets around the country.

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After a temporary relocation, Max Broock Inc. has returned to its newly remodeled real estate office at 300 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

REGION CHAMPS

ERA Rymal Symes, members of Electronic Realty Associates L.P., received a regional performance award from ERA National for outstanding customer service and superior performance. The award was presented at the ERA regional conference in Dearborn.

ERA Rymal Symes, owned by Conrad Jakubowski, has offices in West Bloomfield, Novi and Northville.

Jakubowski, meanwhile, was elected to regional vice president of the National Association of Realtors. He will serve as liaison for Michigan and Ohio. NAR has 750,000 members from different real estate organizations throughout the country.

BOUNING UP

Almost half the agents at Chamberlain Realtors' Birmingham office attended the Michigan Association of Realtors' 80th annual conference and expo at the Detroit Renaissance Center.

Those in attendance were: J.D. Alameddine, Betty Ball, Anne Bouch, Debra Jacott, Paddy Kutchey, MaryAnn McBroon, Rebecca Meisner, Ellen Newville, Christine Russo, Grace Stauffer and Bob Taylor.

SIGNING THE LEASE

E.G.G. Structural Kinematics leased a 40,000-square-foot facility on Maple Road in Troy from Fairview-Webster Building Co.

Mike Zieck of Manhattan Co. in Troy represented the tenant. Hank Dietz, also of Manhattan Co., represented the landlord.

NEW ADDITION

Mary McLeod has joined the Northville office of Coldwell Banker/Schweitzer Real Estate, which also serves Novi and Livonia.

McLeod, a graduate of Walsh College in Troy with a degree in accounting, came from Century 21 and has 10 years of real estate experience.

— Compiled by Becky Burns

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CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. I am a director of a condominium association and our board is somewhat divided. One segment is willing to spend money on a top-notch CPA but other board members want the cheapest CPA we can find.

We are a large condominium association and frankly can afford to divide the fixed cost of a CPA among our members without it contributing significantly to our individual monthly assessments.

A. There are certain people on the board who believe their task is to spend as little money, at whatever cost, as possible.

They fail to recognize their fiduciary duties to operate the business of the association by the best means available. That includes obtaining

the best personnel they can possibly obtain within reason.

What is reasonable, of course, is subjective. Most associations do have the economic ability to retain top-notch legal and/or accounting talent, as well as other professionals to assist them.

Those who settle for second best may end up finding this inhibits the ability of the condominium project to succeed, thereby diminishing the marketability of units of condominium co-owners, as well as exposing directors to potentially more lawsuits by association members and by others.

Clearly point out the minimal actual incremental costs to a co-owner for hiring the best CPA. It may be only pennies more a month and the detriments of finding someone neither capable and/or available to assist the needs of the association may be disastrous to the association.

Q. I am a CPA who works with several management companies. One management company with

whom I deal on behalf of an association is extremely difficult to get a hold of and rarely calls me back. It uses the excuse that it is very busy and frankly doesn't have a lot of time to deal with my questions.

How do I get across to the board subtly that it may not be dealing with the best management company for its needs. The management company has threatened to blackball me if I give them any problems.

A. Both you and the management company owe a fiduciary responsibility to your client, namely the association. If the management company is not performing services and is basically attempting to put undue pressure on you in order for you not to advise your client of concerns regarding management of the association, that is obviously wrong.

You may be under intense economic pressure from the management company not to "turn it in," so to speak; however, your legal and fiduciary responsibilities dictate otherwise.

Eventually, the apparent lack of management skills and/or unprofessionalism will catch up with the management company and you will come out the winner.

I would advise the association in professional terms that you are not receiving cooperation of the management company and that perhaps other professionals and/or persons dealing with the management company are similarly situated. It will be in your best interests to do so, as well as in the interest of your client.

