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Paramedic program on tap



The fire department is planning to proceed with an Advanced Life Support program early next year despite voters' rejection of a public safety tax increase last summer.

BY DARRELL CLEM

Westland residents involved in life-threatening medical emergencies may receive better on-the-scene care by early February.

City fire officials are prepared to launch a limited paramedic program allowing trained firefighters to provide improved medical care. City negotiators and the Westland Firefighters Association Local 1279 have reached an agreement to operate the Advanced Life Support (ALS) program at two of Westland's four fire stations.

The plan requires Westland City Council approval that could come as early as Dec. 16, when a vote is expected on the issue.

The plan comes in the wake of a

public safety tax proposal - defeated by Westland voters in August - that would have paid for an ALS program at all four fire stations.

Fire officials are seeking other ways to pay for the program, but fire Chief Michael Reddy said a citywide ALS program isn't expected for more than a year.

Some costs would be passed on to residents helped by paramedics. Other revenues could come from fire inspections of businesses, among other money-raising efforts.

Residents who now pay \$100 for a medical run could face a \$400 bill if they receive ALS care, Reddy said

public safety tax proposal - defeated during a council study session Mon

However, he stressed that insurance companies, Medicare and Medicard would continue to cover the bulk of the tab.

That assurance came in response to concerns raised by Councilman Glenn Anderson that senior citizens might not be able to afford the service

Council approval would allow fire officials to launch the 24-hour ALS program by late January or early February, Reddy said.

Academy work:

Stephanie Hool, 10

from Garden City, delivers a kick (no

contact) to Reynold

Mirabitur of West-

land. The martial arts academy holds classes at the Westland Friendship

Center, 1119 N. Newburgh near

Marquette. The head

of the academy is

who has been practicing martial arts

for 42 years, or since

Michael Olivero,

he was 14.

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STATE PHOTO BY JIM JACOPELO

Martial arts demand hard work

BY DARREL CLEM

Martial arts enthusiasts may be disappointed if they expect to become the next Chuck Norris or Jan Claude Van-Damme after a

Movies often make martial arts

People see these movies like The Karate Kid' and think that they should be able to do that without practicing," Westland martial arts teacher Mike Olivero said. "It's impossible."

Olivero, a 56-year-old Westland resident, should know. A fifth-degree black belt and master instructor, he has been practicing martial arts for 42 years – since he was 14.

Olivero, who also owns a pharmaceutical company, is the highest-ranking member of the Westland-based Michigan Academy of Martial Arts, which offers classes two evenings a week at the Friendship Center on Newburgh Road on Marquette.

With help from fourth-degree master instructors Roger Zdziebko and Paul Yeagy, Olivero teaches Tang Soo Do, a Korean form of selfdefense.

Zdziebko, a former Redford resident, said the martial arts stu-

dents range in age from 7 to 62 and come from communities such as Westland, Garden City, Livonia, Plymouth, Canton Township and

Northville.

Tang Soo Do – taught the same way worldwide – is much more than a form of self-defense, Olivero said. It also relieves stress, builds stamina and helps the body's circulatory system, he said.

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Hollday concert

The John Glenn High School band will perform in its annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the former Cherry Hill High School auditorium, on Avondale between Middlebelt and Inkster Road.

Admission is a donation of canned food or a container of perishable food.

An afterglow is planned for the concert

Spartan grad

Westland's Kristen Fowler has received a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in recent fall commencement ceremonies.

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Fowler received her BA in hospitality busi-

PLACES & FACES

Help needed

The Westland Jaycees are seeking the community's help in packing and delivering food bas-

kets for needy families this month.

Jaycees' treasurer Mark Schutze said that the chapter annually provides 100 to 300 baskets, scheduled to be delivered the weekend of Dec. 21-22. Any donation will be used by the Jaycees, Schutze said.

The chapter thanked the Wayne-Westland schools for holding food drives for the Jaycees; Cintas Uniforms for offering their space for a delivery staging area, and Fort Knox Self-Storage for donation of space to store food collected in the various food drives.

Persons or groups willing to donate items or time for the upcoming holiday food basket packing and delivery can contact Lani at (813) 699-2741 or Michele ((313) 641-2287, or write the

Jaycees, P.O. Box 850191, Westland 48185.

MADD ceremony

A Westland teenager took part in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving candlelight vigil Saturday night at the Cobo Convention Center.

Ryan Hodges, 17, lost his older brother Craig to a drunk driver as he crossed a street in Florida in 1989. Their mother, Darlene Hodges of Westland, formerly chaired the Wayne County MADD chapter.

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River Rouge unity urged

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Westland and three other communities are being urged by county environmental officials to combine efforts to improve the quality of the Rouge River.

Westland, Garden City, Livonia and Dearborn Heights - one of several clusters of communities in the Rouge River watershed - are being encouraged to address problems that occur when rain and melting snow carry ground-surface pollutants into the river.

Wet weather also causes combined sewer systems, which carry raw sewage and storm runoff, to discharge into the river system when sewer capacity is exceeded.

County environmental officials want the cities to consider measures such as cleaning streets more frequently, using less road salt when possible, and investigating violators who have inappropriate tie-ins to storm sewer systems, Assistant City Attorney Keith Madden said Tuesday.

The projects - likely eligible for county-administered grants from the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency - would reduce the potential for more expensive, federally mandated measures such as requiring stormwater treatment plants and detention basins, Madden

"We would have a lot more control over what happens," he

His remarks came one day after the Westland City Council met with environmental officials to learn more about suggested measures for reducing Rouge River pollution.

County officials already have discussed the issue with city leaders in Livonia, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, said Robert Fredericks, county director of watershed management.

Moreover, county officials will invite city leaders from the four communities to a Jan. 8 dinner at the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland, amid hopes of strengthening ties and promoting a team effort to address Rouge River problems.

Similar efforts will be pushed friendly as possible.

in other clusters of communities Fredericks said.

On Monday, he told council members that communities can participate in soil erosion control and stabilization of river banks to ease Rouge River problems.

He also said that stormwater can be routed to wetlands mitigation projects to avoid drainage into the Rouge.

Livonia, Garden City and Dearborn Heights already have applied for federal grants, making Westland the only city in the cluster that hasn't taken such steps, Fredericks said Tuesday during a telephone interview.

Monday's study session was aimed at educating Westland city leaders about the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, which is charged with restoring the water quality of the Rouge River.

The project also is aimed at finding the most efficient and cost-effective controls of wet weather pollution, while trying to make the Rouge River as user-

Currently in this area, the river isn't considered safe for activities such as fishing, swimming and wading.

In a draft report focusing on public use of the Rouge, project organizers note that:

• Fish populations are "severely limited by poor habitat condi-

• A fish consumption advisory is in effect because of contamination by polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

· Wading is discouraged "due to bacterial counts (of E. coli) which have been consistently above the safe level."

· Much of the river has potential for canoeing, although there are some obstructions such as log jams and a low dam just west of Beech Daly Road. However, the high bacterial counts still pose a problem.

In addressing problems, project leaders are compiling data on water quality and other river conditions.

The information will be used to find the best ways to control pollution and to make the Rouge River more accessible to the public, Fredericks said.

Livonia school tax vote discussed

By Marie Chestney STAFF WRITER

Livonia school district residents may face a second millage question next year, this one destined for the annual school election in

If approved, the \$800,000 generated by the proposed 0.25-mill tax request would be used to pay for renovations to Franklin and Stevenson high schools' swimming pools.

With the Livonia district covering the northern section of Westland, Franklin High includes the northeast section of the city.

The proposed tax increase surfaced Monday during a Livonia Board of Education discussion of a proposed 1.5- mill tax increase to pay for renovations to Bentley Center. Both proposals appeared together on

same memo written by Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business, to Superintendent Ken Watson. "Subject to official approval by the state,

an additional sinking fund millage request of 0.25 mills could be made by the board to complete the renovations, if they wished," wrote Liepa.

posed tax for the two swimming pools. But board president Sue Clulow did say the swimming pool millage should not

The bulk of the night's debate centered on

Bentley; trustees did not discuss the pro-

appear on the same ballot as the 1.5-mill tax

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request for Bentley renovations.

Clulow fears voters might approve one, and reject the other. She said she wants each tax proposal, if presented to residents, to stand or fall on its own merits.

"The pool question could go on the June ballot," Clulow said. "We don't want to link the two. We should delink them. We could do this in June."

If approved by the board at its Jan. 20 meeting, the Bentley Center tax proposal could go to the voters in a March 24 special election. The board has a longer time frame to approve the proposed swimming pool request for the June ballot.

Liepa estimated renovations to the two pools will cost \$800,000.

"This is lower than estimates from last summer as some pool filtration work and piping replacement has been started to keep the pools operational," Liepa said.

What to do about the two pools which do not meet state depth regulations has been a source of concern all year for school officials and parents of swimmers.

district that meets the state's diving depth

All student competitive swimmers now swim at Churchill High, the only pool in the

regulations.

Parents lobbied school officials to deepen the Stevenson and Franklin pool so that swimmers at each school can compete at their own school.

Trustees checked out the cost of renovating the two pools and came up an initial cost of \$900,000, which has since dropped to \$800,000. Some trustees balked at spending up to

\$46,000 to do the design and soil boring work

necessary to update just one of the pools. The administration recommended that neither pool be updated. Later, the trustees scuttled all plans to go

ahead with design and boring work at either Closing the door on the preliminary work

meant that, for the first time in September, all high school swimmers competed at In a Sept. 20 letter to Watson, resident Debrah Stafiej suggested the district, city

and Wayne County work together to build a year-round sports facility on the Bentley property. The building would include an Olympic-size pool.

"A development of this nature might eliminate the school system's problem in which they only have one local pool that can be utilized for swim meets and also could bring revenue into the city," Stafiej said.

Bentley Center costs debated

By MARIE CHESTNEY STAFF WRITER

Westland residents in the Livonia school district taxpayers maybew asked to approve a 1.5-mill tax increase to pay the \$5 million cost to renovate Bentley Center, a former senior high converted into a community edu-

cation facility. But will taxpayers support paying \$360,000 a year to run a renovated Bentley Center?

And should the Livonia district, which serves the northern section of Westland, sink any money at all into a building used mainly for community education at a time when the future of public school funding for communi-

ty education seems so precarious? The Livonia Board of Education repeatedly returned to those two questions Monday as it debated what to do next in deciding Bent-

ley's future, If the one-time-only tax increase is put on the ballot and approved, trustees want residents to know they not only are paying for renovations but are agreeing to pay the building's operational costs for years to

"It may come to the point, if the state does not gives us enough money, we'll have to cut back, and \$360,000 will buy a lot of teachers," said trustee Joanne Morgan.

"It's nice to keep a recreational facility open to the community.

"But what if you put \$5 million into it and

things change for the worse in Lansing? "Are people willing to trade \$360,000, money that could pay for teachers and support staff, to keep Bentley open"?

The quandary facing trustees on Bentley echoes one of the dilemmas facing public education today in Michigan. Should districts stick strictly to providing

K-12 education or are districts vessels for

life-long learning, from preschool to senior Gov. John Engler sides with the first view, and educators see more chipping away of non-K-12 programs in the years ahead if his

If the district does renovate Bentley, it could one day get stuck with paying costs to run community education programs housed

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there if adult ed funding stops and enough other programs can't be relocated to the

building. "The governor wants us to spend our foundation grant on K-12 education," said trustee Ken Timmons. "Do we want to do that? In the answer to that lies the answer for Bent-

ley. We need to answer this question first." The trustees will continue the debate at

their Jan. 13 committee meeting. On Jan. 20, the trustees are expected to pick one of two proposals offered by Superin-

tendent Ken Watson: •Seek voter approval for a 1.5 mill, onetime-only tax increase.

The \$5 million generated by the tax increase would be used to demolish a portion of the building and renovate the rest. The \$871,000 cost to demolish parts of the building would come from the general fund.

school board election. "Let the community decide, not the seven

The ballot question could come as early as

March 24, or could be delayed until the June

trustees here," said trustee James Watters. •At an estimated cost of \$1.7 million, demolish the entire building. The district would eventually recoup this cost by

ot paying the center's operational costs. "There would be no more drain on our general operating fund," Watson said.

Under this option, community education classes would be relocated to other buildings. The district estimates the vacant land is worth about \$1 million for residential use and \$3 million dollars for commercial use. The entire building also would be razed if residents reject the tax increase.

Trustee Pat Tancill pinpointed the down-

side of each option: "If we renovate, it will never be torn down. If we tear it down, it will be gone for-

If Bentley programs get scattered, Timmons cautioned that those classes will still cost the district money, "Decentralization will cost less, but it's not

ever."

the freeble we might think." Trustee Diane Nay suggested exploring

ways Bentley Center can be operated in a partnership with the city.

programs offered will fall if decentralization occurs. "In other schools, the first priority will be to their own programs. "Other multi-purpose rooms in the district

Jay Young, director of community educa-

tion, predicted the number of community ed

already are being used heavily." With a projected decline in the number of high school students after the year 2000, Watson said Bentley will never again be

used as a high school.

If the tax increase is approved, the following parts will be saved and renovated: multi-purpose room, pool, gym, cafeteria, kitchen and the two-story structure facing Hubbard.

If the trustees decide not to seek a tax increase, or if voters reject the increase, the following parts are slated to be razed: music wing, auditorium, principal's office, library, two-story center wing, industrial arts wing, and the east wing.

The one-time-only 1.5 mill tax request, if passed, would cost the owner of a \$100,000 house an extra \$75.

Bentley suffered heavy cuts in program and staff this year after the state chopped \$1 million from the 1996-97 budget of community education services.

