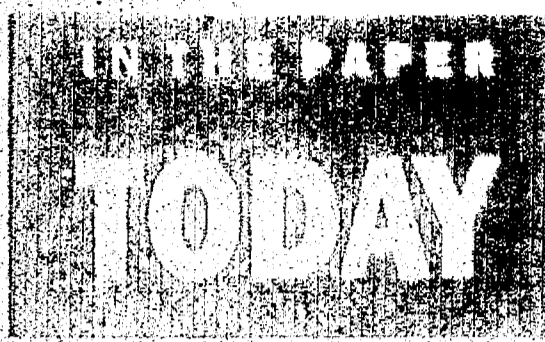


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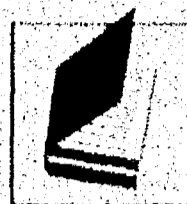
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School board OKs major changes



Despite heavy opposition from parents, massive changes are in store next fall for Wayne-Westland students. Supporters commended officials for approving changes aimed at improving instruction and trimming expenses.

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

In a politically risky decision that was hailed as courageous, the Wayne-Westland school board voted 5-2 Monday night to close four elementaries, redraw attendance boundaries and implement a middle school plan.

"We must do a better job of educating our students with less money," Superintendent Larry Thomas said, recommending the three-tiered plan for next fall.

The emotionally charged decision disappointed parents and students who had mounted a highly public campaign against school closings. But many of the nearly 300 people

who attended Monday's meeting at John Glenn High School applauded the vote, ending their public silence to show support for the changes.

In a meticulously crafted presentation, administration officials underscored the need to tackle a \$1.2 million budget deficit, to improve instruction and to balance enrollments among schools. Thomas noted that the Big Three automakers, Kmart and other companies have had to slash expenses to survive and remain competitive.

"It is time for the Wayne-Westland schools to do the same," he said.

The decision will usher in the most sweeping changes the district has seen in 20 years, saving at least \$1 million annually, Thomas said.

Parents and students flocked to a series of 10 community meetings to oppose the changes, but Thomas reminded the board Monday that "Doing what is right is not necessarily doing what is popular."

Supporters commended the administration and the board for approving the measures, despite political pressure from critics.

See CHANGES, 3A

Westland goes Krogering



Grand opening: *The produce was fresh and everything in the new Kroger supermarket was new on the first day of business Sunday morning. A company spokesman said the store, its largest in Wayne County, was busy on its opening day, with the parking nearly full. The new store, on Ford at Central City Parkway, replaces two smaller Kroger stores.*

Fischer eyed by another district

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Fischer Elementary School, slated for closing next year by Wayne-Westland school officials, has already been visited by representatives for the Crestwood School District, officials confirmed Monday.

"But no obligation has been made to anyone," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Larry Thomas said Monday, responding to a parent's questions during a school board meeting.

The Wayne-Westland district has had such inquiries since local newspapers began publishing stories speculating about the closing of Fischer, Titus, Stottlemyer and Monroe elementaries, Thomas said.

See FISCHER, 2A

MEAP adds up: Math scores on the rise

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Wayne-Westland students are adding up when it comes to boosting their math scores on the annual Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).

While the math results in the fourth, seventh and 10th grades showed an improvement over last year, the scores were essentially the same in reading and science — with the single exception being a major drop in seventh-grade reading scores.

The school administration, discussing the MEAP results at a Monday afternoon press conference, said

it was pleased with its ongoing progress, although Superintendent Larry Thomas said he still isn't satisfied with the numbers.

"We should do better and will. A lot of work has to be done," said Thomas, who announced Aug. 22 that he will resign next June 30, when his three-year contract expires.

In the area of the only major drop — seventh-grade reading — the percentage of students passing the two-story and informational segments of the tests dropped to 24.6 from last year's 30.1.

Thomas, superintendent for 2½ years, said he is "extremely pleased"

that the MEAP scores have increased steadily since he came to the district, but added that the test is only one measurement of student achievement.

"There have been tremendous gains since I came here," he added, reflecting on the major improvements reported last year over 1992. "I'm overwhelmed by the (1994) results."

But he and Jane Kuckel, assistant superintendent for instruction, both commented that they will want to improve the test results.

They agreed that too many students remain in the lower-achieving category.

But Kuckel was happy about the increase in the math scores, up 22 percent in the fourth grade, 40 percent in the seventh, and 51 percent in the 10th.

In the elementary grade, just over half achieved a satisfactory score in math, with 33.9 in the seventh grade and 20.4 in the 10th.

In the areas where students didn't do well, the administration will review the specific items in the tests, review the curriculum and then decide what to do next.

See MEAP, 2A

Businesses want to keep Newburgh open

BY LEONARD POGER
EDITOR

Westland businesses want a stretch of Newburgh kept open during a lengthy construction project to avoid major losses and potential layoffs.

The city administration's proposed closing of the road at the CSX railroad crossing between Cherry Hill and Palmer is "economically insensitive," said Dr. Tom Poirier, a dentist whose office is at Newburgh and Glenwood, a short distance south of the project.

Nearly a dozen business persons appealed to the city council during a study session Monday to spend the \$385,000 needed to build a temporary

road over the railroad tracks.

The road improvement project, expected to start next June and be completed in late summer of 1996, is scheduled to have a temporary service drive on the west side of Newburgh to provide access to all businesses during the construction period and an underpass at the crossing.

But during construction, the road would be closed at the railroad tracks, which businesses south of the crossing object to because most of their customers live north of the tracks.

The business appeal was supported by Councilman Charles Pickering who said that "we should find the money (for the temporary crossing) somewhere."

Pickering and merchants cited other major problems that would be caused by the closing: some 17,000 to 22,000 vehicles which use Newburgh daily would be detoured onto Wayne Road, Cherry Hill and Palmer. But many would use residential side streets to avoid traffic lights and long backups at intersections.

Affected by that traffic detour would be four nearby schools, merchants said.

Pickering also focused on the economic problems facing the Newburgh businesses.

Other council members seemed sympathetic to the business problems although they didn't make any com-

mittes to push for a temporary crossing.

Some were concerned that part of the city's share of the road improvement would be paid from funds collected from a designed financing plan designed to promote new economic development in that area.

The Westland Chamber of Commerce asked for the special meeting to urge the council to open the road at the crossing and disclose the results of a just-completed survey of Newburgh businesses which reflect the projected sales drops.

See NEWBURGH, 2A

Christmas contest

How would you like your house to look like on Christmas Day? The Westland recreation department, which is sponsoring a drawing contest, wants to know. The contest is open to local children in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The event is called the "Guaranteed White Christmas" contest. "All you need to do is draw a picture of what you want your house to look like on Christmas," said a department spokeswoman. Deadline for entries is next Monday. Entries may be mailed to Bailey Recreation Center, 36661 Ford, or be dropped off.

Gift wrapping

Local service organizations will provide gift

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wrapping for Westland Center shoppers. The wrapping service is located in the center's lower level, near the security office. Proceeds will support the group's community service activities. Taking part are the Westland Jaycees, John Glenn High School's Explorer newspaper, Boy Scout Troop 1738, Juvenile Diabetes Association and Westland Host Lions Club.

Operation Bread Basket

A canned food drive to help Operation Bread Basket is being held at Westland Center to encourage shoppers to donate food to needy families.

Donors may donate cans of non-perishable food, paper products or dried food products in the "Sleigh of Giving," located in the Kohl's Court. Operation Bread Basket is a registered, non-profit organization which helps 96 needy families.

Santa to come

Santa Claus will cheer children at Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, from 4-6 p.m. today (Thursday) in the hospital's cafeteria. A hospital spokeswoman said that children 12 and under can visit the facility on Annapolis and Venoy and have their photo taken with Santa. The Christmas party, which includes refreshments, is free for parents and children.

MEAP from page 1A

Kuekel said that the district's math committee is in the process of developing mastery level goals and objectives for each grade.

Throughout the year, the district has been training teachers at all levels in the new instructional strategies as well as the new content, she said.

"There will be another real push for that staff development piece to take place during the summer of 1995 toward full implementation of the revised math curriculum beginning in the 1995-96 school year," Kuekel said.

"The new math curriculum will include mastery level objectives at every grade level which hopefully will lead all students to full achievement of the upcoming 11th grade proficiency exam."

On a related issue of state endorsement for high school students, Kuekel said that 74 percent of 10th graders this year are in the satisfactory or moderate categories in reading, compared to 65 percent in 1992.

In 10th grade math, the percentage is 55.7 percent, well above the 41.4 figure of two years ago.

■ The district receives \$5,400 per pupil this year, nearly half of the \$10,000 the state gives the Birmingham district.

Some 82.6 percent of 11th graders scored at 50 percent in science, about the same as the past two years.

The superintendent said that instructional improvement remains a "top priority" in his administration, which he feels wasn't the case before he came to the district in July, 1992.

Referring to his potential successor, "a person who spends a lot of time on instruction won't last long," Thomas said. (The school board is currently at the start of its process of searching for a new superintendent.)

His resignation announcement came after numerous public battles he had with the school board,

with some dealing with expanding the curriculum department.

Gary Dell, assistant to the superintendent, noted the department has shrunk to four officials, a sharp drop from the 32 on the staff in 1978, although he admitted that 32 was too many.

Thomas expressed his frustration with the district's financial problems, in part caused by major cuts in state aid following Michigan voters' approval of the Proposal A school finance reform plan on March 15.

The district receives \$5,400 per pupil this year, nearly half of the \$10,000 the state gives the Birmingham district.

He said Wayne-Westland has already cut \$12 million from this year's budget and is still more than \$1 million in deficit.

Though the Proposal A backers said the plan would reduce the financial gap between rich and poor districts, Thomas feels the gap has actually widened.

Wayne-Westland MEAP

The MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) figures below show the percentage of students who scored satisfactorily on the test. These are district-wide results.

Grade 4 reading essential skills				Grade 4 math essential skills				Grade 5 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
27.7	29.8	32.0	32.0	28.8	35.4	41.6	50.6	57.8	56.5	62.1	61.4
Grade 7 reading essential skills				Grade 7 math essential skills				Grade 8 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
28.5	25.2	30.1	24.6	22.5	19.6	24.3	33.9	35.4	34.7	46.2	46.3
Grade 10 reading essential skills				Grade 10 math essential skills				Grade 11 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
23.0	30.8	34.4	32.6	12.3	14.9	13.5	20.4	28.8	40.1	39.8	39.8

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CLARIFICATION

The winner of the annual Westland Christmas essay contest is Lindsay Wiczorek, a P.D. Graham School second grader. In a front page photo caption in Thursday's Observer, the girl's name was misspelled, said her mother. The incorrect spelling was provided by the city administration.

■ The front page index of the Nov. 28 Observer incorrectly implied that a mother was upset about a textbook shortage at the William Ford Vocational-Technical Center. The mother was concerned about a shortage of math books at Wayne Memorial High School. More books have been obtained since the story was published, however, and the Observer can now report that the shortage has been alleviated.

■ A letter to the editor that appeared in the Dec. 1 edition of the Observer, criticizing a school board conference, should have included an editor's note stating that board member Vicki Welty paid her own expenses.

Fischer from page 1A

Fischer is located in Dearborn Heights, but it serves students from the Inkster portion of the Wayne-Westland School District.

The board approved the closings Monday night, despite strong opposition from some parents and students. The board also voted to redraw attendance boundaries throughout the 15,600-student district and to shift to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 grade structure.

Among some of the last-minute pleas:

■ Parent Winona Smith, who has

two daughters attending Fischer, said she fears that students moving to Hicks Elementary could be forced to cross busy Wayne Road to walk to school, if further budget cuts eliminate elementary busing.

"You are asking these kids to risk their lives to go to elementary school," she said, adding later, "I don't like crossing Wayne Road in my van."

■ Stevenson ninth-grader Kim Corney said she doesn't believe school officials are being fair by

approving a plan that will split Stevenson Junior High students between John Glenn and Wayne Memorial high schools.

■ Garden City resident Lorrie Doddie noted that the Michigan Education Association is planning to spend money to improve the image of the teachers union.

"Wouldn't it be nice if they improved their image by giving the kids their busing?" she asked, referring to the elimination in October of transportation for Wayne-Westland junior high and senior

high students.

■ The Rev. Neil Cowling gave the board his blessing on the redistricting and other changes, urging the board to give "positive consideration" to the proposals.

■ Bruce Green, a principal in Van Buren schools, said he supports the board's decisions. Green, who has two students enrolled at Schweitzer Elementary School in Westland, said he believes ninth-graders should attend high schools.

Newburgh from page 1A

Jim Smith, a director of Hungry Howie's pizzeria, said half of the customers of the franchise at Newburgh and Palmer live north of the railroad crossing and would be unable to get to his location.

Marge Woods, owner of Westland Camping Center, told the council that she expects to lose about 60 percent of her sales because of the closing.

"I can't afford to lose new or old

customers," she said. "We must have an access road" she urged in pointing out that she is in a very competitive business.

Jim Vermeulen Jr., whose family owns a funeral home at Newburgh and Marquette, said his business experienced a 30/40 percent drop in revenues this past summer during the widening of Newburgh between Ford and Cherry Hill as potential custom-

ers sought a funeral home with a more convenient location.

The chamber survey had responses by 18 businesses which have a combined 1,167 employees.

"Several are concerned about their long-term viability," said chamber president Donna LeMaitre.

The council may have the last word on the issue.

City attorney Angelo Plakas said that a contract must be submitted to the council by the Michigan Department of Transportation for approval and specify whether the road will be open or closed. If the contract calls for a closing, the council could refuse to approve it, he said.

The project is projected to cost \$8 million with the city to pay \$2.8 million.

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Livonia schools to seek tax increase in spring

BY MARIE CHESNEY
STAFF WRITER

Sometime this spring, Livonia Public Schools will put two tax questions before voters, including residents in the northern section of Westland.

The first question will ask voters to renew for five years two millages that now generate \$30 million yearly for district programs.

The second question will ask voters to approve a new 1-mill tax to generate \$3.4 million. This money, kept in a so-called sinking fund, would be used exclusively to repair and renovate the buildings.

"These old dollars will help us continue our programs," said Superintendent Ken Watson Monday in discussing both recommendations with the school board. "The 1-mill is extra. We

would be doing a disservice to our community if we don't set aside funds to repair our existing facilities.

"Passage of both would provide the district with stability in its financial outlook."

One mill represents \$1 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, or \$30 a year for a home valued at \$60,000 and with a \$30,000 SEV.

In one ballot question, voters will be asked to renew for five years the following two millages:

- An 18-mill non-homestead tax on local business property.
- A 1.15 mill "hold-harmless" tax on residential property. Under the state's new school finance system, districts are allowed to levy a local "hold harmless" millage that allows schools to maintain a

foundation grant base above \$6,600 per student. The district's base grant is \$6,632.

"If we lost the 1.15 mills, we would lose \$3 million," Watson said. "If we lost 18 mills, we would lose \$27 million. That's a significant amount of money to lose."

"We're asking for a renewal that would take us to the year 2001."

The loss of either millage would lead to budget cuts, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business.

By combining the two millages into one ballot question, Liepa said the district would be saying to voters: "This is what we currently have, and this is what we are asking to renew."

The second ballot question is a

five-year, 1-mill tax increase for building repairs.

Liepa gave these reasons for recommending the new tax:

- The district needs a stable source of guaranteed revenue to repair and renovate its facilities, especially if less money is received from the state.
- All money collected from this tax would stay in Livonia schools and be used exclusively for repairs, not wages or equipment.
- Deferring the repair of buildings will only lead to higher costs later on.
- Senior citizens and young families will not pay much of the tax increase because of the state's homestead tax credit.
- The \$3.4 million generated by the tax would be enough to keep buildings up to date.

"If we don't have this sinking fund, the temptation to defer repairs will be overwhelming, because our business is to educate kids," said Trustee Richard McKnight. "It's wise to budget a certain amount in maintenance."

Trustee Ken Timmons questioned if residents would rally around a 1-mill tax for repairs after recently approving a \$62 million bond issue for building renovations.

Initially, Watson said, the district's architects had recommended a \$120 million bond issue for repairs. The list was whittled to \$62 million, but repairs and renovations that didn't receive funding are still needed, he said.

Renovations include making buildings built 20-30 years ago more energy efficient.

The exact date of the spring election will be set in January.

The district has decided not to ask residents to approve an enhancement millage, also allowed under the new state funding.

"The concept of enhancement millage would be very difficult to explain," Liepa said. "The 18 mills and 'hold-harmless' millage will be very difficult in itself."

The district can't guarantee, Liepa said, that any programs funded by the enhancement millage would exist beyond 1997, when the rules on this millage change and money generated gets shared with other Wayne County districts.

"Livonia's dollars would go to the county and then get divided," Watson said.

Vandals hit school

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Vandals struck again at Jefferson Elementary School during the weekend, ransacking a room and escaping with a gum-ball machine, school officials said.

The incident marked the seventh break-in at the Westland school since Oct. 9, but school officials hope to have the alarm system enhanced by Friday, said Gary Dell, administrative assistant to Superintendent Larry Thomas.

Whether that will thwart other break-ins remains unknown, officials said, because vandals have shown some savvy during the incidents.

Last weekend, for instance, the break-in didn't set off the school's existing alarm system, Principal Susan Dorenkamp said. Consequently, officials don't know what time the incident occurred.

One attempted break-in was thwarted Friday night when an intruder nearly encountered a school custodian, Dorenkamp said. The school is located at 32150 Dorsey, just west of Merriman.

By Friday, officials hope to have an auditory alarm system installed that will send out a loud warning tone when it is set off, Dorenkamp said. Motion detec-

tors have failed to thwart the break-ins.

The only missing item reported from last weekend's break-in was a gum-ball machine, Dell said.

"The room was messy, but not really vandalized markedly," he said.

The seven incidents have caused hundreds of dollars in damages. In some cases, small amounts of money were stolen from classrooms.

The break-ins are similar in that they have all occurred during the weekend, when students and employees are away from the school. However, some have occurred on Monday mornings, shortly before teachers begin arriving.

To gain entry, intruders have been breaking windows. The amount of destruction from vandalism has varied, with the first incident on Oct. 9 causing \$850 in damages.

During a school board meeting Monday, Superintendent Thomas said efforts are under way to improve the security system.

"My concern," he said, "is who in the community would want to do this."

Anyone who has the answer is strongly encouraged to call the Westland police at 722-9600.



Lending a hand: With the Salvation Army appealing for volunteers to be Christmas bell ringers, Mayor Robert Thomas joined with city employees at Westland Center Saturday to collect donations for needy families. Making a donation is Ashlee Mehl, 13.

Salvation Army needs volunteers

The Salvation Army needs volunteers to ring bells at their red kettle sites to raise their goal of \$65,000 to assist people with holiday baskets and year round help.

Capt. Mark Welsh said many groups have come to his aid but more are needed.

Providing help this Christmas season are Westland municipal employees, Westland recreation department, Westland fire department, Westland Rotary, Westland Kiwanis, Westland Civitans, Wayne Kiwanis and Wayne Rotary.

Due to Meijer stores in Michigan not allowing the Salvation Army to ring the bells it has cost the social services organization some \$12,000, Welsh said.

That was the amount raised last winter at the Meijer store on Warren Road and Newburgh.

Welsh, new commanding officer of the Salvation Army's seven-month-old community service center at 2300 S. Venoy, said his group needs volunteers

Providing help this Christmas season are Westland municipal employees, the Westland recreation department, the Westland fire department, and several of the city's service clubs.

to ring bells as people give more to the people they know.

The Salvation Army is \$10,000 behind last year's collections, as of last Saturday, Welsh said, although the needs of low-income persons continue to grow.

"All the money that is raised will be used locally to assist Westland families that come to The Salvation Army of Westland for assistance," he said.

Persons interested in volunteering to ring bells including individuals and groups may contact Welsh at 722-3660.

School board president is reimbursed for stolen coat

Mathew McCusker, Wayne-Westland school board president, is drawing flak for having the district reimburse him for a coat that was stolen from a board caucus room.

The coat was stolen last spring, but McCusker was reimbursed \$104.94 on Nov. 14.

McCusker said he waited to seek the reimbursement because he had hoped that someone would return the coat, which has his

name embroidered on the inside. No one did.

Some residents have criticized McCusker during recent meetings for seeking the reimbursement.

"Why are my tax dollars buying your coat when you have a (luxury car) outside?" Westland resident Jerry Mercier asked Monday.

"If I lose my coat, are you going to replace it?" Mercier added.

McCusker responded that, as an elected official, he was reimbursed for the coat that was

stolen from school board offices. He also said there have been times when he hasn't sought reimbursement, such as when his car was damaged in a school-owned parking lot.

McCusker also indicated that Mercier shouldn't be concerned about what kind of car he drives.

"Don't complain about the automobile that I drive because that's my choice," he said. The district pays no expenses on McCusker's vehicle.

Changes

from page 1A

"Finally we have some vision and direction that we have been waiting for," Stevenson Junior High principal William Camp said.

Earlier, board president Mathew McCusker said this board had to resolve issues that had been ignored for years.

"If not now, when, and if not us, who?" he asked.

The last school closings occurred in 1983, when three elementaries were shut down.

Five of the seven board members supported Monday's recommendation: McCusker, Laurel Raisanen, Vicki Welty, Debra Fowlkes and Francis "Bud" Winter. Two opposed it: Patricia Brown and Richard LeBlanc.

Residents are being asked to adapt to too many changes at once, considering that the district is reeling from a budget deficit, the elimination of busing for junior and senior high students, and a recall attempt against board members for cutting busing, Brown said.

LeBlanc said he could have supported the elementary and middle school plan, which will initiate a kindergarten through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade structure. But he opposed the redistricting portion, which he said will disrupt neighborhoods and increase the number of students to be split from their classmates as they advance out of the elementaries.

Board members praised the superintendent for remaining dedicated to the district even though his contract expires June 30. He announced last August.

Winter said he voted for the plan "because we have to save this school district."

Like other parents, board members Welty and Fowlkes will be affected by the changes. Welty's sixth grade son will eventually attend Wayne Memorial High, instead of John Glenn, and Fowlkes' son will be affected next year by the middle school plan.

Fowlkes tried to reassure parents Monday by telling them that "kids are resilient, and they do enjoy changes."

The three-tiered plan was largely orchestrated by Greg Baracy, assistant superintendent for general administration, who assured the public that "both politics and special interests were eliminated from the process."

Despite some parents' fears that school officials ignored their concerns, Baracy stressed that changes were made in the plan. Two examples:

■ Students currently in grades

nine, 10 and 11 won't be forced to change high schools.

■ Busing provisions were made to avoid having some elementary students walk across busy roads.

However, some residents fear that elementary busing could be eliminated, altogether, because of money problems. Even with Monday's actions, the district's deficit is expected to grow, albeit at a slower pace.

Why?

■ Local and state school financing changes have reduced the district's revenues.

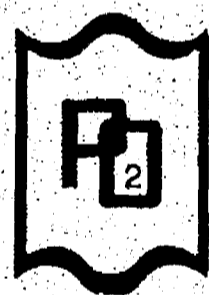
■ The district faces a three-year, \$4.5 million tab from the county because of higher-than-expected costs for county-operated special education programs. Local officials are upset by this unanticipated expense.

■ More and more programs are being required by the state, but have no state money attached, Thomas said.

On Monday, board members praised Thomas for remaining dedicated to the district even though his contract expires June 30. Because of previous problems with some board members, he announced his resignation in August.

"He could have just sat and drawn his money this year," Winter said.

Thomas was obviously pleased by the vote but said officials now have to plan for the transition. In many ways, he said, "the work is just beginning."



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OBITUARIES

CLARENCE (ED) SHAW

Services for Mr. Shaw, 67, of Westland were Dec. 6 from the Uht Funeral Home with interment in Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia. The Rev. Jon Allen officiated.

Mr. Shaw died Dec. 3 in Garden City Hospital. Born July 12, 1927, he was a retired Wayne-Westland Community Schools maintenance administrator and member of Plumbers Union Local 98.

Survivors include: wife Irene; daughters Vicki Lynn Bachtel and Jeanne Susan Nowak; sons Charles, Scott and Jody; 12 grandchildren; and parents Robert and Alberta Wood. He was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Wade.

EDWARD A. FARKAS

Services for Mr. Farkas, 45, of Garden City were Dec. 14 from Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mr. Farkas died Dec. 10 at Seaway Hospital, Trenton. Born April 18, 1949, he was a skilled tradesman and member of Wayne Masonic Lodge 112.

Survivors include: sons Edward, Joseph, Jeremy and Ethan; daughters Amy and April; mother Edith; brothers Steve and Chris; and sister Lisa Hunt.

MARK W. SIMMONS

Services for Mr. Simmons, 39, of Westland will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, from Uht Funeral Home, on Glenwood, west of Wayne Road, Westland, to be followed by interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Gerard Bechard will officiate.

Mr. Simmons died Dec. 12 in the Ann Arbor Veterans Administration Hospital. Born Dec. 18, 1954, he was an assembly employee.

Survivors include: sisters Patricia Ianni and Karen Lopota; brother Paul and mother Margaret. Preceding him in death were father Kesler and sister Virginia.

MARIE B. SCHUKOFSKY

Services for Mrs. Schukofsky, 83, of Westland were Dec. 16 from St. John Lutheran Church with interment in Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne. The Rev. Keith Schreiner officiated.

Mrs. Schukofsky died Dec. 12 in Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Born Aug. 6, 1906, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughter Marjorie Malkowski; sons Clarence and Donald; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband Clarence.

Memorials may be donated to St. John Lutheran Church. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

FRANCES L. SIDERS

Services for Mrs. Siders, 69, of Westland were Dec. 13 from the Uht Funeral Home, followed by cremation. The Rev. Robert Millar officiated.

Mrs. Siders died Dec. 10 in the Venoy Continued Care nursing home. Born June 19, 1925, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: brother Jack; sisters Mildred Abbott and Nancy Walker; and several nieces and nephews.

THADDEUS (TED) DRAKE

Services for Mr. Drake, 78, of Romulus were Dec. 14 from St. Anthony Catholic Church, Romulus, with interment in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. The Rev. Tom Cusick officiated.

Mr. Drake died Dec. 10 in White Hall Nursing Home. Born Oct. 9, 1916, he was a grocer.

Survivors include: wife Celia; son Greg; grandchildren Gregory Drake, Lisa Drake, Bryan Drake, Amanda McLenon and Meghan McLenon; brother Chester Drapakowski; and sisters Mae Zelenick and Sophia Szajceki.

Memorials may be donated to the Alzheimer's Association or made in the form of Mass cards. Arrangements were by Uht Funeral Home, Westland.

Shooting leads to prison sentence

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

An accused Westland gang member is serving one to four years in prison for spraying two

cars with bullets from a .22-caliber revolver. Five people were in the vehicles, police said, but no one was injured.

Jeremy John Hettlich, 19, fired 11 shots at two cars parked near Elkton and Ellsworth at 6:40 p.m. Aug. 14, police said. The incident occurred in a residential neighborhood southeast of Palmer and

Willwood. A defense attorney initially claimed that Hettlich was earlier provoked by rival gang members who came to his residence on nearby Emerson and threatened him.

But Hettlich later pleaded guilty to felonious assault and felony firearm charges. He was recently sentenced by Detroit Recorder's Judge Michael Sapala.

Prosecutors had rejected attempts at portraying Hettlich as a victim. During a preliminary hearing in August in Westland 18th District Court, prosecutor Thomas Trzezinski had referred to Hettlich's actions as "just going out and trying to prove (his) manhood in some fashion that I don't understand."

Hettlich was ordered to stand trial in Detroit Recorder's Court after he waived the preliminary hearing in Westland. At that time, Trzezinski had predicted that a guilty verdict against Hettlich was "about as likely as the sun coming up tomorrow."

Hettlich confessed to firing the shots in a statement that he made to Westland police. Trzezinski said.

Attempted robbery is aborted

A gun-wielding bandit tried to rob a man outside of a Westland restaurant/lounge early Sunday but aborted the attempt when several people walked out of the building, police reports said.

No arrest has been made, and the incident remains under investigation, Westland police Sgt. Tom Kubitsky said.

The victim, who was leaving work at Farwell and Friends, 8051 Middlebelt, told police that he was walking to his car when another vehicle pulled up and a suspect got out, police reports said.

The suspect, carrying a dark semiautomatic pistol believed to be a 9mm weapon, ordered the worker to hand over his wallet, police reports said. But the employee told the man that he wasn't carrying a wallet, the reports said.

The victim then opened his coat and offered to let the suspect search him, police said. But the suspect threatened to shoot the employee unless he closed his coat, warning that he would "pop him," police reports said.

At that point, several people walked from the restaurant/lounge, and the suspect warned the victim to keep quiet. The suspect then told the victim, "I made a mistake," before getting into his vehicle and fleeing the scene, police reports said.

Man gets prison time

Malcolm Richard Starr, convicted of sexually molesting his 8-year-old Westland stepdaughter, has been sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison, a Detroit Recorder's Court clerk said.

Starr, 27, was sentenced last week by Recorder's Judge Bruce Morrow after being convicted of two criminal sexual conduct charges during a one-day bench trial Nov. 21.

Starr's stepdaughter has testified that she was sexually molested during a one-year period ending in August of 1993. The incident occurred at a south end residence where the girl was living.

Starr was living elsewhere at the time but had been visiting the girl's residence, police have said.

Starr could have faced a maximum sentence of life in prison after being convicted of one count of first-degree CSC and one count of

second-degree CSC. He was initially charged with a third count but wasn't found guilty of it.

Even before the latest charges emerged, Starr had already served a lengthy prison sentence for a previous CSC conviction in Washtenaw County, Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore has said.

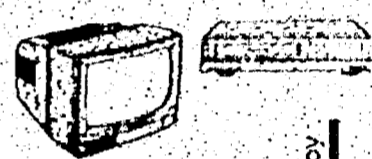
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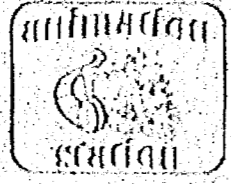
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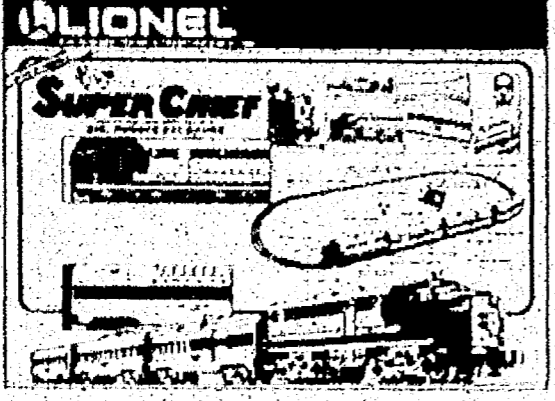
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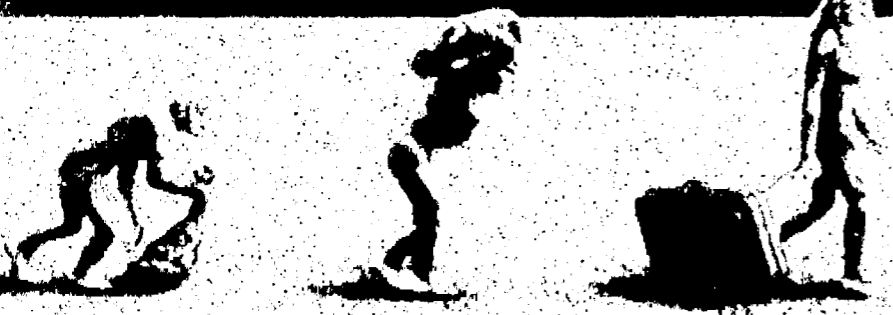
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Sober drivers to light up Friday

Michigan motorists are being asked to use their headlights all day Friday, Dec. 16, as part of a national campaign for safe and sober driving.