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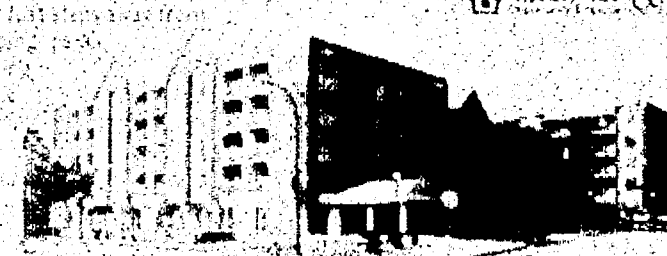
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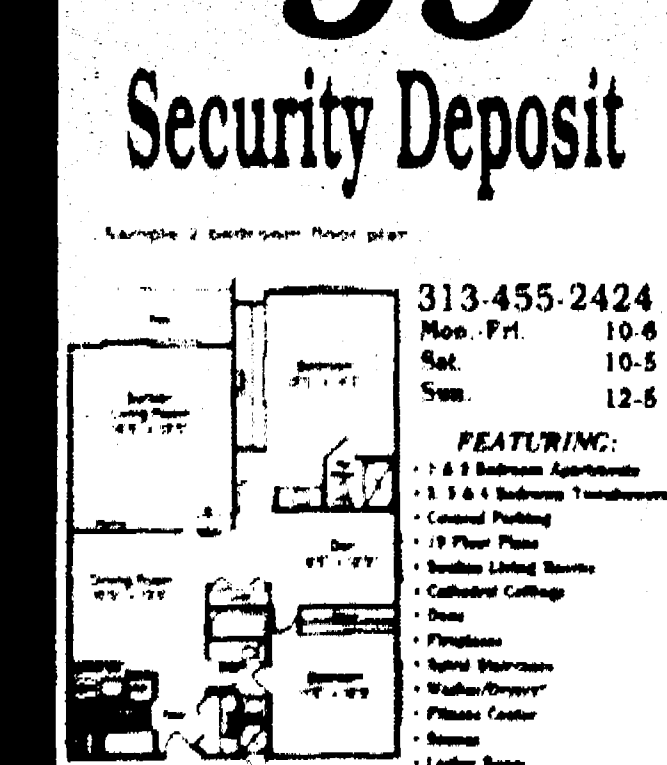
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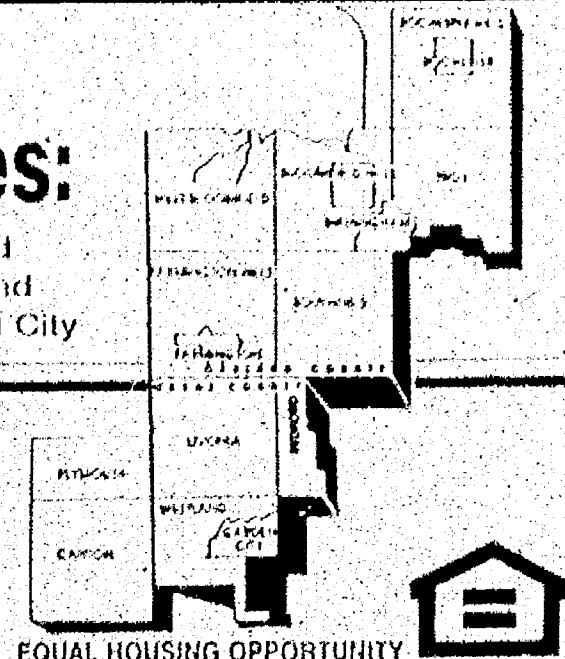
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## BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

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.

**Robert A. Berlow** of West Bloomfield was promoted to executive vice president, general counsel and secretary with Perry Drug Stores Inc. Berlow joined the company as general counsel in 1978. He was named chief administrative officer in 1993.



Berlow

**Ronald J. Hudzik** was appointed sales manager for Defiance Tooling Systems in Livonia. Before joining Defiance Tooling Systems, Hudzik was sales manager for Jason Tool & Engineering Co. He has more than 25 years of industrial sales and marketing experience.



Hudzik

**Rich Ansell** of Birmingham was promoted to vice president, management supervisor of Young & Rubicam Detroit's Diversified accounts. Ansell had been management supervisor. He started with the company as an account executive on the Lincoln-Mercury Dealer Associations account.



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**Betty J. Ferguson** of Garden City was promoted to account manager with Willis Corroon Corp. of Michigan in Livonia. Ferguson had been an account representative. She joined Willis Corroon in 1989.

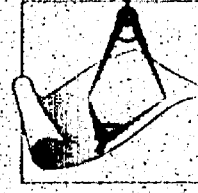


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## Canton condos want families

Buyers with an eye for a colonial model can choose from among three basic floor plans in Stonecrest, a smallish site condominium subdivision in Canton expected to be especially attractive for families with children.

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER



Stonecrest, detached site condominiums in Canton, is developer/builder Bob Kime's first project since spinning off his own operation after a long, fruitful partnership with his brother.

Nearly a third of the 45 building sites off Palmer between Lilley and Sheldon have sold since the model opened in August.

"What sets us apart, number one, is the style of the house," said Kime, president of RDK Homes in Plymouth. "It opens up. We tried to stick with old standards, ceramic tile, masonry fireplace, things we think people like."

"It has an attractive exterior, curb appeal, and interiors with good functional space and quality construction," he added.

Buyers at Stonecrest have a choice of three basic floor plans featuring nearly 2,000 square feet and three bedrooms and an open



JILL HERSLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Castlestone:** This model at Stonecrest features three bedrooms and a loft upstairs, a family room, living room and dining room on the main level.

loft or four bedrooms upstairs for less than \$150,000.

Standard features include attached, two-car garage, basement, first-floor laundry, ceiling lights in secondary bedrooms and dishwasher.

Popular options include fireplace (\$3,200), air conditioning (\$2,500), deck (\$2,300) and finishing of the bath in the master suite (\$2,900).

The main level of the Castlestone model provides a living room leading to a formal dining room, kitchen with eating nook and family room with a peaked ceiling.

The half bath in the Castlestone is right off the foyer at the front door, a highly-unusual placing.

"It's away from and a little private from the family room where people are and convenient for kids outside—they don't have to run through the whole house," Kime said.

The laundry is off the garage entrance.

"It makes a good mud room," Kime said. "Kids can drop off their dirty clothes and coats and wash their hands here before mom catches them in the kitchen."

A bridge and loft area overlook the family room on the second level.

"People can use it as a study, a little computer area, sewing," Kime said. "There's a good view outside. You can look down at the fireplace. It really opens the house."

Upstairs, the master suite is separated from the other two bedrooms with a walk-down step and a lantern light at the door.

The master has a cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet, shower and double-sink vanity.

A second full bath is upstairs.

A small step down leads from the kitchen/eating nook to the family room downstairs to create an impression of spaciousness.