In response, the center also adopted a "Livonia first" philosophy, in which distirct residents got first chance in signing up for adult ed classes.

But statewide publicity over cuts in adult education, coupled with a booming Michigan economy, apparently helped feed a plunge in fall enrollment for evening classes at the center. Some classes were canceled. The center gets state aid for each student enrolled.

The building, on Five Mile at Hubbard was built mor ethan 45 years ago and closed in the ealry 1980s in the wake of declining student enrollmente.







Fun keeps ho-hum out of holidays

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY STAFF WRITER

Christmas means many different things to many different people.

For some, it's a time to pay homage to God, a time to see friends and family and a time for good food. Yet for school-aged youngsters, it's a time for something else — time to kick back and enjoy being outside the four walls of a classroom.

The feeling of freedom can be short-lived however, for both the child and their parents, if youngsters find themselves with nothing to do. Fortunately, some area groups have thought ahead and planned for the holidays.

"Kids should come to the Holiday Fun Club," said Denise Felix, youth program director for the Livonia Family YMCA. The cost is \$19 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Designed for youngsters between 6 and 12 years old, the Holiday Fun Club offers swimming, field trips and games from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30 and Jan. 2-3. Students are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and a swimsuit.

"They swim every day for one hour, and can do whatever they want," said Felix. "And where else can you swim in the winter time?"

Also planned is the New Year's Eve Sleepover.

"Parent's feel good dropping their kids off here because they know it's a safe, fun environment for the kids. Parents can go out and have a good time, and the kids have a riot."

Children, 6-12, are kept entertained overnight at the YMCA, at 14255 Stark Road, with swimming, games, tennis, racquetball and pizza. The cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. All youngsters are locked in overnight.

Residency is not a requirement for the programs. Call (313) 261-2161 for more information.

Next door, the Plymouth YMCA at 248 Union St. invites children 6 to 8 years old on a field trip to Marvelous Marvin's Mechanical Museum. For \$25 each, the children will spend a day in the museum which features old-fashioned pinball games. Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 2, the event will "give Mom time to get rid of the holiday decorations by herself, go out with a friend or go return (Christmas gifts)," said Pat Meininger, administrative assistant at the Y.

For children aged 9-12, the YMCA is planning a

trip to Phazer Land Jan. 3.

Space is limited for both field trips, and participants must be members of the YMCA. Becoming a

In the swim: Monica Fershtman, 10, of Livonia practices her swimming techniques. She is a member of the Livonia YMCA Blue Racers swim team who has five state qualifying times for YMCA competition.

member costs \$12 each year and is not limited to Plymouth residents. Call (313) 453-2904.

The registration deadline for both events is Dec.

Other goings on include:

■ Wayne-Westland YMCA will host day camp from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 23-27 and Dec. 30 to Jan. 3. Children will make crafts, play sports and go on field trips. Open to kindergarten through fifth grade children, the fee is \$72 for YMCA members, \$82 for non-members. When asked why the children should come, Pauline King, administrative secretary said, "because they will get to have a lot of fun and get to meet new kids." For more information, call (313) 721-7044. They are at 827 S. Wayne Road.

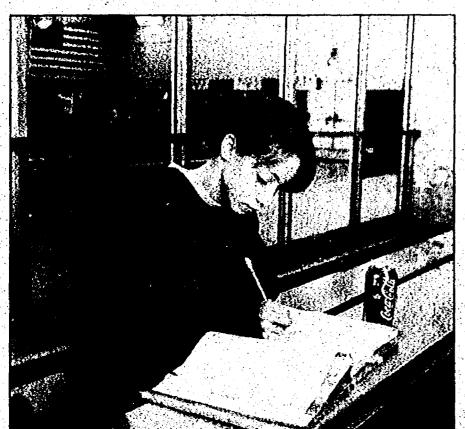
■ Northwest YWCA (Redford) started their Just for Fun program. Held Saturdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m., children can make arts and crafts, learn to cook, watch movies, listen to stories or play sports for the next three weeks for \$25. "It will offer a time to shop without the children," said Yolanda Jackson, youth program director. The program is open to all children between the ages of 6-10. The center will also offer Christmas caroling on Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at 6 p.m. For more information on YWCA programs, held at 25940 Grand River, call (313) 537-8500.

■ In Canton Township, the library will be offer Internet access for Cyber Kids, a group of 7-12year-olds who possess a Canton Township library card, sat through an Internet orientation session and received a signed permission slip from their parents. There is no fee to become a Cyber Kid.

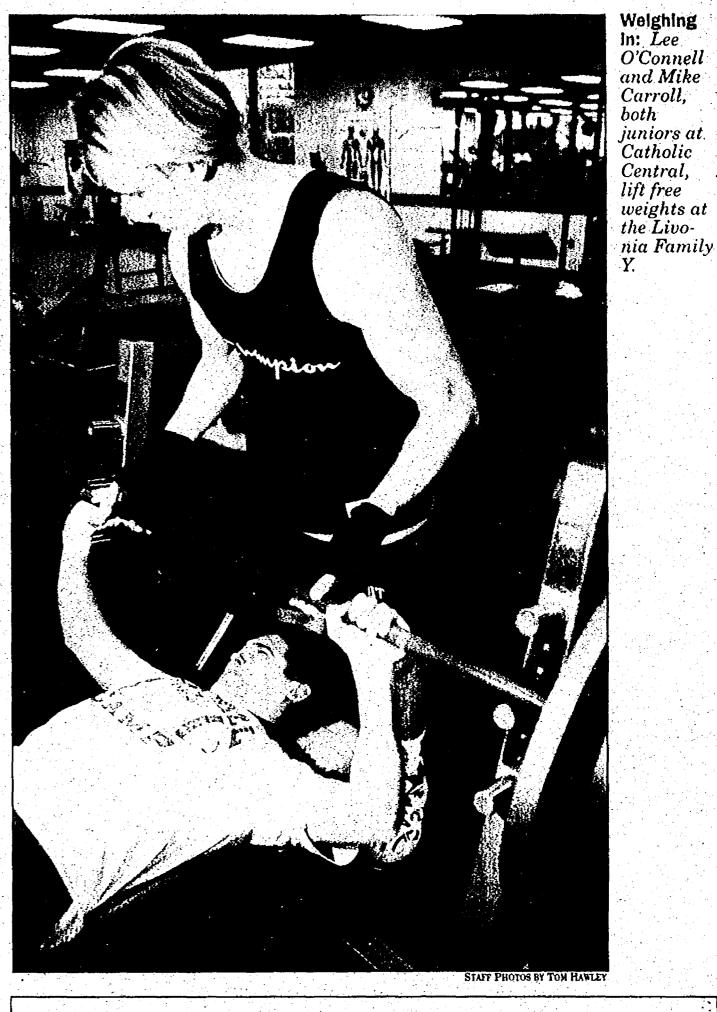
Orientation sessions are held throughout the week at various times. Call (313) 397-0999 for more information or to register for an Internet orientation at the 1200 S. Canton Center location.

■ Two libraries in Livonia, present "Pippen Puppets Present Holiday Munchkins" on Monday, Dec. 30. The half-hour show will be seen at 2 p.m. at the Alfred Noble Branch, 32901 Plymouth Road, and again at the Carl Sandburg Branch, 30100 Seven Mile Road, at 7 p.m. There is no admission fee and no age restrictions, but people must register. Call Noble at (313) 421-6600 and Sandburg at (810) 476-0700.

■ The Westland library staff is inviting children to come in and decorate a Christmas ornament for their tree. Supplies are provided. Everyone is invited, but children under the age of eight should be accompanied by an adult. Decoration times for the newly opened library, at 6123 Central City Park-way, are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call (313) 326-6123.



Study time: Adriene Murphy, 12, of Livonia takes some time at the Livonia Family YMCA to work on her homework.











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Hollday hoops: Playing basketball at the YMCA, Tom Wallis, 12, of Livonia drives on Bobby Brown, 12, of Livonia in a one-on-one game.

Salvation Army nears goal

The Westland-based Salvation nity organizations can help with Army hopes to raise \$100,000 this holiday season to ensure that 3,000 people will have something for Christmas.

As of Dec. 7, the organization had raised \$40,355, meaning that nearly \$60,000 still needs to be raised, according to a press release.

Salvation Army officials are seeking "partners" to help. If interested, call 722-3660 or fax the Salvation Army at 722-5115.

Capt. Mark Welsh noted that schools, businesses and commu-

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several programs: adopt-a-family; employee matching program; food and toy drive; adopt-a-kettle and advent offering.

Volunteers also can choose to ring bells at locations in Westland. Wayne and Romulus.

Donations may be sent to The Salvation Army, 2300 S. Venoy Road, Westland, Mi., 48186.

In another Salvation Army announcement, officials noted that Toys R Us, 34800 Warren Road, is helping to ensure that children have a merrier Christ-

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mas by placing an "angel tree" at the store.

Angel cards are placed on the tree noting children's ages and gift requests. Store customers buy the toys at the store and leave them under the tree. The Salvation Army will distribute the toys to children in need.

Anyone wishing to sponsor a tree may call 722-3660.

In yet another announcement, The Salvation Army is helping to serve senior citizens in several

On Dec. 13, it will host a

Christmas party at Ryan's Steakhouse on Warren Road, east of Wayne, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a buffet lunch, gifts and a program for 120

During December, Salvation Army volunteers will visit local nursing homes in Westland and Wayne to give residents a holiday gift.

"At this time we not only want to serve families and children. but also make the holidays a joyous time for the senior population in Wayne and Westland," Welsh said.

Toys for Tots donations sought

The Toys for Tots volunteers join with others in working to make sure there is no child without a toy to unwrap Christmas

morning. Toys for Tots began in 1947 when a Marine colonel named Bill Hendricks met a needy child in Los Angeles and wanted to make sure the boy had a toy for

Christmas. Hendricks found many agencies that provided food, clothing and other staples but no one was specifically set up at that time

to distribute toys to poor kids.

Toys for Tots was founded and since then his organization, in cooperation with the Marine Corps Reserves, has provided Christmas toys to more than 100 million children.

To participate residents may buy a new, unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl from newborn to age 18 months, 18 months to age four, ages 5-8 or 8-12. The toys should then be taken to a Toys for Tots collection barrel.

2 teen-agers are charged in break-in

BY MATT JACHMAN STAFF WRITER

Two 17-year-olds, including one from Westland, were arrested last week in the November break-in of a house in Livonia.

A large amount of cash, collectible coins worth \$4,000, two antique rifles, a pistol, rings and watches were taken from a house on Deering during the burglary, according to a police report.

The total value of the things stolen was put at more than \$17,000.

Lt. William Morris, Livonia Police Department spokesman, said an investigation led police to the 17-yearolds, who are now charged with second-degree home invasion.

Most of the stolen items, including the cash, have been recovered, Morris said.

Brent David Passow, who lives near the burglarized house, and Michael Alan Tankersley of Westland were arraigned Saturday in outcounty district court by Judge Raymond Charron.

They each pleaded not guilty.

Charron set bond at \$20,000 for each; both Passow and Tankersley have been freed on bond after posting \$2,000 cash.

They are scheduled for a preliminary examination Tuesday in 16th District Court in Livonia.

Police say a screen on an enclosed patio at the house was pried open Nov. 27.

After that, the house itself was entered when a panel blocking the gap next to a window air-conditioning unit was removed.

Paramedic from page A1

Paramedics would be stationed at the city's main fire station, on Ford Road at Carlson, and at station No. 3, on Palmer west of Merriman.

Fire officials hope that new revenues will eventually allow them to place ALS units at station No. 2, near Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman, and at station No. 4, near Newburgh and Palmer.

"It's a money item," Reddy said Tuesday in response to questions about the ALS program.

On Monday, Reddy told council members, "We have to worry about the revenue side in addition to the medical care side for the system to be complete."

Reddy and other fire officials have said that an ALS program is certain to save lives. Paramedics receive 600 hours of training above the level of emer-

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Paramedics are trained to provide medical assistance, such as administering drugs, that EMTs can't perform. Such measures can keep a patient alive until he or she reaches a hospital, Reddy

Fire officials have compared an ALS program to bringing a hospital to the patient.

Forty-one of Westland's 70 firefighters have completed their paramedic training, and others are expected to follow.

All firefighters hired after April 1 of this year are required to receive the training, Reddy

Under the August tax proposal, six new firefighters would have been hired to implement the ALS program. Now, fire officials must rely on existing personnel will to launch the service.

However, Reddy cautioned that an ALS program won't detract from fire-protection services "because paramedics are cross-trained."

Moreover, ALS vehicles driven by paramedics are equipped with firefighting gear, Reddy said.