"Lights on for Life" is a symbolic one-day campaign to recognize people killed and injured in alcohol-related crashes. The event

also serves to reinforce the message behind the "Drive Michigan Safely" campaign, which urges motorists to be safe and courteous. Police agencies around the state will be taking part.

"This is a special opportunity to remind motorists to drive safe

and sober," said Betty J. Mercer, executive director of the Michigan State Police office of highway safety planning. "Alcohol does impair driving ability and is a factor in more than 40 percent of the state's fatal crashes."

State police studies have also shown that headlight use during

daylight increases visibility and reduces traffic crashes.

December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month by a nationwide coalition devoted to preventing crashes caused by impaired driving.

Teens sought for European homestays

Non-profit Nacel Cultural Exchanges is offering several overseas programs for students this summer.

These include overseas sports camps, language programs and two-week tours with homestay programs. Four-week Discovery Homestay programs also are available in France, Spain, Germany, Mexico and the Ivory Coast. Eight-week versions of the program in France and Spain also will be offered. Prices range from \$1,225 to \$1,635, and the pro-

grams are open to individual or teacher groups.

Nacel exchange programs are in the 16th year in Michigan. Last year, 104 teenagers went abroad with Nacel and 343 students stayed with Michigan families.

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For more information, contact Evelyn and Julian Prince of Na-

cel at (810)626-6641, or the organization's national office in St. Paul, Minn., at (800)622-3553.

There are two three-week sports camps — tennis in Paris and soccer in Berlin — that combine language and sports instruction and stays with local families. One day per week is devoted to visiting the famous sites of the area.

New intensive language programs are being offered near Paris, in the Mediterranean region of France, near Madrid and on Spain's northern coast. In this

program, a native speaker teaches four to five students with language classes in the morning and field trips in the afternoon four days a week.

A 22-day European tour program will bring together people of different nationalities for a deluxe tour of seven countries. There also is a 26-day tour of Australia, including 10 days of sporting and recreational in Perth, a nine-day outback trip and seven days of sightseeing in Sydney.

Marine Corps reservist camps out for toys

A U.S. Marine Corps reservist is camping out in a tent through Dec. 21 atop Greektown's Trappers Alley in Detroit to draw attention to the Marines' annual

Toys for Tots program.

Drop-off boxes for toy donations have been set up in most Greektown establishments and many suburban businesses. The

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Engler sends Mervenne to area office

More Capitol capsules:
After many years in Lansing, Anne Mervenne is returning to southeastern Michigan. The Birmingham-raised political pro will become director of Gov. John Engler's Detroit office, maintaining contact with regional and local agencies from the state office building on Sixth Street.

Like her predecessor, Susy Heintz, Mervenne has been an elected county commissioner, in Ingham County. She worked for state Sen. Doug Cruce of Troy until Engler took office in 1991, then jumped to the governor's staff.

For three years she was in charge of screening candidates for hundreds of gubernatorial appointments to everything from the Apple Commission, to the Water Well Drillers Advisory Board.

In the last year Mervenne has headed the staff of the Women's Commission, a strong advocate of spouse-abuse legislation.

Heintz, a former Wayne County commissioner from Northville, has Engler's backing to become Republican Party chair at the February state convention.

For those who keep count, Engler has one of the most female-faced administrations in Michigan history: Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld, new chief of staff Sharon Rothwell, Mervenne in Detroit, LeAnne Redick in Washington, and Lucille Taylor of Southfield as legal counsel.

2 new judges

The state Court of Appeals now has 10 judges who got there by appointment versus 14 who got there by election.

Engler appointed Henry W. Sand, of Birmingham, to replace John H. Shepherd, 60, of Southfield, who resigned. A partner in the Bloomfield Hills office of the Dickinson-Wright firm, Sand also has taught at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University law schools. Engler noted that Sand had been tapped in 1992 by then-President George Bush for a federal judgeship, but the appointment died for lack of Senate confirmation.

Engler also tapped former U.S. district attorney Stephen J. Markman for the state's second highest court. He will replace Elizabeth Weaver, of Glen Arbor, whom voters on Nov. 8 elevated to the state Supreme Court. Markman is of counsel to the firm of Miller Canfield. Although previously a metro Detroit resident, Markman will represent a northern Michigan district.

Both appointments are good until 1996, when the appellate judges must stand for election to serve the remainder of Shepherd's and Weaver's terms.

Pop quiz: Michigan, on paper, elects its judges, but how many of the seven Supreme Court justices originally got their jobs by appointment? Answer: Four — James Brickley, Patricia Boyle, Dorothy Riley (who was appointed, disqualified, then elected) and Conrad Mallett Jr. (who went on to win the last two years of a term and this year won a full eight-year term).

Larsen is back

Whatever happened to Mel Larsen, the rising legislative star in

the 1970s and state GOP chair under Gov. William G. Milliken?

He's back in public service on the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board. His job is to "assist Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in providing the highest quality education to its students," according to an announcement from Engler's office.

Larsen, now of Birmingham, is senior vice president of Club Cars, Inc., a former chair of the Samaritan Center Hospital Divisional Board and former vice chair at Mercy Hospital Health Services of Detroit.

He started his working life as a teacher in Pontiac and represented a northern Oakland County state House district for several terms. Once the GOP nominee for secretary of state, he was mowed down by the now-departing Richard Austin.

The Engler announcement made no mention of the fact that Larsen led the state GOP. In those days, Engler was a maverick state representative who frequently was at odds with the Milliken moderates.

Plastics, anyone?

The state Department of Natural Resources is inviting public comment on a proposed consent order for Libralter Plastics, Inc. of Walled Lake. The order would govern control of volatile organic compound emissions from the au-



New boss: Anne Mervenne has been named director of Gov. John Engler's Detroit office. Mervenne replaces Susan Heintz, who is expected to be the next state Republican party chairwoman.

tomotive plastic parts coating operation.

Dennis Drake, air quality division acting chief, is scheduled to make a decision after public comment is taken. "If requested in writing by Jan. 6, 1995, a public hearing will be scheduled," according to a DNR announcement.

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And don't start with an alcoholic drink, because alcohol on an empty stomach will make you feel even hungrier.

Make it a point to move away from the table and talk to the other guests. Steer the conversation away from food — there are lots of more interesting topics.

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Enjoy the holidays and remember, you can have your cake and eat it, too — as long as you just take a small bite.

Have a little, not a lot

Don't try to deny yourself holiday goodies. If you try to avoid them completely, you'll just crave them all the more. Instead, allow yourself a small snipple of the foods that tempt you.

Portion control is important at holiday dinners as well as at parties. Take a little of every thing, but go easy on the gravy, dessert and other high-calorie, high-fat parts of the meal.

Enjoy the people at the party

You can have a great time at parties and not overeat if you remember that the best part of the gathering is the people, not the food. Don't go to a party hungry; if you're feeling "starved," you'll probably lose your self-control.

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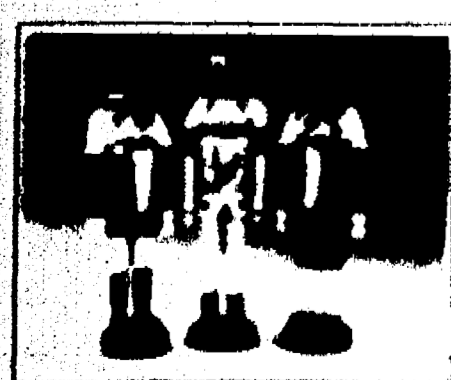
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Language, math tutors needed for young students

A tutoring program, directed by Sister Mary Martinez at Madonna University, is seeking volunteers to teach elementary school youngsters language and math skills Saturday mornings beginning in January.

The Tutoring Team has worked with first- through sixth-grade students from O.W. Holmes School in southwest Detroit for

the last four years. Many of the youngsters are from families of non-native English speakers — Arabic, Hispanic and Romanian, said Sister Martinez, who heads the Madonna University's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Many don't speak English at home so what they get at school and through the tutoring program is especially important," Sister

Martinez said.

Hobbes principal Gerald Ernatt said the tutoring sessions have had a "significant impact on the achievement, attitudes and self-esteem" of students.

Ernatt and Sister Martinez are seeking to expand the program to 50 tutors this year.

"This is our eighth year (for The Tutoring Team program),"

she said. "Last year, we had 37 tutors, but Mr. Ernatt said many more students are interested in the program this year."

The school has 600 students, more than 300 of whom come from bilingual homes. About 20 percent are African Americans.

The Tutoring Team works Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 14 to April 1. The orientation is at 10

a.m. Jan. 7 at the school, 4833 Ogden, south of Michigan Avenue. To become a tutor, call Martinez at (313) 691-5170.

The goal of the program is to match a tutor with the same student for four months.

"The children look upon you as teachers, and they are so happy to have a teacher all to themselves," Sister Martinez said. It's more important that would-be tutors be willing to give time to kids than that they have above-average lan-

guage or math skills, she said.

Tutors are high school and college students, business and industry professionals and retirees. Several have been with the program for five years or more.

Thelma McNichol of the Detroit Public Schools is the education coordinator and Alicia Juárez is the tutoring coordinator.

The program was recognized as a "Daily Point of Light" in 1992 by President George Bush.

State government subsidizing arts

Gov. John Engler has announced \$17.5 million in Michigan Equity Grants for area arts and cultural institutions, part of a \$25.5 million statewide program designed to support regional cultural activities.

Administered by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, an agency within the Department of Commerce, the Michigan Equity program provides

funding to assist Michigan communities to use cultural programs and projects for economic development and community revitalization.

The subsidies include:

- \$9,648,800 for the Detroit Institute of Arts.
- \$1,950,700 for the Detroit Historical Museum
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- \$2,229,200 for the Detroit Police Department's Special Events Division.
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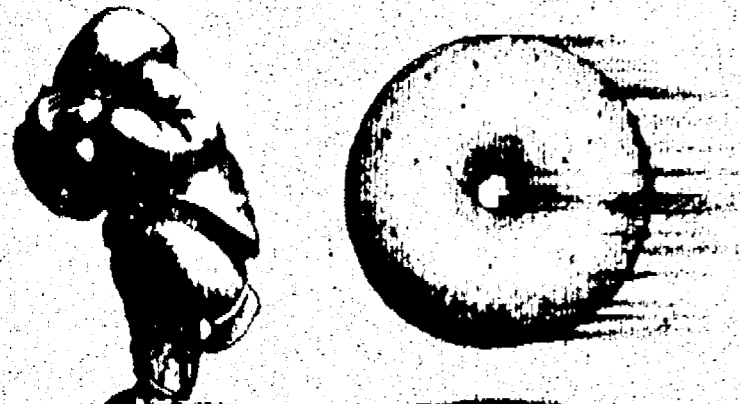
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Some Republicans fear new voter law

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Democrats may benefit — but how much? — from federally ordered changes in Michigan's voter registration laws.

The Michigan Legislature in the last week put the finishing touches on laws to bring the state into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

"It's a very partisan bill," said state Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, who was on the short end of an 85-14 vote on final passage.

"I don't think it should be easier for welfare recipients to register to vote than anyone else. Those are traditional Democratic constituencies. It's another mandate from Washington without the money to pay for it."

Kaza voiced the same objection

CC students collect food

Detroit Catholic Central students raised more than one ton of food for needy families in northwest Detroit during the school's fifth annual Thanksgiving canned food drive.

Organizing the drive were two Livonia students Mike Topolenski, a senior, and Phil Osaer, a freshman. The drive included a dance where students brought cans, and homeroom and class competitions. Sophomores won the class contest.

The food was delivered to the Rev. Don Archambault at the St. Vincent De Paul food department of St. Gerard's parish in Detroit.

as many congressional Republicans when Democrats passed the federal act in 1993. NVRA, also known as the "motor voter" act, requires the states to offer welfare recipients, unemployment compensation applicants, and other social-services clients a chance to register when they file for benefits.

NVRA also requires states to offer voter registration when people get driver's licenses and buy new plates, but Michigan already has had such a system since the 1970s. Michigan also provides voter registration service for high school students turning age 18.

President George Bush vetoed the first NVRA attempt in 1992, but congressional Democrats quickly re-passed it once Bill Clinton was in the White House. Advocates say its purpose is to increase the proportion of American adults registered to vote from 76 to 90 percent.

In the Michigan House, all 14 no votes came from Republicans — including Kaza, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton Township. All other Observer & Eccentric area representatives voted yes.

Others voting yes included Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford; Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston; Susan Munsell, R-Howell; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Kirk Profit, D-

Ypsilanti; and Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Lodge. Alan Cropsy, R-DoWitt, voted no.

But one key Republican stalwart is convinced lawmakers blunted many of the possible bad effects. He is Robert LaBrant, general counsel for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the transition team of Caplice Miller, the incoming GOP secretary of state.

"The U.S. Department of Justice can sue Michigan," said LaBrant. "If we were sued for non-compliance, we face the potential, under Sec. 5, that all state voting law changes would have to be cleared with the Department of Justice."

"Michigan is the largest industrial state that hasn't enacted compliance legislation. Michigan might move to the top of the (bad) list very quickly. And the NVRA opens us to citizen lawsuits," he added.

(Commented Kaza: "That's a heckuva way to make law — pass something because of our fear of Washington.")

"The Michigan law gives great discretion to the governor," LaBrant said, noting John Engler can set up voter registration in other offices but can't eliminate it from welfare and human-services offices.

LaBrant cited two good features, from a Republican point of

view, in the new law:

■ There will be a statewide, computer-accessible list of registered voters as of Jan. 1, 1997. Currently, 1,700 city and township clerks maintain separate lists.

Under the new law, when a person re-registers (any) at a new address, his or her old registration is canceled. "That will end fraud and tie drivers' license and state identification cards into the system," he said.

■ The federal law requires a system of registration by postcard, which LaBrant sees as inviting fraud. So the Michigan law will require that a person voting for the first time after registering by postcard must appear in person at the polls.

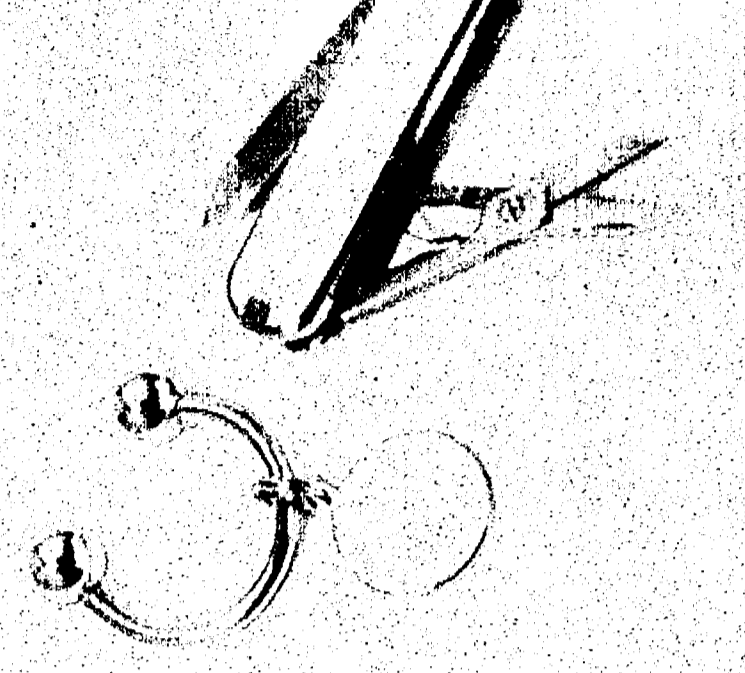
The state Senate repaired what LaBrant and Republicans saw as pro-Democratic defects in the original House Bill 6531. The differences were settled in a conference committee.

Although voter registration files are public records, some data will be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Closed will be any record that a person declined to register to vote; the office that received his or her application; the voter's driver's license number (or state ID number); and the month and day of birth.

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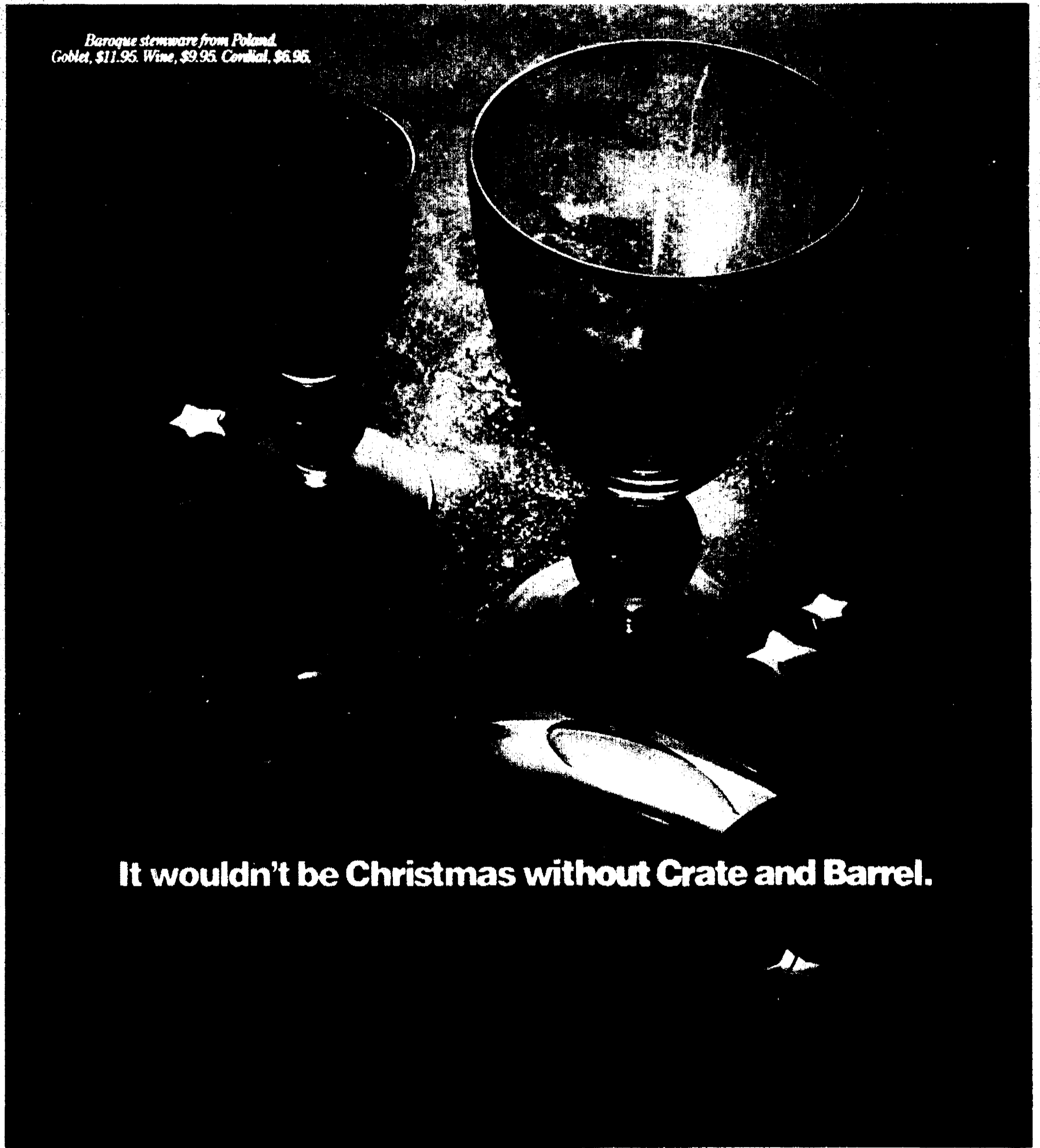
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FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

Remembering another Dec. 15

Today is Thursday, Dec. 15. The little details of the day probably won't much be remembered in years to come. Today's minutiae? PMR, gone. Just like that.

But there was a Dec. 15, a Sunday about which I remember a whole bunch of minutiae. And all Moms, I know, will understand this. They understand this business of remembering itty bitty details. That's because everything, itty bitty included, seems magnified, seems so BIG, on the day you give birth.

First of all, you're big. The distance between your house and the hospital is big, time is big, and the gown you're issued is big and too floppy. And that's not for your comfort, of course; it's for the strangers. Boy, do you ever meet a lot of them that day. And they don't have much use for who you are, just what you happen to be doing at the time and at what speed you're doing it. It's a day when dignity and daintiness get shoved in a closet along with your clothing. And all in that one day you experience the most outrageous pain and the most exalted joy. And that day you never ever forget. Not even the minutiae.

Today happens to be my Joey's third birthday. He was born a little early; he was supposed to be a New Year's Eve baby. My husband was very nervous about that. You know, potential tax deduction problems - the day late and dollar short sort of problems. But good ole' Joe, in time for Christmas and 1991's 1040.

That Sunday I awoke with no stabbing pain under my shoulder blade. The pain had been

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Santa's helpers: Demetria Bassett and her family wait as Scouts Shauna Jones (Troop 2267) and Charlotte Kolbicz (Troop 2553), both of Livonia, wrap the family's Christmas presents.



JIM JAGDELDY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Scouts put wrap on holiday spirit



Forty-three Girl Scouts are up to their elbows in cellophane tape and wrapping paper these days. They're busy these wrapping gifts and gifts and more gifts, all in effort to raise money for their scouting activities.

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

With nimble fingers, they measure the length and girth of the package, wrap it and whip up a perfect bow.

They've tackled such gifts as a pump for a swimming pool, a diamond ring and their fair share of leather coats - a popular Christmas gift last year.

They're as busy as Santa's elves when it comes Christmas Eve, but you won't find them at the North Pole. They're a little closer to home - Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Northville and Livonia - mostly Livonia.

These amateur gift wrappers are

Girl Scouts, ages 12-18, who raise money for their activities by working a gift-wrapping booth at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

"This is great for the girls," said Jackie Comiskey whose Troop 107 is one of 11 troops providing manpower for the booth. "Where are you going to let a 12-year-old work? The opportunity is not out there for them other than a place like this. Here they learn at an early age to manage money."

Forty-three Scouts have set up shop in a vacant storefront at the west end of the mall, and with the help of 32 adults, have been working three-hour shifts during mall hours

since Nov. 25. And they'll be wrapping right up to the time the stores close on Christmas Eve.

The idea behind the project is to help the Scouts raise money, none of which goes to the Girl Scout Council, for their Scout activities. In the process they learn about marketing, how to work with customers and scheduling.

The Scouts received three hours of training where they learned how to measure and wrap the packages, how to make the bows and attach them. At the booth, they wear their uniforms, sign in and out and take care of the business part of the project. They even order the paper used to make the gift tags.

"The girls do have to sell cookies and calendars to do this and sign a release that the money will be used for Girl Scout activities," Comiskey said. "It's a great way for the girls to make money, especially when

they're no longer cute little Brownies selling cookies, calendars and nuts."

Since the booth is in operation daily during mall hours, parents fill in while the girls are in school. Some Scouts may work 10 shifts, some may work three or four depending on their schedules. But in the end, the money is divided up based on the number of girls participating, Comiskey said.

This is the third year they have wrapped gifts - birthday, anniversary and other special occasions included - and the money raised has been used to pay for trips to Gatlinburg, Tenn., Toronto, Chicago, Traverse City and one-week working trips to Mackinac Island.

One Scout, who used last year's money to pay for a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., plans on spending this year's earnings on a

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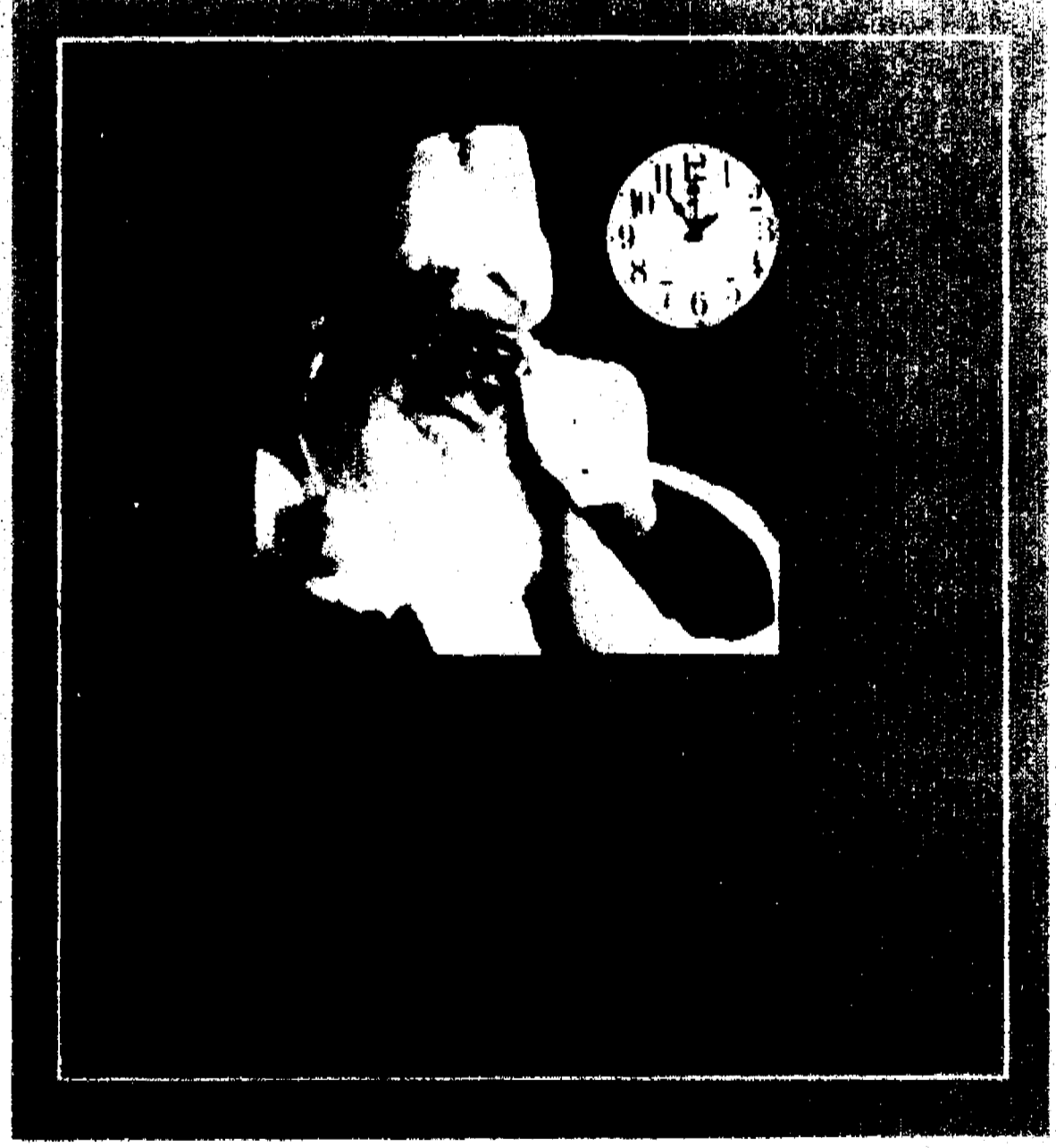
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there for months and caused me to fold in half while doing the dishes each night. And it caused me to ball up my fist and cross my arm in half and dig the fist into my back whenever I sat down. And it nearly provoked me into buying a belly bra. (Ask your obstetrician about that one.)

But that morning, well, the pain was gone. I decided that I could be pregnant forever and it wouldn't be a problem. I'd always glow, get help carrying in the groceries and have an excuse to eat jobs of food. On second thought, that job of food business is, as any Mom knows, just a mean myth. You eat just a little bit and then you're stuffed. Your stomach is so squished by all that pregnant jazz in there that a cracker seems like a turkey with all the fixings.

Anyway, feeling no pain, I got ready for church. Carmen, then 4, was going to be singing with other 4- and 5-year-olds in church that morning. Grandpa was able to join us. We all bundled off to church a little early, became completely boxed in in the parking lot, and sat near the front of the church. I sat fourth from the end of our pew. My father-in-law sat next to me on one side and Mr. X on the other.

Mass began and not too far into

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it the children made their procession up the middle aisle. They all were sweeter than angels. And the song they sang for everyone was straight from heaven. I cried. Then went into labor.

I dismissed it and figured the taco supper from the night before was to blame. But then I started to sweat. And I couldn't get up to sing the next hymn. I felt very rude. It's important to stand when you sing hymns. Slouching or slumping is just plain disrespectful. And I could feel Mr. X agreeing with me. When everyone stood to say a prayer, I made a gallant effort but could only scootch forward a little on the pew. At least I looked like I was trying.

That trying was hard work. I started waving a church bulletin. I'd found stuck in the hymnal. The movement caught my father-in-law's eye. I noticed he was bundled up in his winter coat and not sweating at all. If I had said, "It's so hot in here," he wouldn't have believed me. So I settled for the truth. "I think I'm gonna have

the baby now."

He tried not to show it, but he panicked. We were, after all, completely penned in in the parking lot. I was sweating profusely. And this was church. And I was a daughter-in-law, only a relative by law. And he's the one, I'm told, who fainted when his real daughter had her tonsils out when she was just a little girl. I could see deep furrows carve themselves in his forehead as the congregation prayed together. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

All the while I was willing it not to be done, at least not in church.

Everything worked out. Mr. X was never the wiser. My father-in-law didn't become a midwife. And Joseph Thomas Meier got his very own line on the 1991 1040 form.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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trip to either California or Alaska.

The project started out at Westland Center, and the booth was set up outside the Kohl's store last year, proving to be a bountiful location. The Scouts raised more than \$20,000. Comiskey's troop, No. 197, earned \$3,000 that went for the Tennessee trip.

The move to Wonderland Mall provided for a "better than last year" day after Thanksgiving, but foot traffic now is slower than in past years, Comiskey said.

Wrapping isn't limited to gifts

purchased at the mall. Purchases can be brought in. In fact, the Sports Authority on Plymouth Road across from the mall has a sign promoting the Scouts' wrapping booth.

The cost is by the inch, based on the size of the package and determined by measuring the length and girth. On the average, charges are \$1.75 to \$6 per package.

"One man had his mother-in-law shop for him for his wife and brought in the gifts to be rewrapped so she wouldn't know, so we had to unwrap and rewrap

everything," Comiskey said.

While the Scouts are busy wrapping, Comiskey is busy offering kudos for the mall management.

"We've had wonderful cooperation with Wonderland," she said. "They've gone out of their way to help us. They've been very cooperative."