With optional bay windows, the



Castlestone model features 28 windows, said Greg Kime, Bob's son and sales manager at the site. "It really adds another dimension to the house... and a lot of light," Greg said.

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**Volunteers:** Troy Kmart store manager David Haluska (far left) gathers with employees Sue Dorn, Bonnie Horning, Dawn Martin, Gene Morris and Marilyn Ruthowski who are involved in volunteer activities.



JIM ROBERTS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Kmart honors volunteer spirit

By MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

To recognize and encourage social activism, Troy-based Kmart Corporation has designed a program to honor its workers who volunteer in their communities.

The international retailing giant recently recognized 10,000 of its employees across the country for outstanding commitment to helping the homeless, feeding the hungry and raising funds for nonprofit organizations.

Kmart calls the effort Community Volunteers. "Our premise is that to have a positive impact on the communities where we do business, we must encourage

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# Stonecrest from page 1F

The Cobblefield model is similar to the Castleton on the first level except that there is no peaked ceiling in the family room and a fourth bedroom replaces the loft upstairs.

The Alabaster has the largest family room, an island in the kitchen and tucks the power room off the family room next to the laundry. The upstairs is similar to the Castleton. All three models are about the same size and carry the same basic sticker price.

Exteriors are brick, stucco and aluminum, with some brick on all four sides. The subdivision is serviced by city water and sewers and will have sidewalks.

Stonecrest is in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The property tax rate for a house in Canton in the Plymouth-Canton school district is about \$31 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value.

That means the owner of a \$150,000 condo in Stonecrest would annually pay about \$2,325 in property taxes for township, school and county services.

The association/maintenance fee is \$95 quarterly. Condo owners are expected to maintain their own lawns.

Tim and Donna Dowling, along with son, Kevin, will move into an Alabaster model.

"We decided to look in the Canton area because it has good schools," Donna said. "We're in Wayne-Westland now and they're having some problems."

The subdivision we liked because it's rela-

**'What took us in there was simply the price and the Canton area and the room sizes. I like the loft idea, studio ceiling in the master bedroom and the family room. Peaked ceilings always make rooms look larger.'**

Caron Stiles

tively small. It will make for a better neighborhood. We'll know our neighbors.

"We've gone almost every day since they started building," Donna added. "It's very good quality. They're very diligent."

Caron and Paul Stiles are building the Castleton.

"What took us in there was simply the price and the Canton area and the room sizes," Caron said. "I like the loft idea, studio ceiling in the master bedroom and the family room. Peaked ceilings always make rooms look larger."

"I like the way they have planned windows on the sides so that not every window looks into another window. There's a little more privacy," she said.

The sales office at Stonecrest, (313) 397-8114, is open 1-7 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, closed Thursdays.

# Volunteers from page 1F

Kmart associates to reach out to others and empower them to use the many resources of Kmart at a grass roots level," said Teri L. Kula, a Kmart spokeswoman.

In an organized way, Kmart has encouraged its workers since 1985 to give something back to the communities where its stores are located.

The Troy store at 100 E. Maple exemplifies that effort.

"We're involved in WalkAmerica, United Way, the Children's Giving Tree, food baskets at Thanksgiving, and needy children's shopping spree at Christmas," said David Haluska, store manager.

This year store employees reached out to one of their own, former assistant manager Earle Schram, who died of cancer last May.

"Earle worked for Kmart 21 years. He had to leave last October because of his health," Haluska said. "The associates kept him going. The whole store got behind the effort."

Employees under the direction of Sue Dorn and Kathy Proudfoot planned and executed a major benefit to help Haluska with bills. Some \$2,000 was raised. And as a tribute to his memory, each of four volunteers honored recently in the E. Maple store, earmarked his or her charity check for \$25 to the American Cancer Society.

"Obviously we're here to do a job. But it's good for us and good for the community to be involved," Haluska said. "We should all be thankful for what we've got."

Those honored in Troy were Marilyn Rutkowski, who works with the Thanksgiving food basket program; Gene Morris, United Way; Dawn Martin, the March of Dimes; and Bonnie Horning, the Good News Committee.

Throughout the year, Kmart employees work on annual events with organizations including the Muscular Dystrophy Association, American Heart Institute, the American Red Cross, United Way and Easter Seals.

Kmart is the national retail sponsor of the

March of Dimes WalkAmerica program. This year, Kmart's team of more than 250,000 associates raised \$1.7 million. Kmart CEO and President Joe Antonini served as honorary chairman.

Also this year, Kmart became the sponsor of Give Kids the World, a nonprofit organization that fulfills the special dreams of terminally ill children. Through paper-castle sales, Kmart employees raised more than \$275,000 for the program.

Carla Vollmer, who works at the service desk in the Kmart store on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, has a special interest in a day camp for handicapped children.

"Every year she takes her vacation and volunteers at the camp," said her store manager Roger Whitehill. "She raises money for the camp all year long. Carla has a wooden leg herself. She is just a wonderful employee."

Vollmer was one of four employees honored for volunteerism at her store.

"I think it's excellent. Employees don't get enough recognition for the good things that they do. It's nice when someone tells them," Whitehill said of the program.

At Thanksgiving, each Kmart store prepares and donates at least 20 food baskets for local needy families — totaling more than 48,000 baskets. At Christmas, Kmart associates treat needy children to a special holiday shopping spree. Many volunteer projects are ongoing throughout the year.