Initially, three paramedics are expected to be placed on each ALS vehicle, although the number could be reduced to two as the program takes root, Reddy









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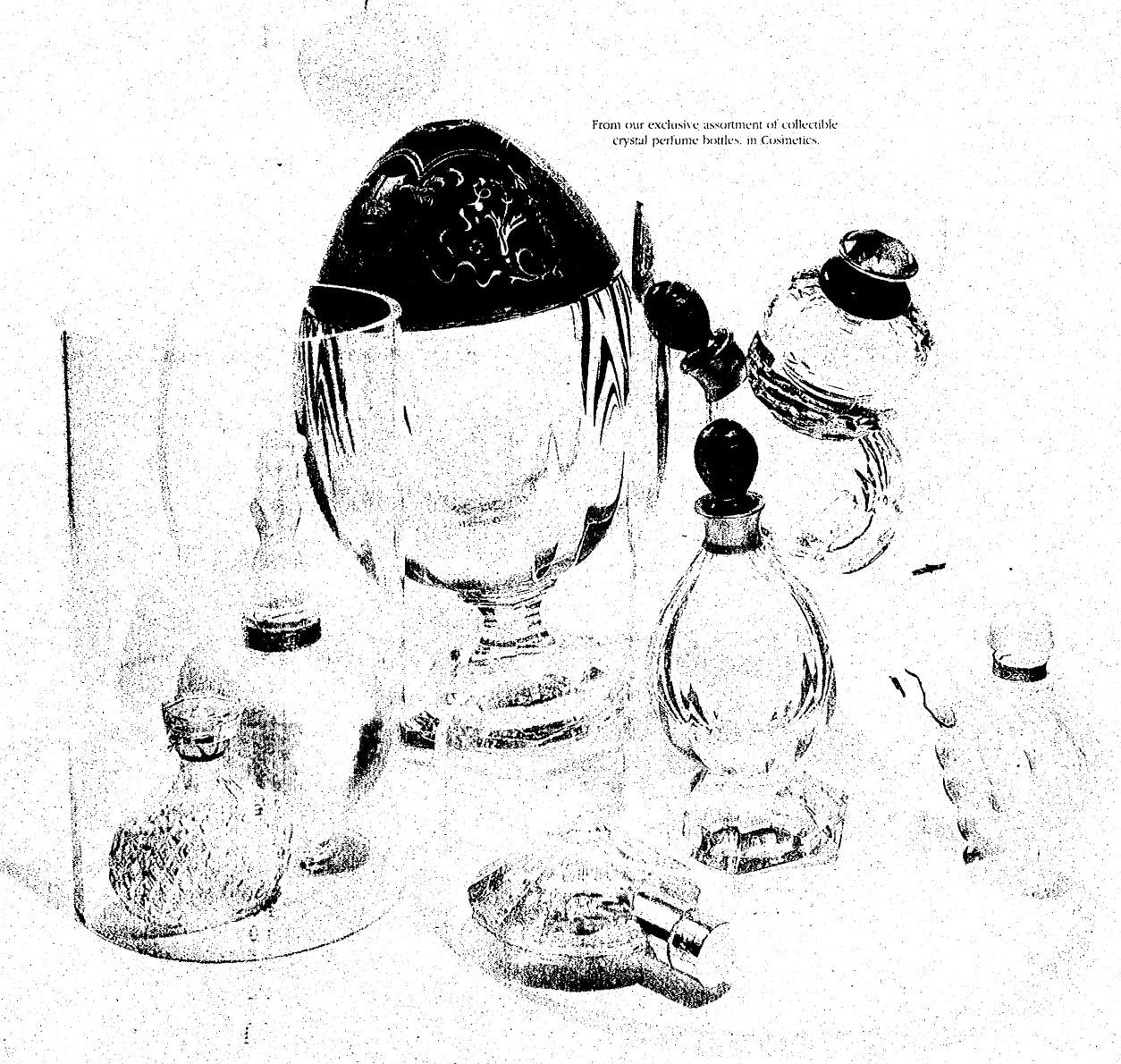
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School from page A1

It's also an excellent character-builder," Zdziebko

Tang Soo Do demands that subordinates - when greeting higher-ranking master instructors - bow to them and call them sir, he said.

Teachers and students begin their classes by meditating, in an effort to shed stress. Only then do they begin practicing their kicks, jumps, grunts and other movescommonly seen in martial arts movies.

The Westland class typically has 20 to 25 students for Monday classes that begin at 6 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m.: Olivero said. About half as many people usually attend Thursday sessions from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., he

Students become involved in some light contact fighting and simulated fighting, but nothing approaching violence, Olivero said.

"Nobody gets hurt here," he said. "They only get hurt when they try to fool around outside of class."

Zdziebko stressed that master instructors warn students, particularly younger ones, against using their selfdefense to show off.

"We are very concerned that the youngsters don't go home and try this on their brothers and sisters," he said. Eleven-year-old Aaron Allison of Livonia said he joined the class because he wanted to be able to protect himself.

if necessary. "I wanted to learn self-defense," the Clarenceville sixth-grader said.

Classes cost \$25 a month or \$63 for three months. Students may attend as many sessions as they want.

Potential martial arts enthusiasts may attend free classes for one week before deciding if Tang Soo Do is for them, Olivero said.

New students are pulled aside from the rest of class until they learn the moves needed to join the larger group, he said.

"Everyone progresses at their own pace." he said. "Everybody starts out as a white belt."

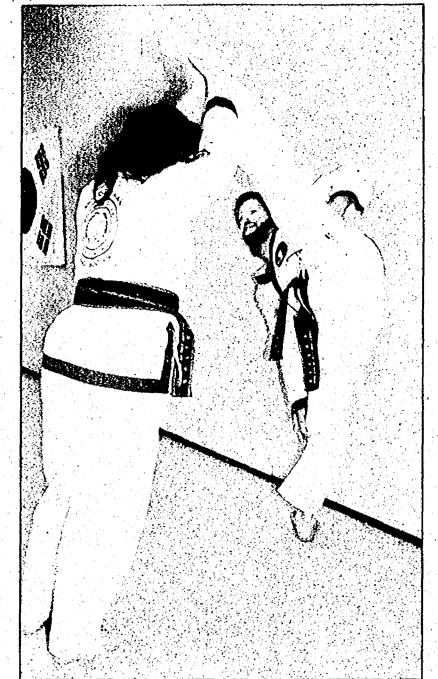
Students advance in rank as they become more skilled at Tang Soo Do. But they also have to pass written

From white belt, students can advance to purple, green, red and finally black belt, which has nine levels with the highest being grand master.

"That can take 35 to 40 years to achieve," Olivero said. The Westland class is part of a larger group, the World Moo Duk Kwan Tang Soo Do Federation Inc.

For information about the classes, call (313) 427-2952. Olivera noted that classes will close from Dec. 20 to Jan. 6 for the holidays.

Hard at work: Kathleen Pellerino (above, left) of South Lyon helps her husband Kerry with his stretching prior to class. (above, right), Mike Olivero is head of the martial arts academy, practicing martial arts for 42 years, or since he was 14. (below, left) Taylor Whit lock, 11, of Canton, stretches before class begins. The martial arts school is located in the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh, just north of Marquette.







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Sad reminder: Jacque Martin-Downs, director of Hegira Prevention, a counseling organization, discusses with students at Madonna University the dangers of alcohol and substance abuse. Students dedicated the tree next to Martin-Downs to honor victims of alcoholrelated traffic accidents.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Students dedicate tree to remember accident victims

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

Students from Madonna University's Legal Assistants Club dedicated a Remembrance Tree on Dec. 3 to honor victims of alcohol-related traffic accidents.

The tree, decorated with hearts and ribbons imprinted with the victims' names, stands in the busy student lounge as a reminder to all who pass by

Jill Sylvester of Melvindale, a junior in the legal assistant program, helped organize the ceremony

"We wanted to make people aware of what is happening, that people are still dying from drunk drivers," Sylvester said. "Five hundred and sixty-six died in 1995. It's a waste of life."

Guest speaker Jacque Martin-Downs, director of Hegira Prevention, a counseling organiza■ 'We wanted to make people aware of what is happening, that people are still dying from drunk drivers.'

Jill Sylvester
—Madonna University student

tion, spoke about the need for parents to teach their children to resist all abusive substances: alcohol, drugs and cigarettes.

National statistics indicate that 3,000 children start smoking every day, and the majority of smokers who start the habit before age 17 will become heavy drinkers, Martin-Downs said. Statistics show that 47.2 percent of traffic fatalities involve drunk driving.

Martin-Down a member of several community substanceabuse task forces, cited a number of reasons why underage children drink:

• For every 70 times a person drives drunk, he or she may be caught only one time

• Not enough parental super-

• Parents are remiss in acknowledging the children's feelings of anger and depression

"Drinking allows kids to numbout," said Martin-Downs.

Martin-Downs conducts several in-school seminars on substance abuse, violence prevention and gang resistance. She is the author of "The 10 Best Values Every Child Needs."







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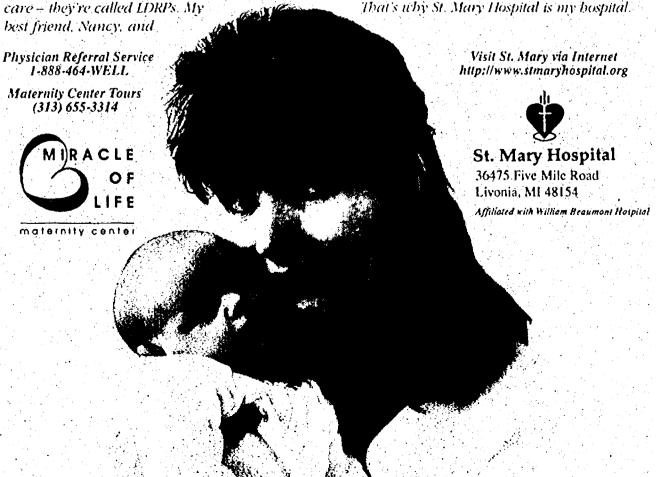
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In tune: Mick and Mike Gavin, father and son musicians, play traditional Irish music. The new Irish restaurant and pub recently opened on Middlebelt at Maplewood, Garden City. Since the doors opened, the owner said the new business has been busy.

New Irish restaurant attracts large crowds

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

When the Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill opened recently in Garden City, owner John Hynes did not expect business to start with a boom.

Happily, it did.

"We just opened to get our feet wet," said Hynes. "We just said, 'Let's see what happens.' The place was absolutely crowded."

Hynes hopes the luck of the Irish will continue. He wants his pub to be the kind of place where everybody knows your name.

"I've walked into some bars where I could have died of loneliness. We're not going to have that here," he said.

The Innisfree Irish Pub on Middlebelt at Maplewood is family-owned with Hynes' son, Mick, working with him.

They have created a warm, inviting atmosphere complete with a small stage for Irish entertainment, like Mick Gavin's band, which plays on Friday nights. (Gavin is a champion fiddle player from County Clare.)

At this point, the food menu is

limited to appetizers, sandwiches, soups and salads, but they're all homemade, and dinner items are being developed by Brian Fallon, a fully trained chef. A new menu will be available after the first of the year.

Food is important, but Hynes knows that an Irish pub is only as good as its Guinness. According to what his customers have told him, the Innisfree serves the best. It has to do with a cooling system Hynes developed to serve the stout at just the right temperature.

"We have the best pint of Guinness in the whole metropolitan area," said Hynes.

If Guinness isn't a customer's choice, don't worry.

Hynes said he is open to suggestions.

"If anyone wants something that we don't have, we'll get it,' he said.

Hynes, who was raised in Ireland in County Meath and who had his first job at14 in a pub, always wanted to open up his own place.

"We wanted to establish an Irish pub at the scene, with the

music, the singing, just a good atmosphere to meet your friends," he said.

Garden City was Hynes' chosen location.

"I've always considered Garden City as being next on the line for major development. It's just now in the threshold of expanding. It's a nice, clean, safe area," he said. "We want to be part of the community."

So far, Hynes said it appears as if the community wants to be part of the Innisfree Irish Pub.

"They have been absolutely fantastic. They are delighted to come to a place where they can identify with the Irish sense of humor.'

Hynes, a carpenter by trade, feels at home with his new business. "This is definitely where the heart lies," he said.

The Innisfree Irish Pub is open Monday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY B. ROACH

Services for Mrs. Roach, formerly of Garden City, were Dec. 9 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

The Rev. Darrel Hardamen and the Rev. David Dahlman officiated.

Mrs. Roach, 83, of Wayne died Dec. 5 in the Bortz Health Care facility, Ypsilanti. Born Oct. 21, 1913, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons, Frank (Cecila) and Chris (Barbara); granddaughters, Dawn, Becky and Jennifer; grandsons, Kenneth and Rob; great-grandsons, Philip, Lance and Treaver, and great-granddaughters, Nicole and Brittney.

Memorials may be donated to Washtenaw County Hospice.

VELMA V. RICE

Services for Mrs. Rice, 85, of Westland were Dec. 7 from the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Plymouth Township, with burial in Woodmore Cemetery.

The Rev. Tom Hovermale of Calvary Baptist Church officiat-

Mrs. Rice died Dec. 5 in Westland. Born Dec. 25, 1910, in Detroit, she was a homemaker, a Plymouth resident from 1984-94 and member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: daughter, Carrielee (David) Eckert of Ann Arbor: grandchildren, Emily, Rachael, Noah and Stephen Eckert; and sisters. Helen Hanna of New Baltimore and Carole (Oliver) Knick of Florida.

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WILLIAM V. KUBITSKEY

Services for Mr. Kubitskey, 84, of Westland were Dec. 10 from Uht Funeral Home with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. The Rev. Roy Forsyth officiated.

Mr. Kubitskey died Dec. 7 in Wayne Total Living Center. Born Sept. 23, 1912, he was a shipping clerk.

Survivors include: wife, Harriet (also known as Marie); daughters, Gaylene (Bob) Herrington, Renetta (George) MacBlaine, and Lannette (Del) Nabb; son, William (Sue); eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Marge Moers; and brothers, George and Leonard.

RONALD L. SPRINGBORN

Services for Mr. Springborn, 58, of Inkster and a teacher at Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, were Dec. 10 from 🕻 the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home, Westland, with burial in Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. The Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church officiated.

Mr. Springborn died Dec. 8 in Garden City. Born Aug. 18, 1938, his interests were reading and gardening.

Survivors include: friend, John Peterson Jr. of Inkster; and sisters, Marjorie (James) McConnell of Snellville, Ga., Nancy (Douglas) Sartor of Stone Mountain, Ga., Sally Foor of Gladwin, Mich., and Susan Hutchinson of Gainsville, Ga.