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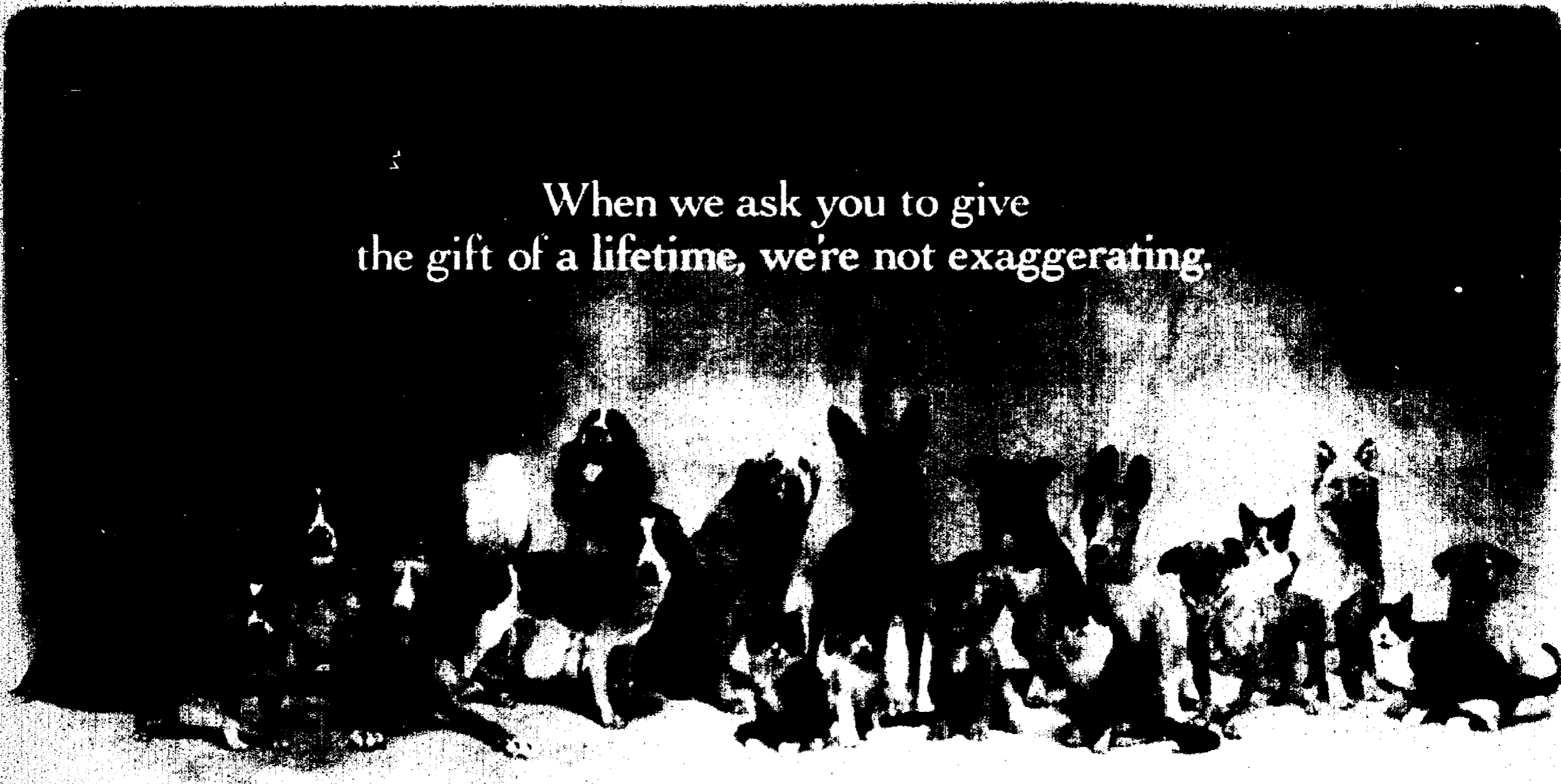
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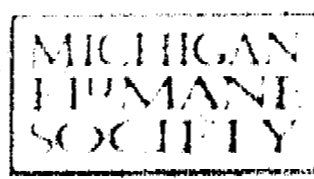
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A September 1995 wedding in Livingston County is planned.



Morelli-Taylor

Diana Morelli of Northville and Joseph Morelli of Jonesboro, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to Daniel James Taylor Jr., the son of Daniel and Kathryn Taylor of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Michigan State University, is employed at Advanced Information Consultants in Canton.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna University and is employed by the City of Livonia.

A March wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

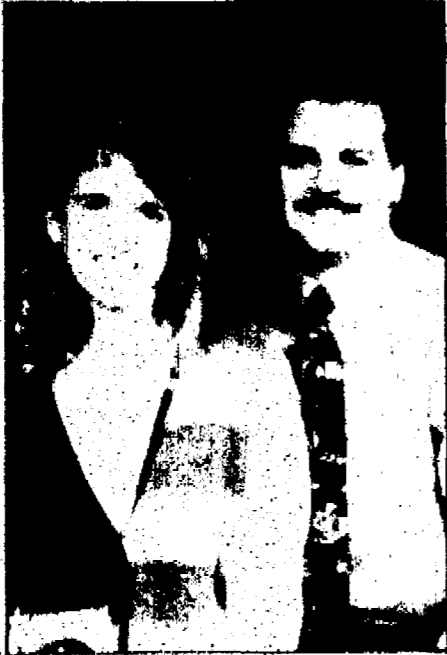


Sulick-McDougall

Edward and Mary Ann Sulick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Douglas McDougall, son of Larimore and Marilyn McDougall of Taylor.

The bride-to-be is employed by Garden City Hospital as a registered occupational therapist. Her fiancé is employed as a machinist.

An August wedding is planned in Dearborn Free Methodist Church.



Rizer-Hlavati

Leo and Judy Rizer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lee, to Richard David Hlavati II, son of Richard and Brenda Hlavati of Warren.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is a senior at Madonna University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Detroit High School and is a senior at Wayne State University. He is employed by Ameritech.

A summer wedding is planned in Parkside Church of Christ in Dearborn Heights.



Nazelli-March

Joseph A. and Carol M. Nazelli of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Marie, to Jeff Daniel March, the son of Jerry and Cheryl March of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Her fiancé is attending Plymouth Canton High School and will graduate in June.

No wedding date has been set.



Tetzlaff-Wade

Nancy and Tom Tetzlaff of Warren announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie, to David Alden Wade, son of Joyce Wade of Livonia and Donald and Becky Wade of Commerce.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are graduates of Michigan State University. She is employed as a teacher and he is employed by Dard Inc.

A spring wedding is planned in First United Methodist Church of Warren.



Whelton-White

Robert and Katherine Whelton of Bay City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie,

to Mark Edward White, son of Celeste and Charles White of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree

in computer information systems. She is employed by Electronic Data Systems in Bridgeport.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in com-

puter science. He is also employed by Electronic Data Systems in Bridgeport.

A November wedding is planned in Visitation Catholic Church, Bay City.

Hall-Monroe

Elizabeth Laura Monroe and Kevin Michael Hall were married Sept. 10 in St. Genevieve Church by the Most Rev. Kenneth Untener, Bishop of Saginaw. She is the daughter of Charles and Mary Monroe of Livonia and he is the son of Barbara Hall of Livonia and the late Don Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Churchill High School and the University of Michigan. She is a fourth-year medical student at Wayne State University.

The groom is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed by J and J Services. During the winter, he referees hockey at the collegiate and minor pro levels.

Jennifer Deacon served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Melissa Donahue, Colleen Hall, Laura Monroe, Dianne Monroe and Mara Simich.

Tim Hall served as his brother's best man with groomsmen Roger Graff, Chris Monroe,



Doug Monroe, Bill Murray and Bob Picano.

Jan Monroe served as ringbearer and Brittany Grausi served as flower girl.

The couple received guests at the Fairlane Club before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

Neault-Fowler

Jennifer Fowler and Michael Neault were married Aug. 20 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. She is the daughter of John and Patricia Fowler of Garden City and he is the son of John and Elizabeth Neault of Plymouth.

Mary Schipps served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Denise Myers, Heather Morrissett and Ann Neault.

Peter Schaldenbrand served as best man with groomsmen Jeff Barraco, John Fowler III and Dan Neault.

Joe Phillips II served as usher.

The couple received guests at St. Edith's in Livonia. They are making their home in Okemos while the groom finishes studying



to be a veterinarian and the bride works in Lansing. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan-DeARBORN.

Send us your news

Local wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements are an important part of the Community Life section of the Observer.

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DSO teams up with Red Cross on holiday blood drive

The treatment of many serious injuries and illnesses is impossible without blood given by voluntary donors. However, during the holiday season, patients who need blood are often in danger of not receiving it.

In recognition of the critical need for blood following the Christmas holiday, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Red Cross will present a special holiday blood drive Monday, Dec. 26.

The drive will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at three sites in western Wayne County, including Red Cross donor centers in Dearborn, Livonia and Canton. Other donor centers are in Roseville, Bloomfield Hills, Ann Arbor, Oak Park and the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

As a special thank you, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present the first 500 people who attempt to donate blood with a pair of vouchers for select DSO

performances during February, March, April, May or June. Performance selections include classical or pops concerts plus jazz, featuring Milt Jackson and Paquito D'Rivera.

Those donating blood at the Oak Park Donor Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will enjoy a performance by the "I Saffronisti Virtuosi," a saxophone quartet made up of members from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Each week, the Red Cross needs to recruit 5,000 blood donors to meet the needs of patients at 55 hospitals throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties. During the holidays, donations average between 3,000 and 4,000 a week.

To make up for the shortfall, Red Cross imports 25 percent of its blood from other Red Cross regions. However, declining collec-

tions nationwide mean that many times blood is not available.

In an effort to prevent a national blood shortage this holiday season, the National Red Cross has selected the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region to participate in a special program. The region, along with others in the north central United States, will be attempting to increase donations by 15 percent through special programs and expanded hours.

"On a typical Monday, Red Cross usually recruits between 700-800 donors and has as many as 13 bloodmobiles scheduled," said Dr. Dan A. Wakman, principal officer for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "On Dec. 26, there is only one bloodmobile scheduled, so we are

depending on donors at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra blood drive sites.

"Without an adequate blood supply, hospitals may be forced to postpone or cancel some treatments and elective surgeries until blood becomes available."

The western Wayne County Red Cross donation centers are: Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren roads, Canton; Bell Creek Office Plaza, 20691 W. Six Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road, Suite 100C, Livonia; and 25001 Michigan Ave., between Telegraph and Gully roads, Dearborn.

To schedule an appointment for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra blood drive, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or (800) 682-4383.

NEW VOICES

RICHARD and DEBBIE MIKULA of Falls Church, Va., announce the birth of **TIMOTHY DRAYTON** Sept. 25 at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md. He has two sisters, Katie, 4, and Ely, 3. Grandparents are Ted Mikula of Manistee and Joyce Drayton of Livonia.

JEFFREY and ERIN LEWAN announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER VINCENT** Oct. 20 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Tom and Pat O'Connor of Livonia; Jacque Swanson of Westland and Catherine Lewan of Westland. Great-grandparents are Ann O'Connor of Farmington, Gorson and Nancee Hay of Indialantic, Fla., and Chuck and Jeanette Buchholz of Pine, Ariz.

DAVE and WENDY FOSDICK of Plymouth announce the birth of **TYLER DANIEL** Oct. 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two brothers, Andy and Jon.

JOHN and KAREN FIORINI announce the birth of **ANTHONY MICHAEL** Oct. 7 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Julianne Foster of Garden City and the late Daniel H. Foster and John and Carol Fiorini of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are John and Stella Buczynski of Dearborn Heights, Beulah Foster of Whitmore Lake and Elena Fiorini of Dearborn Heights.

KENNETH CZARNOMSKI and LINDA SITES of Redford announce the birth of **SARAH ROSE** Aug. 8 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a sister, Marie, 3. Grandparents are Marie Sites and Jean Czarnomski.

PAUL WENSON and KRISTI ALLEN-WENSON of Redford announce the birth of **BRADY ALLEN** Sept. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Ronald and Mary Wenson of Livonia and Larry and

Bonnie Allen of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Wanda Vanderhoff of Berkley, Robert and Rosemary Allen of Royal Oak and Margurite Diamond of Livonia.

MARK EICHOLTZ and MICHELLE McKIMMY of Redford announce the birth of **AUSTYN BRIAN** Oct. 22 at Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Grandparents are Larry McKimmy of Lake Orion, Margret Flynn of Westland and Joan Eicholtz of Dearborn Heights.

BOB and ROBIN MITCHELL of Plymouth announce the birth of **HANNA MARY** Oct. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

BRIAN and CHRISTINA KINSEY announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER BRIAN** Oct. 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

THE REV. DANIEL and SHERRY PERRY of Garden

City announce the birth of **ZACHARY JOHN** Nov. 22. He has a brother, Lesley, and a sister, Misty. His father is an associate pastor at United Baptist Church.

ROBERT and ROBIN POTTER of Plymouth announce the birth of **KATIE LYNN** Oct. 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bob and Kay Potter and Bill and Jan McDonald.

KEVIN and DONNA KERT of Novi announce the birth of **DYLAN MICHAEL** Oct. 28. Grandparents are Bob and Donna Ellis of Farmington Hills and Harry and Corinne Kert of Livonia.

DAN and KAREN KACZMAREK of Livonia announce the birth of **SEAN WILLIAM** Oct. 22. Grandparents are Bill and Linda Rice of Livonia and Richard and Mary Grace Kuczmarek of Allen Park.

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At times I find myself writing larger like this and I am not sure why. I am 32 years old, happily married and a mother of two teenage children. I am right handed and a former medical assistant.

I am very anxious to know your opinion of my handwriting.

Thank you,
C.Z.,
Livonia

Today's handwriting is small and legible. I would like to quote from "Advanced Graphology" by the late Betty Link regarding this size: "Small writing is characteristic of those who have the ability to concentrate, pay attention to details, and exercise a keenness of mentality. They may also be somewhat inhibited, try to remain unnoticed, or be modest about calling attention to themselves. Scientists, bookkeepers and research workers are among those whose writings usually are small."

But, as I have often said and repeat now, no trait stands alone. Each one must be considered

within the framework of the entire specimen.

Among other things, today's writer has a strong need to please others and to be acceptable to them. She is kind and giving in her interactions with people. She lives by a code of behavior that is proper and she dislikes rudeness in others.

By nature she is a modest person. She does not require the limelight to be happy.

This young woman is inclined to be discouraged at this time. She is also self-critical. She is a good worker, always putting forth her best effort. However, she seems to consider anything short of perfection unacceptable. Ostensibly, she does not realize there is a tremendous difference between high standards and perfection. I wish she could see that perfection

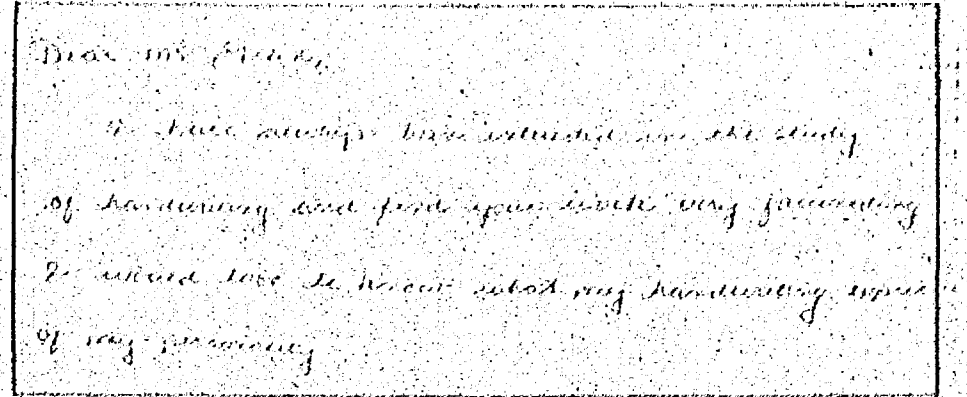
is like the impossible dream and can never be achieved.

She has a need to escape from looking back, but is also cautious about the future. It seems quite possible she may have had a traumatic experience at one time and has not been able to totally resolve it.

Our writer is cautious never to reveal too much. Rarely does she share personal information. Others rarely know when she is hurting or how to be helpful to her.

Some temper is noted here. While it is usually controlled, it can be activated without too much provocation. This seems like a contradiction to her kind nature and it may cause her to be indecisive at times.

Here is a woman of strong convictions and she seems to be satisfied with them. She is not too open to new ideas in this area. In fact, she is quite loyal to the beliefs she holds.



Reasoning is done with logic, and she needs common-sense solutions. It would be rather unusual for her to place trust in any intuitive flashes she gets. She moves along steadily with emphasis on control. She does not like to be rushed. Her nature is more serious than fun-loving. And she needs system and order in her daily life. Her concentration is well-developed. She likes to focus her undivided attention on one thing at a time. Interruptions and distractions can be upsetting. I think she would prefer to work in small areas.

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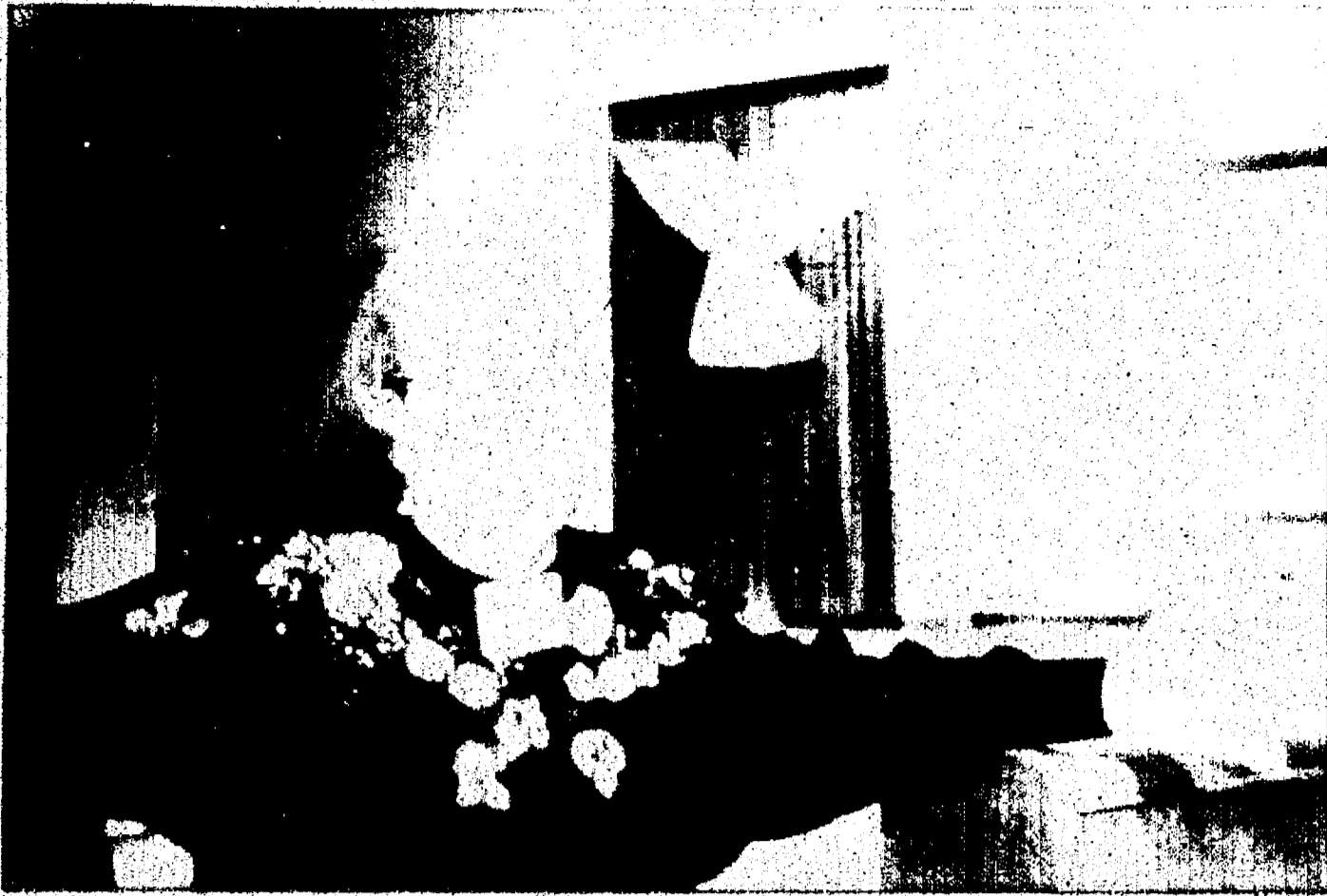
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Hello again: Jean Schmidt was among family members to turn out for Arbor Hospice's Swedish Christmas dinner.

Time for compassion: Acts brighten holidays

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Mary Lindquist held a Swedish Christmas dinner for families and friends Tuesday night at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. A winter storm warning predicted treacherous road conditions, but it didn't seem to matter to the staff, volunteers and families of Arbor Hospice assembled there.

Most of the 250 guests had lost a spouse to death within the past 10 years. Joan Healy's husband died last month. For the Plymouth widow, the occasion held special significance. It was the first time Healy would see the nurses and support staff that assisted her family through the final months of her husband's life.

"They became like family; hospice made everything peaceful, beautiful. It's just the most wonderful experience," she said.

Healy's daughter, Vicki Thomas, traveled from Clinton Township to attend the dinner. "I came to meet with other people in the same situation," said Thomas while holding her young daughter in her arms, "and to support my mother."

Lindquist, a registered nurse, began the tradition 10 years ago of inviting the families of patients who have died in the past year to a Christmas dinner, since surviving the first holidays after the death of a loved one are especially difficult.

The first few were held in Lindquist's Ann Arbor home, but the gathering soon outgrew the space and moved to a church in Ann Arbor — then to First United Methodist in Plymouth when that one became too small.

The main course of Swedish meatballs and porridge was prepared by Lindquist, whose husband is Swedish. Apples on each of the tables held candles that were later lit for a special moment in remembrance of loved ones.

Start of Christmas

"I kept thinking we have to do something for the young people and the children. If we can help them, then they can go through life not handicapped by dealing with grief," said Lindquist. "The beauty of the Swedish dinner is we invite all of our families. They come depressed and dreading it because Christmas will be so different this year, then they see the staff they've known and you see the mood lift. For me, this is the beginning of Christmas."

Jon Bauer came to the dinner in search of compassion as did Linda Goraj.

"Your best friends drop you," said Bauer, an Ann Arbor widow. "So many other Christmas

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Mary Lindquist

gatherings we go to, people don't bring up that subject. They don't understand what you go through." "It's not difficult coming here because everyone's understanding and caring," added Goraj of South Lyon, who lost her husband Dec. 27, 1993, after four years of suffering with brain and liver cancer. "It's a comfort zone."

Arbor Hospice/Personalized Nursing Service, a not-for-profit, nondenominational organization with offices in Ann Arbor and Allen Park, provides a way for terminally ill patients to die with grace and dignity in the comfort of their own homes. The family receives support during this time as well as for a 13-month period following the death of their loved one.

Arbor has one of the most extensive bereavement programs in the Midwest. The teams are comprised of staff people who have all experienced the death of a spouse. An initial six-week recovery program deals with the grieving process, offering families an opportunity to share their feelings with others that they might not have otherwise.

"We believe that when the patient dies, our work is only half done," said bereavement coordinator Marcia Kenely of Plymouth. Kenely's husband died 10 years ago. He had suffered with brain cancer for two years. Kenely, at the age of 24, was left with three daughters, ages 9, 7 and 4.

"My daughters helped me get through it. They gave me a reason to get up in the morning," said Kenely. "We got a lot of support from Arbor Hospice. They helped my kids deal with it all, getting them involved with my husband's care while he was still alive. After, they saw a social worker once a month for a year and attended grief support groups."

Three age-specific support groups offer ongoing help for survivors. Starting Over for widows and widowers 45 years old and younger, meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Under the direction of Cathy Clough, bereavement director for Arbor Hospice, the younger widowed person learns to deal openly with grief, single parenting and taking the first steps toward forming a new self identity.

Bereavement services are open to all, whether or not Arbor Hospice provided care for the loved one.

Giving back

Jeanne Wheeler is one of 85 bereavement volunteers. The Plymouth resident lost her husband three years ago to recurring lung cancer. Seven years earlier, part of his lung was surgically removed.

"Because of hospice, he was home with me six weeks. Now it's my time to give back through hospice, but really you help yourself as much as you help others," said Wheeler.

Leora Hargrove, a volunteer from Plymouth, who lost her husband five years ago to a form of leukemia, agrees with Wheeler.

"I'm befriending others now; we help each other," she said. "I didn't come the first Christmas. It's difficult the first Christmas, but everybody is in the same boat as you are. Because of all the suffering and death, your life will never be the same."

"It's difficult to get yourself to do things," added Marj Harrison of Livonia, who lost her husband in January after a two-year illness.

It took Lucille Quinlan more than a year before attending the dinner or bereavement support groups.

"It's different for everybody," said Quinlan, formerly of Livonia. "Getting through those first holidays and year, it's hard, emotional work."

Jackie Wambaugh, a widow from Northville, finds solace in making ornaments for the Tree of Remembrance. Christmas trees on display at Southland Mall and Ann Arbor's Kerrytown are decorated with handmade, strip quilted heart-shaped ornaments made by volunteers.

For a contribution to Arbor Hospice, each is tagged and hung until Christmas Day in memory of someone who has died then mailed back to the donor or to the person the donor indicates in January. Proceeds benefit bereavement programs as well as plans to open a 30-bed hospice facility with groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for next spring.

For more information about Arbor Hospice, call (313) 677-0600.

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ning's proceeds going to UCP. Known for its award-winning ribs, Damon's will open to the public on Monday, Dec. 19. It of fers sports fans a multifunctional media room with five 10-foot and 12 27-inch television screens and satellite capability to broadcast several sporting events at once. "I've been blessed in this community and feel it is time to give something back," said David

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Changes coming

School officials show courage

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education and administration Monday wrote a new chapter in what should be seen as a local version of "Profiles in Courage."

Despite heavy public pressure for nearly two months, school officials were almost united in approving a major three-part program which will help improve educational opportunities for local students for years to come.

The 5-2 vote of the board will enable the district to have a middle school grade restructuring next fall, major revisions of attendance boundaries, and the closing of four elementary schools, which will save at least \$1 million annually in operating expenses.

Bearing the pride of authorship is Superintendent Larry Thomas, who is scheduled to leave when his contract expires next June 30. During a lengthy series of community meetings, Thomas and his staffers have displayed not only a clear direction, but also sensitivity toward parents whose children may have to attend different schools next fall.

Change isn't easy for anyone, but it can be managed effectively and with sensitivity. The administration has done that.

Although Thomas plans to leave the district in 6-2 months, the changes approved by the board will be his legacy to what a focused drive for quality education can do.

While Thomas bears most of the credit, he had a lot of help from Greg Baracy, his assistant superintendent for administration, and a

14-member steering committee. Baracy was the administration's point person during the numerous community meetings on the boundary changes and deserves credit for maintaining a professional and focused attitude.

The board's action also shows that Thomas is not a lame-duck superintendent who could have assumed a caretaker role since announcing his resignation Aug. 22 after numerous battles with a segment of the board.

When he arrived in the district in the summer of 1992, he promised to fight for improved educational opportunities - and he did.

On another level, the board should have closed schools or revised attendance boundaries gradually over a period of years instead of saving all of the work for this year. But that's history.

While many John Glenn High School parents and students voiced opposition to boundary changes which will transfer future students to Wayne Memorial High, they should remember they are part of a large school district, not just a resident in a specific school community.

Demographics change and the school system has to change with them.

The much-needed action was taken Monday night and the board, administration and community should now move on to solving the district's many other problems.

Hopefully, other problems will be faced with the same professionalism and sensitivity as this one.

County must face key issues

No longer is western Wayne County "the burbs" - places where people own nice homes and drive to jobs in Detroit, Dearborn or Ann Arbor. The dairy farms of 50 years ago have given way to malls, auto plants, high-tech industries and hotels as well as big lot residences.

So our thinking, as we plan ahead to 1995 and the turn of the century, must be about saving the quality of life in a balanced series of communities with their own identities.

Here are some of the more immediate challenges on the horizon.

TRADEPORT - The Legislature has enacted the bill allowing Willow Run Airport, on the Wayne-Washtenaw boundary, to be redeveloped as an international tradeport. PA 325 sets up an authority that can "capture" local tax revenue, accumulate land and fund infrastructure. It's the first of its kind in Michigan.

The goal is a set of manufacturing firms, many with scientific products, whose shipping needs would be expedited by next-door access to a 10,300-foot runway. So far, Wayne and Washtenaw counties have been successful in obtaining the legal tools to make this tradeport possible. Now they must use the tools to make business and jobs a reality.

HORSE RACING - We can shed a tear for the good ol' days, but horse racing is in what pilots call "a graveyard spin" and is unlikely to pull out, even if we were unwise enough to allow Ladbroke DRG to move full-scale into gambling. If Ladbroke closes up shop at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt, as threatened, let us consider it an opportunity to redevelop the land.

COURTS - Many communities are crying for more judges. But officials in the 35th District Court (Canton-Plymouth-Northville) failed last year, despite their excellent presentation, to persuade the state to add another judge for their burgeoning caseload. Last year Engler insisted we can't keep adding, adding

adding judges.

There's a larger problem: Michigan's trial courts are rigidly structured - stratified horizontally into circuit, recorder's, probate and district courts; split vertically along community boundaries. There is much thinking in State Bar circles that we need to restructure the trial courts: one or two types of courts and somewhat larger election districts. If reform occurs, judges would hear more kinds of cases, and assigning them where needed would be simpler. The change will come, and western Wayne leaders should lead the reform, not resist.

ROADS - We know: The County Roads Association is dreaming when it advocates a 12-cents-a-gallon hike in the current 15-cents fuel tax. Yet every driver knows we're in danger of getting so accustomed to bad roads that we shrug and accept them: Canton Center Road, Joy and Seven Mile are particularly in need of repair and capacity improvement. Another exit from I-275 is needed in Canton Township.

County Executive Ed McNamara's administration has done a laudable job putting asphalt on many miles of western Wayne roads and installing left-turn signals to facilitate drivers coming off the freeways. Yet much more needs to be done. Some sort of fuel tax increase should be supported by county officials and advocated by our legislators.

PUBLIC TRANSIT - In Dennis Archer, Detroit at last has a mayor the suburbs can deal with. The suburbs have an aggressive, deal-making transit leader in Michael Duggan. It's time to deal on the bus system - combine DCA's DOT and SMART, then extend bus service to jobs west of Middlebelt Road. Many service jobs are going begging.

For thousands of years, communities have been born, grown, waned and died. But the waning and dying phases can be delayed for many centuries if leaders make sound decisions.

ARKIE HUDKINS



Stamp of Approval

LETTERS

Brown speaks out

In the past two weeks, the Wayne-Westland board of education has had the opportunity to hear from several residents living in the community regarding the proposal we are considering tonight (Dec. 12) regarding school closings, attendance boundary changes and creation of a middle school concept.

When you view the plan without the input and without consideration given to all of the other issues the district faces, it seems perfectly reasonable. However, when I considered

individuals most affected by the changes, I hope with the closing of the schools that we will be able to continue busing to those residents to whom we have promised it. But, with the financial uncertainty that surrounds school funding at the state level, I'm not sure we will be able to live up to that promise.

Because of these concerns, I cannot support the redistricting proposal at this time.

Trish Brown

Wayne-Westland school board member

Redistricting knocked

I am a college-bound senior at John Glenn High School. I am well aware of the redistricting proposal made by the Wayne-Westland school board. But I am not so sure the board has foreseen the ramifications of what will happen if they pass it on Dec. 12.

Many parents have said their piece. As a student and newly registered voter, there are a couple of concerns I have. Even though I am only worth a value of \$5,409 compared to \$10,500 in Birmingham, I think my opinion is still valid.

My first concern is the tradition in my family and many other families in this community, and the board has put a million dollar saving price tag on that tradition.

Many residents moved here because of where their kids were going to go to school. Not only has the board lost the trust of the residents, but many of the residents that can afford to move. Some families have also looked at private schooling as an option.

I'm sure the families that can afford that option will exercise it. If this redistricting does not bring back secondary busing the students will have a new solution and the same problem. I have a new school, but how do I get there?

This is probably a rare attitude for a senior, being I don't have to worry about it come June. But I do. I am proud of the city I live in and I hope to see my brothers, friends and neighbors have the same schools I went to. For them to grow up in the city I've become so proud of.

Jason M. Corneller, Westland

The school board approved a recommendation Monday night to close four elementary schools, revise attendance boundaries and create a middle school concept.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:
 What is your favorite wintertime activity?



Reading
 Sonya Sewal
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POINTS OF VIEW

Getting testy over MEAP

Don't use scores as only measure of progress

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results have recently been released. That means that the debates about what the scores mean, how they are used, and whether they should be compared are also about to begin again.

For this year, I'd like to propose a cease-fire. Whether the students in your school scored well or poorly, whether the numbers are greater or smaller than last year -- or greater or smaller than your neighbors', I'd like to spend less energy this year on the rhetoric about what the scores really mean.