For the first time, a nationwide ceremony was broadcast to each Kmart store last month to recognize the efforts of 10,000 employees as outstanding community volunteers. Each store manager conducted a local store ceremony to recognize four associates within that store for their community outreach activities.

"In many ways, Kmart and American consumers have grown up together so we feel a long-standing obligation to the communities where we do business," said Kula.

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counties. For a nomination form, or for more information, call the Women's Economic Club at (313) 967-5949.

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Entries will be judged on proven success, contribution to industry and the community, length of multi-generational involvement, innovative business practices or strategy and overall work environment.

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The Franklin Award is designed to recognize, reward and encourage family-owned businesses.

Anyone may nominate. Self-nominations are encouraged. Written nominations must be returned to Franklin Bank by Jan. 16, 1995. Applications will then be mailed to nominees to be completed and returned with a \$20 application fee by Feb. 1.

Applications will be judged by a panel of independent small business specialists and principals of family businesses.

For more information or a nomination form, contact Rebecca Christian or Lisa Hurdy at Franklin at (810) 358-6462.

# Top businesses wanted

The Women's Economic Club of Detroit is seeking nominations for its second annual Today's Workplace of Tomorrow Awards.

And Franklin Bank N.A. of Southfield announces a new award to recognize successful family-owned businesses.

Today's Workplace of Tomorrow Awards recognize companies and organizations whose policies and actions demonstrate business leadership for the 21st Century.

Winners will be selected based on their implementation of initiatives that are progressive and responsive to changing society. The companies will be recognized at a special awards program in April, 1995. Nominations are due by Dec. 15.

Among criteria used to select the winners are:

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- contribution to worker good health and well being.
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- social responsibility initiatives.

"Business leaders throughout Southeast Michigan are recognizing that changes are taking place in their organization — changes in the cultural diversity of employees, in the needs and expectations of the community," said Gerry Barrone, executive director of the Women's Economic Club.

"The Workplace of Tomorrow Awards honor or local organizations that set an example for others to follow in the development of strategies that address these changes."

Award nominations are accepted and judged against peer organizations by size and sector of the economy.

Nominations will be accepted from any company, division or unit of a company or non-profit organization located in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw or Livingston

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The Masonry Institute of Michigan conducts its annual meeting 8:30 a.m. to noon at Sheraton Oaks of Novi. A special seminar "Connectors: Ties, Anchors and Fasteners" will be offered. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (313) 458-8544.

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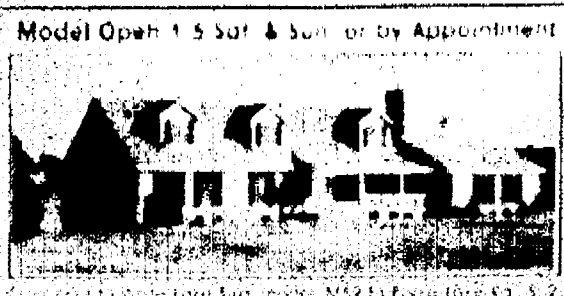
The American Society of Employers sponsors a seminar "Building an Effective Safety Program" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern, Southfield. Presenter: Richard Zdeb, Michigan Department of Labor. Cost is \$20. Advance registration requested at (810) 353-4500.

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### ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants presents a workshop "Evaluating and Imple-

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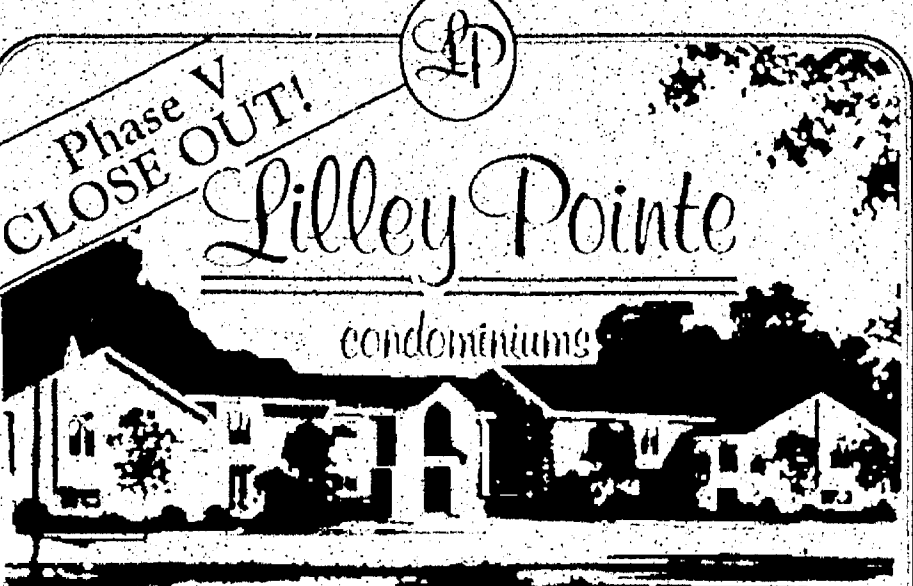
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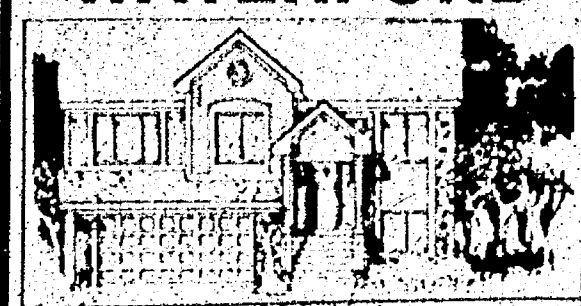