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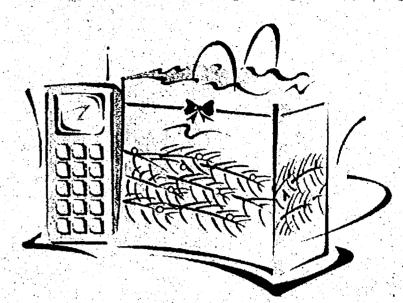
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Breakfast with Santa: Children had a chance to visit with Santa Claus on Saturday at Schoolcraft College, tell him everything they wanted for Christmas and have a picture taken with him. Above, I-year-old Elena Ybarra of Canton appears somewhat awed by Santa. Other activities kept the children entertained. Above right, Bobby Smith, 6, of Livonia gets a "Santa Face" painted on his cheek by Janell Barnard. Alyssa Arble, 2, of Livonia can hardly contain her excitement as she reacts to Santa's arrival at the Waterman Center.





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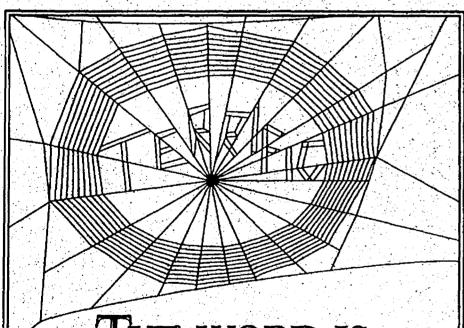
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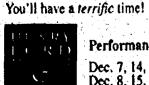


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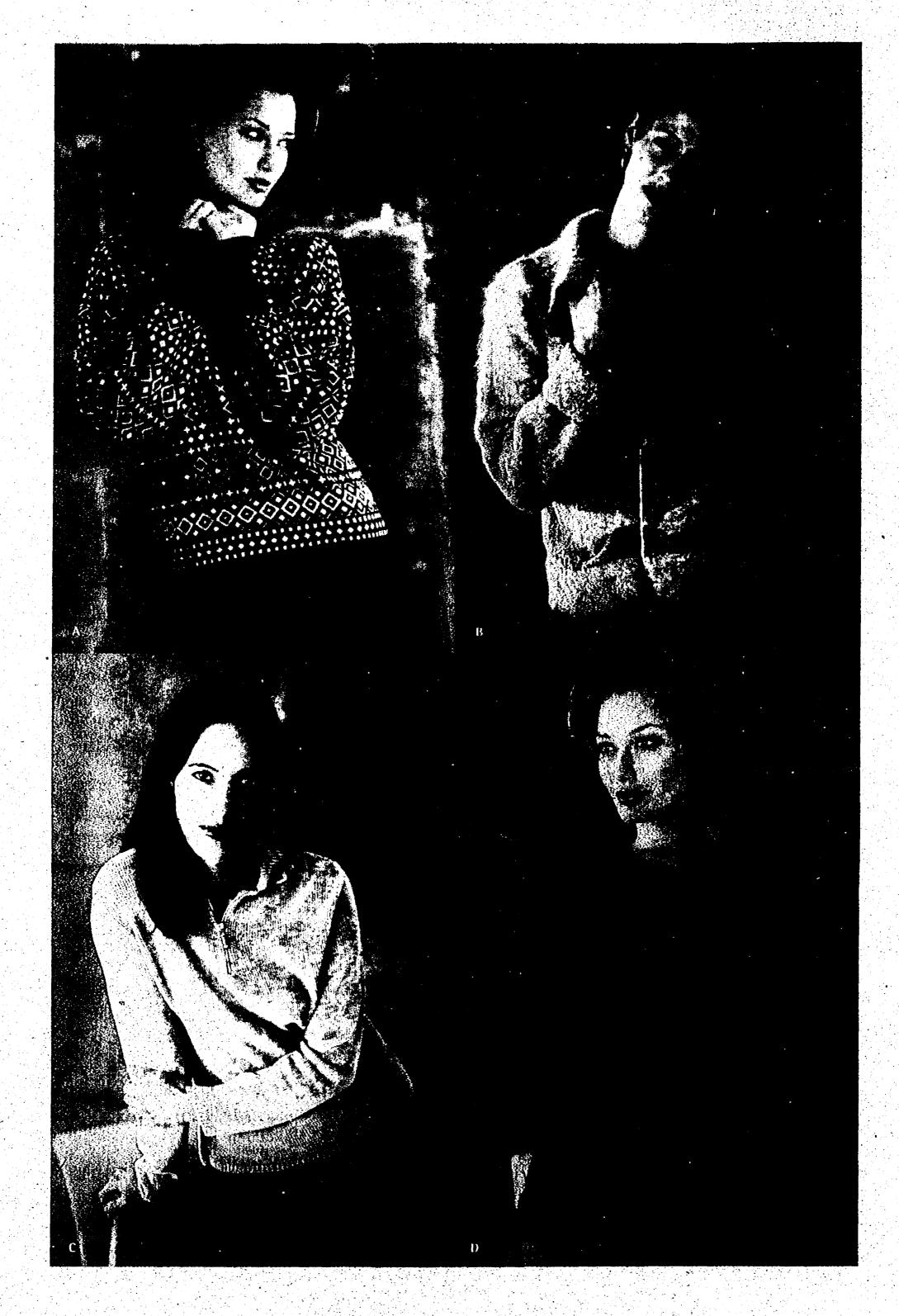
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The American Red Cross has set up three sites in western Wayne County for blood donations over the next few weeks to help fill the need for blood and blood products for seriously ill children and

Four major community groups announced a community-wide appeal to help meet the need for life-saving blood and marrow for children.

The holiday campaign, called "Give the Gift of Life This Season" is being held by the Phoebe Foundation in cooperation with the American Red Cross, The J.P. McCarthy Foundation and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. The Phoebe Foundation is a volunteer, community-based organization to help children fight serious illness.

More than 14,000 children in south-east Michigan use blood products to save their lives each year. More than 70 people are currently waiting for a lifesaving marrow match.

Western Wayne County blood donor sites are Wonderland Mall (across from

the Athletic Club) and the Livonia. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donor Center.

Here is the schedule for those locations:

Laurel Park Place and Wonderland Mall will accept donations from noon-6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and Dec. 20-23, Dec. 26-30 and Jan. 2-4. Donations also will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

The Livonia Donor Center is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 7

the food court), Laurel Park Place (in p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Club, 31555 Southfield Road, north of

Appointments can be made throughout this month by calling 1-800-GIVE-

A special blood and marrow drive. called "Save a Life Sunday," will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R in the Detroit Medical Center's Wertz Center, and the Beverly Hills Racquet

13 Mile Rd. in Beverly Hills.

This will be the only day in the month. of December where donors can both. donate blood and be screened for the National Marrow Donor Program Reg. istry. Babysitting, children activities. and entertainment will be available at? both sites. Appointments can be made at either location by calling 1-800-KAR-MANOS.

Employees help students succeed

Valassis Communications, Inc., a Livonia-based sales promotion company, is participating in the nationally-recognized educational program, Helping One Student To Succeed (HOSTS).

Ten Valassis employees will dedicate an hour of their work week to the HOSTS program at Elliot Elementary School in Westland, They will serve as mentors to students who need assistance in reading, writing, critical thinking, listening and study skills.

Founded in 1971, HOSTS has grown from impacting students in Vancouver, Wash., where the program began, to serving over 400,000 students nationally. HOSTS is now implemented in 42 states, including the District of Columbia, with over 48,000 students and 72,000 mentors volunteering in over 800 programs in 1996 alone. The number of Michigan schools participating has jumped from three to 85 in the past three years.

"Valassis is a company that believes in education and recognizes the vital role it plays in today's society," said David Brandon, Valassis president and CEO. "I am confident that the one-on-one attention and encouragement our employees will give the students at HOSTS will enhance the children's lives, make them better students and ultimately create better citi-

Other programs that Valassis has made charitable donations to, both time and monetary, include: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Focus HOPE, Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.

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Valassis has eight sales offices and three printing facilities.

Registration continues at Madonna University

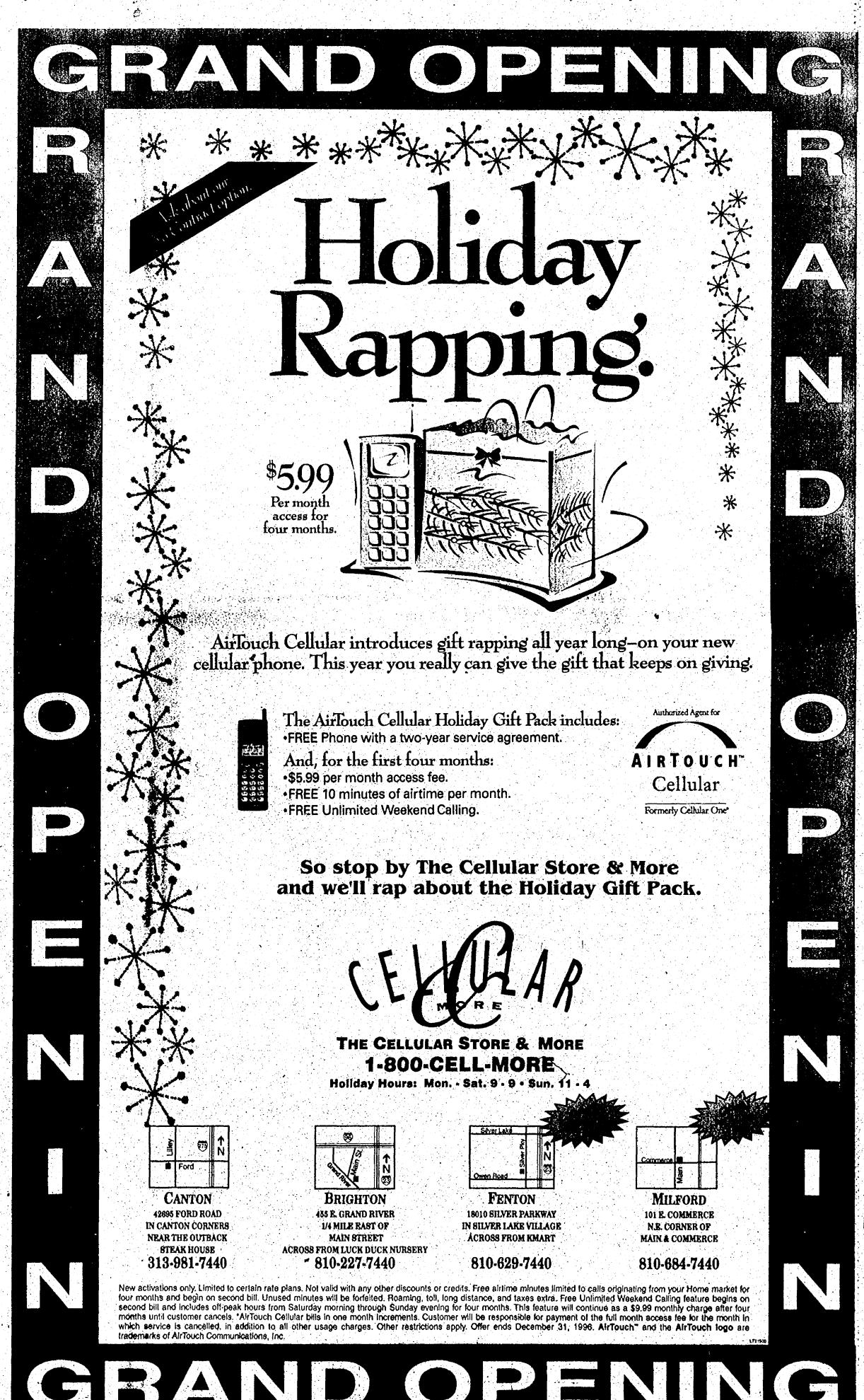
Madonna University's winterterm in-person registration for new and returning students continues through Friday, Jan. 3.

Office hours will be held 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with the exception of Dec. 16, 19 and 23 when the office will close at 5 p.m.

All offices will be closed from Dec. 24 to Jan. 1. Classes begin the week of Jan. 6.

Students may enroll in day, evening and weekend classes, and non-admitted students must obtain a permit-to-register from the Admissions Office. Transfer students are welcome.

For more information, call the Admissions Office at (313) 432-5939.





Academic achiever: Harper Woods resident Amy Kleusch (left) received the 1996-97 St. Catherine Undergraduate Achievement Award, University President Sister Mary Francilene stands nearby.

Student awarded for academic achievement

Harper Woods resident Amy Kleusch was selected by the faculty and administration at Madonna University to receive the St. Catherine Undergraduate Achievement Award for the 1996-97 academic year.

Each year the Detroit chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, a Catholic honor society, recognizes one junior student from each affiliated college. Students are asked to submit a resume and are judged on their academic achievement and leadership roles in their church, campus and communi-

Upon receiving this award, she said, "I am very honored because I am proud to represent a school I believe in. I am grateful to the staff and administration at Madonna University and my family for all their support."

Kleusch is an active member of numerous programs at Madonna University including campus ministry where she serves as a Eucharistic minister for daily, weekend and special Masses.

Kleusch also works at the desk in the winter of 1998. in her residence hall, tutors stu-

dents in psychology and English in the Center for Personalized Instruction, and is a member of the Student Government. Also, she has served as a counselor at the Michigan Board of Education 1996 Summer Institute for the Arts and Sciences, as a student representative and speaker for Madonna University at the Michigan Colleges Foundation annual meeting, and as a student spokesperson for Madonna University's 50th Anniversary Celebration article in the Livonia Observer.

Kleusch belongs to Our Lady Queen of Peace in Harper Woods and is a member of Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit.