Basing student progress on the results of one test is like basing the diagnosis of a serious illness solely on body

temperature. Suffice to say, low scores indicate that there are educational needs.

If that seems too obvious to be worthy of note, let me propose still another obvious fact: Before the advent of MEAP, it was possible to determine how well or poorly a school was serving students.

Parents will tell you that they place more weight on the daily, weekly and monthly assessments of progress done in the classroom by the teacher than they do on any one standardized test. And, any teacher will tell you that MEAP is only one of many standardized tests used regularly in classrooms to measure students' academic growth.

If you really want to know what's going on in the schools in your community, ask about those things that we



GUEST COLUMNIST

MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

know result in student growth. For example, if you want a genuine indicator of student success, look for the amount of parent involvement. The greater the involvement of parents, the greater the academic achievement of

students. Find out if the principal and teachers in your school have high expectations of students. It's as true in the classroom as it is in the workplace: people produce what we expect them to produce. If a school's staff has low expectations of their students, students will perform accordingly.

If you need numbers to tell you about student progress, ask how many are taking the tough academic subjects, how many are in advanced placement classes and how many participate in extracurricular activities.

You may be surprised by the number of high school students that are currently enrolled in college. These students are taking college level work in both academic and technical areas and are earning college credit while still in

high school. You should know how many students are going on to college after graduation.

Do students in your school district gain practical work experience in cooperative education programs?

The MEAP test battery is an important assessment tool for parents, teachers and the general public; however, in 1994, it is essential that we all acknowledge that it is only one measure of progress. Those who are truly interested in whether our schools are changing to meet the changing needs of our students will take the time to look at more than one indicator before making judgments about the value of what is happening in our classrooms.

Michael P. Flanagan is superintendent for the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency.

Beware — overworked labor force nears a revolt

I smell a revolt. It will be a revolt like the labor movement of the 1930s, though this revolt may not manifest itself in unionization. Nor am I sure exactly when it will come -- maybe next year, maybe 2005.

Item: Many fellow members of professional groups agree that it's tougher and tougher to get volunteers. We can't even get people to meetings where they don't have to do anything.

Their work hours seem longer. They go home more tired. In particular, their psychic energy seems used up. When I talk to those who are afflicted, they are still warmly interested in the ethics of the profession. They're just too pooped to participate. And the phenomenon seems to have spread to many groups.

Item: Ann Landers writes that "I don't know when I've read such depressing mail. . . the responses blew me out of the water." The topic was work in Corporate America. A Miami correspondent summed it up: "You're out of the loop if you don't know it's a buyer's job market. Any

employed person who is unwilling to do the work of two people and sacrifice all hope of a home life should be aware that there are five others who will jump at the chance. My husband and I come home every night totally wiped out. There is no time or energy to work on our home. The place is falling apart. It's not just us. Everyone we know is overworked, overstressed, overextended and undercompensated."

Item: Doug Ross, the former state senator from Southfield and former state commerce director, is quoted: "As we're seeing, a growing economy doesn't automatically translate into a rising sense of individual security or a rising standard of living for a lot of Americans." He calls this group of Americans "the anxious class" because economic restructuring has made them feel perpetually vulnerable to economic trends.

Item: In President Bush's last year, nearly all economic statistics were looking good: the stock market was confident, price levels were steady, interest rates were low, business invest-



TIM RICHARD

ment was rising. The exception was consumer confidence, which plummeted. That is what sank Bush and elected Clinton. See Doug Ross's remarks above.

Item: Kmart Corp. is downsizing. The gang on Big Beaver Road in Troy is trying to carve \$500 million or so out of an \$8.5 billion budget. It's planning to close 110 stores (out of more than 2,000), eliminate at least 6,000 jobs (out of 250,000) and throw 1,650 store-level managers onto the scrap heap --

this in a firm that is already infamous for a 20-40-60 policy: Any male with 20 years seniority, age 40 or older, making \$60,000 or more is a target for demotion and degrading.

The irony is that in a newspaper survey taken at about the time of its annual meeting, Kmart shoppers were saying 100 percent the opposite: There were too few workers to help them locate things, too few checkout lanes, too many delays at checkout because the too few employees hadn't price-stamped too many goods.

They were results absolutely in line with my friends' and my own experiences. If there is one executive in America who should be grabbed by the lapels and shaken until his teeth rattle in his obtuse head, it's Kmart's Joe Antonini.

Item: A Louisville printer shoots a bunch of people in a press room; a Roy-

al Oak postal worker runs amok in a killing spree, a Dearborn postal worker does the same . . .

The standard management responses are: Work smarter. Compete against those Asians. Do more with less. Compete against those Mexicans. Use technology. Compete against those Bangladeshis. Work smarter. Do more with less. Compete, compete, compete.

One of these days, American workers will use their fabled Yankee ingenuity to revolt.

Killing a supervisor is no answer, at least for 99 percent of the work force, although rage in the workplace clearly is a trend that must be reckoned with. But forcing workers to do 70 hours of work in a 55-hour week isn't the answer, either.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.

LETTERS

Don't blame parents

As a Wayne-Westland parent of a John Glenn High School student who was supposed to ride a bus, I read a Detroit newspaper story, blaming Wayne-Westland school district residents because a millage increase wasn't passed that there is no more money from the state. It was not said that when the last one was passed, they found money in the budget. The teachers received it as a raise. I would not be so upset if the money was to help teach our students.

It is also forgotten by the school board that four years ago our 1994 graduating class could not pass their math MEAP test for a state-endorsed diploma. I know, because I have a son who is in the class and took the test three times before he passed.

Wayne-Westland keeps saying it needs money. These are some of the reasons we as parents do not give it. Help our kids, as teachers, be there for them when they need help. Every time the budget needs to be cut, it's not taken from the parents, teachers, school board, it is taken from our kids' future.

Also, I wonder when the governor's new daughters go to school will they be in our public schools or a private school? Will they have a bus, or will they hire someone to drive their children to and from school?

We as parents sometimes have to interrupt our schedules to supply transportation that is supposed to be in our budget.

Will our governor, who promised that the 2-cents sales tax increase will help our schools, feel sorry for the kids who have to walk this winter or will he even know or think about them or will he think about the ones that will drop out because they have to walk?

Debra Sarkozl, Westland

Supporters thanked

Let me take this opportunity to thank the many people involved in my campaign to become Michigan's 8th District state senator.

From the full-time campaign staff (who weren't paid anywhere near what they deserved) to the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, to loyal friends, to my own family who put up with it all and more, I cannot say enough about what they all have meant to me and how important every one of them was in getting me through the campaign both victorious and sane.

As Canton Township Clerk, I have run many elections myself, and I know what a grueling

time they are for so many people. I am very grateful to the dedicated Westland election workers who worked all night and into the next morning counting absentee ballots - by hand - after their equipment failed them. Thank God we didn't have that problem in Canton this year, but we've been there, done that, and we empathize. I thank them for their diligence.

Finally, I want to thank all of the voters -- even those who did not choose to support me -- for their patience and courtesy in the face of all the door-to-door visits, campaign literature and phone calls. I'm sure they are ready for a break from elections. So am I, but I look forward to serving every resident of the 8th District, and I hope that each of my new constituents -- whether they are my supporters or not -- will feel they have a senator who listens and does what he says he will do, and whose door is always open to them.

After all, they have spent these last few months opening their doors to me. It's the least I can do. Thank you all so much.

State Sen.-elect Loren N. Bennett, Canton

GOP attitude reflected

While the Republican Contract on America (as a friend of mine refines it) begins to gain shape (and lose substance), two rather bizarre and contradictory aspects of GOP attitude surfaced this week.

The first was the disgusting remarks by Dan Quayle as he emerged cherubically from the hospital: "It is important in the health care debate that we stay focused on quality. I got quality care." (His emphasis.) Not one word about the millions in our midst (most of them children) who receive no decent medical attention at all. What a merciless, self-centered creep. He of the family-values folk/volk.

The second is rather amusing, actually: the Republican hue and cry for a much enlarged (engorged?) income tax "Kiddie Credit." The Great American Middle is to be encouraged to breed like laboratory rats? At the same time as we re-institute orphanages for the children of the poor? Child bearing not as an individual option but as a government subsidy? Rabbit-hutch morality, indeed; let the world (and the inner city) worry about over-population. But, then, we have rarely found welfare for the well-to-do particularly anathema to our sense of sturdy self-support.

Tracey Ann Martin, Farmington Hills

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

'White Christmas' to be shown at library

Take a break from the Christmas rush and attend the showing of "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Frank Ross will lead a discussion about the movie starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. Admission to the series is \$5 — the cost of a current membership to the Friends of the Livonia Libraries. Memberships will be available at the door.

■ Even a huge undertaking like presenting the "Nutmcracker" ballet is possible when parents and teachers work together. Here are two local groups who are presenting the "Nutmcracker" for the first time.

■ Artistry in Motion Dance School of Southfield and Ferndale is presenting an all-African American production of the "Nutmcracker" ballet 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17 in the auditorium of Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call (810) 557-9720.

This production features a cast of 220 children ranging in age from 3 to 18. Guest dancers are Debra Miller and Tyrone Talley of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. "We wanted to do this. It's a large project. The parents helped and were very supportive," said Gwendolyn Smith of Birmingham, show producer and executive director of the dance school. Crystall White is the artistic director.

■ The Farmington Dance Theatre, resident dance company of the Barbara Hatch School of Dance, is presenting "Nutmcracker" 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at Farmington High School. Tickets \$8 available at the door, senior citizen discount available. Call

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Now showing

Dining



When it comes to creative seafood dishes, John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth is a water wonderland.

Theater



Find out what's on stage in your community.

Movies



"Dumb and Dumber" featuring Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey enjoys smart premiere at Fox Theatre.

Travel



Holiday magic sparkles through the streets at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad.

Music



Brother and sister help local musician reunite his 1991 recording, "An Intimate Christmas."

Looking ahead

Looking ahead
Ski contest winners.

Jodie Foster creates a believable "Neil".



DAVID JAMES

"Speechless!" Michael Keaton and Geena Davis star in MGM's new comedy.

Chances are you've received at least one Christmas gift that left you, well, "Speechless."

Maybe it was a Day-Glo green necktie or a gift certificate for six sumo wrestling lessons. One reader recalled getting a can of sardines.

We asked readers to write and tell us about gifts that left them speechless to celebrate the opening of the movie "Speechless," which opens Friday at area theaters.

It's a romantic comedy starring Geena Davis and Michael Keaton as a pair of political speech writers who meet in a convenience store and begin a relationship of romance and rivalry.

No one likes to look a gift horse in the mouth, of course, but sometimes there's just no other place to look. Try to be grateful, try to be polite but some gifts leave us speechless.

Of course, some gifts are so wonderful and generous — like childbirth — that they leave us speechless with joy.

Sandra Ingesoulian of Redford, who found out she was pregnant last December, presented her husband, George, with a toy rabbit with a noose around its neck. He opened it and looked confused.

"He didn't catch it at first," she said.

"Honey, don't you get it? The rabbit died," she said, referring to the old method of testing for pregnancy. He eventually caught on. The couple named their son Ryan.

Winners received a "Speechless" sweat shirt and tickets to the Dec. 13 screening of the film at the Star John R Theater in Madison Heights.

Here are excerpts of reader letters:

■ The gift that left me speechless happened in 1973. My husband for

our anniversary bought me the car of my dreams, a green Ford Thunderbird. Everytime I would get in that car I would feel so excited because it was the car of my dreams.

— Wendy Weingarden, Westland
■ "We had been looking for lake property for several years, and my husband found and bought a piece as a gift to me. My name is Diane, and the lake is Lake Diane." — Diane Karr, Livonia.

■ "A holiday gift that left me speechless was a can of sardines. Yes, a can of sardines. My boss vacationed in Florida, and a friend gave him a case of sardines. He detested seafood." — Nell Boyer, Sterling Heights

■ "It was Friday, Dec. 22 1989 and I was awakened from a nap on the couch by my wife who said she had a surprise for me. Still half asleep, I opened my gift, a book entitled "The Complete Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth." My wife and I had been trying for three years to conceive. She said we were going to have a baby, but it didn't register. I said, "Yes, we will someday." Then my wife reached into her pocket and showed me the pregnancy test indicator with the positive sign. It finally sunk in, I was not dreaming. We really were going to have a baby. Needless to say, I was speechless." — Steven Coloske, Redford

■ "My father, Tom, and I have hunted together for 15 years. He has bagged six deer and I have been shut out all those years. He always teases me about it. I was totally speechless when I saw a huge box wrapped and opened it to find a deer head with 10-point antlers. He said he felt sorry that I was 0-for-15 so he gave

See GIFTS, 2B

Hilarious thoughtful gifts leave readers SPEECHLESS



DAVID JAMES

Together: Michael Keaton and Geena Davis star as complete opposites who can't fight the laws of magnetic attraction in "Speechless."

Festive events perfect way to wrap up holidays



Skater: Olympic champion Oksana Baiul performs in "Nutmcracker on Ice."

Attending a holiday concert, dance performance or event is a wonderful family tradition, and a great way to introduce youngsters to classical music and ballet. Here are some holiday happenings your family is sure to enjoy.

■ "Nutmcracker on Ice," — a holiday classic, adapted for ice features three gold-medal winning skaters. It's coming to Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22.

"Nutmcracker on Ice" features former Olympians Brian Boitano, Oksana Baiul and Viktor Petrenko. Also featured will be U.S. Open Pro Champion Rory Flack Burghart.

The show is based on "Nutmcracker Suite," by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. It's about a young girl who receives a Nutmcracker Doll for Christmas from her godfather. With a little magic, the doll comes to life in Clara's dreams.

The show will feature elaborate sets and costumes and the Tchaikovsky score.

Ukraine natives Baiul and Petrenko won gold medals in 1994 and 1992, respectively. she will play Clara and he will play the Nutmcracker.

Boitano is a 1988 Olympic gold medalist who will make a special appearance as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The tour is playing major arenas in the United States and Canada during the month of December. It is scheduled to air on NBC television 4 p.m. Dec. 31.

Tickets are \$25 and \$40. For more information, call Ticket master, (810) 645-6666 or (313) 396-7600.

■ 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.

■ Julie Rose of Redford is one of the singers performing Handel's "Messiah," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, Dearborn, (one block south of Ford Road, two streets east of Chase). The performance will feature the 35-voice DeHaven Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$7 each, \$5 for children 12 or younger, available in advance or at the door. Call (313) 581-7495 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents "Echoes of Christmas" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concert 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.

■ 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. There is no admission charge.

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Gifts from page 1B

me one of his excess heads and antlers." — Jeff Craig, Livonia.
 ■ "The holiday gift that left me mostly speechless was the year my husband gave me a set of tools for Christmas. I do most of the household chores around the house so when I opened my gift there was a ratchet set." — Peggy Jenkins, Bloomfield Hills.
 ■ "Two years ago my husband had a large wicker basket under the tree with lots of little items wrapped in it. Slowly, he gave me one gift at a time: aloe vera gel, cocoa butter, sunburn spray and a beach towel. There were two gifts left. I opened a colorful travel bro-

chure. My husband had cut out our pictures and placed us on the beach. The last gift was a tour book on our destination, Ixtapa, Mexico." — Jan Malhoit, Canton.
 ■ "My husband and I had been dating for over three years. My present was a gorgeous gold watch that left me absolutely speechless. I had expected to receive an engagement ring. We've been married 28 years now, and I did receive the ring one year later. Every time I look at my beautiful watch, I am reminded of my quick thinking to cover my obvious disappointment." — Harriet Jacobson, Bloomfield Hills.

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■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 15-18; 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.

Denise Gabay and Raymond Rodriguez, principal dancers with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company. 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.

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(810) 476-7074.
 ■ A special thank-you to the Cauley family of Livonia — Gerry, Linda, Stacey, and Brittany who shared information and a photo of their holiday weekend getaway to the Festival of Lights in Battle Creek. Remember to take your hometown Observer along on vacation this winter, and send us a photo of your family holding the paper in a scenic spot. We're looking for reader suggestions for great winter getaways in warm and cold places.
 ■ Getaway from it all without leaving town. Schoolcraft College is hosting its "Winter Getaway," night which features a seven-course gourmet dinner and dancing to the Johnny Trudell Orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the Waterman Center on campus, 16600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$37.50 per person; ta-

bles seat eight. Call (313) 462-4417 for reservations.

■ There's still time to reserve tickets for a benefit dinner for the 1995 United States World Pastry Cup Team, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at Schoolcraft College. The gourmet dinner will be prepared by E. David Auers, Milos Cihelka, Kevin Gawronski, Jeffrey Gabriel, Daniel Hugelier, Ed Janos, Brian Polcyn, Leopold Schaeli, and Jeff Smith. Tickets are \$75 per person. Call (313) 462-4417.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Let's Go! sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, 953-2105, fax 591-7279, E-Mail: keely@oeonline.com or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Concerts feature Irish tenor

Celebrate Christmas with Irish tenor Mark Forrest at benefit holiday concerts for Bosnian relief. He will be performing 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Beatrice Catholic Church, 17235 Mt. Vernon, Southfield, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15689 Newburgh, Livonia.
 No tickets necessary, free-will

offering will be taken. Forrest has sung for television, radio, stage and performed with many stars including Maureen O'Hara, Shirley Bassey and Charlton Heston. During his concerts, he usually shares his experiences from his trips to Medjugorje. He has built an international following for his singing for Marian conferences and church-sponsored programs.

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Generous gift: Herb Vanderploeg, (center) representative of the Target store at Haggerty and 8 Mile in Livonia, presents a check to Ken Kelsey, president of the Livonia Symphony. Target sponsored two performances of the "Nutcracker" ballet presented by the Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, Dec. 2 and 3 at the James P. Carli Auditorium in Churchill High School, Livonia. Target returns five percent of their pretax profits to the communities they serve.

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- Nutcracker**
- ERIC JOHNSTON'S DETROIT BALLET Southfield High School, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12.50 children. (810) 474-3174
 - ROSE MARIE FLOYD'S CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET COMPANY Barclay High School, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. (810) 546-7484
 - DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH Dance Detroit Dec. 14-18; 20-23, Fox Theatre. (810) 645-6666
 - CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK "Gloria of Christmas" with full orchestra.
- Holiday concerts**
- SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY Music on Sundays, Rodney Reeves, jazz pianist, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, main level of Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (810) 948-0400
 - DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Christmas pops, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. Ring in the new year with Vietnamese waltzes and ballroom dancing, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 833-3700
 - CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK "Gloria of Christmas" with full orchestra.
- Auditions**
- POPCORN PLAYERS Youth ages eight to 19 for "Aladdin" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17-18. Auditions will be required to read a one-minute monologue of poetry and song. Call Community House for appointment time. (810) 674-5832
 - PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS "Pop Van Winkle" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, Player's Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. All auditions ages 8 to 18 (202) 112 prepared to sing. Rehearsal
- Other events:**
- CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK "Christmas from the Canyon," 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. (810) 634-5210
 - SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY Holiday concert, "An Afternoon in Vienna," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. (810) 354-4717
 - ROCHESTER SYMPHONY Sounds of Christmas, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, St. Andrew Church, Rochester. (810) 651-4181
 - DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS "Holiday Brass," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Christ Church Cranbrook. (810) 362-2622
 - CANTATA ACADEMY Concert of Gran Carlo Menotti's 1951 opera (in English), "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and other songs of the holiday season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Tickets \$15. (810) 546-0120



Nutcracker: For tickets to the Oakland Festival Ballet Company's "The Nutcracker," call (810) 546-7610.

- sing and dance. (810) 433-0885
- Theater**
- MEADOW BROOK "A Christmas Carol" continues at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, through Dec. 29. (810) 377-3300
 - JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE "Death and the Maiden" continues through Dec. 18 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6500 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 788-2900
 - NANCY BURWIN "The Music Man," opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and runs weekends to Jan. 29. (810) 352-3729
 - ROSEDALE PLAYERS Noel Coward's "I'll Leave It To You," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 6 to Jan. 21 at Upstage, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$8 with 65¢ courts for seniors, students and groups. (313) 532-4010
 - SPIRITUAL FABLE "The Lotus and the Oahn: A Pilgrimage into the Light," a multicultural holiday extravaganza, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Southfield High School auditorium, 24675 Lahser Road, tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (810) 559-3588

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Eatery reels in customers with creative seafood dishes

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to creative seafood dishes, John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth Township, is a water wonderland.

Char-grilled trout, honey ginger sea scallops, oven-roasted cedar-planked golden trout, and horseradish and potato encrusted whitefish — the kitchen's signature dish — are a few of the tantalizing menu items.

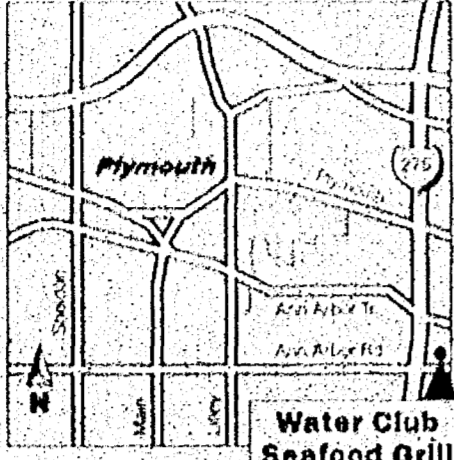
And, if you're a crab cake lover like I am, forget the East Coast — the best Maryland crab cakes are right here in Plymouth.

"We get more compliments on our crab cakes than any other seafood dish on the menu," said owner and manager John Cleveland. "We get customers from Boston, who, after finishing the crab cakes, say they're better than in Boston."

Cleveland, who honed his skills at Ann Arbor's Gandy Dancer and Northville Charles, describes the Water Club Seafood Grill cuisine as "traditional food served with contemporary presentations."

That's an understatement, considering appetizers such as Smoked Whitefish Pate, garnished with a baby crawfish, or Maryland crab cake served with black bean salsa and a dollop of red pepper mayonnaise.

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meat and vegetarian friendly. There are dishes like sliced herb encrusted beef tenderloin and a vegetarian "pleated" pizza made without dairy products.

Executive chef Tommy Kishishian is responsible for many of the popular vegetarian items and promises to introduce a vegetarian burrito this winter.

On a recent day, Frank Meyer, a retired Detroit Public Schools employee from Canton, consulted his dining companions, both retired university professors, for the right word to describe the potatoes that accompanied his chicken entree.

"The scalloped sweet potatoes were unusually flavorful," he finally said, stressing the adjectives. All three agreed that the house salad, a generous mix of bib lettuce and apple cider-citrus dressing, was "excellent."

Besides good food, service is the other key ingredient in helping to

create repeat customers. So what's good service, Water Club Seafood Grill style?

"The number one goal is to make our guests feel special and important while they dine with us," Cleveland said. "We do that so we'll never have to worry about the dining room being empty."

Cleveland's restaurant opened six months ago (in the former Italian Cucina) and already has found its niche in the area.

"It's starting to happen here. On weekend nights, when there's a wait for dinner, you'll see friends coming in and they'll say, 'Hey there's Bob and Sue or there's the Jones.' It's becoming a community-based restaurant and that's my goal," said Cleveland.

There's much to catch the eye in the this restaurant besides attractive entrees and pleasing blue, green and salmon-colored decor. "Big Eddie" the northern pike (hand carved by fish-decoy carv-



Fish on the grill: John Cleveland, owner and manager of the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, with some of the house specialties. Cleveland said his restaurant, which opened six months ago, is becoming a popular neighborhood spot. The restaurant's chef is Tommy Keshishian, a former Washtenaw County Sheriff's detective.

Henry Ford Estate offers holiday events

Henry Ford Estate, on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, has scheduled a variety of events. Call (313) 693-5590 for reservations. "Santa's Workshop" will be offered 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17. Children follow lighted path to Santa's workshop, visit Santa, and receive a gift and cup of hot oyster soup. The workshop begins at the Visitor Center. Admission is \$5.

"Candles and Carols Dinner," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Before dinner, guests are encouraged to tour the residence. Music and candlelight accompany the dinner. Admission is \$35. "Candlelight Tour and Buffet,"

will be offered 5:30-7:45 p.m. Dec. 26-28. The tour is \$7 and the buffet is \$18.

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Events will satisfy holiday appetites

Here are some holiday dining adventures you won't want to miss.

■ "A Fractured Christmas Carol," a comic, musical twist on the classic old tale, will be presented 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 15-17 at Gino's Restaurant, 1935 Cass Lake Road, Waterford. Tickets for the dinner/theater package are \$20 per person. Call (810) 682-6540.
 ■ Cady's Grill and Eastern

Michigan University are presenting "The Gifts of the Magi," 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at Eastern Michigan University Theatre. The O. Henry classic musical features a seven course, family style meal at Cady's followed by the musical in EMU's Depot Town Center. During the meal, entertainment will be provided by the award-winning cappella quartet A.Y.Y.
 Cady's Grill is at 34 Cross St.

in Ypsilanti's historic district. The Depot Town Center is adjacent to the restaurant. Tickets are \$24 per person available by calling (313) 487-1221.

■ Cafe Cortina, 30175 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, is offering a Christmas Eve dinner — 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Warm, cozy dinner served in various courses with guests selecting a choice of entree. Cost \$48 per person, call (810) 474-3033 for reservations.

■ The Lark, Old English Holiday Feast, 7 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 19-21. Holiday repast accompanied by live music, including madrigals and carols. The main dish is roast fresh geese with port wine sauce. Cost is \$75 per person and does not include beverages or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 661-4466

for reservations.

■ Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant in downtown Northville is celebrating the holidays with two special events — lunch with Santa and a kid's Christmas show, and "Christmas Capers," a dinner-theater presentation, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 17-18. Call (810) 349-0552 for reservations and information.

■ Genitti's Dinner theater is presenting the hilarious show "Christmas Capers," through Dec. 31. The cost for dinner and show is \$37.10 per person, (includes tax and tip).

■ Norman's Eton Street Station in Birmingham is offering a special New Year's Eve menu, prepared by new chef Mike Boyce which includes appetizers and entrees such as filet mignon, stuffed jumbo shrimp and whitefish.



Restaurant Specials

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Dumb and Dumber' enjoys smart premiere at Fox



JOHN MONAGHAN

So what did you expect from a movie called "Dumb and Dumber?" The jokes are moronic, the plot is almost nonexistent, and the acting makes Jerry Lewis look almost subtle.

In short, it was a pretty good time.

Of course, an enthusiastic audience helps. A near-capacity crowd paid \$15 to \$125 on Monday to see the movie in a Fox Theatre benefit for Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre. After Michigan-based star Jeff Daniels showed up in a dog costume, this group was ready to laugh.

Daniels co-stars with current comedy sensation Jim Carrey as a pair of nitwits who can't hold a

job. When a beautiful woman (Lauren Holly) leaves a briefcase behind at the airport, the buddies drive cross country to give it back to her.

Their vehicle of choice is Daniels' dog grooming van, outfitted in bumper-to-bumper shag carpeting complete with floppy ears, nose, and tail. It made its own cameo appearance in front of the Fox on Monday.

"Dumb and Dumber" follows the same route as most other road movies. The boys get in trouble with police, insult rednecks in a roadside diner, and, of course, there are gangsters after the briefcase, which is full of ransom money.

Sporting a bowl haircut and a chipped front tooth, Carrey has manic energy to spare. He seems to choose roles that allow him to make his face contort, whether he's just eaten the world's hottest

REVIEW

chili pepper or expressing his love for a beautiful woman.

The movie's real surprise is Daniels. Normally, he plays more reserved comic characters, most effectively in "Something Wild" and "The Purple Rose of Cairo." Here he not only keeps up with the scene-stealing Carrey; he actually holds his own.

They so enjoy outdoing each other in outrageous bits that the dopiness in "Dumb and Dumber" is often contagious. The low-budget comedy, chock full of improvisation, looks like an old Martin-and-Lewis vehicle, but with two Jerrys.

Some of the gags work better than others, depending on your

sense of humor. The movie relies strongly on bathroom humor — farts, burps, and an extended scene with a laxative where Daniels can't flush the toilet — but it remains for the most part good-natured fun.

Will audiences go for "Dumb and Dumber?" You bet. "This might be the number one movie around here for a while," Daniels noted in his opening comments at The Fox.

With the disappointing lineup of Christmas releases, he may be right.

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.



Comedy: Lloyd Christmas (Jim Carrey, left) and Harry Dunn (Jeff Daniels) arrive in glamorous Aspen on a mini-bike in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Dumb and Dumber."

MARK FELLEMAN

Tell us about your fashion blunders

Everyone's done it — made a fashion faux pas, a blunder that they're embarrassed to admit. Send us a picture of your worst fashion faux pas, or just write about it, to win a prize in our giveaway for "Ready to Wear (Pret-A-Porter)," a new fashion comedy opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on Dec. 25.

The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate for a pair of fashion boots from Laim-

meraux. Three runners-up will receive a one year subscription to "Elle" magazine.

Get out your photo albums, and start looking for those pictures. The first 25 readers to respond to our contest will receive a pass for two to the opening premiere of "Ready to Wear" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at AMC Old Orchard. If you would like your photo returned to you please send along a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

We've extended the deadline to Friday, Dec. 16 because we've only received a few entries.

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.

Every year in Paris, the fashion industry's top designers and supermodels stage the world's most

exciting fashion show. It's called the "Pret-A-Porter," and it means "Ready to Wear." This holiday season, Robert Altman invites movie lovers and fashion groupies everywhere to join the party along with an all-star cast including, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Julia Roberts, Tim Robbins, Kim Basinger, Lauren Bacall, Lyle Lovett, Tracey Ullman, Stephen Rea and Forest Whitaker.

Comic book classic comes to life in film

Macaulay Culkin stars in "Richie Rich" opening Dec. 21 at metro Detroit movie theaters. Based on the classic Harvey Comics character of the same name, "Richie Rich" is a comedy that follows the adventures of the richest boy in the world.

As sole heir to the \$70 billion Rich fortune, Master Richie (Macaulay Culkin) was born into a world of unimaginable luxury. He has everything a boy could want, everything that money can buy. He has his own roller coaster; his personal baseball coach is Reggie Jackson, and if he's had his fill of pate and caviar, he heads upstairs

to his very own McDonald's.

Richie's riches compound daily under the attention of his benevolent father, Richard (Edward Herrmann); his dotting mother, Regina (Christine Ebersole), a personal valet, Cadberry (Jonathan Hyde), and his faithful dog, Dollar.

His charmed life is not without risk. Bent on stealing the entire Rich fortune, Lawrence Van Dough (John Larroquette), a scheming executive at Rich Industries, devises a plan to eliminate the Rich family — a hostile takeover to say the least.

But the plan misfires, and



Rich boy: Richie Rich, the richest kid in the world (Macaulay Culkin) and Cadbury, his loyal butler (Jonathan Hyde).

JANE BOVINGDON

though the senior Riches are temporarily lost at sea, young Richie has remained on land. There, he discovers Van Dough's plot and picks up the reins of his family's corporate interests with the help of Cadbury, Professor Keenbean (Michael McShane) and his first-ever group of ordinary friends — his own age — a ragtag bunch whose amazement over Richie's riches turns to loyal solidarity when they find their new buddy in trou-

ble. In the process, Richie discovers that the true value of friendship far outweighs one's personal net worth.

Produced by Joel Silver ("Lethal Weapon" 1, 2, and 3) and John Davis ("Grumpy Old Men"), the film is directed by Donald Petrie ("Grumpy Old Men"), from a script by Tom S. Parker and Jim Jennewein ("The Flintstones").

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Screen Scene

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

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 810-544-3030 for information. (\$5)

Three Stooges Festival. 10:30 p.m. Dec. 16-17. Larry, Moe, and Curly in five more slapstick shorts.