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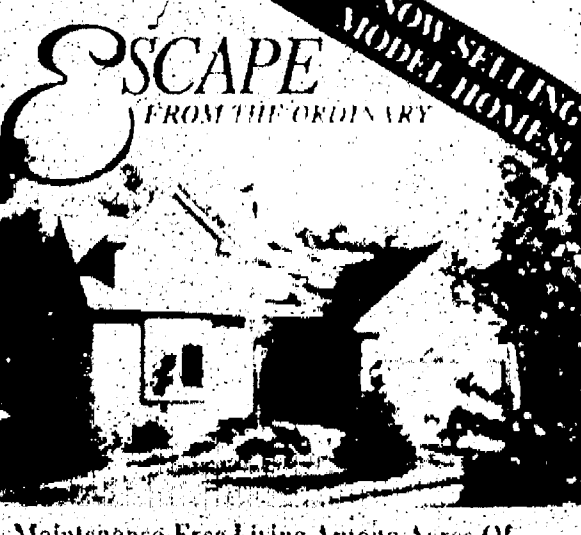
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HOUSE IS NOW HIRING  
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**KITCHEN HELP**  
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**HOSTS/HOSTESSES**  
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**LEONA FOODSERVICE CORP.**  
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**LINE COOKS DAY BUSSEERS**  
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**LITTLE ITALY RESTAURANT**  
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**PAPA ROMANOS**  
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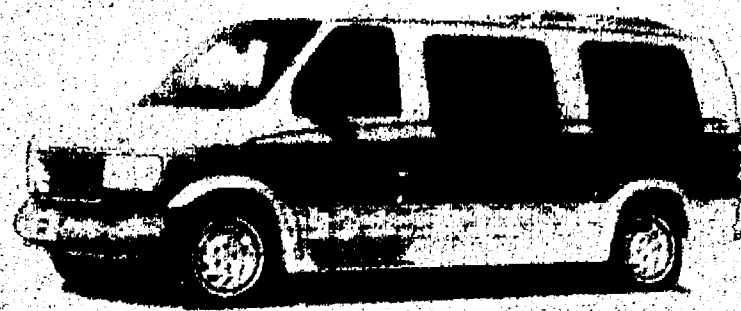
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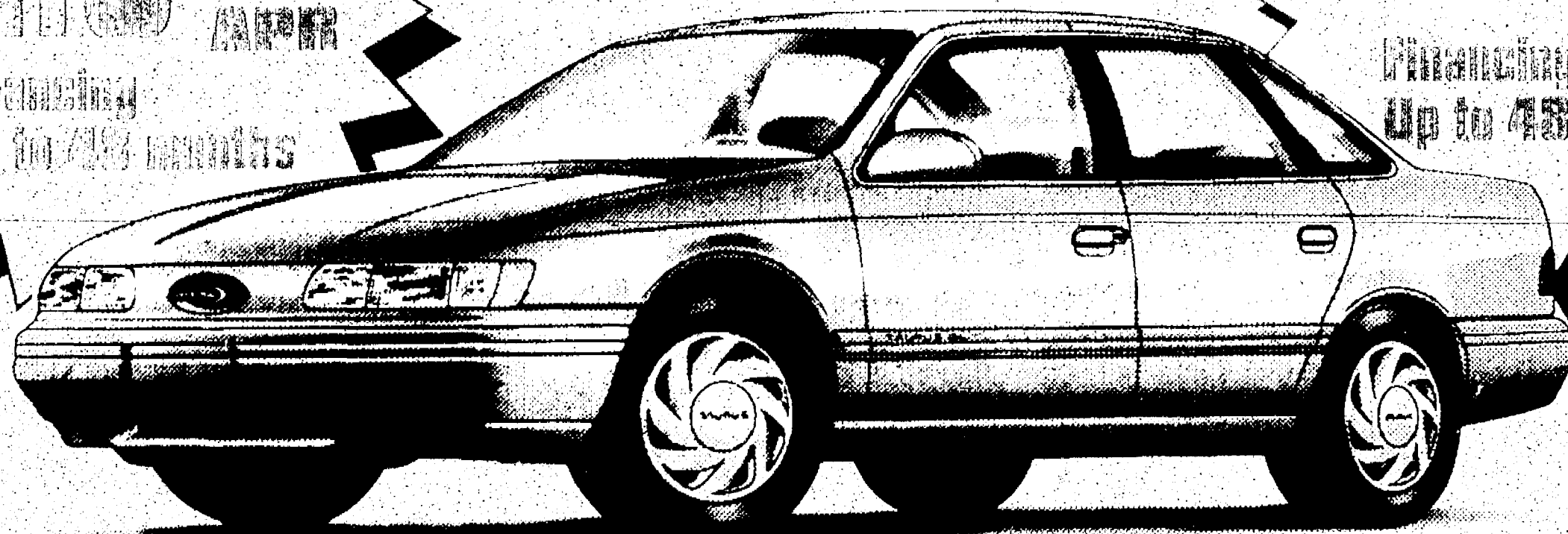
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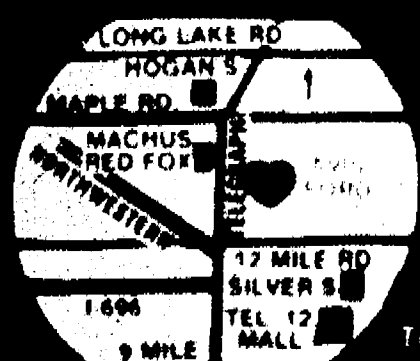
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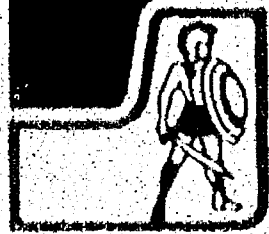
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## Holiday Special Events

### PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Photos will be conducted by Cherry Hill Photo. Single photos will be available at \$6 each and additional packages will be available at multiple price levels.