When entering Madonna University Kleusch was awarded numerous scholarships for her excellent academic achievements in high school. She continues her success as she carries a 3.96 grade average at Madonna University and is majoring in social science with a history core and a minor in early childhood education. She anticipates graduating

Here are tips to help deal with holiday stress

be a happy time spent with family and friends. But when holiday stress invades, parents are sometimes the unsuspecting vic-

"Parents particularly can be affected by holiday stress," says Dr. Shauna Tindall, pediatric psychologist at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "Cookies to bake, shopping to do, in-laws to handle, all of this can be enough to push parents over the edge."

Recognizing stress helps us to deal with it:

•Realize that stress is unavoidable. It's the body's answer to the demands we make

• Caffeine, smoking and prescription drugs can cause stress.

• Holidays often serve as reminders of family members who are no longer present, due to death, divorce or family feud-

Holiday stress usually occurs because of our expectations about how the holidays should be: Family members may not want to participate in all activi-

Stress accumulates, especial-

The holidays are supposed to ly during the holidays. Work, family and children added to the holiday season sometimes produce more stress than we can

Tips on how to handle holiday

• Recognize the symptoms: Difficulty making decisions, poor concentration, increased heart rate or blood pressure, feeling overwhelmed, depression, anger, a sense of helplessness.

•Set limits for yourself. Decide how much activity is reasonable. Don't let yourself be persuaded otherwise.

•Make time for yourself and your family. Spend 15 minutes watching your children play. Notice their positive qualities and give yourself credit for them, Do something nice for yourself, like calling a friend, reading a good book, or getting a good night's sleep. Go for a brisk

•Relax. Give yourself 20 minutes at the day's end to relax your mind and body.

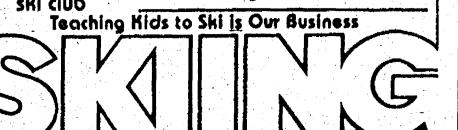


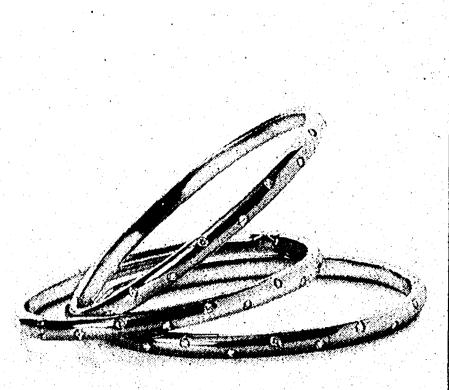
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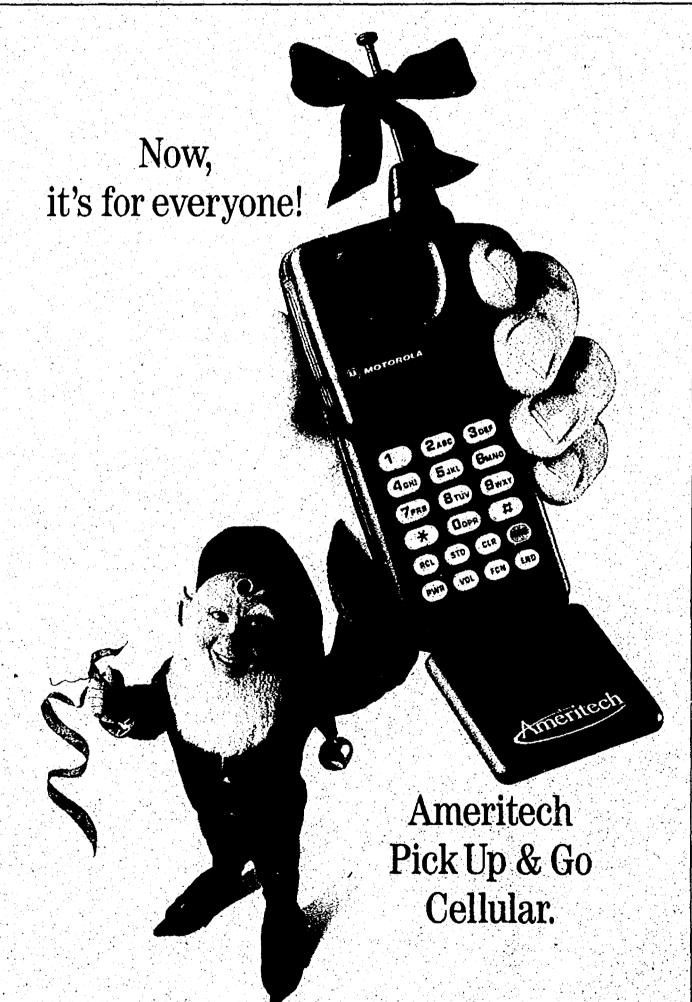
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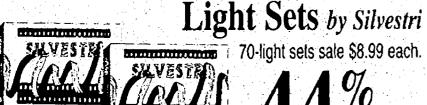
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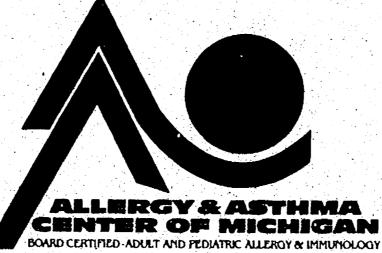
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Emphasizing ethics: The Rev. John Sajdak (left) will talk with faculty members at Madonna University about ethical issues. Next to Saj dak is Robert Mallon, chairman of the board of trustees of the National Automobile Dealers Chart: table Foundation.

Assistant professor focuses on ethics

The Rev. John Sajdak, assistant professor in religious studies at Madonna University in Livonia, has been designated as a resource to faculty to direct attention to ethics education across the curriculum.

Sajdak will meet with each school and college to engage the faculty in dialogue about how ethical issues can be further emphasized in Madonna University's programs.

Madonna University received a gift of \$3,000 from the John P. Winston Sr. Memorial Fund, which is distributed through the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation, to apply to ethics education. This will include faculty professional development, the dissemination of a bibliography of recent articles and books on teaching ethical issues, and the expansion of Madonna's library collection in

For the past 11 years, Sajdak has taught at Madonna University, primarily in medical ethics. He serves as a member of the Livonia Citizens Committee which has drafted an ethics ordinance for the city.

"Ethics have always been a

concern at Madonna University and, with this additional funding, the university will further expand concentration in this area," said Sajdak. "Through faculty roundtables, we will learn ways to bring ethical issues into class discussion and provide students with ways of understanding and responding to those issues."

The National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation located in McLean, Va., is a taxexempt, non-profit organization devoted to raising and distributing monies to selected emergency medical and economic educational organizations and privatesector colleges and universities.

"For decades to come students will ask about John P. Winston Sr.," said Robert Mallon, chairman of the board of trustees of the National Automobile Dealers Charitable Foundation. "He was an attorney who served in some capacity as counselor and assistant secretary to the foundation since its inception in 1975 until his death on Oct. 20, 1990. He influenced many lives by his example, compassion and love of

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You now have a new Wayne County road hazard hotline, 1-888-ROAD-CREW, at your ser-

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara announced the new toll-free, 24-hour service on Monday, which he says will "greatly improve service to our customers and greatly reduce their roadway frustration."

Here's how it works: If motorists come across any potentially hazardous road condition like the ones mentioned above, anywhere in Wayne County, at any time of day or night, they can just call 1-888-ROAD-CREW.

Upon doing so, the caller will speak to a Wayne County roads employee, who will take the information. If the call is about a said. county road, an employee or crew will be dispatched to the assess it for future upgrades.

or city road, the county will help notify that community or official responsible for that road.

"We have established a list of emergency contacts for every city in Wayne County," said Bob Mahoney, Wayne County's director of roads. "When we receive a complaint about one of their roads, we immediately will fax them the information so they can take care of it."

The reason for that effort is easy. McNamara said. "When people encounter these conditions, they don't care whose road they are on. They just want them fixed. 1-888-ROAD-CREW is Wayne County's pledge to keep that our top priority."

Complaints will be prioritized by level of seriousness, ranging from immediate response for to 24- to 36-hour response time news for motorists." for less serious ones, From there

We will be able to print reports showing complaints that are still address them first."

Bob Mahoney

they will become part of the county's newly-updated complaint system.

"We will be able to print reports showing complaints that are still open so we can address them first," said Mahoney. "Road supervisors in each district will be held responsible for the appropriate resolution of every complaint received."

Each year Wayne County responds to more than 5,000 complaints and concerns about roads. In addition to monitoring current complaints, Mahoney said he can also take a closer look at emerging trends.

"We can keep track of how many calls we get on a certain type of complaint, such as potholes, or list complaints by road segment or by community," he

Motorists should not call for routine items, such as minor potsite to fix the problem or to holes, bumpy roads, falling snow, requests for new traffic But even if the road is a state signals or ditch cleaning. Instead they should call (313) 955-9920 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

> McNamara Recently announced that the county will save up to \$400,000 a year on road salt - money which can be used for road improvements. Earlier this year Wayne County saved \$1.9 million on the maintenance of I-94 by underbidding its private-sector competitor by 30 percent for the state highway maintenance contract.

"With 1-888-ROAD-CREW, I think we have set the standard for other road agencies," McNamara said. "Not only will Wayne County's responsiveness improve, we also will be helping every city in Wayne County potentially hazardous conditions, respond as well. And that's good



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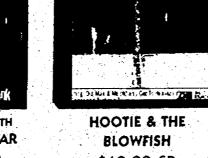
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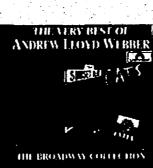
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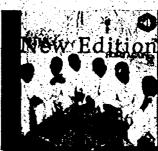
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House OKs legislative package to control state's urban sprawl

By TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

"Slow down," the Michigan Legislature is telling builders, real estate agents and buyers planning new houses on country

But local governmental groups - such as the Michigan Association of Counties, Municipal League and Townships Association - were pleased when the House of Representatives put the finishing touches on a package of bills to control urban sprawl.

Target: the tendency of farmers to split 10.1 acre parcels into four lots, then re-split them 10 years later, and then again 20 years later. Result since the 1960s: a massive loss of farmland to "bowling alley" lots, loss of open space and loss of woodlands.

"The purpose is to slow down urban sprawl, which has caused building out in the country," said Rep. Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, in a rare floor speech. "In northern Oakland county, a majority of houses were built on what were 10-plus acre parcels. Not that they (buyers) really wanted it (large lots)."

"It was the law of unintended consequences," added Rep. Bill Bobier, R-Hesperia, who pushed through a key amendment that displeased builders and real estate groups.

The House passed the bill Dec.

10 on a 79-24 vote with seven absent and sent it back to the Senate for concurrence in amendments.

Few lawmakers could say they understood the details. Bobier recalled that six years ago, then-Rep. James Kosteva, D. Canton, spent hours trying to explain the curbs to the GOP caucus, only to have them turned down. "These explanations are the best we can do," said Bobier.

The key measure was Senate Bill 112, a revision of the Subdivision Control Act sponsored by Leon Stille, R-Spring Lake. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments encouraged the work beginning in 1993-4, when Sen. Stille was in the House, and through the last two years in the Senate, where he chairs the Local Government Committee.

Here is how area representatives voted:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Jim Ryan,

R-Redford, and Deborah Whyman, R-Canton. NO - Eileen DeHart, D-West-

land, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth. Rep. Bob Brackenridge, R-St. Joseph, and chair of the House Local Government Committee, said the new rules require each potential parcel to have an available water supply, ability to handle septic waste, access to roads and a one-to-four ratio of frontage to depth.

The House had a brief but

spirited debate over three permissive bills allowing local governments to purchase development rights from farmers. Local units could not, however, use condemnation proceedings.

Senate Bills 573-575 cleared the House on votes of about 84.

Rep. Lingg Brewer, D-Okemos, saw a plot to rip off taxpayers. A farm parcel might be worth \$2,000 an acre, he said, but in the face of development be priced at \$20,000 an acre.

"We've got the worst of both worlds: We buy the land for \$18,000, and the farmer keeps the deed," said Brewer, a former Ingham County official. "If people want to live in the country, that should be their right."

"It is not corporate welfare, and it is not exclusively farmland," replied Bobier.

Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton, objected to the bills on other grounds: "It allows disclosure of income tax records. I'm insulted that the state thinks it can negotiate based on my income last years."

Here is how area representatives voted on SB 575:

YES - Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Eileen DeHart, D-Westland, Tom Kelly, D-Wayne, Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, Jim Ryan, R-Redford.

NO - Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

Holidays can be hazardous for pets

The holiday season is a joyous time of year, but it can be hazardous to our four-legged friends unless pet owners are careful.

"Pets should not receive table food, especially meat with bones," said Dr. Paul Bloom, of Livonia's Bloom Animal Hospital, "Table food may cause an

"Food that is high in fat can also put your pet at risk for chronic health problems, such as heart disease." Bloom, who is also a diplomate of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Feline and Canine Specialty and an assistant adjunct professor at the MSU College of Veteriupset tummy, and bones can nary Medicine, recommends that mia. A few precautions can help even cause internal blockages or holiday treats for pets should be injuries that may require products that are formulated for day season with your pet.