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, then hides out in a Smalltown, USA.

"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) "Pulp Fiction" (USA — 1994). Quentin Tarantino's violent and hilarious tale of Los Angeles gangsterism looks better after each viewing.

"The Shawshank Redemption" (USA — 1994). Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman play prison inmates whose terms span the decades. An entertaining, if cliched, adaptation of a Steven King story.

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

MICHIGAN THEATRE

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 313-668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students/seniors)

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand — 1994). Starts Dec. 23. The tale, based on a true story about two imaginative girls who find themselves involved in something they can't control. An acclaimed new movie from Peter Jackson, the director of "Dead Alive."

REDFORD THEATRE

17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 313-537-2560. (\$2.50)

"The Great Race" (USA — 1965). 8 p.m. Dec. 16; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Blake Edwards' big-budget nostalgic farce pits Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood against Jack Lemmon and Peter Falk.

Coming Attractions



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

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 Friday, Dec. 23

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

"Heavenly Creatures" — Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. Based on a true story, the extraordinary tale of a friendship between two young women who in the course of their intense association find themselves on dangerous ground.

Opening Sunday, Dec. 25

"Ready to Wear" — Director Robert Altman shows a world of intrigue, romance, comedy and suspense against the Paris fashion industry. With a large cast of stars.



Singles Mingle

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Dance parties WESTSIDE SINGLES Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Reina's of Garden City...

HOLIDAY MINGLE The Farmington Single Professionals along with the Metropolitan Single Professionals will host the Single Mingle Dance at the Garden Hotel...

WESTSIDE SINGLES Westside Singles will hold a Christmas Dance on Friday, Dec. 23, at Burton Manor on Schoolcraft Road...

NEW YEARS DANCE Woodchester New Years Party will be Saturday, Dec. 31, at Betty's Country House...

WEDNESDAY DANCE Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in December at Burton Manor...

MEGADANCE Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City...

Ballroom dancing STARLITERS Ballroom dancing for singles ages 40 and

older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday at the Northwest YWCA...

ANN ARBOR SINGLES Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Great Club of Ann Arbor...

U.S. SINGLETONS The U.S. Singletons (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18...

BETHANY FARMINGTON A holiday get together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Road, Farmington...

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

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...

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NEWBURG SINGLES Newburg Singles ministries meet 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in

the Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church...

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS A nonprofit social group for singles aged 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships...

SINGLE PLACE Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville...

SINGLE POINT The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall...

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...

METRO MINGLERS The Metro Mingle, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society...

ACTIVITIES GROUP The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis...

EXPLORES St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church...

PWP/LIVONIA REDFORD The Livonia Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe...

PWP WAYNE WESTLAND The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall...

CATHOLIC ALUMNI The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to many in the Catholic church...

TALK IT OVER Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents Talk It Over every second and fourth Friday monthly...

BOWLING The Bowling Singles mixed bowling league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merit Bowl Lanes...

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Birney Middle School...

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BRIDGE Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville...

WALLEYBALL Farmington Single Professionals play walleysball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington...

RUNNERS/WALKERS Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College...

Other activities FARMINGTON SINGLES ACTIVITIES Farmington Single Professionals is a non-profit social group for people ages 25-40 who share common interests and form new friendships...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Farmington Singles will volunteer from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, during the 18th Annual "Christmas is for Kids" fund raiser...

VIPER HOCKEY VIPER HOCKEY TICKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED in section 125, rows M, P, Q at The Palace of Auburn Hills for the night of Saturday, Dec. 17...

Henry Ford Estate Tour Farmington Single members will tour the Henry Ford Estate Fairlane, located at the University of Michigan Dearborn campus...

NUTCRACKER BALLET Seats are available for the holiday classic "The Nutcracker Ballet" at the Fox Theater in Detroit...

FARMINGTON SINGLE MEMBERS WILL MEET at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, for burgers at Mr. Lee's, 24677 W. 17 Mile Road, Southfield...

In Search Of The Activities Group in Search Of club members will be meeting periodically searching to find the best of what the area has to offer...

Ski trips both near and far

Farmington Single Professionals are planning some ski trips this winter for singles ages 25-40. All events are open to non-members...

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LET'S GO! TRAVEL

Village sparkles with magic of a 19th century holiday

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER



The magic of a 19th century holiday sparkles through the streets and structures at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. Slip away from the Christmas

frenzy and head to Flint. Musical groups, horse-drawn wagon rides, costumed craftspeople and more than 300,000 glittering lights create a dramatic winter-wonderland. The village is located just north of Flint off I-475 at Exit 13. A stroll through Crossroads begins on Main Street, where several restored 1800s-era buildings stand. Step inside the General

Store to browse. The shelves are crammed with jams, jellies, spices, scented soaps and replicas of children's antique books and toys.

Next door, the musical revue "A Country Christmas" is performed several times each evening at the Colwell Opera House.

Last minute Christmas shoppers should visit the Village Christmas Shop across the street for holiday decorations, ornaments, gifts and collectibles.

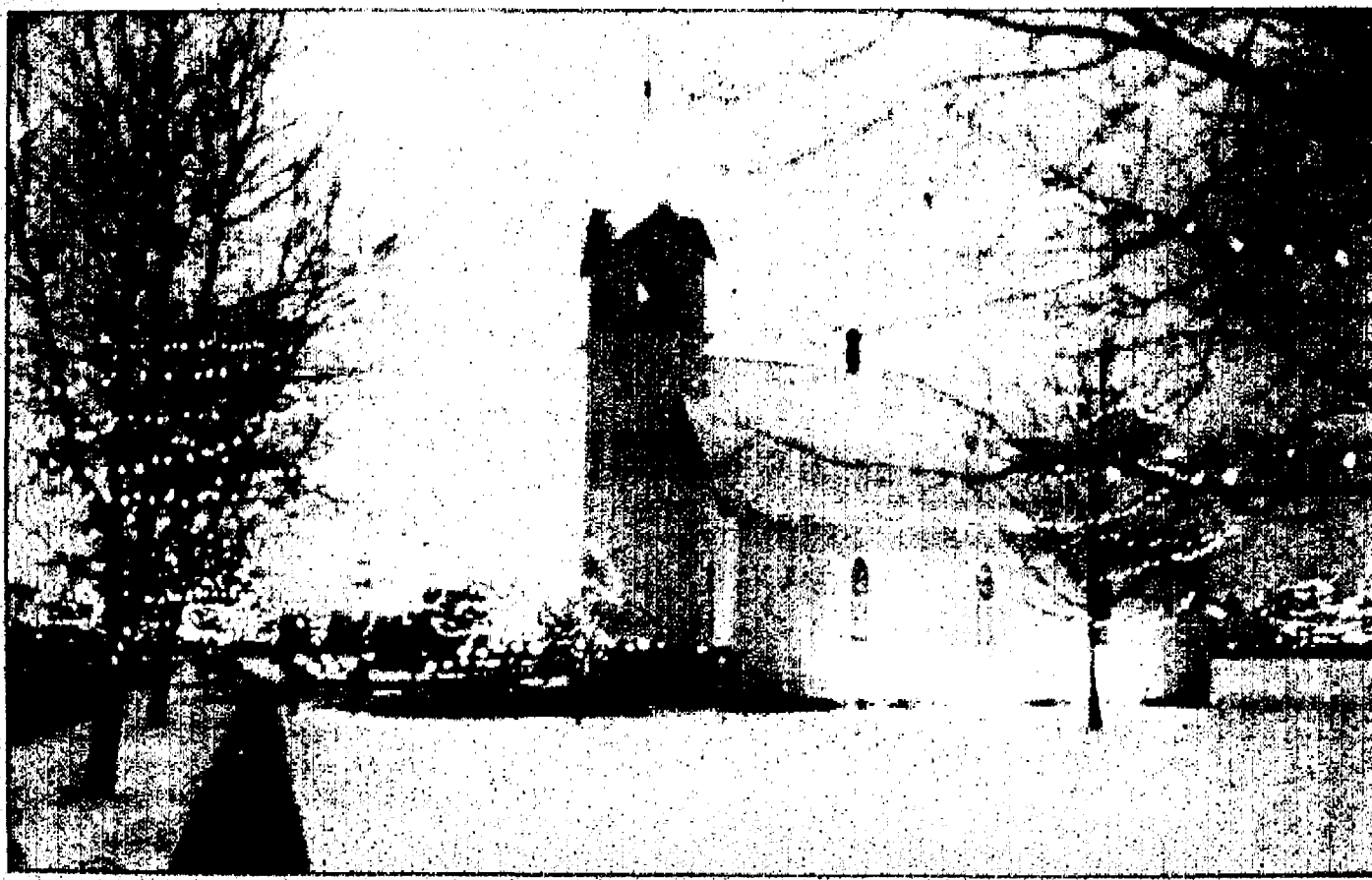
Tell the kids to be on the lookout for Frosty the Snowman as he walks the village paths greeting visitors. Of course, Santa's at the township hall to listen to your wish list.

Throughout the village costumed interpreters demonstrate their weaving, woodworking and broom making skills. Take a walk down Park Street; you'll probably find a blacksmith working in his 1800s-era shop.

Children are invited to join the ornament-making party at the one-room Stanley School. Ask the grade schoolers in the group how they would feel if their teacher lived with their family — not unusual in the 1800s.

"I wouldn't like it at all," eight-year-old Jason said. Excuses for incomplete homework might be difficult to explain.

Early medical instruments and medicinal herbs highlight the office of Dr. J.E. Barbour, a 1800s-



CROSSROADS VILLAGE

Holiday sparkle: Lights decorate trees in front of the Coldwater Road Chapel at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad in Flint.

era Indiana physician. Help the kids compare some of the medical advancements of the last 100 years.

Pet the sheep and cows at Calkins Barn. Or check out the Fowler Barber Shop. For twenty-

five cents customers could get a trim.

An original 1878 vault sits in the corner of the T. N. North & Sons Bank. Prosperous lumber and fur industry patrons kept bank tellers busy.

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LET'S GO! **STREET SCENE**BUE MASON, EDITOR
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953-2130**STREET BEATS****Karmic Debt**
— Glazed Baby

Precise, blasting, ultra-heavy, "Karmic Debt" (Red Decibel) is everything one would expect from a band called Glazed Baby. The Rhode Island trio pits squealing, Primus-like noise guitar vs. a bloated, constipated bass that must be tuned so low you'll swear you can actually hear the low E string flapping.

But a goofy press photo and the right punk rock credentials (previously produced by Steve Albini) belie the dread rock thud of Glazed Baby's first full-length album, "Anais Anais," which features the disturbingly distorted voice of singer/bassist Andy Newman shrieking ominous lyrics over a drunken Soundgarden magna flow. Newman's all-encompassing bass also manages to turn a cover of John Lee Hooker's "Mad Man Blues" into a jerking, uncomfortable low-end blast.

Interesting tape loops and weird instrumental passages make it hard to tell where one song (for example, "That Much Closer to Hell") ends and another (oh, say, "Michael Meyers") begins.

At its best, "Karmic Debt" resembles early, early Nirvana, like "Aero Zeppelin" played on a Walkman with nearly dead batteries: kind of cool if you're in the mood, grating otherwise. At worst, which is about two-thirds of the album, it lapses into stereotypical death rock, mostly a tortoise-speed.

It's notable for one of the more interesting bass sounds of the decade, but otherwise not recommended.

— Todd Wicks

A Rochester Hills resident, Todd Wicks is a student at Michigan State University.

Back in the Day: The Best of Bootsy — Bootsy Collins

Bootsy Collins is the American legend that few people know. He has been involved in writing some of the most recognizable (and sampled) riffs in music as a member of the Parliament Funkadelic, but he is still not known as such.

Warner Bros. Archives hopes to change that with "Back in the Day: The Best of Bootsy." It carries on the P-Funk tradition with the

funky grooves and crazy lyrics that have influenced thousands of bands and albums the world over, and it shows why Bootsy is considered "the crown prince of funk."

"Back in the Day" is an essential collection for someone fresh to the funk. It gives an overview of Bootsy's early solo material, containing some gems, such as "The Pincocchio Theory," "Boozilla," and a live version of the previously unreleased song "Psychobillyumpschool."

The music is so much fun that you do not even realize how great the musicians are who are laying down the groove, from the horns of Fred Wesley, and Maceo Parker to the keyboards of Bernie Worrell, not to mention the amazing bass work by Bootsy himself.

"Back in the Day" is also an incredible party soundtrack guaranteed to make booties of all ages shake vigorously. Put it on at Christmas time and watch Grandma get down like never before.

— Eric Darling

A freelance reporter from Vassar, Eric Darling is the former music director at WUDD at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Gringo Honeymoon
— Robert Earl Keen

Robert Earl Keen is a member of that rarified company of Texas singer-songwriters that includes Jerry Jeff Walker, Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark and Joe Ely. On most days, he stands at the head of the class.

The opening cut on "Gringo Honeymoon" (Big as Hill), "Think It Over One More Time" became one of my favorite songs of the year the first time I heard it. "Dreadful Selfish Crime," the closer, is almost as stunning. The great news is that every thing in the middle is of equal caliber.

Living life on life's terms is the constant theme at work throughout Keen's songbook. Life might be nuts at times, he tells us, but we're nuts not to enjoy it as often as possible. His insights into love sought, love gained and love lost are of the smiling variety more often than not. With a poet's soul and a grizzled seeker's running commentary, Keen gives the impression that he's been around the proverbial block more times than most, but has come to grips with the long road.

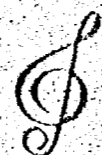
"It's a long stretch of highway at midnight in New Mexico/It's a small colored light that shines from your car radio/It's the old motel owner who sleeps on a cot/And gives you the very last cup from his pot/It's a lonely feeling it's a what you've got," he sings. It's an amazing album in what it is. I say.

— Mark E. Galle

Mark E. Galle is a freelance critic from Farmington Hills.

Duo helps market 'Christmas'

■ A brother and sister have teamed up to form their own music distribution business that is helping a Grammy-nominated musician from Rochester reissue his 1991 recording, "An Intimate Christmas."

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER

The mailbox has become a vital vehicle for the retail industry over the last few years, counting for billions of dollars

worth of sales. The simple housing object allows people to shop in the comfort of their own surroundings by a catalog and telephone, while postal employees do all the leg work.

With that thought, a brother/sister team hope to make the gift giving season more musically appealing, even if postal carriers have to work a little harder.

Derek and Debbie Hood, formerly Farmington Hills residents, are marketing a local jazz musician's holiday music release which the two hope will launch their independent business, To Daze Music, into other musical angles.

Now two weeks before the gift giving day, the two have sold more than 1,500 cassettes and compact discs of "An Intimate Christmas" by Jim Bajor, a Rochester resident and a former Grammy Award nominee. The releases will appear in stockings in the Detroit area, throughout the state, across North America and even in independent music retail outlets in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City.

"We are coast-to-coast now. (Debbie and I) are worried, to be honest, that we will run out of material, but we are not to that point yet," said Derek, a 1983 North Farmington High School graduate who started the distributing company from his Royal Oak apartment about six months ago.

The distribution radius is not a surprise to Derek, who used a 600-name mailing list to issue order forms through the postal system for the release, originally issued in 1991 with solid music reviews and equally matching buyer appeal.

The release now sells for \$7.99 for cassette and \$11.99 for compact disc through a mail order. Shipping and handling costs are included and the release can be order gift wrapped at no extra cost.

Reaching out

"We are not a big corporation; we are local and we are reaching out to people who might not have heard of (Bajor's music) before," said Debbie, a 1976 North Farmington High School graduate.

"An Intimate Christmas,"



BILL HANSEN

Wrapping away: Debbie Hood and her brother Derek, formerly of Farmington Hills, wrap tapes in his Royal Oak apartment for their company, To Daze Music, which sells Grammy nominee and Rochester resident Jim Bajor's jazz cassettes and CDs of Christmas music, entitled "An Intimate Christmas."

which contains 12 holiday songs with Bajor playing solo piano as well as accompanied by a jazz ensemble, was originally issued under Bajor's own Rochester-based recording label, JBX Records. The company folded a few years ago, leaving Bajor at odds with his then two-business partners.

In order to avoid a court-staged legal battle, the trio settled out of court, leaving him with a back log of releases, including the third pressing to the 1991 holiday music release.

Earlier this year Bajor was signed to a seven-year contract with the instrumental-based Sugo Music recording label. Previous JBX releases were picked up and included in Sugo's library.

"An Intimate Christmas" was not.

Derek, an inspiring musician himself, recently joined forces with Bajor, who has received notoriety from being featured on local radio personality Alan Almond's "Pillow Talk" program and received a Grammy nomination for his 1986 release "Awakening." Derek decided the mailing list would provide the opportune avenue for reissuing the release.

Bajor needed little convincing, knowing his assistant possessed the solid business and marketing techniques he lacks.

'Great idea'

"I thought it was a great idea. A lot of the time I don't put the pieces of the puzzle together because I tend to focus on (the creative) end and Derek set me down and explained that this was a solid move," he said. "With Derek involved I knew it would fly."

Marketing this release does not interfere with his current recording contract, Bajor said.

To Daze Music actually began with a slight push from Derek who convinced his older sister Debbie, a medical assistant, to collaborate on the business venture. To Daze Music began in the middle of the summer with the two compiling names and addresses, drafting fliers and order forms and acquiring a post office box and voice mail space.

Debbie, who confesses to having no marketing or selling experience, is finding the venture educational.

"I've learned a lot," Debbie said. "It is really interesting to see how much creativity can go into the project. I guess I have learned that a dream begins with small thought. Before (Derek) wanted me to get out into the spotlight. He thinks I can sing and dance or act or manage, but I just haven't been trained for it and my heart skips when I think of it."

In the near future the sibling

team hopes to expand To Daze Music's catalog to carry other independent local musicians and works from artists. Currently, "An Intimate Christmas" is a good launching point for the company.

"It is unique in the sense that we are representing one musician, but we have to keep in our heads that this is a side line business and that we have to treat it as such, and we will be selling other people's music, especially when some record stores won't take on local artists unless they are on labels from New York or L.A.," Derek said. "So we are really doing some thing of a favor."

Bajor knows he is not taking a hand-out, instead he is just happy to be sharing more holiday cheer, a second time around.

"I have been collecting Christmas music for years now and everyone has an album out now... everyone except Madonna has one," said Bajor, who also has his own Sugo holiday music release, "Christmas Memories," as well as appearing on other holiday music compilations.

"It seems as if people always want Christmas music even though they know the songs; it sounds different when performed by others," he said.

To hear a sample of "An Intimate Christmas," call (810) 901-5643.

1-2 punch sends Veruca Salt to topBY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Chicago altmapopsters Veruca Salt show no mercy. Musically, they quietly slither along until exploding into a wail of guitars, high-pitched harmonies and seductive melodies.

Nina Gordon and Louise Post's one-two vocal punch on the single "Seether" captivated radio programmers earlier this summer. When Chicago's Minty Fresh label sent Veruca Salt's full-length debut album "American Thighs" to stores, the fledgling band's popularity exploded.

Record companies took out the heavy artillery to fight for Veruca Salt. The winner, David Geffen's DGC records, but not after a round of teasing by Veruca Salt.

Sitting in a circa 1970s chair in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, Gordon is tucked tight inside her leather coat save for a rail thin leg slung over the chair's arm. Gordon is trying to talk over Madder Rose's soundcheck about how the Veruca Salt buzz began at the South by Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas. At that time, teaming up with a major label wasn't high on their agenda.

"We wanted to work on becoming a better band before making any decisions," said the sharp featured Gordon with her little girl voice. "When 'Seether' took off, they became even more hot and bothered."

Realizing her band's position, Gordon sent out a good mannered warning to the drooling DGC.

"We're not signed just yet. If they don't behave, they're out of there," she said with a giggle.

They must have behaved because DGC is now poised to seamlessly take over distribution of "American Thighs."

This isn't your everyday pop album. In "Spiderman '79," Post, a dead ringer for TV's Kellie Martin, desperately admits her love for the comic book

hero. ("You're so nice you tie me up in a web and cradle me 'til dawn. You're so deadly that I can see your breath beneath me when you're gone. You're so windy I'd like to pin you down and tack you to the wall.")

"Seether" tells of an indescribable pent-up anger that Gordon sometimes can't keep inside. ("I try to rock her in my cradle. I try to knock her out. I try to cram her back in my mouth. Can't fight the seether. Can't fight the seether. Can't fight the seether. I can't see her 'til it's forming at the mouth.")

The song went on to be wildly successful in Detroit and MTV threw the video, directed by Red Meat singer Tim Rutilli, into the coveted Buzz Bin. Not bad for a song that Gordon thought might not have been Veruca Salt material.

"I brought it into the band apprehensively because it was so poppy," Gordon said, only to be interrupted by bassist Steve Lack.

"I hated it the first time I heard it. I thought it was the most annoying thing," Lack said.

That's news to Gordon, who lets out a squeal. On stage, Veruca Salt's playfulness is just as apparent. A sweaty Post sings while beating mercilessly on her guitar. Her vocalist/guitarist partner Gordon stands cool and collective behind her mike. The energy is nonstop as Gordon's brother Jim Shapiro nails his arms within his drum set, and bassist Lack thrusts around the stage.

The stage is where Gordon is able to come to grips with her career choice.

"When we play a really good show, which is rare, we feel really good," she said.

"This whole radio thing is cool, but it's kind of abstract. When I hear (Veruca Salt) on the radio, I always think it's someone joking around with me, pressing play on my tape player."



Seething with popularity: Veruca Salt's debut "American Thighs" on the Minty Fresh label in Chicago has lead them to a record deal with DGC, a division of Geffen records.

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PREVIEW

350 Madison at Brush, Detroit, MI 48226.

New York's Prince Street Players have taken Carlo Collodi's little wooden puppet, who desperately wishes to become "a real boy," and heightened his magical adventures with original music, lyrics, costumes and sets — in-

cluding the interior of the whale. Despite the best efforts of Gepetto and the Blue Fairy, Pinocchio lurches from one piece of mischief to another but he learns from his mistakes and becomes "real," by the final curtain.

"Pinocchio" is a Youtheatre "Wiggle Club" presentation, recommended for youngsters three years and older (no children under three are admitted).



Musical: Prince Street Players in a scene from "Pinocchio" to be presented at the Youtheatre, Dec. 17-18.

Comedy is spoof of classic tale

The Attic Theatre is presenting "Inspecting Carol," at the New Center Theatre in Detroit through Jan. 8. Call (313) 875-8284 for tickets and show times.

There will be a "Toys-for-Tots" benefit 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy.

"Inspecting Carol," created by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Co., is a satire about a small Midwest theater company trying to get through its annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Already struggling to make ends meet, they find out that their grant from the National Endowment for the Arts has been "tabled" until an inspector can determine the artistic integrity of the company.

Joe Bailey directs a talented cast in this holiday comedy. Harry Wetzel plays Larry who plays Scrooge. Susan Arnold portrays MJ, the stage manager. Oakland University's Karen Sheridan plays the business manager and Sandra Birch, recently introduced to Attic audiences in "The Kathy and Mo Show" stars as Artistic Director. Zorah Block, Martin Buffalini plays Jacob Marley and the NEA inspector is portrayed by Cassandra McCarthy.

Dazzling light displays

There's still time to see the lights! Wayne County's LightFest, Domino Farms Christmas Light Display, and the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" Festival are lighting up the winter sky.

Wayne County's four mile LightFest, on Edward Hines Drive features a variety of colorful displays. Enter at Merriman Road in Westland and drive east-bound to Warren Avenue.

Open: Daily 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Closed Dec. 25. Admission: \$5 per car, (313) 261-1990.

There are food concessions and photo opportunities with Santa available at the picnic area near the exit. The \$5 entrance fee helps to keep county parks operating and maintained.

The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" display of more than 40 colorfully lighted animal sculptures continues through Jan. 6. Closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Open: Daily 5-8 p.m. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children. Children under two free, parking is free. (810) 398-0900. Tickets available at the door or through Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

The 1994 theme of the Domino's Farms display is "Christmas Lights Up the World," and the display offers a decidedly international flavor.

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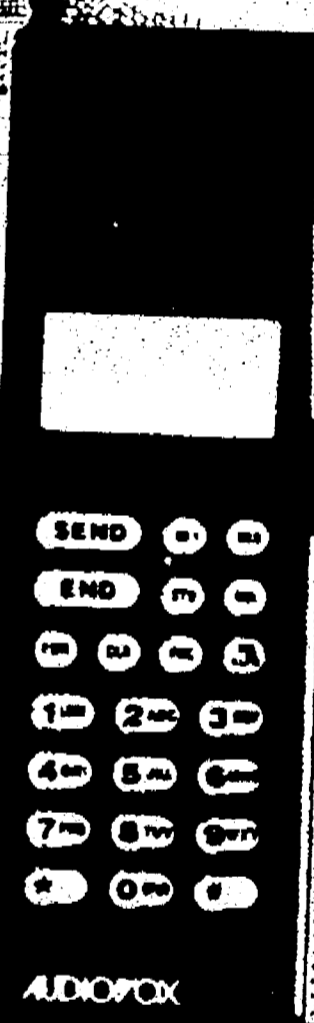
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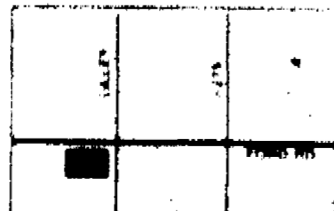


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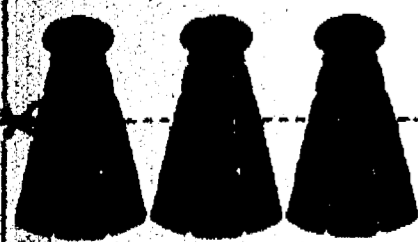
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Kallas meets Saban

Nick Kallas, a 1994 Redford Catholic Central graduate and a freshman defensive end on the Michigan State University football team, watched Cleveland Browns' defensive coordinator Nick Saban coach against the Dallas Cowboys on television Saturday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon, he listened to Saban, the newly-appointed MSU football coach, who came to East Lansing to meet his players.

Kallas said Saban was as impressive in person as his defense was in the Browns' 19-14 victory over the Cowboys.

"I heard he was pretty big on discipline," Kallas said. "He spoke about character, how it's got to change. He's got a pretty dominating voice."

Saban will start at MSU following Cleveland's season, which could last until the end of January depending on how far the Browns advance in the playoffs. Saban has retained MSU assistant coaches Pat Shurmur (tight ends), Bobby Williams (running backs) and Gary Van Dam (administrative assistant from fired coach George Perles' staff).

Kallas, 6-foot-4 and 245 pounds, was red-shirted last fall and has four years of eligibility remaining. Kallas said one of the things Saban talked about was making improvements by "rearranging the weight room" and hiring a strength coordinator.

"I prefer a defensive minded coach," Kallas said. "Coach Saban is real excited about what he thinks we need to improve the program."

Aristeo makes finals

Livonia Stevenson's Anne Aristeo, the state Class A champion in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard individual medley, finished fifth recently in the 200-meter butterfly at the U.S. Open Swimming Championships in Buffalo, N.Y.

The 105-pound sophomore also reached the finals of the 200 backstroke. She also finished in the top 30 in the 200, 400 and 800 freestyles, along with the 400 IM.

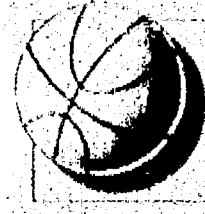
The meet attracted 1996 U.S. Olympic hopefuls, including a contingent from the recent World Championships in Italy, along with members of the Canadian and South Korean national teams.



JIM JAGDEHEIM/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Layup drill: Jameel Wooden goes in for two points during Wayne Memorial's lopsided 82-44 basketball win Tuesday over visiting Livonia-Franklin.

Zebras run wild against Franklin



Wayne Memorial romped past Livonia Franklin in a non-league boys basketball game, 82-44, as sophomore guard Lorenzo Guess had a big night with 17 points, 11 steals, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

There's no riddle to Lorenzo Guess when it comes to the basketball court.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore guard proved Tuesday he can play all phases of the game, leading host Wayne Memorial to an 82-44 romp over Livonia-Franklin.

Guess just missed a quadruple-double by one, finishing with 17 points (all in the first half), 11 steals, 10 rebounds and nine assists.

The win improved Wayne's overall record to 2-1.

Franklin, which turned the ball over 39 times, falls to 0-2 on the year.

"Guess has moved up a whole level," Franklin coach Larry Jackson said. "He passes and shoots better; he's more relaxed and more confident. He's very poised out there."

Guess threw down a pair of dunks in the second quarter as Wayne built a commanding 44-17 halftime lead.

"Last year he was a freshman on the varsity, but he was still going to junior high," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "Last year he took a wait-and-see attitude. He let the seniors take charge, but right now he's our leader, our captain. The kids look to him."

Guess has expanded his role to the point-guard position this season.

"After two weeks it was clearly evident that he was the choice," Henry said. "He's a tremendous athlete who has skills. He seems to be adjusting

better and better to the point-guard position. And hopefully he'll improve in that role as the years go along."

Guess, however, was far from a one-man wrecking crew.

Sophomore Richard Raahad and junior Richard Johnson chipped in with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Glenn upset, 4C

They helped the Zebras shoot 48.6 from the floor (37 of 76).

Franklin's lone bright spot on an otherwise dismal night was 6-6 sophomore center Matt Hauman, who finished with a career-high 14 points. He also grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked four shots.

"Matt was much more aggressive to the basket," Jackson said. "And we did a better job of getting him the ball tonight than last Friday (a 66-46 loss to Dearborn)."

But Franklin had a devil of a time getting into any kind of offensive set.

"Occasionally we did, but four out of five times we didn't have a good beginning," Jackson said.

Tim Miller came off the bench to finish with seven points for the Patriots, who shot only 47 percent from the free throw line (nine of 19) and 38 percent from the field (16 of 42).

The Patriots swing back into action Friday at home against the alumni team (7:30 p.m. tipoff), while the Zebras entertain Dearborn.

Side-out '94-95

Ladywood team to beat in area

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Things are literally looking up for the Livonia Ladywood volleyball squad entering the 1994-95 season.

The Blazers graduated only one starter off last year's team, which reached the state Class A quarter-finals and finished with a 42-8-2 overall record.

Ladywood, Catholic League and Operation-Friendship champions last spring, is a good bet to make another appearance in the state finals.

Blazers coach Tom Teeters is gunning for his sixth trip to Kalamazoo and it's understandable why optimism is running high.

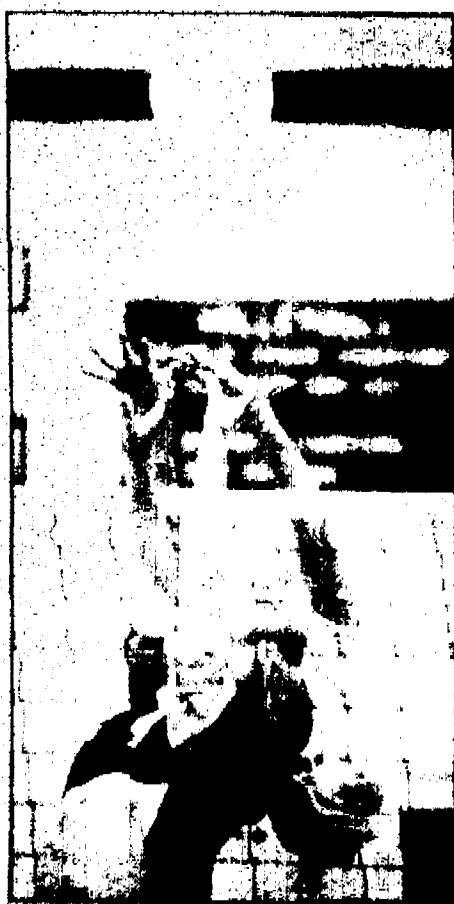
The top returnee is 6-foot-4 senior middle hitter Anne Poglits, the area's tallest player and a tower of power. The first-team All-Observer pick, who averaged nine kills per game, is bound for the University of Michigan on a basketball scholarship.