### PHOTO HOURS:

Monday - Saturday 11:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday 12 noon - 6:00pm

### SANTA BREAKS:

Mon. - Sat: 2:00 - 2:30 & 5:00 - 6:00pm

### HOLIDAY GIFT WRAP

Holiday Gift Wrap available through Christmas Eve in the lower level.

### HOSPICE "TREE OF MEMORIES" NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 25

Community Hospice Services will sponsor a Christmas Tree display in East court. Customers are invited to make a donation in memory of a loved one and receive a personalized ornament to place on the "Tree of Memories."

### SLEIGH OF GIVING NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 25

A holiday sleigh is decorated in Kohl's court and welcomes nonperishable food donations. All donations are being given to Operation Bread Basket, which is a nonprofit organization that helps families in need throughout the year.

### SANTA HOLIDAY BEAR CLUB

When children visit Santa they will be invited to join the Santa Holiday Bear Club. They will receive a coloring sticker book and upon completing the book they can present it to customer service and receive an official membership card, T-shirt and button. All children who join by December 6 will receive a letter from Santa and Holiday Bear and an invitation to a Santa Breakfast.

The Santa breakfast will take place in the auditorium.

Saturday, December 10, 9:30am for members only.

### LATE NIGHT SHOPPING DECEMBER 16

The center will be open until 11:00pm, Friday, December 16. Greeters will be at the entrances passing out shopping bags and discount flyers. Customers can enter to win a \$300 shopping spree, and spend \$100 or more and present receipts at customer service to receive a free \$10 gift certificate. Receipts must be dated December 16. Present receipts of \$75 or more and have two gifts wrapped free in our lower level gift wrap station.

### HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

#### DICKENS CAROLERS

Saturday, December 3, 10, 17 Noon - 3:00pm

Friday, December 16 6:00 - 9:00pm

Wednesday, December 21 6:00 - 9:00pm

#### BARBERSHOP QUARTET

Thursday, December 8 7:00 - 8:00pm

Sunday, December 18 2:00 - 3:00pm

#### BURGER SCHOOL CHOIR

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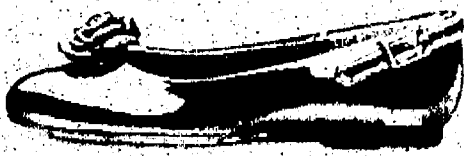
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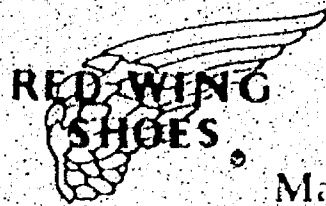
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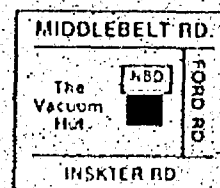
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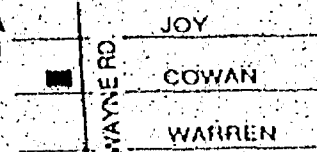
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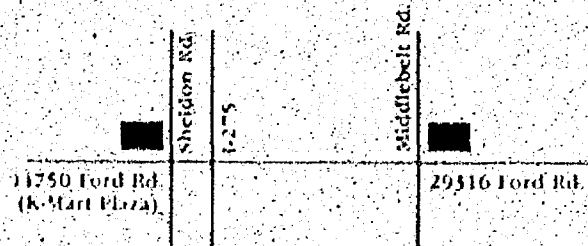


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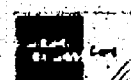
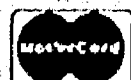
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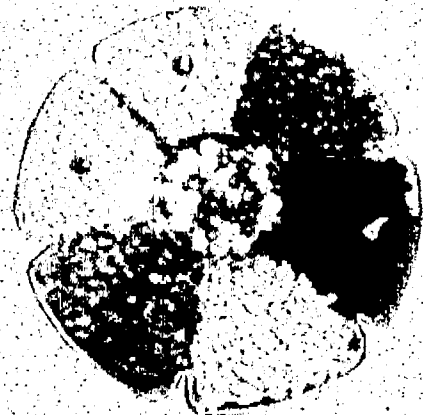