Other holiday hints from the doctor include: keep pets and holiday decorations safely separated; make sure your dog or cat receives adequate attention during this busy time of year; and remember that pets kept outside for long periods of time are at risk for frostbite and hypotheryou enjoy a safe and happy holi-



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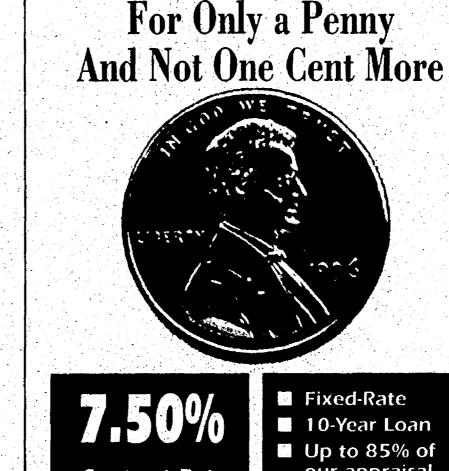
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Legislators wrestle with assisted suicide issue

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Foes of doctor-assisted suicide won the legislative battle of 1996, but advocates vow the struggle will continue, even if some of them aren't in office to fight it.

Sen. Gary Peters, R-Bloomfield Township, and Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, announced they want a 1998

voter referendum on a bill to regulate physician-assisted suicide.

Dolan was joined by Reps. Susan Munsell, R-Howell, and Don Gilmer, R-Augusta, in introducing the measure in mid-November. Dolan and Munsell, however, are retiring Dec. 31.

The odds are zero that their bill will make it through both chambers this year, because the Senate on Nov. 13 rejected Peters' version of the bill on a 26-9 vote.

"It has been said that the only guarantees in life are death and taxes," said Dolan at a news conference. "The Michigan Legislature already has made substantial changes and reductions in taxes. Now is the time to take care of the other issue - permitting other options when it comes to death and dying."

Peters accused the Senate of "acting irresponsibly" in rejecting his effort to regulate assisted suicide. His plan would have limited assisted suicide to terminally ill patients with less than six months to live; limit the method to doctor-prescribed medication; required a second doctor's opinion and psychological counseling; and set a 32-day. waiting period.

All nine supporters of the Peters substitute were

John Cherry of Clio.

Opposed were Loren Bennett, R-Canton, Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and George Hart, D-

Dearborn. Missing the vote was Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion.

Several senators placed formal protests against the Peters substitute in the Senate Journal. George Hart, D-Dearborn:

"This is not a partisan issue. . . There are documented abuse of country but in countries that permit it. Abuse is against our most vulnerable citizens, the seniors. This whisper campaign tells these seniors that this is the only alternative, the only option available to you... Life is sweet, and we should attempt to perpetuate that life in every way..."

William VanRegenmorter, R-Jenison, author of the crime victims rights legislation: "The Remmelink Report showed it didn't work in the Netherlands. (It says) that three persons every day die involuntarily. They are essentially killed. These are people who may or may not be com-

"Speakers before me have raised the issues of wealthy parents ho are maybe estranged Democrats, including Alma from their children or a person Wheeler Smith of Salem and estranged from their spouse...

We had an example of that possibility here in Michigan ... We are dealing with a very dangerous slide toward death - death for almost anyone who may be viewed as not having a life worth living."

Art Miller, D-Warren; "It's a problem for which I respect my seat-mate (Peters) for taking action. . . I am one of those 'kooks' for Right to Life. I have seen too many people fight for their life, fight to stay healthy, assisted suicide, not only in this . fight to save members of their family, and I hear the arrogance of this man (Dr. Jack Kevorkian) who calls himself a savior. I'm embarrassed. .. He defies justice,

every court, every magistrate. . . " The Senate went on to pass the main measure, SB 1102, the Dignified Death Act. Sponsored by Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, it is intended to assure that doctors tell terminally ill patients their rights to accept or refuse treatment; are given immunity when they prescribe narcotics as pain-killers; and tell patients that Michigan case law prohibits anyone from assisting a suicide. It provides no criminal penalties, however, for assisting a suicide.

The Senate vote was 26-9, exactly the reverse of the vote on the Peters' substitute. The bill goes to the House, where action is uncertain.

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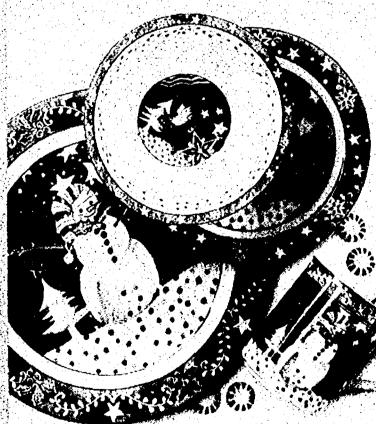
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estland is fortunate to have Mack Mayfield in the community. Like many other volunteers in our suburbs, he symbolizes the unselfish efforts of many men, women and children who try to

make life happier for needy families, especially at Christmas time.

Mayfield, like many other volunteers, stands out in the cold selling Lions Club candy canes or Goodfellows newspapers, usually in bitter, cold weather at busy intersections.

He can be seen many times, many times in cold weather, helping the Westland

Breakfast Lions Club sell White Cane lapel pins and candy canes to raise money for the visually and hearing impaired.

Mayfield

A man for all seasons, Mayfield didn't stay home with his TV remote control after he retired as a municipal public service department supervisor in 1989.

He remained active in several groups, helping enhancing the quality of life for disabled and needy persons.

He is active in the Civitans, Lions and Goodfellows.

Mayfield told the Observer that he remem-

We didn't get any toys at Christmas," he recalled. Since them, remembering motivation by his mother, he said "I want to make a difference and do for others whatever I can."

There are a lot of people who are in need of things, even though they aren't destitute, they may still need help, he said.

Down the street at Ford and Middlebelt in Garden City, Dorothy and Otis Maddox represent the perfect volunteers, working together in many projects. He headed the Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children while both are in leadership roles in the Garden City Goodfellows.

They are also involved in the Garden City Lions Club, United Needy Family Fund and the Veterans for the Retarded.

It was just a few days ago that they helped lead the Goodfellows to a record sales level. The group sold all of its 6,000 special editions by mid-morning Saturday, Nov. 30, well ahead of past years.

The Mayor's Committee for Underprivileged Children is another important project that the couple works hard with.

Since 1966, the committee hosts hundreds of disabled children and adults from state institutions and group homes through the Garden City Santaland complex in City Park where each one visits with Santa Claus and receives a small gift.

Why do they each spend at least 400 hoursplus a year helping others?

"To see the smiles on the children's faces," Dorothy Maddox said for the couple. They start in August planning the annual Goodfellows' newspaper sale.

"It's a good feeling when you reach out and help others."

In Canton, this is the second year Matt and Carol Adams are parking a trailer at the Kmart parking lot on Ford Road and Sheldon to collect new toys, clothes and food for the Canton Goodfellows. This year they also bring their 18-month-old son, Billy, along with

"We want to instill in him that he's fortunate, but there are others out there that aren't so fortunate," said Matt Adams.

The people Adams meets also made the volunteer work mean a lot, such as the little boy who got out of a car with a big stuffed animal to donate to the needy children. He told Adams he won it. Adams asked if he was sure he wanted to give it up. "He said there's a little boy or girl who needs it more than I do," said Adams.

Remember all of the people this holiday season who volunteer in our communities.

A standing joke at Al Flores' house in Livonia is that he used to be a couch potato. But it was with the Beverly Park playscape project that he began his community service.

Flores, who works full time as a field engineer for Wayne County, is now the co-chair of Greenmead 2000, which is seeking ways to make Greenmead in Livonia self-sufficient. He also works on the Livonia Spree committee and helps out with Livonia Parks and Recreation Department golf outings.

He has been on Livonia's Zoning Board of Appeals, for which he receives nominal pay, for more thantwo years.

Flores said his involvement is a way of giving back to the community. "You have an opportunity to make a difference." It is also a good example for his two sons, he said. "My children are seeing what I do, and they tend to gravitate toward that themselves."

He pointed out the interconnectedness of local programs that rely on volunteers. Those links, he said, draw him to another project once one is completed.

The playscape project was launched in the fall of 1991. The structure opened in the spring of 1993.

For 11 years, in her volunteer work for Toys for Tots, Gladys Hays has worked behind the scenes to make sure local youngsters had a

happy Christmas. Years ago, when Hays worked in the Livonia Senior Center Gift Shop and was surrounded by the beautiful toys the senior citizens made, she came up with the idea that senior citizens would be willing to buy some of the items and donate them to the annual U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign.

She started volunteering at the senior center about 19 years ago as a way to overcome the grief she felt upon the death of her husband, Charles. "I did this to help myself overcome my grief. By helping others, you help yourself, too." Hays recently stepped down from organizing the event because of health problems.

Colleen Collins, 24, Redford Union High School graduate, currently attends Oakland Community College, studying business. The Redford resident is manager of Novi Road Cleaners in Northville (which has donated storage space for her collections, but is not donating clothes itself.)

For the second year in a row, Collins is running a "Winter Warm-A-Thon, She is seeking volunteers and collecting coats, toys, Bibles, shoes, gloves, sweaters or other winter clothes. "Anything to warm the heart or body," Collins said.

Those are the kind of volunteers who enhance the quality of life in the community and help others.

That's the true spirit of the Christmas holi-



LETTERS

Library defended

fter reading Walter Warren's letter in last Aweek's Observer I am forced to add just one more item to my Christmas list - an immensely time-consuming hobby for Mr. Warren.

I normally don't get annoyed by his letters. This is due mostly to the fact that usually I scan the first sentence, see what he's griping about today, and move on to more stimulating literature elsewhere in the paper (like shoe ads, or the cooking guy).

But when he decided to start in on the new library last week I had to take offense. What motivated him I cannot understand.

Mr. Warren states that the library leaves him "feeling cold." He calls it an "Ice Palace" that makes him want to go in, do his business, and leave. He does not like the colors, the architecture, the lighting, or the shelves, among other things. He says it is "not a people place."

Well, do me a favor, don't tell my kids about this. You see, Mr. Warren, kids actually LIKE bright open spaces. They kind of have a thing for whimsical color schemes.

Children are comfortable in the cavernous and well-lit sitting areas that abound throughout the "Ice Palace." In addition, I would be surprised if a majority of adults did not feel the same as the kids.

The library is a good thing for our community. There is still genuine excitement about it. If it offends you so, Mr. Warren, it is within your power to take action. May I recommend that you stay away from it? You said yourself last week that you wanted to "go in, do your business, and leave." Why not do just that? To that end you will be doing your part to keep it

a "people place." Please stop trying to knock down anything that anybody builds just for the sake of keeping yourself occupied. Stick to the political banter and leave the community be.

Enjoy that highly detailed, unbelievably time consuming, giant scale model ship that I'm counting on Santa to bring you.

And do me one last favor, Mr. Warren, have a very merry Christmas this year and for many, many more to come.

> Frank Cote Westland

About Dalmatians

lease don't buy a pet for Christmas and stop and think long and hard before buying a Dalmatian.

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When buying a purebred dog, please go to a responsible breeder who will tell you the problems that particular breed can be prone to and who will tell you of any known health problems of its ancestors. It may cost you a little more but in the long run, it will be worth it.

Don't forget the beautiful animals at the Humane Society and Anti-Cruelty Association, they need good homes.

So, when you see us walking our Dalmatian, please don't run in the other direction, just pass us by, he won't bother you, or stop and say Hi, he'll just give you a big lick to tell you how much he likes people.

Joann Gresens

Understanding cultures

Thank you for the article describing how the

Americans feel about our Thanksgiving Day and, at the same, time giving us a little insight into their culture.

I believe that the Original Americans have always wanted, in some way, to share their beliefs and culture with us and that we have been too stubborn to listen to and accept what they have to offer.

If you could find a person of native descent to write and the room in your paper to print articles about the Native American culture, maybe it would help Geo Fuhst's efforts with Indian World.

Of course, as was pointed out in the article, the cultures of the various nations are diverse. The rites and ceremonies of one Nation would not necessarily be the same as another nations, but perhaps knowing the ways of one or two groups would go a long way toward helping we who are not natives understand and appreciate their way of life:

Jim Kirby

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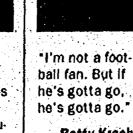
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- Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

From one old shoemaker to another

he father-in-law and I were a lot alike. Curmudgeons in our own way. He was stubborn. Taciturn. Even-tempered, although nasty when he did occasionally boil over. We were both procrastinators, me more than him. He was a better handyman than I am, but not by much.

"I'm just a shoemaker," he used to say.

I didn't quite understand what that meant, but once, when he was visiting us, a headlight burned out on The Feminist's car. I told her to take it to the dealer to have it replaced, but she insisted that it couldn't be that hard to change a light bulb.

"Get my dad to help you," she said. He did. And about four hours later, covered with grease and nursing bruised fingers, we finally had the bulb in place and the rest of the car put back together.

That was the two of us. A couple of shoemakers. We didn't talk much, but over the years a kind of silent bond

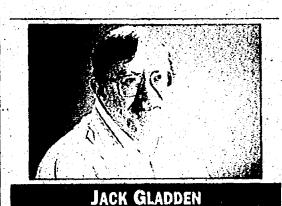
developed.

He was Polish and grew up in Hamtramck. I was a WASP from Arkansas. An unlikely pair – the Polack and the Hillbilly. We teased each other about that.

When he'd come to visit, he always had a friendly greeting. Something like, "Jack, your grass needs mowing." Or, "Gee, Jack, when are you gonna trim the shrubs?"

And if he stayed for dinner, he always had something to say. "You burned the roast, Jack." Or, "Kathie, there's too much pepper in the kapusta." He was serious and teasing at the same time.

We were both in the Navy, although a few years apart. He was on a destroyer escort in World War II, and I stayed safely ashore in the Philippines during the Vietnam era. He called me a shavetail because somewhere along the line I got a commission as a lieutenant, j.g. I teased him about falling off the boat into the



St. Johns River during "The Big One." (He really did, but there was more to the story than that.)

When he and the mother-in-law retired to Florida a few years ago, they built a house just off the St. Johns. I told him not to fall in again.