"Anne's arm swing has improved and she may even set in certain situations," said Teeters, who guided Ladywood to the 1994 and '89 state crowns. "But we have some other players who can cover more space on the floor."

Senior setter Renae Rozell, second-team All-Area last year, returns to direct Ladywood's attack.

Other key returnees include 5-10 junior Stacey Judd; 5-8 sophomore Nicole Vondracek; 5-9 junior Erin LeSage; 5-4 junior Jill Wilson; 5-5 senior Debbie Sobczak; 5-3 senior Christie Boter; and 5-4 junior Shannon Swish.

"LeSage had a great off-season," said Teeters, who has won



SHARON LAMERIX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Solo block: Anne Poglits provides sterling net play for Ladywood.

three straight Catholic League titles and six of the last eight. "So far I'm real pleased. This is a more well-rounded team. They have a strong attitude and they work hard."

Area teams will have to make great strides if they want to catch Ladywood in the state tournament.

Three Livonia teams from the Western Lakes Activities Association — Churchill (21-9-7), Franklin (21-11-7) and Stevenson

VOLLEYBALL

(19-17-9) hope to challenge preseason favorites Plymouth-Salem and Walled Lake Central for the title.

Churchill, an upset winner in last year's WLAA playoffs, will miss setter Aimee Cousins (now playing soccer at Michigan State), but return a host of veterans including seven seniors, led by 5-9 senior middle-hitter Sarah Fabirkiewicz.

"I think there are more good teams in the conference (WLAA) than there have ever been, that also includes teams at the state level," said 18th-year Churchill coach Mike Hughes, who guided the Chargers to the 1990 Class A crown.

Meanwhile, Franklin coach Ann Hutchins will build her team around eight experienced seniors, including 6-1 senior Jaclyn Deane, a first-team All-Observer choice who averaged nearly four kills per game.

The key for the Patriots is replacing graduated setter Lenay Truchan, a second-team All-Area pick now playing soccer at Dayton.

Stevenson, which reached the WLAA playoff final and district championship before losing to Churchill and Ladywood, respectively, could be a force despite the loss of first team All-Area setter Angie Piippo (now playing at Northwood University).

The top Spartan returnee for second-year coach Kally Graham is 5-10 senior Jen Monaghan, a second-team All-Area selection.

The Lakes Division of the WLAA not only features Salem, Central and Stevenson, but also Westland John Glenn (23-10), where former Rocket standout Stacy Graham (no relation to the Churchill coach) takes over as head coach for Greg Bolland.

Graham, who played collegiately at Eastern Michigan University, must replace first-team All-Area hitter Lynn Little.

In the Metro Conference, Livonia Clarenceville (23-6-6) is after its fourth consecutive championship.



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Preview

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Coach Alisha Love lost four starters to graduation, but returns a solid nucleus led by 5-11 senior Tracy Slade...

The Trojans, who also won a district last season, got an early start last weekend at the Madonna Tournament...

Lutheran High Westland (18-13-2) could also challenge. The Lady Warriors are also optimistic under second-year coach Donna Strang...

The area also has new coaches at two other schools. At Wayne Memorial, Leighann Dunlap, a 1992 Glenn graduate...

At Westland Huron Valley, Jeff Hale, formerly of St. Paul's Lutheran Grade School in Livonia...

Both Wayne and Huron Valley have another thing in common. They're short on numbers, each having only nine available varsity players.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Matt Higgins, 10th season. League affiliation: WIAA (Western Division). Season opener: 5:30 tonight at Westland Huron Valley...

Last year's overall record: 21-9-7. Titles won last year: WIAA (Western Division) State Open and Livonia Club Open.

Notable losses to graduation: Alissa Coos, 5-10 junior outside hitter; Amy Coos, 5-11 senior outside hitter.

Leading returnees: Sarah Finkbeiner, 5-7 senior outside hitter; Pam Maloney, 5-6 junior setter; Heather Ross, 5-7 junior setter; Mandy Swaney, 5-5 senior outside hitter; Jenae Bunn, 5-11 senior outside hitter; May Day, 5-3 defensive specialist; Tami Clark, 5-9 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Kelly Ashworth, 5-10 sophomore outside hitter; Sarah Sorenson, 5-9 junior outside hitter; Theresa Aalto, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Kelly Kovacs, 5-7 senior outside hitter; Jessica Maza, 5-2 junior defensive specialist; Kim Veress, 5-8 junior setter.

Hale's '94-95 outlook: This is the talent group I've ever coached. The experience will be a plus in terms of being able to play. We have experience at every position...

Finkbeiner and the seniors are playing well right now. They're delighted and work hard.

I think Sarah Ashworth had a chance to start, but she's a young lady and I think she'll do well. I think she'll do well, but I will take a wait-and-see approach.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Ann Hutchins, fourth season. League affiliation: WIAA (Western Division). Season opener: Saturday, Jan. 7 at Aquinas College Tournament in Grand Rapids.

Last year's overall record: 21-11-2. Notable losses to graduation: Lenay Turon (second team at Area).

Leading returnees: Jocyn Deane, 6-1 senior middle hitter (first team at Area); Andrea Greer, 5-6 senior outside hitter; Sara Wolfowicz, 5-10 senior middle hitter; outside hitter, May Buzinski, 5-8 senior outside hitter/middle hitter; Sarah Camp, 5-6 outside hitter; Misty Valle, 5-3 senior setter; Asha Bell, 5-6 senior setter; outside hitter; Shannon Westley, 5-8 senior setter; Melissa Worm, 5-10 junior middle hitter.

Promising newcomers: Amanda Poota, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Suzie Luskay, 5-9 junior outside hitter; Jennifer Alamosan, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Darcie Iglinski, 5-6 junior setter.

Hutchins' '94-95 outlook: We're going to miss Lenay's leadership and pure athletic ability.

The battle of the game is going to be setting. Misty Valle is quite a leader. She ran the offense at St. Paul's. (Bell) went to setting camp and really improved. She can't hit front row, too.

Our defense should be quite strong and our blocking is better. We should also be a decent serving team. This is the best, most well-rounded team I've had. We have eight experienced seniors.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Kelly Graham, second season. League affiliation: WIAA (Western Division). Season opener: Thursday, Dec. 29 at Temperance Builders.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Stacy Graham, first season. League affiliation: WIAA (Western Division). Season opener: 5:30 tonight at home vs. Wayne Memorial and Livonia Churchill.

Last year's overall record: 23-10. Notable losses to graduation: Lynn Little (first team at Area); Heidi Scott and Christi Wyndowski.

Leading returnees: Stacy Stricker (co-captain), 5-10 senior middle hitter; Kelly Carson (co-captain), 5-9 senior outside hitter; Jill Casey, 5-7 senior outside hitter; Julie Blue, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Jackie Boyis, 5-8 junior middle hitter.

Promising newcomers: Chissy Harkness, 5-11 sophomore outside hitter; Brina Wolfe, 5-6 sophomore outside hitter; Jenny Smith, 5-6 sophomore defensive specialist/outside hitter; Petra Ostar, 5-7 senior setter.

Graham's '94-95 outlook: This is a good group to work with. I do some different techniques so we just have some habits to change.

Stricker will be strong in the middle. She's also a good leader.

WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Leighann Dunlap, first season. League affiliation: WIAA (Western Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at Birmingham-Madison.

Titles won last year: Central League Conference Division and County; Operation Central Class A state and regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Kirsty Walker and Lynn Pilling.

Leading returnees: Arne Fogts, 6-4 senior middle hitter (first team at Area); Renae Rorer, 5-6 senior setter (second team at Area); Stacy Judd, 5-10 junior outside hitter/middle blocker; Jill Wilson, 5-4 junior defensive specialist; Debbie Sobczak, 5-5 senior defensive specialist; Nicole Vondracek, 5-8 sophomore middle blocker; Jessica Garret, 5-11 junior middle blocker; Kristen Daise, 5-11 sophomore outside hitter; Shannon Smith, 5-4 junior defensive specialist/outside hitter; Christa Soter, 5-3 senior defensive specialist; Robyn Dabczak, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Erin LeSage, 5-9 junior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Katie Breggin, 5-9 junior outside hitter.

Teaters' '94-95 outlook: You'll see some changes from last year. With Judd and LeSage, you'll see more hitting instead of Arne (Fogts) hitting from the

VOLLEYBALL

Last year's overall record: 13-17-0. Notable losses to graduation: Angela Hayes (first team at Area); Marcella Hida, Jennifer Okey, Rachel Chiles, Steph Gronow and Kristi Unshorn.

Leading returnees: Jan Moulton, 5-10 senior outside hitter (second team at Area); Ja Moulton, 5-7 senior outside hitter; AnnMarie Agudo, 5-9 senior outside hitter; Jan Vah Tom, 5-11 senior outside hitter; Stacey Nichols, 5-11 senior outside hitter; Catherine Gerdy, 5-10 junior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Nevee Tetla, 5-4 sophomore setter; Kira Dillashi, 5-8 junior outside hitter; Laura Ruiz, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Amanda Penna, 5-8 junior middle hitter; Arle Robinson, 5-4 junior defensive specialist.

Graham's '94-95 outlook: Our team is going to be (Kevla) Tetla. She's a cousin of Patty O'Connell from playing at Florida State and she has that background. She's a good athlete. She has the tools. If she sets well, she'll win. But we have to be able to pass better.

It's going to be exciting. We're not used to a lot of power hitters. I think we're better than last year.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Tom Teeters, ninth season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central Division). Season opener: 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 at Birmingham-Madison.

Titles won last year: Central League Conference Division and County; Operation Central Class A state and regional.

Notable losses to graduation: Kirsty Walker and Lynn Pilling.

Leading returnees: Arne Fogts, 6-4 senior middle hitter (first team at Area); Renae Rorer, 5-6 senior setter (second team at Area); Stacy Judd, 5-10 junior outside hitter/middle blocker; Jill Wilson, 5-4 junior defensive specialist; Debbie Sobczak, 5-5 senior defensive specialist; Nicole Vondracek, 5-8 sophomore middle blocker; Jessica Garret, 5-11 junior middle blocker; Kristen Daise, 5-11 sophomore outside hitter; Shannon Smith, 5-4 junior defensive specialist/outside hitter; Christa Soter, 5-3 senior defensive specialist; Robyn Dabczak, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Erin LeSage, 5-9 junior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Katie Breggin, 5-9 junior outside hitter.

Teeters' '94-95 outlook: You'll see some changes from last year. With Judd and LeSage, you'll see more hitting instead of Arne (Fogts) hitting from the

middle, just set and hit. We have quite a lot of options and we have good hitters who can set and pass. It's going to be exciting and it's going to be exciting.

Last year's overall record: 5-20-1. Notable losses to graduation: Tobi Coz (second team at Area).

Leading returnees: Tammy Barnes, 5-7 sophomore setter; Ashley Barnes, 5-9 senior middle hitter; Stacy Roberts, 5-7 senior outside hitter; Stephanie Roberts, 5-7 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Ming J. Dodatt, 5-9 senior middle hitter; Shannon Harwood, 5-6 senior defensive specialist; Pam Pichich, 5-7 sophomore outside hitter; Lisa Thompson, 5-8 junior setter; Anna Hill, 5-8 junior middle blocker.

Quigley's '94-95 outlook: One of our strengths is that we have a lot of girls who have been playing together for three years.

We look bright, but we do have two or three bright stars. Expect them to pop up through.

We're hoping for depth, but I think we have a very good team.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: AJJ Love, fifth season. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Season opener: Dec. 10 at Madison Township (first round at Area).

Titles won last year: Metro Conference champions and Class A district champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Jaime Zerk (third team at Area); Lisa Humphrey, Rosemary Gatska and Kristin Fitzgerald.

Leading returnees: Tracy Slade, 5-11 senior middle hitter/outside hitter (first team at Area); Wendy Roy, 6-0 senior middle hitter; Pam Kuhn, 5-11 senior middle hitter; Nicki Coleman, 5-8 senior outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Agnesa Puljar, 5-9 freshman outside hitter; Tasha Kikuka, 5-6 freshman defensive specialist; Melissa Perry, 6-0 freshman middle hitter; Nora Kolivas, 5-10 junior outside hitter; Kristin Jaker, 5-8 freshman outside hitter; Stacy Bink, 5-6 sophomore defensive specialist; Nicole Reed, 5-6 sophomore setter; Amy Leary, 5-7 sophomore outside hitter.

Love's '94-95 outlook: We lost four starting players, so we'll have to fill the gaps with experienced freshman and sophomores.

If we have great hands, and we can get our block set down, we'll be a good team to watch.

We have a lot of potential. There are a lot of bloomers that will be beautiful flowers. We'll start slow, but hope to finish strong.

We have a good base to work with.

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Dorina Stango, second season. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Season opener: 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at home vs. Ann Arbor Lutheran City Baptist.

Last year's overall record: 18-13-2. Notable losses to graduation: Erin Coz.

Leading returnees: Kate Dainger, 5-11 senior setter; Julie Miller, 5-11 senior middle blocker; Amy McVey, 5-9 senior outside hitter; Ann Thompson, 5-6 junior middle blocker; Dana Pease, 5-11 senior setter; Lisa Bink, 5-11 senior defensive specialist.

Promising newcomers: Lillian Holton, 5-11 senior outside hitter (first team at Area); Kristin Ann Leung, Emily Cannon, 5-10 senior outside hitter; Amy Leary, 5-7 senior setter; Kristin Ann Pease, 5-10 senior setter; Melissa Holton, 5-9 senior defensive specialist (transfer from Lutheran Westland); Jenny Truitt, 5-9 sophomore defensive specialist; Amy Madson, 5-7 freshman outside hitter.

Strang's '94-95 outlook: You had six of those girls who were first-team players. We have a lot of good blockers that will be able to block.

They can block in our strongest area. They can set and block in our strongest area.

I'm not going to be overconfident. We're going to start slow, but we'll be there.

We'll have a lot of girls that will be playing. We'll have a lot of girls that will be playing.

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HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coaches: Jeff Hale and Tom Schvartz. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Season opener: Tuesday, Dec. 13 vs. First Valley at St. Paul's Lutheran (first round).

Leading returnees: Amber Ruth, 5-10 junior outside hitter; April Roberts, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Nicole Huntington, 5-9 junior middle blocker/middle hitter; Emily Hilsen, 5-2 junior defensive specialist; Angela Pellegrino, 5-7 sophomore setter; Amy McVey, 5-6 sophomore outside hitter; Megan Johnson, 5-6 sophomore outside hitter; Kristina Berg, 5-8 sophomore outside hitter.

Promising newcomers: Sara Tyra, 5-6 freshman middle blocker.

Hale's '94-95 outlook: We have no seniors, so we have two years to work with these kids as far as building for next year.

It's really promising. I feel good about this year. McVey, Ruth and Roberts can do it. We'll try and block. We feel they can get up and block.

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Grandville, 185; 2. Redford Catholic Central, 172; 3. Traverse City, 148; 4. Middleville, 121; 5. Wyoming Park, 70 1/2; 6. Hudsonville, 60; 7. Jenison, 48; 8. Northville, 42; 9. Grand Rapids Union, 0.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Heavyweight: John Spitzky (CC) def. Tom Zolan (Jenison), 9-4; consolation: Jody Blair (Middleville) pinned Rob Pawlowski (Traverse City), 4-4.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

100 pounds: Madera (Livonia Park) won by default over Guchwald (Canton); consolation final: Brach (Stevenson) def. Leavens (Southgate), no score available.

Stevenson grapplers win tourney

Livonia Stevenson's Spartans captured one of the few wrestling tournaments that eluded them during the 1993-94 season, winning the Doyle McIntosh/Wayne County Invitational Saturday at Trenton.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Items for the Sports Roundup must be submitted by noon Friday (for Monday edition) and noon Tuesday (for Thursday edition). Items run once only.

PAULIN ALL-AMERICA Madonna University senior outside-hitter Maureen Paulin (Livonia/Farmington Hills Mercy) was recently named to the NAIA second-team All-America volleyball team.

MITCHELL SELECTED Wayne's Jeff Mitchell of the Detroit Junior Red Wings, a member of the Ontario Hockey League, will represent the U.S. squad in the World Junior Hockey Championships, beginning Dec. 26 in Red Deer, Alberta.

LIVONIA KNIGHTS 1ST The Livonia Bantam A Knights hockey team recently defeated Ann Arbor, 3-2, in overtime, to win the Thanksgiving Tournament.

WVAA SWIM RELAYS Farmington High is the defending champion in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, which kick off boys swim season, beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday at Plymouth Salem High School.

Full protective equipment is necessary. A nominal tryout fee will be charged.

HOOP SHOOT CHAMPS Adam Market hit 23 of 25 free throws to win the Boys 12-13 age division in the 23rd annual Elks Hoop Shoot contest Saturday at Livonia Churchill High School.

AAU HOOP TRYOUTS The Michigan Chargers girls AAU basketball team will hold tryouts for 11-and-under, 12-and-under, and 13-and-under from 8-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Northville High School.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RUN The 25th annual New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk is Saturday, Dec. 31 on the Grand Prix race course at Detroit's Belle Isle.

Unbeaten Churchill stops Royal Oak

Suburban High School Hockey League leader Livonia Churchill remained unbeaten Saturday with a 3-1 victory over Royal Oak in a game played at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

HOCKEY

goal in the opening period on an assist from Joe Pace.

Churchill netminder Jason Lansky, a senior, allowed just one goal (in the second period).

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Includes Livonia Over 30 and Hockey Association Standings.

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Oh, River Rats!

3-pointer sinks Glenn Rockets at buzzer

DeJuan Tyre made only one basket Tuesday night, but his 3-pointer at the buzzer proved to be the game winner as Ann Arbor Huron pulled off a 52-51 boys basketball upset of host Westland John Glenn.

Geoff Morning and Roman Roberson led the River Rats (1-2 overall) with 15 and 12 points, respectively.

Junior guard Albert Jones tallied a game-high 22 points for Glenn (1-1 overall).

The Rockets' 6-foot-11 center Guy Rucker, who started slowly with only five first-half points, finished with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Glenn overcame a 25-19 half-time deficit by outscoring Huron 18-10 in the third period.

BASKETBALL

16TH WESTLAND 65, CRESTWOOD 47: On Tuesday, East Lutheran Westland (2-0) allowed just 12 first-half points in a non-league triumph over Dearborn Heights Crestwood (0-2).

The Warriors, who led 31-12 at intermission, were led by senior guard Chris Treznan's game-high 18 points. He also grabbed eight rebounds.

Sophomore Joe Pruchnik snared 21 rebounds and added seven points. Junior Brad Polkinghorne contributed 10 rebounds and seven points.

Crestwood's Tom Muller scored 11 points.

FORDSON 65, CHURCHILL 50: Fast-breaking Dearborn Fordson (2-1) earned the non-league victory Tuesday at Elktonia Churchill (0-2) behind Ali Saad's team-high 14 points.

Matt Syleran contributed 13 for the Tractors, who led 36-21 at half-time.

"They beat us with their fastbreak and quickness," Churchill coach Tom Lang said. "We just couldn't handle their break. We had trouble the first half and never recovered."

Junior center Jay Van Wagner scored Churchill with 16 points and six rebounds.

"Jay had a good game and he's getting better, but there were not too many plusses tonight," Lang said. "We worked hard, but we got down too far and didn't handle it well."

HURON VALLEY 51, FLINT VALLEY 42: Senior guard Dave Hartley scored 17 points Tuesday, leading host Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-1 overall) to a non-league win over Flint Valley Christian in a game played at Marshall Junior High.

On Saturday, the Hawks snapped a 23-game winning streak in the consolation final of the St. Joseph's Michigan Lutheran Tournament, scoring a 66-55 triumph over Grace Christian.

Jason Batkoski, who was named to

the all-tourney team, led all scorers with 30 points.

Batkoski notched 20 as Huron Valley lost Friday's opener to Illinois Lutheran, 63-59, in double overtime.

ROBICHAUD 71, CLARENCEVILLE 54: David Zirker poured in 19 points and Sandy Downs added 12 as Tyrone Wheatley's alma mater, Dearborn Heights Robichaud (2-0), earned the non-league win over Livonia Clarenceville (1-2).

Scott Barnhard scored 11 points for the Trojans, who couldn't erase a 31-16 halftime deficit. Bill Case and Walter Jones chipped in with eight and seven points, respectively.

REDFORD CC 52, GABRIEL RICHARD 50 (OT): Mike Ridley scored 15 points, including the game-winning basket late in overtime, carrying Redford Catholic Central (3-0) to the victory Tuesday at Riverview Gabriel Richard (0-2).

Mike McDonald added 13 points for the Shamrocks.

Tony Sawicki tallied a game-high 16 points for the Pioneers.

Crusaders slide in Cougar Classic

MADONNA

Madonna University's men's basketball team showed up at just the right moment at last week-end's appropriately named Cougar Classic. At least as far as its opponents were concerned.

Feeding time.

Certainly the Fighting Crusaders filled that role, getting torn apart first by St. Francis College 106-74 Friday and then by Bluffton College 97-78 Saturday. St. Francis hosted the tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The losses left Madonna at 1-9.

"We just played awful," coach Bill Sharpe said, obviously fed up after Friday's loss to the Cougars. "It's gotten to the point where I don't even know which team will show up."

He was talking about his own team's personality, which can (and often does) change dramatically during games. Against St. Francis, the Crusaders led by 10 points after three minutes, but then went seven minutes without scoring. They trailed 50-29 at the half.

Part of the problem is numbers. Madonna had just eight players available; top sub Mike Slone (from Plymouth Salem) is struggling academically and has been temporarily removed from the travel team.

Sharpe knows what to expect from opponents, once they see his depleted bench — a fast-paced game, aimed at wearing his team down. Which is what St. Francis did; 13 Cougars scored, nine getting seven points or more. They hit 43-of-84 floor shots (51.2 percent) to Madonna's 27-of-80 (33.8 percent) and outrebounded the Crusaders 58-46.

Brandon Slone (Salem) had a superb game for Madonna, scoring 34 points and grabbing 17 rebounds. Christian Emert netted 18 points, with three assists and three steals, and Brandon Lemley had six points and nine assists. But leading scorer Jay Dimes was limited to nine points on 4-of-16 shooting.

The Cougars were paced by Chuck Porter with 21 points. Ken Thompson had 14 and Richard Casey 13.

In Saturday's loss to Bluffton, it was more of the same. Madonna trailed 47-34 at the intermission and fell behind by 31 before rallying to cut the deficit to 13. And then...

"They decided to be sophomores and freshmen again," said Sharpe. "They couldn't stand prosperity. They made sure the guys who were doing well didn't get the ball."

Five Bluffton players reached double figures and a total of 12 scored. Jamie Yount's 20 points led the barrage; Greg Liebrecht had 18, Jeremy Best 15, and Scott Lind and Jonallion Kirkton got 10 apiece.

Madonna got a strong performance from Lemley: 30 points, three assists and three steals. Brandon Slone added 16 points and seven rebounds, Jay Dimes scored 11 points and Emert totaled five points, eight assists and three steals.

Bluffton was 31-of-58 from the field (53.4 percent) to Madonna's 26-of-61 (42.6 percent) and enjoyed a 47-22 rebounding advantage.

Schoolcraft men's cagers overwhelmed on boards

Different game, same story.

The weakness of Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is visible to one and all. No size, which translates into a tough time rebounding and defending in the post.

That, however, was something

the Ocelots knew they would have to deal with, and overcome, if they were to experience any success. And in Saturday's 97-71 thrashing absorbed at St. Clair CC, as well as in their 98-59 thumping at Grand Rapids Community College Tuesday, they did suffer on

the boards.

But the real problem was they failed to take advantage of their strengths.

"We got pounded on the boards in the second half," said SC coach Dave Bogataj of Saturday's loss. "They just pounded us. In the second half, they went real big."

The Ocelots were within striking distance after one half, trailing 44-36 at the break. But it went downhill from there, and not just because the Skippers were bigger.

SC shot a miserable 11-of-23 from the free-throw line (48 percent). St. Clair was 15-of-20 (75 percent), outscoring the Ocelots at the line despite fewer chances.

SC also committed 22 turnovers, far too many for a team that must rely on its quickness, ballhandling and perimeter shooting if it is to succeed.

Mark Cady topped the Ocelots with 17 points. Tony Maciejewski added 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Fadi Bazzi had seven assists.

St. Clair (3-5 overall, 1-0 in the Eastern Conference) had balanced scoring, all from its big people: 6-foot-7 Todd Williams, 18 points; 6-6 Tim Volker and 6-4 Ron Coby, 15 apiece; 6-5 Tim Howard, 13; and 6-5 Ronald Hill, 12.

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N. Farmington



Sarah Warnke
Canton



Amicle Crayton
Canton



Krista Snow
Harrison



Yvonne Malewski
Thurston

Borgess, Canton pace All-Observable team

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

At the start, this girls basketball season seemed anything but special in Observerland.

The exception was Redford Bishop Borgess, a powerhouse primed to defend its Class C title.

Canton quickly rebuilt, peaking in time to make a strong run in the state tournament, a run that wasn't derailed until the Chiefs reached the state semifinals against eventual Class A champ Flint Northern.

Farmington Harrison enjoyed its best season ever, going 17-5.

Garden City made it to the state regional final before falling.

Lutheran Westland won its conference championship with a dramatic road victory in its final game.

Lyonia Stevenson and Farmington Hills Mercy each won district titles.

And of course, Borgess roared to its second-straight Class C crown.

A season that harvests so many unexpected successes is a tribute to strong coaching throughout the area.

That made selecting the Observer's coach of the year a difficult task.

The possible nominees were many: Borgess' Dave Mann, Garden City's Marshall Henry, Canton's Bob Blohm, Harrison's Pete Mantyla to name a few.

The honor, however, goes to Lu-

theran Westland's Ron Getz, who guided the Warriors to a share of the Metro Conference championship and a 19-3 overall record, their best ever.

Getz spent his first three seasons at Lutheran Westland as a junior varsity coach. He is 57-28 overall in four years as the varsity coach; he was 43-10 as a JV coach.

Getz gave JV coach Jim Aumann and volunteer assistant Dennis Horton some of the credit.

"I was blessed with 12 girls who played extremely hard for me and they always worked to get better," Getz said. "Our goals were to have fun, use our God-given talents to their fullest, be a good witness in our sportsmanship and to win the conference. The team was successful in their accomplishments."

Following is a look at each member of the first team:

Maxann Reese, junior guard, Redford Bishop Borgess: A three-time selection on the All-Observable team with one season of high school basketball to go, Reese led the Spartans to their second-straight Class C championship, averaging 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals per game.

She made 51 percent of her shots from the field and shot 68 percent at the free-throw line.

Adriano Bryant, junior guard, Redford Bishop Borgess: Like Reese, Bryant is a three-year starter. Bryant became both a passing and scoring threat in the transition game this season: She averaged 11 points per game, and came through when several of the Spartans were struggling with 18 points in a Catholic League playoff semifinal victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

1994 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

- FIRST TEAM**
- Maxann Reese, Jr., Bishop Borgess
 - Adriano Bryant, Jr., Bishop Borgess
 - Alisha Gordon, Sr., N. Farmington
 - Sarah Warnke, Sr., N. Farmington
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- Mania Dubose, Sr., Bishop Borgess
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 - Amanda Alkhami, Fr., F.H. Salem
 - Lauren Horton, Sr., Luth. Westland
 - Julie Angell, Sr., F.H. Mercy
 - Andrea Sawyer, Sr., Farmington
 - Jenny Markham, Sr., Wayne
 - Anne Pogits, Sr., Liv. Ladywood
- COACH OF THE YEAR**
- Ron Getz, Luth. Westland

HONORABLE MENTION

- Redford Bishop Borgess:** Alysha Smith, Lazandra White, Plymouth Canton; Kristi Florenti, Melissa Marzoff, Jackie Nozzini, Farmington Hills Mercy; Kuzi Roddeck, Piper Metz, Corie Schwaner; Livonia Ladywood; Kelly Van Tien, Kaitly Danker; Plymouth Canton; Kelly Lasky, Liz Erickson, Karen Gudde; Farmington Hills Harrison; Erin LaZotte, Kelly LaZotte, Monique Anderson, Erica Greene, Jenny Mysinski; Garden City; Jamie Faber, Christie Glover; Jennifer Audette; Livonia Stevenson; AnneMarie Agunio; Redford Thurston; Jean Haron, Kristi Engle, North Farmington; Cairn May; Livonia Franklin; Jocelyn Deane, Kelle Main; Livonia Churchill; Jamie Clark, Mary Daly, Palli, Maldonado; Westland John Glenn; Jami Ongal, Rochelle Harris, Kelly Washook; Wayne Memorial; Rica Borge, Sandy Jackson; Lutheran High Westland; Amy Getz, Jenny Pruchnik, Jenny Twittemyer, Katie Olinger; Redford Union; Lauren Wright, Theresa Walker; Redford St. Agatha; Kelly Vandemercure, Susan Batty, Livonia Clearcreek; Westly Roy, Pam Ingho; Westland Huron Valley Lutheran; Rachel Wohmann; Plymouth Christian Academy; Karin Reed, Lisa Erickson; Plymouth Agape Christian; Gretchen B'sch.

She averaged about six assists and four steals per game. Borgess coach Dave Mann discusses both of his All-Observable guards.

"I feel I have the best backcourt in the state right now and if both improve, I think you've got to put them with any backcourt in the history of the state," he said. "Maxann is a flashy scorer and Adriano is a steady leader. They complement each other in their styles."

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400 freestyle relay: 1. Wayne (Baxter, Bly, Lee and Ferguson), 4:16.11; 2. Wayne, 4:18.07

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Thursday, Dec. 15

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Friday, Dec. 16

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Garden City at Taylor Union, 7 p.m.

Red. Thurston at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.

Liv. Church at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

Alumna Team at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Dearborn at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln Park at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.

A.A. Huron at Fy. Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Luth. Westland at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.

First Powers at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Fly. Christian at ND Prep, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Parkchester at F.H. Harrison, 2:30 p.m.

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Friday, Dec. 16

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Saturday, Dec. 17

Bronxville at Henry Ford CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Thursday, Dec. 15

Mch. Christian at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

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Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

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Friday, Dec. 16

Liv. Franklin vs. St. Felicitas

Liv. Stevenson vs. Divine Child

at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m.