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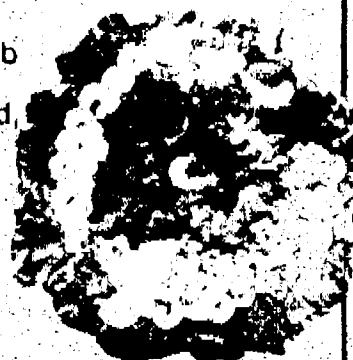
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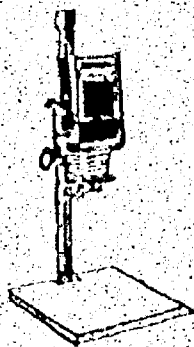
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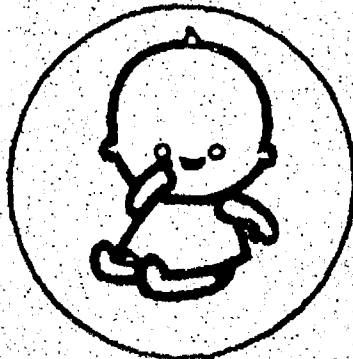
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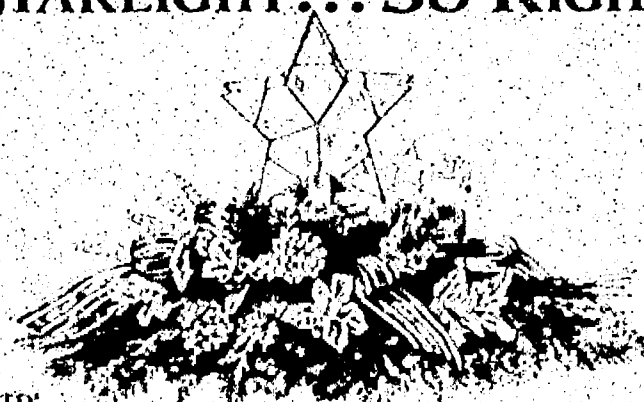
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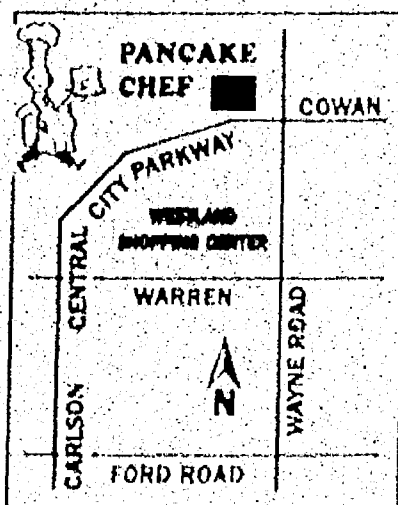
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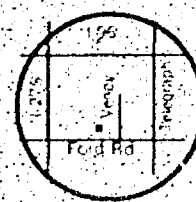
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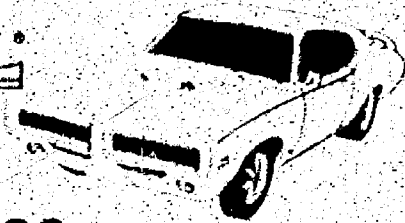
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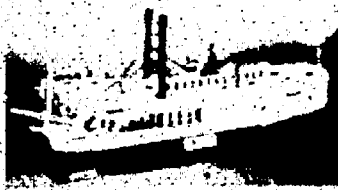
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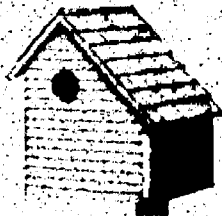


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- Use evergreens mixed with mistletoe, holly, ivy, pine cones or berries to decorate throughout your house. These fragrant greens can be wrapped around banisters, draped over doorways, made into festive centerpieces or used as decorative touches to your gift-wrapping.
- Longer-lasting flowers, such as white snowflake mums or red carnations, make beautiful place-card decorations, hostess gifts or bouquets for the guest bedroom.
- Ivy plants come in a variety of shapes, including the ever-popular topiary, and make elegant tabletop decorations—especially when lit with tiny white lights or decorated with tiny wooden ornaments, miniature balls or bows.
- Poinsettias in nontraditional colors such as corals and a variety of shades of pink are increasingly popular.
- Working with an FTD professional florist makes for convenient one-stop shopping and can be a great way to create a personalized holiday gift which can be hand-delivered by you or sent virtually anywhere. Share with the florist the taste, color schemes and something special about the recipient which you think might be useful. Consider sending gift or gourmet baskets filled with fresh flowers and other goodies. Especially nice for the holidays: FTD's Little Drummer Boy Bouquet.
- Consider using fresh flowers on your Christmas tree. Your FTD florist can provide small water tubes which can be attached to individual branches.
- Wreaths, miniature evergreen trees and fireside baskets of flowers and foliage are some floral alternatives at holiday time. The beauty of nature can be enjoyed in homes and offices as well as outdoors.
- Sending a floral gift is easier than ever this holiday season because you can call FTD's new Florist Finder™ toll-free number—1-800-FTD-6222—and be immediately connected to an FTD florist near you.



## News-worthy Trends

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Surname apparel is especially popular for family reunions, though all sorts

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## Wrap It Right Before You Ship It

(NAPS) Since you've taken the time to choose the perfect holiday gift, why not take a few more minutes to ensure that it arrives safely by wrapping and addressing correctly? Follow these helpful tips from the U.S. Postal Service throughout the year to make sure your packages are delivered to the correct address, on time and in good shape.

- Select a container strong enough to protect the contents during handling. Fiberboard containers are generally strong enough to ship most materials. Your local post office offers packaging products designed for safe and sound delivery.
- Leave space inside the carton for cushioning. The container should have enough space to hold the contents plus cushioning to prevent damage. Leakproof containers and mailing materials should be used if shipping liquids. Items which have an odor should be placed in a

container which is impermeable to the contents.