Before they moved he gave me his snow blower and garden tiller. He had no need for the snow blower any more, and he had no intention of using the tiller. That was not his idea of retirement.

But I think there was more to it than that. It was his way of saying something neither of us could put into words.

The only time he and I got close to a show of affection came after The Feminist, The Eighth-Grader and I had spent a week visiting him and the mother-in-law in Florida. When we were getting ready to board the plane, I gave the mother-in-law a hug and gave him a handshake. Then each of us put both our hands together—the old double-fisted handshake—and pretended we didn't see the tears in each other's eyes. We said goodbye, and our voices cracked just a little.

When he entered the hospital in October, The Feminist and The Eighth-Grader flew down to Florida. I told The Eighth-Grader to "give Papa a big hug and tell him it's from me. And then tell him I don't care if he likes it or not, it's still from me."

He couldn't talk because of the ventilator in his mouth, but when she delivered the hug and the message, he raised a clinched fist. I know what he meant. One shoemaker's salute to another.

He died the Friday before Thanksgiving and the next day we were all
back in Florida. At the house near the
St. Johns River, the latch on the door
to the laundry chute in the bathroom
was broken. He'd been meaning to fix
it before he got sick, but just hadn't
gotten around to it.

The Feminist asked if I would try to do something with it before I came back to Michigan. She figured it shouldn't be much harder than changing a light bulb. I looked at it and meant to work on it, but I got side tracked.

The next time I'm down there, though, I'm going to work on that door. I could use some help, but this time I'll have to figure it out myself. It's the least one old shoemaker can do for another.

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric. He lives in Canton Township.

Unicameralism would do more than save money

enry Woloson has emerged again to push an idea whose time has come, whether Michiganians realize it or not.

A lawyer by background and investment banker by trade, Woloson has offered what's left of his 1994 effort at unicameralism to anyone who wants to take up the cause.

Unicameralism means a one-chamber legislature, for those who avoided Latin — "uni" for one, "camera" for room. No more House of Representatives, Senate and conference committees if the public votes yes.

Woloson is a libertarian type (my characterization) who made an intelligent and worthy run for the Oakland Community College board a few years back. I encouraged him to take another shot, but he has seen fit to work on

other projects.

The Legislature itself is unlikely to initiate a plan to lay off half its members. Voters will need 309,000 petition signatures to put it on the ballot.

Unfortunately, backers of a onehouse legislature use the wrong argument in selling the plan – cheapness. They say it could save \$50 million, which sounds like big bucks compared to your family budget and mine.

But \$50 million is less than one percent of an \$8 billion general fund budget, and less than one-fifth of one percent of Michigan's total of \$30 billion in spending.

Citizens could keep better track of mischief with only one chamber to watch. Many ideas pass the first chamber – Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester, has a pro-citizen Freedom



TIM RICHARD

of Information Act amendment; the revised hunting license fees also come to mind – only to have things fall apart in the other chamber when they're not watching.

Lawmakers often bamboozle their constituents by getting a bill they know is bad passed on one side of the State Capitol, milking it for publicity,

and then letting it languish on the other side when the heat is off.

Or else lobbyists let a popular bill go through one house, when the glare of publicity is bright, and kill it in the other, when the great unwashed public is watching crime news on television.

My particular gripe is the Legislature's third chamber - conference committees, used when both chambers pass different versions of the same bill. The speaker appoints three representatives; the Senate majority leader, three senators.

Conference committees:

■ Don't have regularly scheduled meetings.

May not even be convened until the two top leaders have put together a deal. They then call the conference committee together five minutes before the last day's session starts and give the members a take-it-or-leave-it decision, which amounts to a Hobson's choice when you're talking about the school aid bill. Retired Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, knows the stories.

Are subject to evil machinations. There was, for example, a Senate majority leader who didn't publicly appoint his trio; he told them privately; they met privately and cut the deal, when no one could watch. Good luck, Henry Woloson, with your dream of finding someone who will take over your files and the unicameral project.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

Bickering keeps state from education reform

ixing what's wrong with the schools is not rocket science.

First, you set out in clear and concrete terms what kids are expected to learn. Educators often apply the term "standards" to these expectations, as the standard both defines what kids are supposed to learn and how well they are expected to learn it.

Second, you assess — test, if you will — periodically how students actually perform according to the defined standards. Most educators believe the best way to assess student performance is not by computer-scored, multipleguess questions but by requiring kids to write actual paragraphs or work out math problems or reason through a tough question.

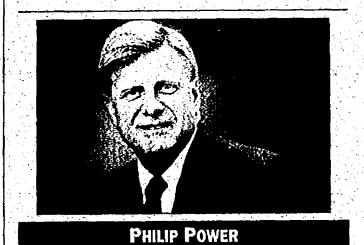
Third, you report the results of the assessment, school building by school building, and you try to set up some incentives for teachers, principals and other administrators and – importantly – parents. These incentives will encourage teachers to change the ways they teach, prod principals into buying different books and changing curricula, and goad parents into checking their kids' homework every night.

Nationally and in Michigan, there have been two main barriers against this common sense program for school reform.

On one hand, ideologues – mostly religious right-wingers, but also including self-styled economists – are fixated on the idea of introducing competition into the public school monopoly and therefore keep pushing for charter schools and tax-supported vouchers to pay for private schools to the exclusion of anything else. Examples of such thinking abound in the minds of the current majority of the State Board of Education.

On the other, a not insignificant minority of teachers and administrators — joined now by religious right-wingers, candidates for local school boards and other politicians — continue to chant the mantra of "local control" as an argument against coherent educational standards. In Michigan, the attempt to create a statewide core curriculum was shot down last year in the State Board and the Legislature in response to just such thinking.

Possibly the most advanced system of school standards and assessments is something called "The New Standards Project," a consortium of 14 states and seven cities financed by grants from major foundations. Across the country, a handful of cities — San Diego, Pittsburgh, Fort



Worth, Rochester – have set up standards borrowed from the New Standards Project. Recently, the chancellor of New York City's schools recommended wholesale adoption of New Standards.

If adopted, the New Standards would define content for benchmark achievement tests to be given in the fourth, eighth and 10th grades in math, English, science and "applied learning," which means using skills such as writing and arithmetic in real world settings.

For example, the standards for English in each grade require that each student read 25 books a year, either at home or as part of class assignments, and keep a logbook of titles and short descriptions of the plots.

In math, the emphasis is on problem-solving using situations drawn from real life. For example, eighth-graders are asked to "analyze a state lottery game to see how many number combinations there are and how many weeks, months or years it will take for all of them to be drawn."

Dr. Rudy Crew, the New York schools chancellor, explained his reasoning: "I am proposing adoptions of the standards developed by the New Standards Project because they are the best available national standards, because teachers can use them, because they are based on common sense as well as academic excellence, and because they are ready now."

What a shame it is in Michigan that we have been arguing for years about how many charter schools can dance on the head of an authorizing pin, when we could have been adopting concrete steps in education reform.

In addition to being chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, Phil Power is a member of the board of the Commission for Skills in the Economy, one of the founding members of the New Standards Project. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1881.



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Children's learning center gives parents shopping tips

During the holiday season, stores are flooded with new and exciting toys.

How do you know which toys to buy? There are many things to consider when buying toys, everything from safety to age appropriateness.

Children's World Learning Centers, a Colorado-based leader in early childhood and school-age educational programs, suggests the following tips for helping parents make better choices in purchasing toys:

■ Is the toy safe?

Choose unbreakable toys with rounded edges and no points.

■ Check rattles and other toys for infants for poor construction and parts that could be swallowed. Paints on all toys should be non-toxic and lead-free. Be sure to check the materials used in stuffed toys.

Never hang toys with long strings, cords, loops or ribbons in cribs or

■ Make sure that materials on toys such as dolls, including clothing, etc.,

are non-flammable.

■ Is the toy age or developmentally

appropriate? Infants (up to 12 months)

■ Select toys that cannot be easily swallowed. Inspect large toys to ensure they contain no buttons or other detachable parts.

Buy washable stuffed toys made from soft, non-irritating materials.

■ Buy rattles only from well-known

companies that follow recognized safety standards.

Hang mobiles out of the way of baby's hands. Take mobile down when infant is about six months or when infant begins to sit and pull up in the

Toddlers (12 to 36 months)

■ Dolls (for both boys and girls) provides toddlers with an opportunity to express their emotional needs. Dolls strengthen the toddler's ability to

socialize and communicate. Select multi-cultural dolls.

■ Blocks build a toddler's motor skills and exercise the imagination. Select lightweight materials and large sizes to match toddler's abilities. Pictures and letters on blocks do not add to their

"Push and pull" toys exercise a toddler's large motor development and coordination skills.

Holidays lit with displays

Here is a list of holiday light shows for the entire family to

enjoy: Hines Drive is aglow with nearly 500,000 lights as the Wayne County Lightfest illuminates the 4-mile course. Lightfest visitors will see 35 holiday displays, up until New Years Day. The Lightfest entrance is off Merriman, just north of Warren Road in Westland.

Donation is \$5 per car.

■ A Christmas story for all to enjoy! That's in store for those who travel to Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor for the Christmas Light Display. Each year, visitors are treated to a 15-minute drive through a Christmas Story, told in thousands of lights. Afterwards, stop at World Headquarters for a Celebration of Trees, a Christmas Gift Shop. and Living Nativity Scene.

Lasting until New Year's Eve, the show runs 6-10 p.m. with a \$5 admission fee Monday through Thursday, and \$7 Friday through Sunday. The admission fee is charged per

■ Downtown Battle Creek is aglow through through Dec. 30 in the 17th Annual International Festival of Lights. The Cereal City is lit with 1 million lights, from 6:00 p.m. to mide night, through Dec. Nearby, the Binder Park Zoo jumps into the fray with its light festival, where 170,000 illuminated bulbs will greet visitors. Binder's show runs 5-9 p.m. and tickets are: \$3 for adults and \$2.25 for kids.

■ Wild life presents Wild Lights! The five-week light show at the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak, which is located at Woodward and 10 Mile Road. Each evening, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the park is lit up with thousands of lights ringing in the holiday season. The festivities run from 5:30-8 p.m. and admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

■ Celebrate the arrival of winter at Riverside Park with the 1996 Ypsilanti Festival of Lights. On display until New Year's Eve, the park will glitter with thousands of lights. There are also free horse drawn wagon rides on Saturday evenings: Riverside Park will be open 6-10 p.m. each evening.

Crafts show scheduled for March

Madonna University is now accepting applications from crafters for its 12th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Showcase to be held Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Activities Center on campus.

The show will feature a variety of hand-made arts and crafts uncluding pottery, jewelry, paintings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space measuring 9 feet by 6 feet with two chairs and one table is available for \$50. Table sizes are 6 feet or 8 feet. Booths with electricity are limited and are an additional \$5. Exhibitors may purchase up to three spaces. A \$5 discount will be given to those applications postmarked by Feb. 1.

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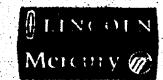
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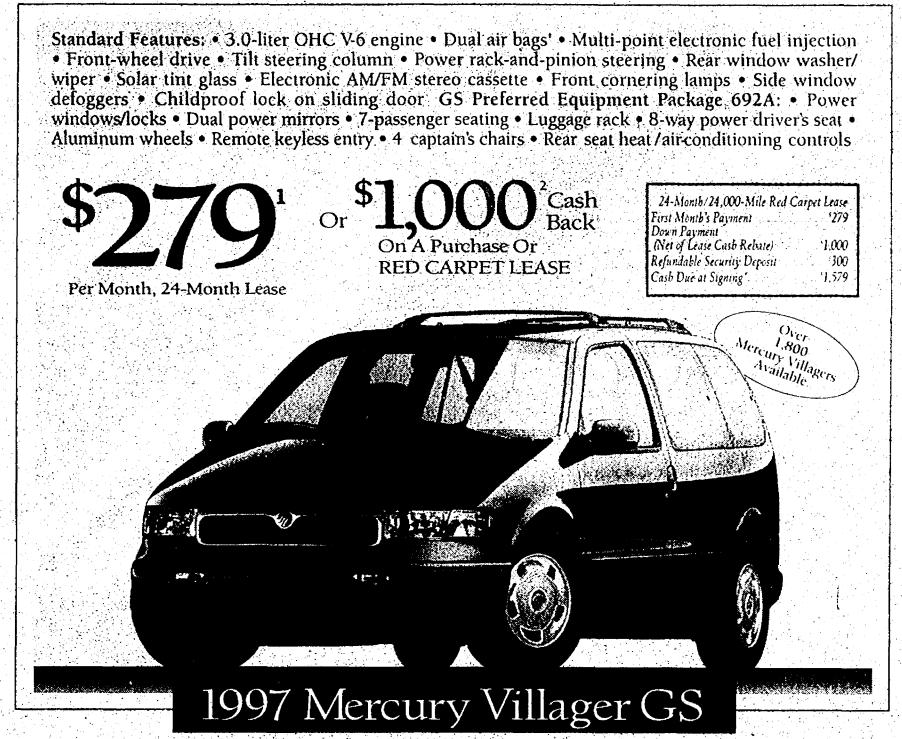
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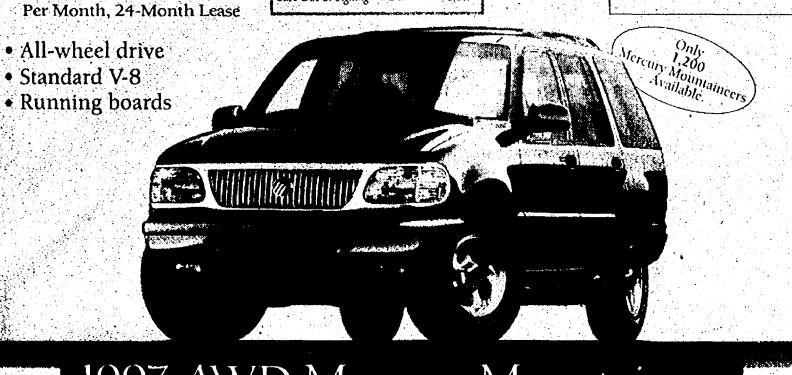