Liv. Churchills vs. South Lyon

at Home's Grand Oaks Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Liv. Churchills vs. Ann Arbor Huron

at A.A. Veterans Arena, 5 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Grosse Pointe

South at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

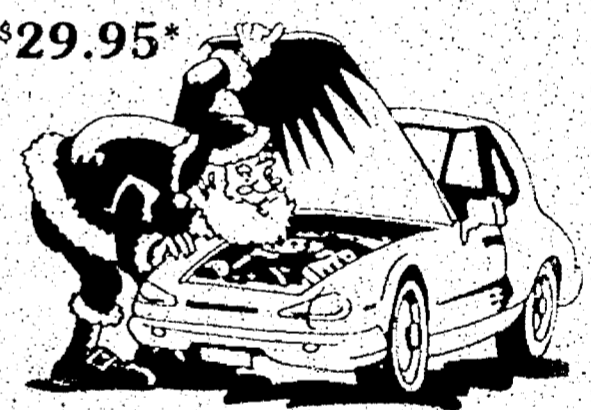
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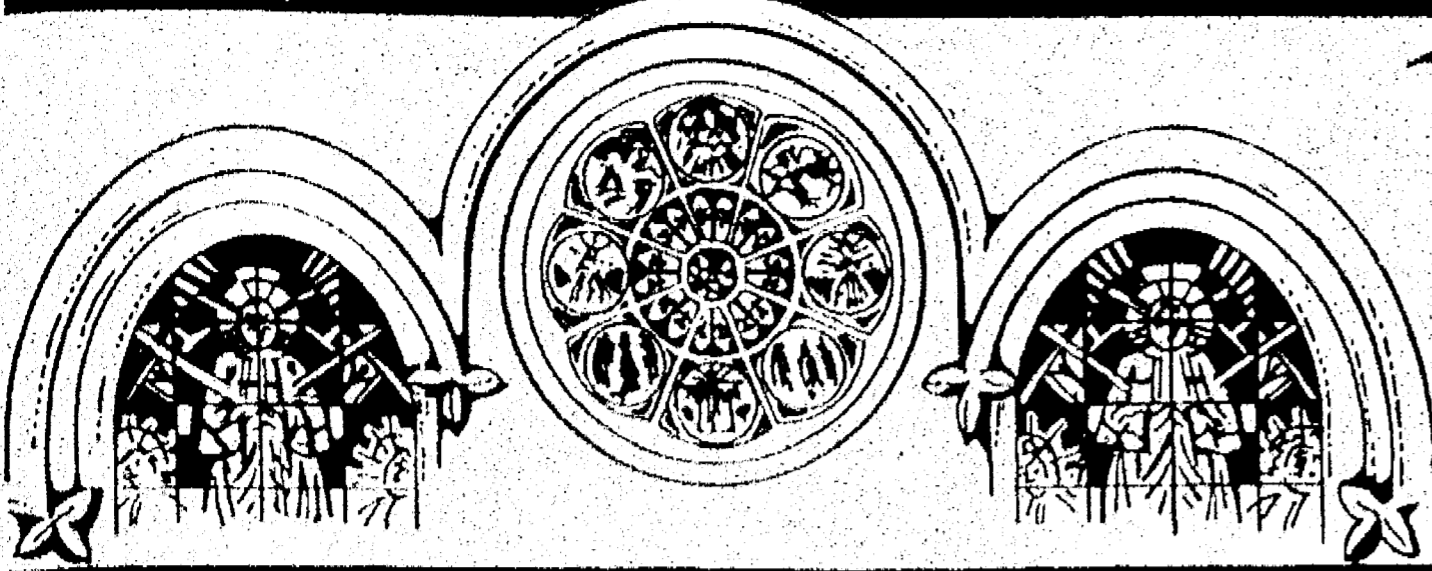
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It's time to put the CHRIST back in Christmas

The Rev. Roger W. Metcalf, during his years as a minister, has given many a sermon on Christmas Day. Now pastor emeritus of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia, he has a story to tell, a story he calls "A Birthday Surprise."

Johnny finally rolled off to sleep the night before his birthday with excited thoughts of anticipation. He could hardly wait to be greeted by his mother, father and sister as he hurriedly dressed the next morning. But to his great surprise there were no "happy birthdays" floating around.

"Well," he thought, "they are just keeping a surprise for later — perhaps at noon."

He rushed off to school. He thought the morning would never go by. At long last noon came — and went — and still no word.

"Well," he thought, "they are planning a surprise for dinner. Maybe some of my friends will be invited in and we'll have a big time."

Slipping home quickly after school, he found nobody there. His heart dropped, but then he thought, "I'll bet they are out planning something real exciting

and different for a surprise." So he went off and played with some friends until the great "looked-for" hour of dinner came. Still nothing out of the ordinary; everyone acted as normal as ever.

Then as a last resort, he thought, "They are really doing a good job of covering up and suspense. They must have planned an evening party with some of my friends invited in."

The after-dinner hour was the most trying he had ever experienced. First, he curled up in a chair and tried to read. Not being able to concentrate at that, he

uneasily shifted from one activity to another, anxiously awaiting that great surprise. But to his dismay, no one showed the least interest in him. His father just sat there in his easy chair reading his evening paper.

After about an hour, anxiety turned to despair. Johnny became so frantic he burst out in tears and stomped up the stairs to his room. Father dropped his paper and started after him as he said to mother, "I wonder what's bothering Johnny?"

Entering Johnny's room, father found him flung across his bed,

crying his eyes out. Upon being questioned, Johnny sobbed, "Don't you know today's my birthday and you didn't celebrate one bit?"

Father replied, "Why, of course we celebrated your birthday; we couldn't forget that! This afternoon your mother and sister and I went downtown. I bought you a new purse; mother bought me the most beautiful necklace; and we both bought your sister some fancy ice skates. We had the best time celebrating your birthday."

How unbelievable this sounds, yet hundreds of people celebrate

Christ's birthday this way. What an excellent year it is to really celebrate Christ's birthday on Sunday, Dec. 25, in church.

Let's get the CHRIST back into CHRISTmas. We think nothing of getting up Easter morn at 6 or 7 a.m. for an early church service. Why can't everyone plan to center Christmas around church and celebrate CHRISTmas in its rightful place?

Deep down in our hearts, we will have a better feeling if we have given a gift to CHRIST through the church of your choice.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place, an adult ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, will sponsor volleyball 9:10-10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville. A \$3 donation is requested.

It also will have a progressive dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 — call (810) 349-0911 for specific information — and New Year's Eve bowling and dinner 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Novi Bowl and Akropolis Cafe. For more information and tickets, call (810) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in the Calvin Room of the church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia, to go Christmas caroling at local nursing homes and hospitals. Fellowship will follow.

The group also plays volleyball at 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the church gym. For more information, call 422-1854.

'CHRISTMAS PATHWAYS'
The Children's Church of Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile, will present the Christmas play, "The Night the Nativity

Scene Lived," 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17-18. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

'ECHOES OF CHRISTMAS'
The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Livonia native Donald Stromberg, will perform a holiday concert, "Echoes of Christmas," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. The Schoolcraft Chamber Singers will also perform. The \$4 tickets can be bought at the door, and donations to the choir will be accepted. For more information, call Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Ser-

vices at (313) 462-4448.

RADIO SHOWS
WAAM 1600 AM's radio show "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" continues at 9 a.m. Sundays. Upcoming shows will be: "How Do Christian Scientists Feel About Jesus?" on Dec. 18; and "What Kind of Faith in God Heals?" on Dec. 25.

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS
Bethel Baptist Temple's choir will perform a Christmas cantata, "Carols and Classics," at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 29175 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free

pocket planner will be given to each person who attends, and a nursery and toddler service will be provided. For more information, call (313) 525-3684 or (313)

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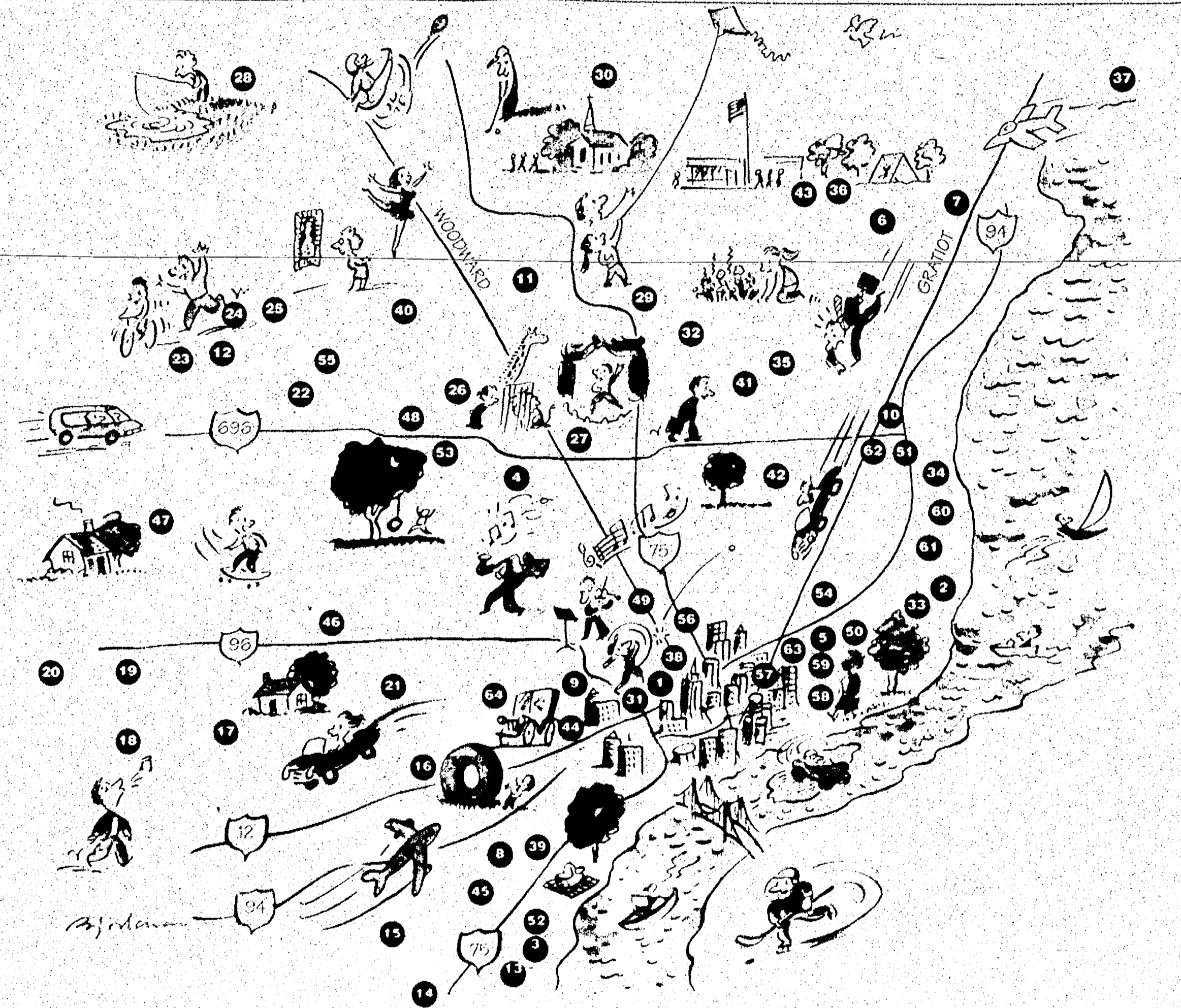
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ery through junior departments of the Bible school will present "It's Christmas Time" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 35474 Five Mile, Livonia. It will tell the Christmas story through music and recitations. Refreshments will follow.

SONG SERVICE
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "Christmas - A Time of Joy," a pageant by school children about the coming of the Savior, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

'PROMISE FULLEST'
The cantata "The Promise Fullest" by Lani Smith will be presented at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The church also has midweek services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the chapel. For more information, call (313) 634-7730.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
The Day School Christmas program of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School of Westland will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 6885 Venoy Road, Westland. The Sunday School program will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. For more information, call (313) 425-0260.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Internationally renowned Irish tenor Mark Forrest will be in concert following a 2:30 p.m. rosary Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit. The performance is one of three he will do in the Detroit area -- 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Rene Goupil

Church in Sterling Heights and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Beatrice Church in Southfield. No tickets are necessary, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Bosnian refugees. For more information, call (810) 659-4544.

CHRISTMAS 'GLORIA'
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir, accompanied by the Vanguard Brass and Percussion Ensemble, will present John

Rutter's "Gloria," a Christmas cantata, during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 18. The church also has a new 7 p.m. Wednesday service open to all people, especially those who cannot attend regular Sunday worship services. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

LIVING NATIVITY
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will present "The Liv-

ing Nativity" 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 9000 Levee, west of Beech Daly between West Chicago and Plymouth roads. There will be refreshments, choirs, farm animals and more. The public is invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Bethel Baptist Temple will have its annual children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The public is invit-

ed to attend, and a box of candy will be given to each woman and child in attendance. For more information, call the Rev. H.L. Potly at (313) 625-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

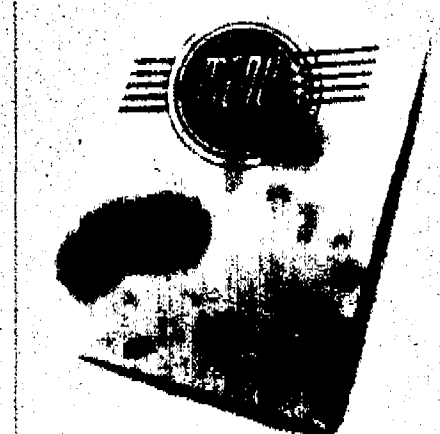
NEW OFFICERS
Congregation Beit Kodesh will have its installation of officers at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. A kiddush will follow. Elected officers are: Jeffrey

Kirach, president; David Gross and Martin Diskin, vice-presidents; Deborah Parks, treasurer; Lynn Calnek and Paula Kirach, secretaries; and Elliott Grodaky and Lynn Wagner-Ditzhazy, trustees.

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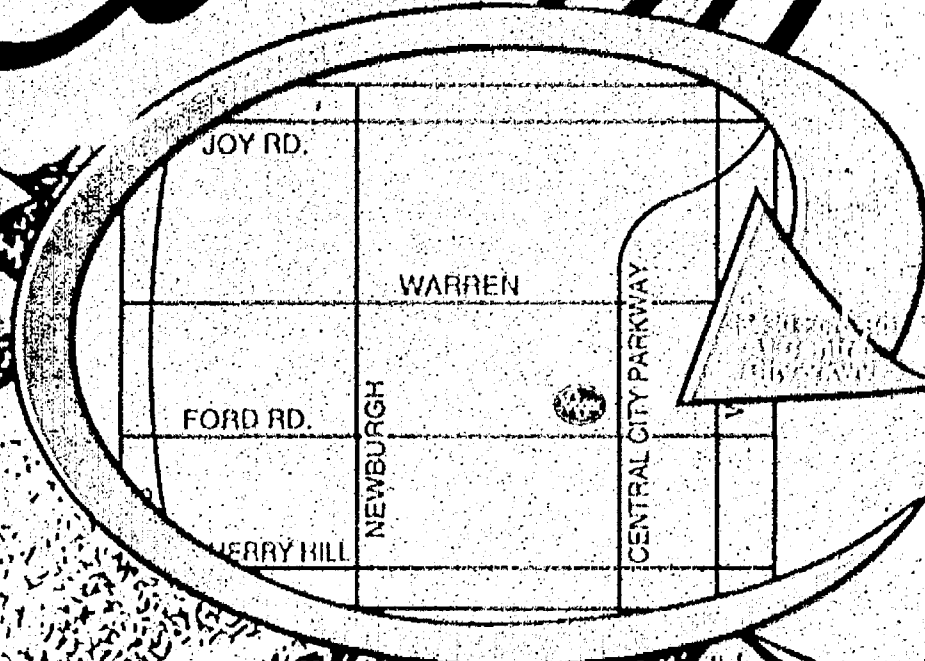
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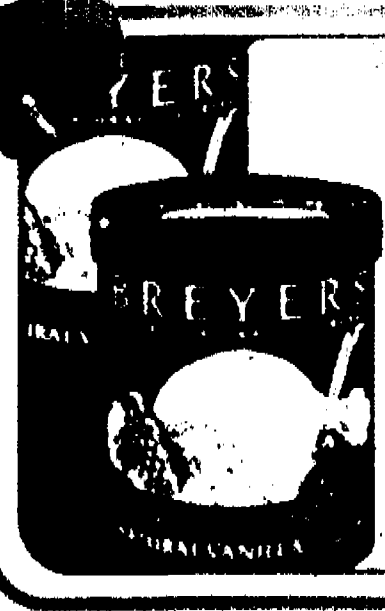
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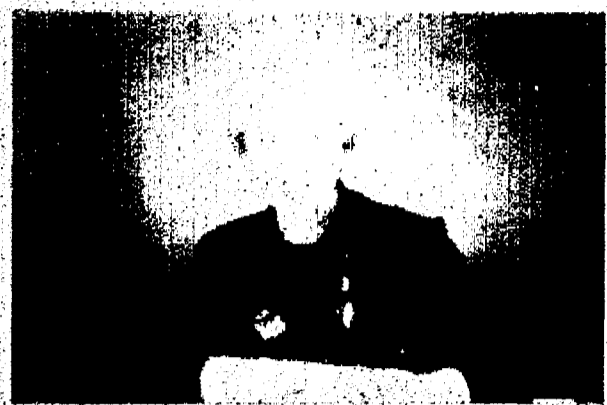
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BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

Books worth remembering

I read just under 100 books in 1994. It makes me feel warm all over to realize that nearly every single one left a good impression. Let this prompt you to conclude that I have lost all sense of discernment, let me hasten to add that (1) most of the books I read were books I chose to read, rather than books I had to read, which probably skewed the odds, (2) I liked some of the books much better than others, (3) one novel disappointed me so much that reading it felt like swallowing a year's supply of bitter medicine all at once.

I don't expect to see the likes of 1994 again soon, of course. And so, as it draws to a close, here's a hearty toast to it, along with some thoughts on what, in my opinion, emerged as the cream of a bountiful crop. (I'd be greatly interested in knowing what books most impressed you in 1994, by the way. Let me know, and we'll include some recommended titles in future columns.)

"Last Train to Memphis," by Peter Guralnick. Though Guralnick's murky sentences sometimes mar this effort, Elvis lives and breathes (as does a motley supporting crew) in this comprehensive account of the pop star's early years.

This book is more than a close look at Elvis, however. In a sense, it's a lusciously-detailed volume of a piece of American history - especially the musical streets of Memphis in the fifties, the segregated neighborhoods of the South, the mom-and-pop recording studios, radio stations, and other tiny milieus that provided some of the first outlets for this revolutionary performer and a new sound in music.

"The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx. Yes, I know this book was originally published last year, but it received the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, debuted in paperback this year, and I didn't get around to reading it and falling in love with it until 1994. So on the list it goes.

Picture "The World According to Garp" meets "The Prince of Tides" and you'll have something of the flavor of this story about an American journalist (sort of) who moves to Newfoundland and finds not just himself, but love as well. You'll encounter practically a blizzard of something much like poetry on almost every page, at the same time that you're getting acquainted with Proulx's singular characters who, in turn, wrap you up in a touching story where tickled ribs and broken hearts often co-exist.

"Shot in the Heart" by Mikal Gilmore. Written by the brother of executed murderer, Gary Gilmore, this book is not so much a story about the killer as it is an up-close-and-personal look at the gritty background from which he

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

■ Dulcimer clubs based in Canton Township and Garden City ring in new appreciation for the medieval stringed instrument.

■ Award-winning Livonia photographer, Jim Morphew donates mother and child portraits to St. Mary Hospital.

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STATE of the ARTS

Visual darkness: Using paints straight from the tube, Dana Schutz works the color onto the canvas with her finger



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Color, texture mark Stevenson teen's art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Dana Schutz uses whatever surface is available to her for painting portraits of society's outcasts. Painting on objects such as old ceiling tiles, sink boards and cardboard, Schutz layers on the paint straight from the tube.

Influenced by the German Expressionists, the 18-year-old Livonia Stevenson High School senior paints from the imagination, creating artworks in the style of these masters.

Finger-painting their unusual

features and characteristics, Schutz leads us into darkened places to reveal the down side of life, life's tragedies.

"What's interesting for me is there is always an emotional story there; always something behind the surface tells a very human story of where we are as people," said Connie Cronewett, art department chairperson at Stevenson High School.

Schutz started painting seriously two years ago. Last summer a series

See SCHUTZ, 3D



Prolific painter: Dana Schutz, 18, creates works of art after the style of the German Expressionists.



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Light, shape, shadow detail old buildings

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Plymouth photographer Kristin Cooper aims to save deserted buildings through the lens of her all-manual, Pentax K1000 camera.

The delicate looking photos appear as if they were shot with black and white infrared film then hand-colored by the 24 year old. They were not. They were shot with 200 speed color film. Instead, they use line, form, balance and contrasting light, shadow and geometric shape to draw an individual into the frame.

ing compositions.

Littered doorways and pane-less windows tell a story of structures long since abandoned. The peeling paint reveals layer after layer of colors counting the years of their existence. Stairways lead the eye upwards where shadows play upon shadows.

"I'm fascinated with architecture, especially detailed architecture," said Kristin Cooper.

"I use all natural lighting. I

See BUILDINGS, 3D



Going somewhere: Kristin Cooper captures the imagination with this color photograph of a doorway in an abandoned building.

School programs encourage study of arts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Gov. John Engler's budget cutting axe has fallen heavily on the arts, especially art education. So, where are today's art educators to lead our children, if anywhere?

Will there be any future Renoir's, Bonnard's, or Toulouse-Lautree's? When the institutions graduate them, will they be able to support

themselves?

Randolph Elementary

At Randolph Elementary School in Livonia art teacher, Sally Diskin introduces the visual arts to her first through sixth graders via the computer. For 45 minutes a week the children study art history using art reproductions learning technique, color theory, and how it was done by

the masters.

"We do the best possible with the time we have studying a wide range of experiences and techniques," said Diskin.

"The computer has me most excited. It's a new tool to create with. It greatly influences everything they do."

Plymouth Salem

At Plymouth Salem High School,

Kris Darby teaches a comprehensive program focusing on the visual arts. Students, who received one hour of art a week in elementary and middle school, may elect to take the year long, introduction to art studying the basic skills of drawing, color theory, lettering, and perspective. From there it's on to Advanced Placement

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Artbeat feature various happenings in the sub-urban arts world. Send news leads for Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36-751 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 491-7279.

BUILDING DREAMS TOGETHER

New Morning School in Plymouth is searching for art to color the cover of its annual auction catalog. Deadline for submitting 35mm slides to the fine art competition is Jan. 20, 1995. A non-refundable fee of \$10 per slide must accompany each entry.

The winning entry will be used as art for the catalog with a maximum distribution of 1,000 copies and on the auction invitations.

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A Junior's Choice Award of \$200 will be presented to the winner, as well as three \$50 Merit Awards. Jurors will select finalists from a review of the 35mm slides. Finalists must then submit the original works for jury selection to New Morning School.

All entries must be available for sale. The winning artwork will be sold at the April 1, 1995 no recourse auction. A 400190 compo-

sion on the auction price will be charged.

"We are looking for original artwork by a local artist that exemplifies our school and our theme, Building Dreams Together. Subject matter is not restrictive with us," said Diane Harrison, who donated her painting, "A Fox Within," to last year's auction.

New Morning School is a nonprofit preschool to eighth grade parent cooperative in Plymouth. Founded in 1973, the school is state certified and serves students of all abilities from the learning disabled to the gifted.

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Stories must be written in English, original and never published or awarded prizes. They can be on any subject. No more than two short stories will be accepted from an entrant. Stories must be typed, double-spaced and consist of 1,500 words or less.

First, second and third prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 respectively will be awarded in April. The stories will be published in the FPA Newsletter, the American Council for Polish Culture Heritage and Tygodnik Swiat Polski.

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to concentrate on an individual area such as painting, pottery, jewelry, drawing, print making and sculpture. Last year's AP students won \$162,000 in scholarships.

"We have four people at Disney, and other former students working at art studios in New York, Chicago and Detroit," said Darby, now in her 30th year of teaching art.

Although she has watched the area of arts education grow in those years, Darby is envious of the Livonia Public Schools' Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program for gifted and talented students. She would like to see the same sort of curriculum on the high school level in Plymouth Canton.

"I wish we had more parental, administrative, and community support. Because of the reductions of the art offerings, it's not as good as it could be," said Darby, a board member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

"I'd like to see smaller class

sizes than the 28 to 29 in a 65 minute class now. Art is an individual thing. It's not like competitive sports. It's how they're doing compared to where they are."

Not to mislead, Darby says the Plymouth Community Arts Council renders a lot of support from monetary to providing a place for students to exhibit their art. In spring, the arts council plans to open its newly purchased headquarters for an exhibition of works by students from high schools in Plymouth and Canton.

Ford Voc Tech Center

An alternative to regular high school art courses, and college art education, is the Wayne Westland Community Schools' William D. Ford Vocational Technical Center where students in preparation for a future in the field earn vocational certification in the graphic design area, among others. It services students not only in the Wayne Westland high schools including John Glenn and Wayne Memorial, but Redford

Thurston, St. Francis Cabrini in Allen Park, St. Aloysius in Romulus, and Crestwood in Dearborn as well as Northville, Allen Park and Melvindale.

"We run it as a business. We take in screen printing, sign making, matting and framing, and computer graphics," said Jim Horton who teaches the graphic design program.

"From sports teams to in school clubs, to nonprofit community organizations, we have more to do with. We approach it as a team, estimating the job, procuring supplies, doing the job, and billing. I really emphasize entrepreneurship. The idea is to get a little business going on the side. Computers are taking over more and more but the human eye and the human brain is still a tremendous tool."

At Madonna

At the college level, Madonna University in Livonia offers commercial and fine art programs

which continue to expand and gain recognition and respect. Art department chairman, Ralph F. Glenn divides the student population on the commuter campus into two segments - older working individuals, and students entering from high school. Commercial art is directed to occupation, while the fine arts lean heavily on teaching skills, and less on other aspects like survival.

"The future's always been difficult for artists. They should be encouraging the development of their portfolio with a representative sample of work in each media. A graduating senior exhibit, and visits to museums and artist's studios in the area allows them to see how it's set up, and what to expect as far as survival," said Glenn.

"The main thing for students of all ages is to encourage the existence of the arts. The arts are the real spirit of existence not only in America but in cultures all over the world."

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emerged. It is also a perceptive account of how the murders and the execution (in Utah in 1977) scarred each member of this already badly-scarred family.

Who knows what makes us what we are? No glib, final answers can be found in these pages. Sometimes it seems that, considering the background they shared, the mystery here is not so much Gary Gilmore and what he did, as it is his younger brother, Mikal, an established and respected journalist who authored this memorable, sensitive story.

"Nobody's Fool," (another 1993-94 paperback release) by Richard Russo. Welcome to the fictional village of North Bath, New York, an old, broken-down place, where even the trees seem at extinction's precipitous edge. In this tiny 'green grave' of a town, you'll meet some of its most luckless residents: a dilapidated, irresistible hero named Sully; his cockeyed landlady (also irresistible) who converses very sensibly with her very dead husband; an aging restaurateur who meets death at the hands of her own

cash register; and Rasputin, the dog who will not die.

You don't have to be crazy to live here, Russo would seem to be saying in this quiet and utterly superb novel, but it helps. In fact, sometimes it's the only thing that helps at all.

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It also may well be one of the liveliest. In all of its 500-plus pages, this Dickensian hodgepodge of a story never slows or even momentarily sags. What most en-

livens it is Russo's rather astonishing gift for dialogue, his almost flawlessly drawn characters, and his sensitive insight into the "imperfect human heart, perfectly shattered."

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a long-time 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 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

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of three scholarships led her to study figure drawing under Redford Township sculptor, Sergio De Giusti at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, acrylic painting at a camp in Colorado, and a variety of art exercises at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

"I've always been interested in people, painting what's there but in a different way. Try to capture the way they're thinking, the way they're moving, what their personalities must be like. I see them as fragile," said Schutz, winner of 18 Scholastic Art Awards.

"I use a palette of rich colors, darker colors. I don't particularly like pastels all that much."

Seated on the basement floor, Schutz applies the oil paint with her fingers building up layers of texture that catch and reflect the

light. She prefers to work on canvas, but when scarce, Schutz will use any flat surface.

"I love texture, and I love paint. Sometimes when it's done, I like to touch it," said Schutz, who plays first flute with the Stevenson High School symphonic band.

Many of the characters Schutz recorded in her mind from a brief stint working at a local restaurant. Their often sullen appearance tears at the heart while prodding the viewer into further gawking at these darkly colored characters.

To say she is prolific is an understatement. Dean and Georgia Schutz's Livonia home is filled to near capacity with the paintings of their daughter. Georgia provided fertile ground for the growing of a gifted young artist. An art teacher at Pioneer Middle School

in the Plymouth Canton district, Georgia Schutz made sure her daughter was supplied with pencils, paper and paints. She has saved some of Dana's drawings beginning from age one. There are no masterpieces here, but experiments of an artist-in-training.

"She really caught fire in the ninth grade," said Georgia Schutz, an art teacher for 26 years.

"I'm amazed with her ability and her talents. It's wonderful to see your own child surpass what you've done."

At Stevenson High School, Schutz is learning advanced art techniques. An independent study hour allows more time for painting. Reading art history books changed her technique of putting paint on canvas, as she works now towards improving her

composition. Schutz rarely signs her work. When she does eventually it is covered with paint because it distracts from the picture.

Schutz plans to attend an art college after graduation, probably out-of-state but hasn't decided

where. Her goal is to eventually support herself with her painting.

An admirer of Chaim Soutine, Otto Dix and Edward Munch, Schutz strives to follow their path in Expressionism.

"I really like Soutine. I like how his shapes are. The subject is part

of the environment with the shadows almost swallowing them and when he paints it so passionately, his impasto is lush and thick, and although the figure may have a deformity where one arm is longer than the other, it doesn't detract from the painting."

Buildings from page 1D

strive for strong verticals and strong diagonals, always some geometric shape."

Cooper's photographs target the Northville, Plymouth and Ann Arbor area. She photographed abandoned buildings located on the northwest corner of Five Mile and Sheldon while a senior at Grand Valley State University. The work was part of her thesis, "The Beauty of Light on a Not So Gilded Stage."

"People want to know where these were taken. They like the doorway and window because it leads somewhere," said Cooper, who grew up in Canton Township.

"I'm very, very attached to these buildings. I don't want to see it leveled."

Cooper, for the first time, recently exhibited the works at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen show held during Fall Festival, at a benefit fine crafts show for New Morning School in Plymouth, and at North Farmington High School.

Seven of the photographs from this series are currently on exhibit at Creative Framing and Fabric Accents, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

"The way Kristin's captured

the buildings, people just love them. They think they're unique and because it's local around here, it also attracts you," said Pat Koronia, who along with Chris Burke owns Creative Framing.

"It's a different type of artwork. She has taken something very ugly and in shambles, and turned it into something very beautiful."

Vintage arches shot in Grand Rapids also tell a story of desecration, where city streets have been abandoned for the newer, sleeker malls in the suburbs. But not all of Cooper's photographic experience has been in the area of fine art. Much of her job experience was earned during the two years she worked at a commercial photography studio, Image Concepts in Plymouth.

Studio lighting became second hand to her there, as did the ability to create and coordinate backdrops and props. She honed these techniques while photographing everything from real estate head shots to industrial tools, children's books for Border's catalogs, and products for Kmart sales brochures.

"I learned a lot shooting jewelry. Shooting jewelry can be very tedious. You can spend hours shooting one ring trying to get the

lighting right," said Cooper.

Her first camera, a gift from an aunt at age 10, became a vehicle of expression for Cooper.

"My dad was the photographer in the family, and it sparked my interest," she said.

"I liked art and art classes but was never good in it, but photography was something I could do and do well." Cooper took her first photography class in 10th grade at North Olmsted High School in Ohio. After graduation, Cooper attended Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

"I started to get into it at OCC because it was a more professional atmosphere. My parents were 200 percent supportive from the very first, so I never gave a thought if I could make a living at it."

Cooper is sending out resumes and knocking on doors of commercial studios specializing in product photography in the area. But they are few and far between, and most are one man operations. As a free lance photographer, she has shot professional portraits, art imagery, and pets of all kinds. Although she hasn't figured out where she wants to go from here, Cooper is certain about continuing her work as a fine art photographer.

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Creativity key in student art show

BY LINDA ANN CROMBIN
SPECIAL WRITER

signment calling for students in the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Churchill High School to conjure up a different setting in its hallways. The results were exhibited in

mid-November at a 60-piece show by the 20 Livonia students. From Rob Carris' racing cars and Megan Robinson's dueling dinosaurs to Laura Hinojosals scene sporting an overflow of aquatic life, imaginations ran rampant. Senior, Sarah Majtyka envisioned a hallway full of stampeding bulls.