- Prevent contents from shifting, and absorb shock by using good cushioning materials such as polystyrene, shredded or rolled newspapers, bubble plastic and fiberboard inserts.
- Use reinforced tape. DON'T use twine and cord, they tend to catch and bind in mail processing equipment.
- Mark the address and the ZIP Code clearly and make special markings to alert the Postal Service to packages that are fragile or should not bend. If you are shipping framed photographs, it is a good idea to remove the glass and wrap it separately.
- Include a return address label inside the package prior to wrapping and sending.

## Holiday Hints Innovative Gift Idea Is Music To Their Ears

(NAPS) It's that time of the year again, and you just don't have the time or motivation to shop for the gifts you feel you need to give. Last year, you spent way too much money, and the year before that, all the gifts you gave were later returned by their receivers.

Relax, there is a winning gift-giving solution. It's under \$10 and its sentiment is sure to be appreciated for years to come. Simply pick up your phone and call Send-A-Song. This new consumer service uses the telephone to deliver classic favorites and pop hits, as recorded by the performers who made them famous. For \$9.95 (charged to most credit cards), gift-givers call a toll-free number, and are walked through a computerized menu of options designed to let them select a song from over 200 pop hits, record a confidential message, and program the date and delivery time.

Favorite tunes for the holidays are "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" by Bing Crosby (#9008), or "Rosemary Clooney" (#9009), and the "Christmas Song" by Nat King Cole (#9001). And, of course, you could always drop hints as to your wish list

with Marilyn Monroe's oh-so-subtle "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" (#3011).

Customers can place their orders 24 hours a day, seven days a week. And songs can be delivered immediately for last-minute shoppers, or scheduled to be sent up to six months later.

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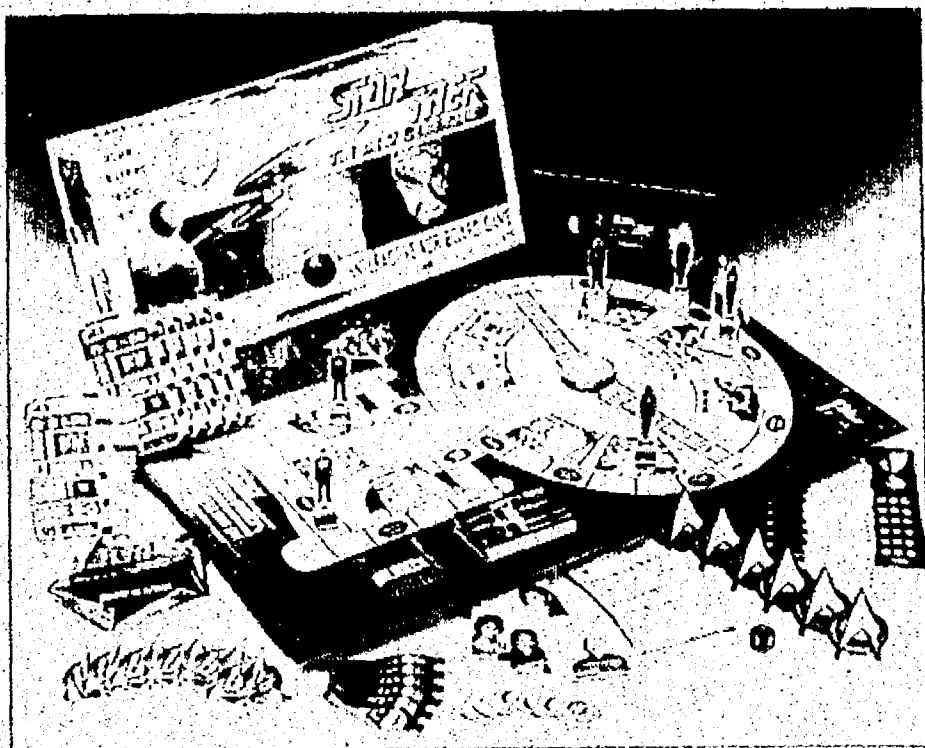
## Gift Ideas A Present From The Future

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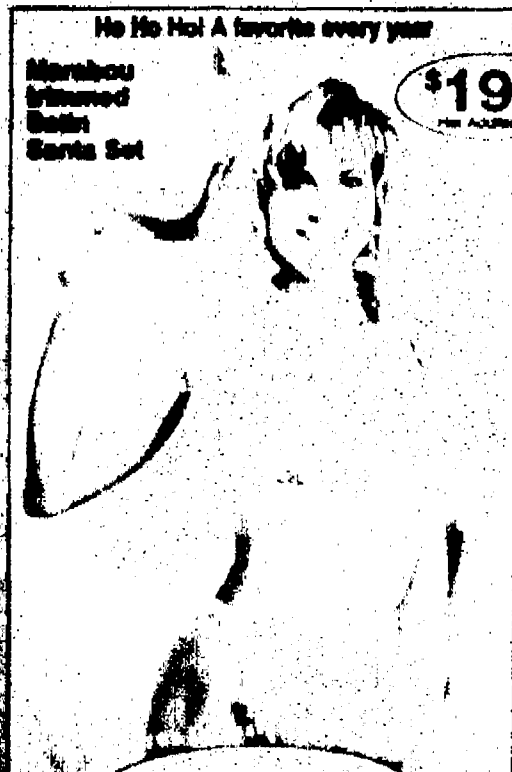
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