"I took a book on cows from the library to use as reference. We were supposed to do surrealism. That's what the hallways feel like," said Majtyka, a senior planning to attend the school of the Art Institute of Chicago after graduation.

Along the same lines of thinking as Majtyka's "Hall of Bulls" is Nic Wight's "Jungle Fever" in which he reveals his secret thoughts on the hallowed halls of Churchill. The color pencil work is inundated with what else, jungle animals.

"School is really crowded. It's really a jungle. You have to know how to move in it. You have to know how to live in it," said Wight, a sophomore.

Wight and Majtyka are among a handful of students whose art interests were first sparked by taking classes at David Messing's Art Store and More in Livonia. Both joined CAPA for the same reasons other students enrolled in the program did — to intensify studies in the visual arts.

"CAPA is more focused on your talent than in a regular art class. In CAPA, you get the projects that push us a little bit farther," said Majtyka.

Jessica Ristic agrees that CAPA keeps her on her toes.

"CAPA is more challenging. You have all different skill levels," said Ristic, a junior who entered the program in her sophomore year.

"It helps a lot if you know your work's going to be shown. We had to hang them ourselves, so we had to learn what colors go together, how to make the work flow together." To enter the CAPA program students must pass an audition which includes completing a self portrait, and still life featuring a pair of shoes. CAPA visual art teacher, Anita Lanour regularly scouts the junior high schools in Livonia for new recruits.

Once enrolled in the program, students attend Churchill High School even if at one point they were destined for Franklin or Ste-



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Cardinal: Churchill High School junior Jennifer Ristic displays a bird in watercolor. The work is from a project on scientific illustration this semester.

venson. This is a change from one year ago when students were transported back and forth between schools daily.

"I look for motivation to see how motivated they are. I look at people who are going to work hard, and have the ability to perceive what they're going to draw realistically," said Lanour.

"I like seeing the shows be-

cause sometimes in a traditional art class you don't have a sense of finished. Here, the work looks professional. It looks polished."

Began nearly 10 years ago, the CAPA program as all other art education has undergone drastic budget cuts. In 1991, there were 42 students enrolled in the program. Today there are 20.

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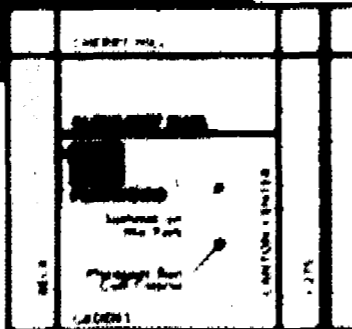
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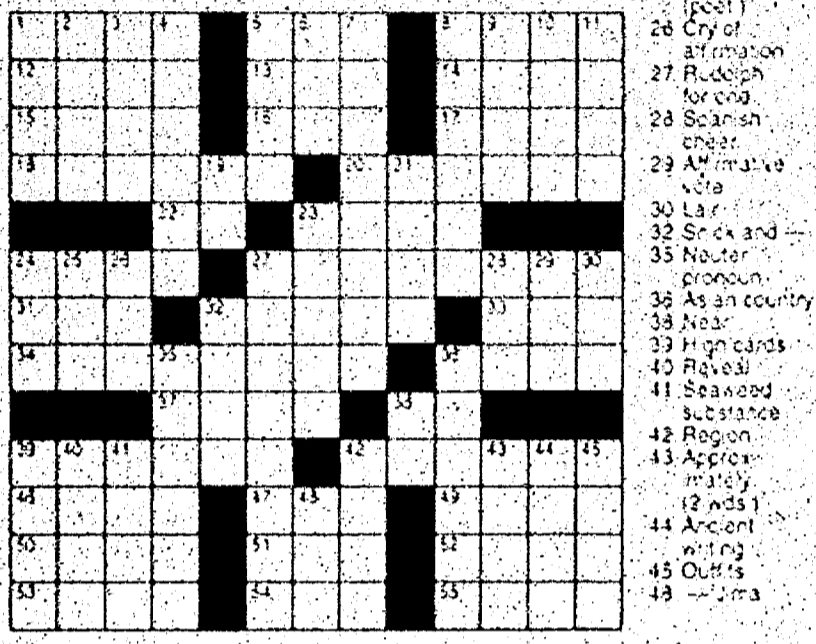
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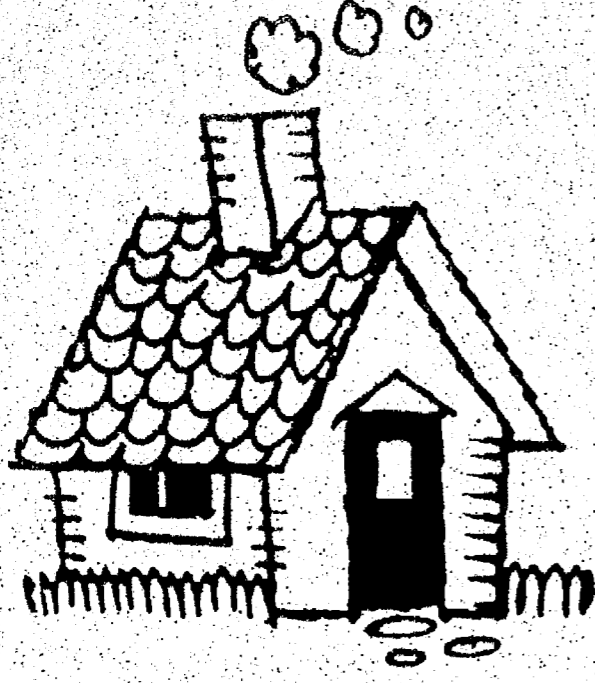
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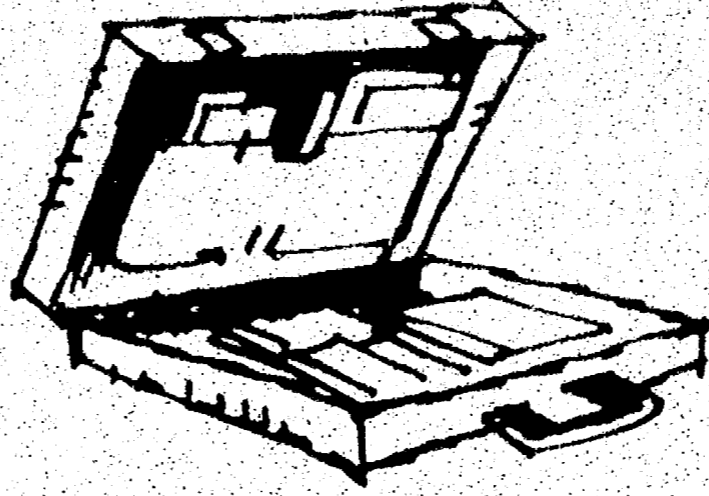
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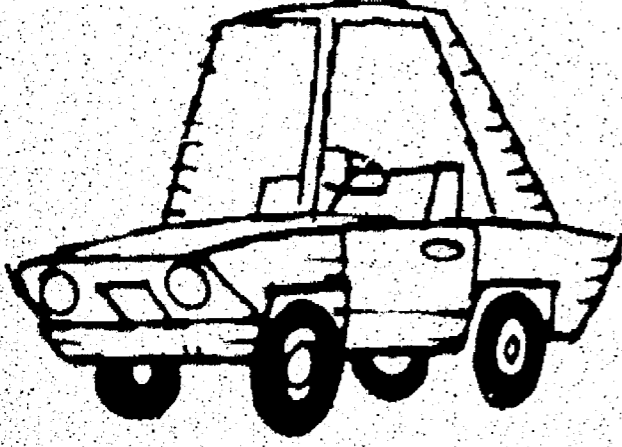
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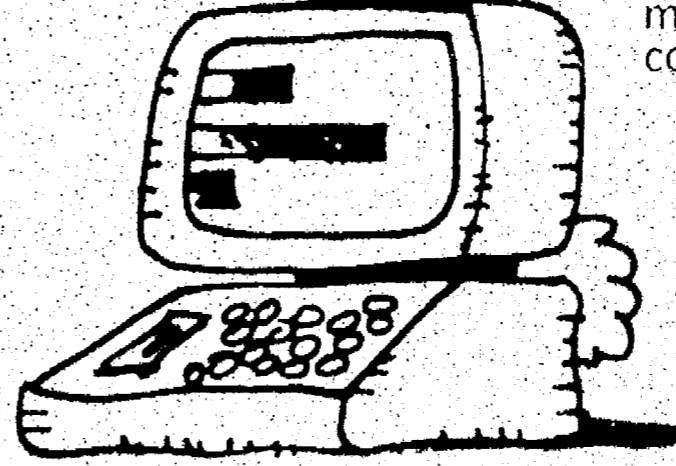
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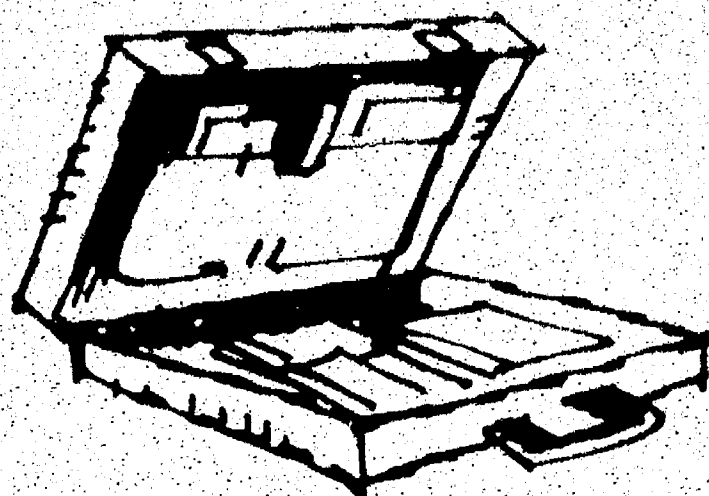
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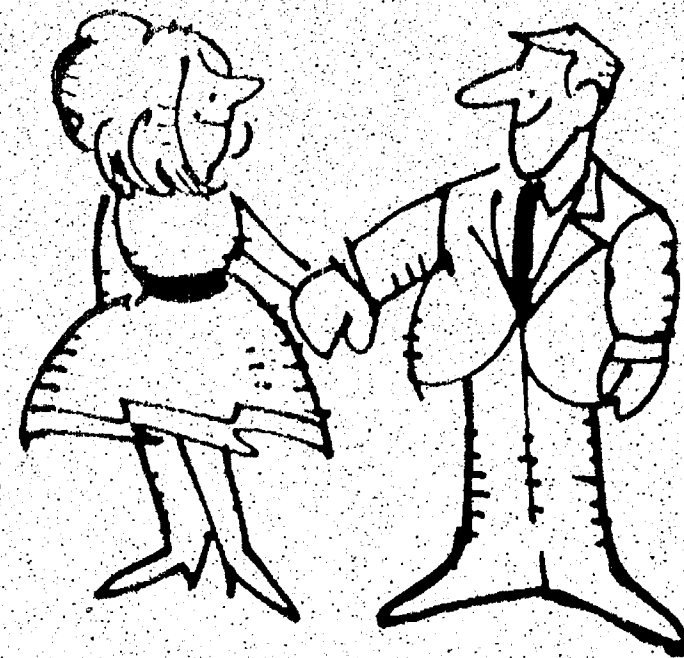
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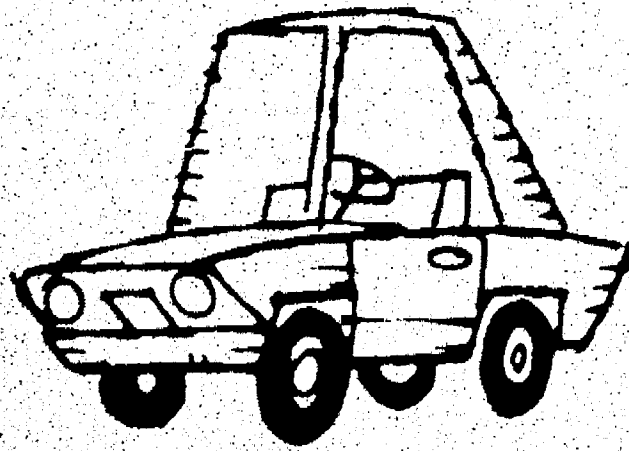
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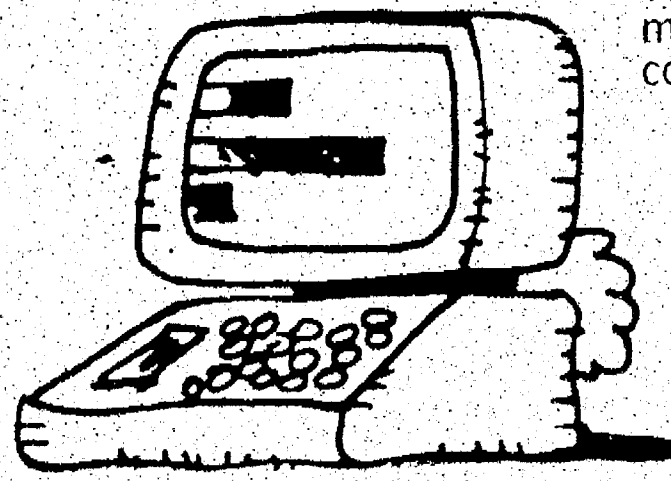
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

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.

Ray E. Landberg Jr. was elected an associate of Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates Inc. in Troy. Landberg, who has 22 years of mechanical engineering experience, will be responsible for quality management and design services as related to HVAC and fire protection.



Landberg

Charlotte "Charlie" Mahoney of Livonia was named regional manager in Wayne County with Detroit Edison. Mahoney serves several Downriver communities. Mahoney became a staff assistant in systems engineering when she joined Detroit Edison in 1977.



Mahoney

Jeffrey A. Schultz of Farmington Hills was promoted to senior account executive for Marx Layne & Co. in Farmington Hills. Schultz joined the public relations firm as an account executive in March 1994. He had been an account supervisor for PR Associates in Detroit.



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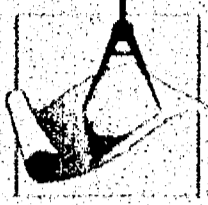
Bruce Sanders of Livonia was appointed a vice president in the commercial insurance division of Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. in Livonia. Before joining Cambridge Underwriters in 1990 as an account executive, he was affiliated with Baker-Hopp & Associates.



Sanders

Good times

Builders bedeviled



Builders here generally have enjoyed good economic times the past couple of years. Good times, however, have contributed to a labor shortage with potentially bad consequences for some builders and their customers.

BY DOUG FUNK
STAFF WRITER

A sustained residential construction boom in southeastern Michigan has come around to bite some builders on the bottom in the form of labor shortages.

Roughing-in carpenters, who frame structural skeletons over foundations and basements, are especially in short supply, several builders report.

The consequences aren't pleasant for builders or their customers.

"In terms of construction financing, if it takes longer to build, overhead and cost for supervision increases," said Gerry Brody, president of Brody & Halan, residential builders in Bloomfield Hills.

"Very succinctly, (for consumers) it means higher prices to pay for a home, longer delivery time to get a home and being very selective in choosing a builder to get quality product and value for money," Brody added.

Fred L. Capaldi, a custom builder/remodeler in Rochester Hills, said he's turned down jobs rather than risk stringing prospective clients along with delays.

"If you can find one carpenter, I have 20 basements sitting now," said Scott Jacobson, president of S.R. Jacobson Development in Bingham Farms.

"We use four or five crews at a time. We could use a couple more," said Mark Frick, vice president of operations for the Herman Frankel Organization in West Bloomfield.

The builders concede that they've been hurt to some degree by their own success.

"There's been a tremendous upsurge in residential construction," Brody said. "There's not enough manpower."

Housing starts increased by 31 percent in Oakland County through October of this year - 6,866 units compared to 4,473 during the first 10 months of 1993.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders also reports that some 2,460 housing units were started in Wayne County and 3,800 in Macomb through September.

"Everybody is in demand. It's not any one particular trade but all trades," said Deen Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes of Michigan.

"I wouldn't say we're experiencing shortages so much as keeping people all lined up to meet goals," she said. "We build throughout the year so we like to retain a lot of our subcontractors."

Pulte, the volume leader in Michigan, expects to erect some 400 houses this year, Hyde said.

Other builders have their eyes on Pulte's crews, she said. "They're getting more offers, but we're retaining them because we offer 12 months of employment."

Jacobson and Frick offered another reason for the labor shortage from the supply side of the equation.

"With the strength of the auto business, a lot of trades are going back and working in the shop. It's probably a more secure situation," Jacobson said.

"With every downturn, I think people get out of the business," said Frick. "People leave the state



Going up: Some builders here report shortages in the construction trades, especially roughing-in carpenters. The bottom line for buyers could be higher prices.

or get out of the trade.

"I don't think people are picking up the trades for a career," he added. "Why? I don't know. It's something we as an industry need to take a look at."

"I think what has to be done is more promotion through unions or trade associations to try to sell pro-

fessional carpentry," Jacobson said. "It is a good business, it is enjoyable."

Carpenters can make \$18 to \$25 per hour in wages and benefits, Jacobson said.

Quality of work is a major concern, too, especially for high-end, luxury builders.

Family-friendly helps everyone



Traitblazers: Sue Perlin (left) and Linda Hubbard, partners in a certified public accounting firm, have been instrumental in forging family-friendly policies for the firm.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

By the year 2000, as many as 80 percent of school-aged children and 70 percent of preschoolers will have mothers in the work force, according to one study.

At Plante & Moran, the Southfield-based public accounting and management consulting firm, commitment to family issues is a long standing tradition.

Four of five accountants recently elevated to the level of partner there are women, including Linda Hubbard and Susan Perlin, both mothers of young children.

Hubbard, mother of Matthew, 2 1/2, specializes in construction and real estate management and has been with the firm 12 years.

She lives and works in Bloomfield Hills and was one of the founding members of Plante & Moran's parenting tightrope action (PTA) committee, founded in 1986.

Perlin, whose Southfield office practice includes school districts, manufacturing and not-for-profit clients, has two daughters, Lauren, 6 1/2 and Allison, 3 1/2. She lives in Novi and has worked for Plante & Moran 13 years. Currently she is co-chair of the PTA committee.

Both women are graduates of Michigan State University. Recently the two talked of how their firm - which has 650 employees in 12 offices - has maintained its commitment to family issues.

What does your PTA committee mean to working parents?

"Over the past four or five years, we've been successful overall in retaining a higher percentage of staff," Hubbard said. "Our family leave act preceded the leave act in Congress by two years."

"We survey our staff to see what issues are important to them. We thought (the PTA) would be an ad hoc committee disbanded in a year or two but it's still going strong. There are always lots of topics to discuss."

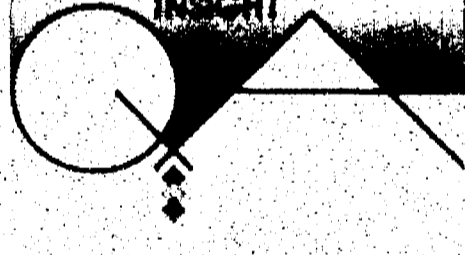
"It's not a women only group," Perlin added. "We're made up of men and women, married and single, parents and non parents."

Elder care for sick parents is becoming a big issue. The family leave act applies to a child or a parent.

How big an issue is this in the workplace?

"It's a huge issue," Perlin said. "Accounting and business in general have been addressing it the last six or seven years. Half or more of the accounting graduates are women. To grow as a firm and retain the best is important."

"It's not just a women's issue," Perlin said. "Many



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The additional charge for SLIP is a bargain — a one-time \$10 payment. Software will be made available to download from O&E On-line, but we recommend buying an Internet in a Box kit from computer stores. The advantage of buying the kit is that manuals will be furnished for each tool. O&E On-line is providing the SLIP connection but cannot provide support for the software interface tools such as Eudora or Mosaic.

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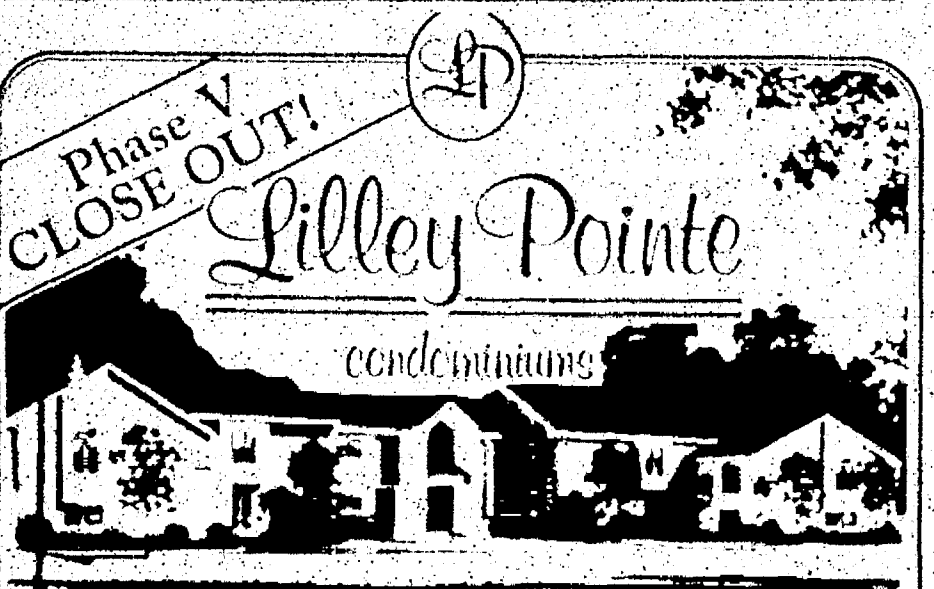
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men are in two-income families."

How is your firm family friendly?
"We have several seminars a year on time management and stress management — topics useful to people trying to balance it all," said Hubbard.

"The sessions are well attended by men and women," added Perlin.

Hubbard said there are a lot of social activities as well.

"We have an annual picnic at Upland Hills, which the kids enjoy with all the animals. There are basketball games between staff with an appearance by Barney (the purple dinosaur)."

Plante & Moran offers on-site day care Saturdays during tax season, from January through April 15. Do you use it?

"It's a big deal for my kids," said Perlin.

"Around Christmas, they start asking when they can come to work with me."

It's free for employees and open to children age six months to 12 years.

"There are single parents who use it," Hubbard said. "Also, some men who have wives at home use the Saturday day care to give their

wives a break because of the long hours they work during the week."

How busy are you two as partners?

"The goal is to balance work and home responsibilities," Perlin said. "Becoming partner was something we worked up to, gradually increasing the load. Plante & Moran always had flex time.

"It's not a 9 to 5 job. Hours aren't the same daily. We can be real busy at times, but when my child was in the Halloween parade at school, I was there. I work some-week nights but try to take Friday off to be with them."

"Flex time is the biggest boon to us," Hubbard said. "We could work at midnight or 6 a.m. Or work at home if needed using a computer and voice mail."

Both have a client base centered in metro Detroit so out of town traveling is minimal.

"Typically there is more than one person working on an account," Hubbard said. "When you take time off, there is always someone a client can talk to. Everyone pitches in."

"Last April 14, an accountant was working on a very large personal tax return when she got a call from her child's provider that he was sick and needed to see a doctor. Four of us got

together and each took a section of the return so she could go home and take care of her son."

What are some things a company can do that are family friendly but don't cost too much to implement?

"Flex time is the biggest thing," said Hubbard. "Basic trust in your company is important. We have that at Plante & Moran. Our company provides a flexible benefits program under which child care costs can be paid with pre-tax income. That is helpful and not costly."

Perlin holds a copy of a comprehensive handbook (compiled by the PTA committee) given to pregnant employees, outlining all the information that worker will need.

"We have an informal buddy plan. Before the employee goes on leave, a buddy who has been through it is available and continues being accessible during and after the leave," she said.

Both Perlin and Hubbard took a full six months leave after the births of their children and returned to their same jobs.

"After a couple of weeks back, it feels like we were never gone," said Hubbard.

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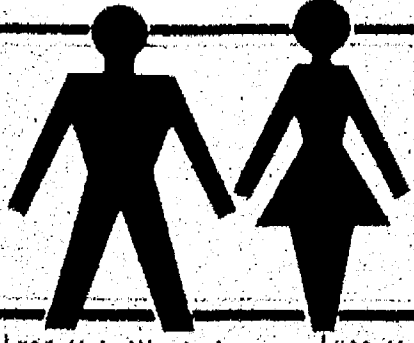
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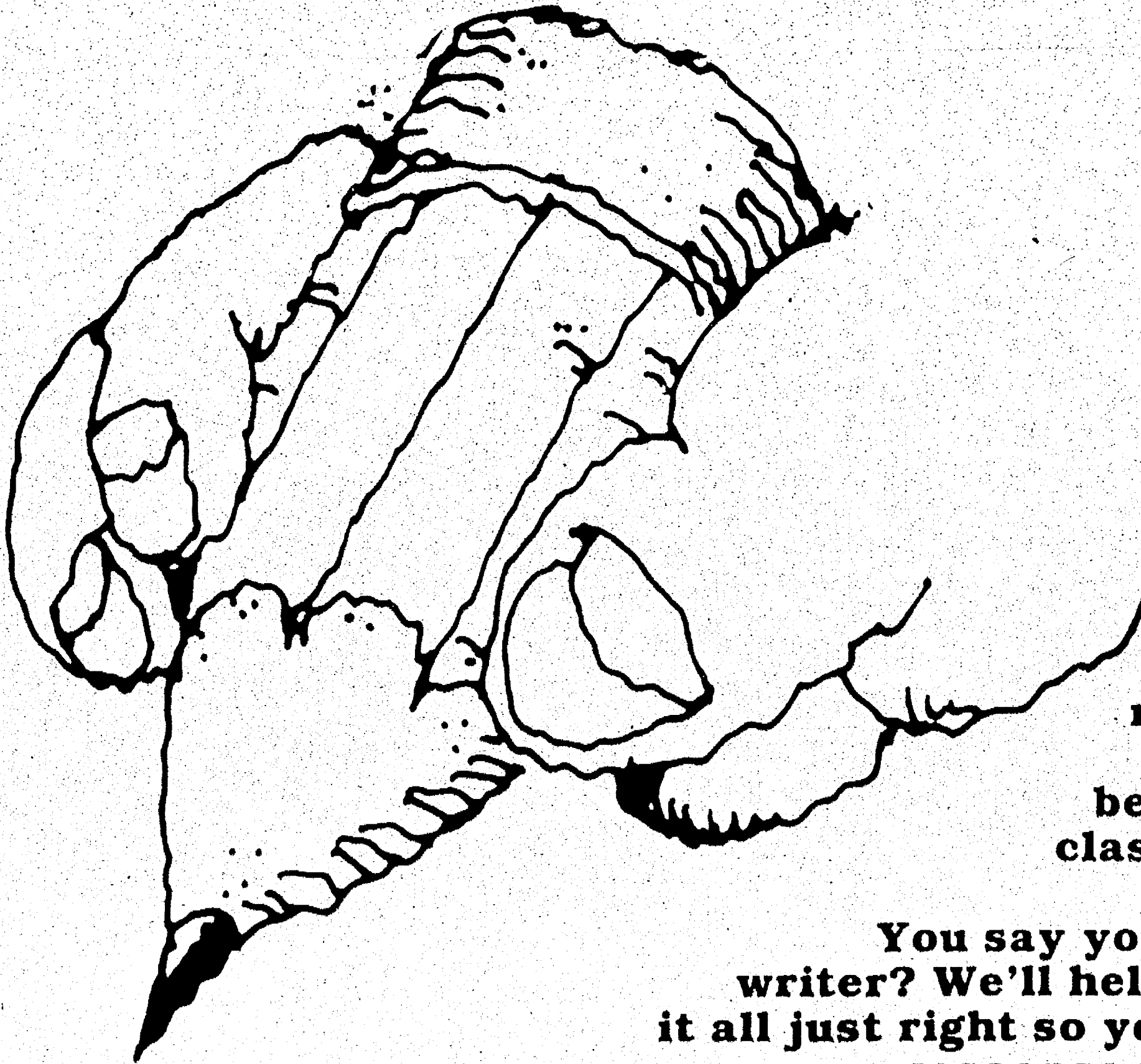
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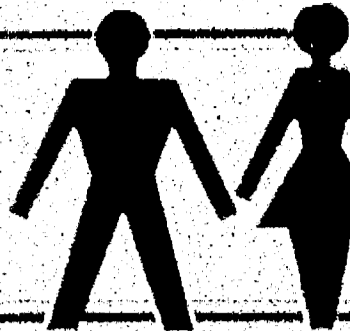
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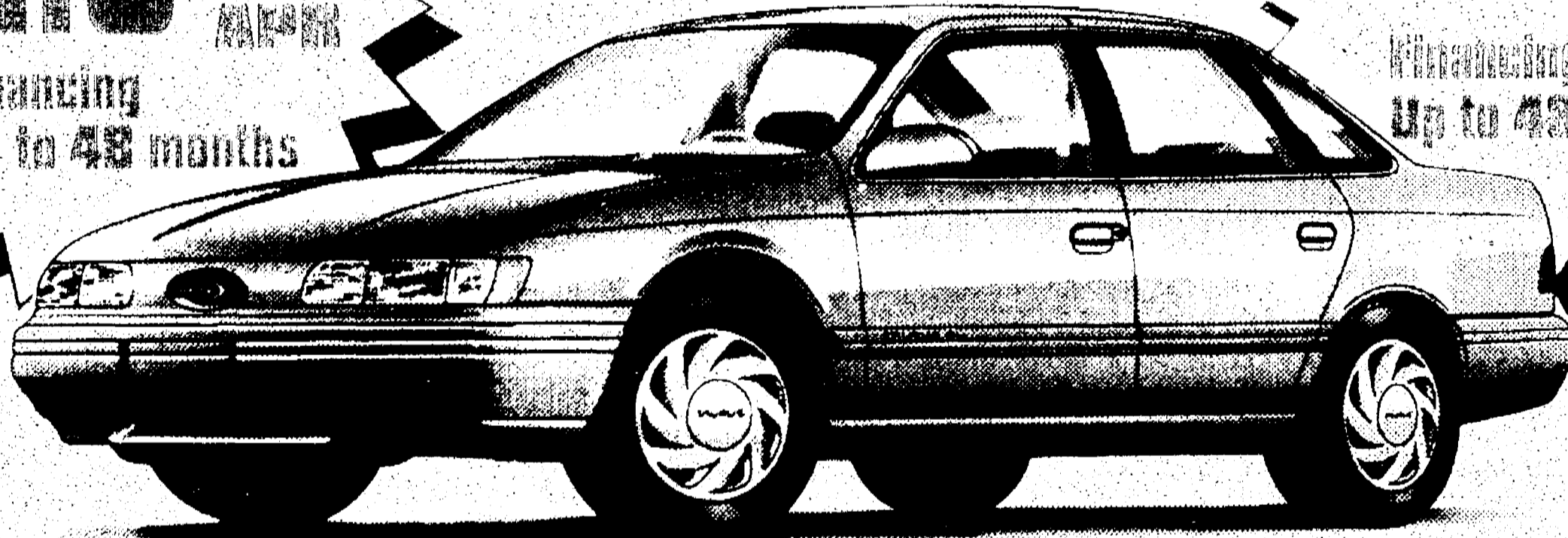
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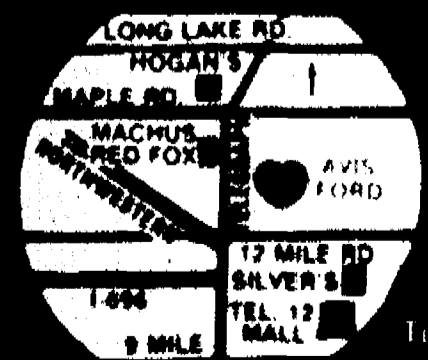
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