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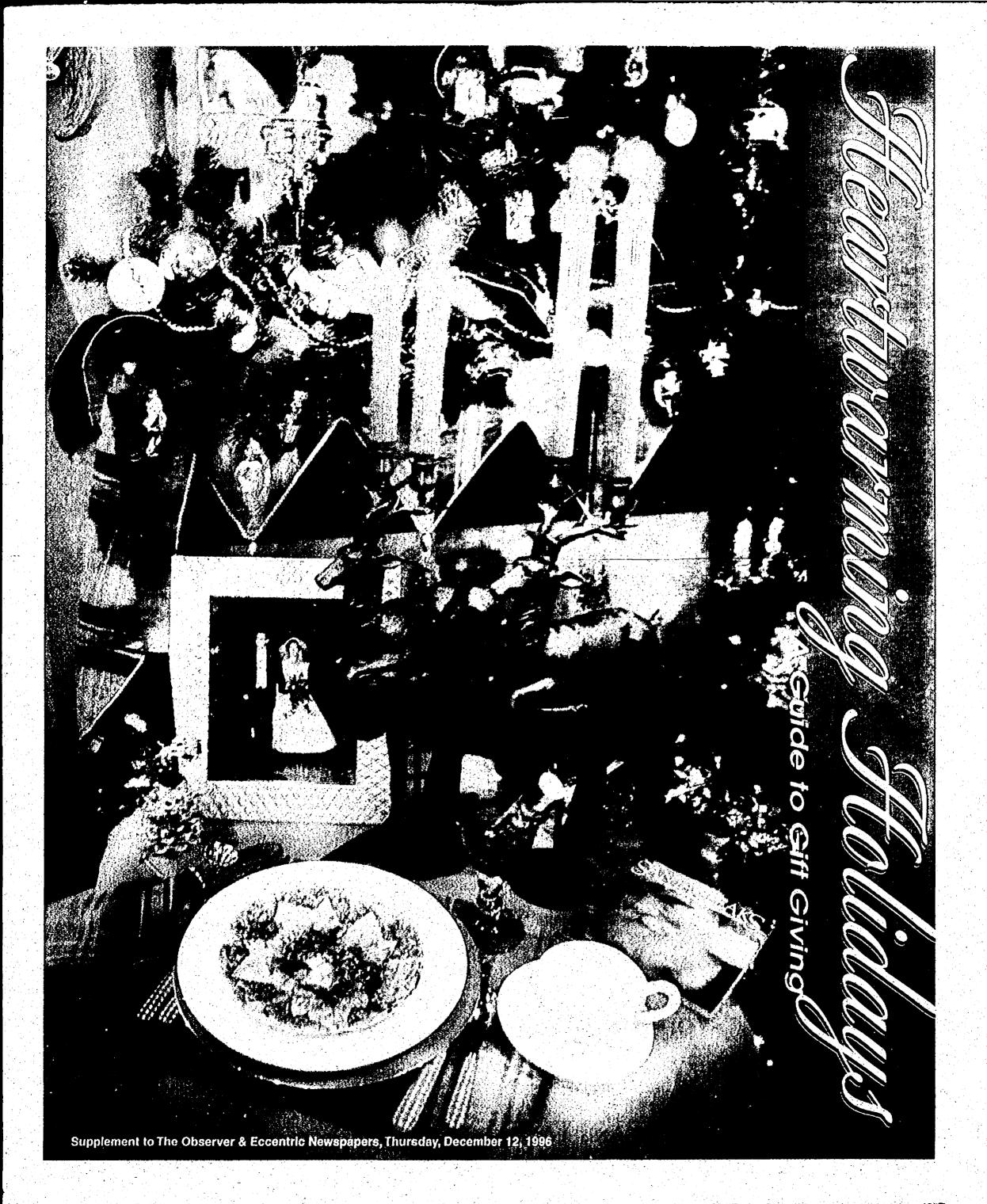


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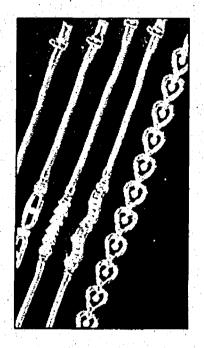
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Heartwarming holidays

re you one of those people who has all your holiday shopping done and the gifts are already wrapped? Or are you one of those people who hasn't even thought about shopping yet, or well, you've thought about it but only with dread? Well, this gift guide offers ideas for either type of person or those in between — whether it's gift ideas or entertaining ideas or even ideas to store away for next year. Happy holidays!



Inside:

Rence
Skoglund
offers some tips to
add extra panache
to your holiday
gatherings.

Who wouldn't love a piece of jewelry for Christmas? Some local jewelers offer their

ideas for what's hot.



Some people buy for their pets before they buy for their family members. Local pet stores offer a variety of gift ideas.

6 Shops and galleries in fer a few decorat-

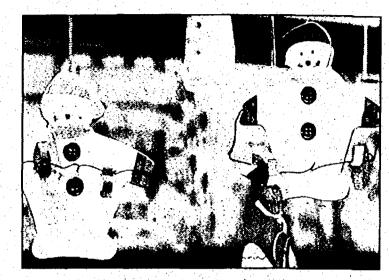
downtown Plymouth offer a few decorating and gift ideas.

Sometimes it feels good to buy gifts and know that the proceeds benefit local groups.

10 Computer software and video-tapes appeal to people of all ages.

12 Music calms the savage beast and appeals to the music lover on your shopping list.

14 Gift certificates fit all sizes and "adopting" zoo animals helps a good cause.



Gift Guide II

The Gift Guide is a special holiday section of the Observer Newspapers.

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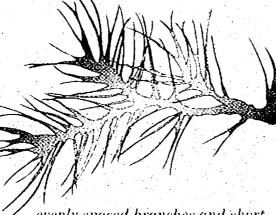


Top tree tips

Choosing the perfect fresh tree

Those who set out to find the perfect tree should remember that the fresher the tree is to begin with, the fewer problems they will encounter later.

- Look for brightly colored, pliable (as opposed to brittle) and lush needles telltale signs that trees are cut fresh, rather than chopped down and stored months in advance.
- Whether you purchase your tree directly from a tree farm, a corner lot or other retail store, make sure that the trees are displayed on raised platforms as opposed to pavement and are kept well-watered and out of direct sunlight.
- When selecting a particular tree, consider your ceiling height and the amount of space you have to display the tree.
- Generally, people find full, symmetrical trees most attractive, so step back and circle the tree, looking for bare spots and assessing its overall appeal. The trunk should also be straight enough to stand upright in a stand. Keep in mind that even the most beautiful, natural trees will not be perfect.
- Following is a rundown of some of the most popular varieties of Christmas trees. Personal taste and your decorating style will determine the right one for you. Also, think about the amount, size and weight of the ornaments and lights you plan to use. Douglas firs: have



evenly spaced branches and short needles that tend to stay on long after the tree is cut. Scotch and white pines: long-needle varieties with the traditional, attractive cone shape. Blue spruce: an indigo-tinted pine with a nice look, but loses its needles relatively quickly.

- Once the chosen tree has been hauled home, place it immediately in a pail of water and out of direct sun or freezing cold until you're ready to bring it indoors.
- Before placing it in a tree stand, 1 or 2 inches should be cut off the bottom, so that the tree can draw water up into the trunk and remain fresh longer.
- To keep it from drying out prematurely, take care not to set it up close to heat sources like fireplaces, heaters or heat vents. Check and fill the stand with water frequently. A tree needs a lot of moisture.
- Before you begin to decorate, make sure the tree is firmly in the stand and sturdy enough to ride out the entire season.

Source: Copley News Service

Give parties holiday sparkle



BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND SPECIAL WRITER

Every host wants to give a Christmas party that intimately reflects the joy of

the season and lingers long in the memories of your guests. Here are a few suggestions.

Who says the china must match? For a formal dinner, provide each guest with his or her own "look" by setting the table with different place settings and stemware borrowed from friends and relatives. Wrap the napkins in different colored ribbons.

If you're serving a buffet, arrange the food and decorations at varying heights. Create topiary trees of cookies, truffles and appetizers anchored with toothpicks: "Adding staggered height to a table makes it much more interesting," said Lori Carollo of Plymouth, owner of Piccadilly's, a home and garden accessory store located in

Plymouth's Old Village.

Serving champagne? Carollo suggests creating your own ice bucket. Fill a 2-liter plastic bottle with pea rocks and place it in a small plastic pail. Layer the pail with flowers, adding water and freezing until the pail is almost filled. When ready, unmold the ice form and insert the champagne bottle. Your guests will marvel at the effect. (Ribbons and glitter also work quite nicely in the ice bucket, Carollo said.)

Piccadilly's specializes in holiday decor, and Carollo and her partner Paul Bezaire delight in providing hosts with party suggestions. Bezaire, who moved to Plymouth from Hollywood in 1989, used to be the florist for such movie stars as Ann-Margret and Liberace.

Holiday decor

Besides creating holiday floral swags,

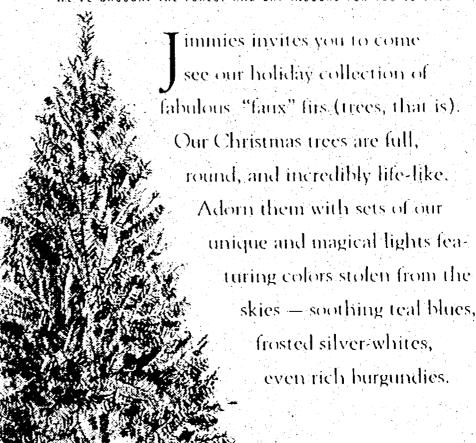
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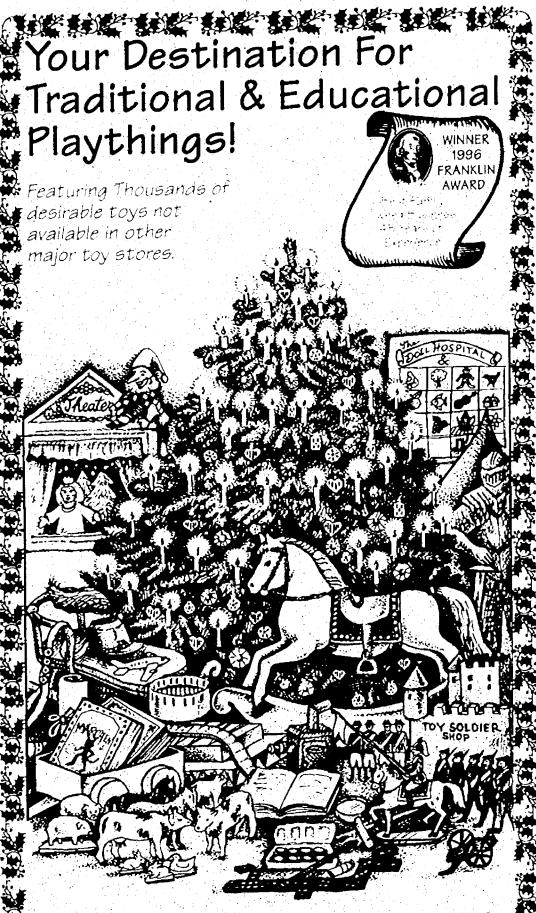


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Little kids: Moms and grandmas will love necklaces which feature figures of boys or girls in the colored birthstone representing their children or grandchildren.

Jewelry gifts add glitter to holiday

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN



Diamond stud earrings, Omegabracelets and necklaces, slides, mothers jewelry and twotone pieces - these.

are among the jewelry items at the top of many holiday wish lists.

Mothers and grandmothers jewelry are a "real hot item for us," Orin Mazzoni Jr., president of Orin Jewelers, said. Orin Jewelers is located in Garden City.

CZ Kids, necklaces which feature figures of boys or girls in the colored birthstone representing each child or grandchild, are popular, he said.

A necklace with three figures on it costs between \$100-\$150. "It's a real popular price range," Mazzoni said. Mazzoni's wife wore one and "probably sold a hundred of them for us."

At Plymouth Jewelry and Gifts in Plymouth Omega bracelets start at \$200 and necklaces start at \$400. Slides start at \$200 and can be custom made and can include diamonds and pearls, according to Joy Cox, sales manager at Plymouth Jewelry. Slides can also be made into a mother's piece to include birthstones of children, according to Cox.

Two-tone jewelry is also hot seller in white and yellow gold as well as goldand platinum, Cox said.





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A dog's life: Specialty Pet Supplies offers pets a variety of gifts such as toys, treats, stockings, bandannas and jingle bell collars.

Pets like to get holiday gifts too

BY BETH SUNDRLA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER



People love their pets. Some people buy for their pets before buying for their people at holiday time.

That's according to Terri Bennett, owner of Specialty Pet Supplies in Plymouth.

And many people spend more on their pets than on their in-laws, according to a Pet Supplies "Plus" survey.

Some 88 percent of pet owners plan to buy their pets something this holiday season and of those 51 percent will wrap their pets' gifts, 38 percent will place the pets' gifts under the tree and 30 percent will put the gifts in a stock-

If you're looking for pet gifts there are many items to choose from including candy-cane shaped dog chewies, dog and cat stockings, cat dancers and cat condos.

Cat furniture is a big seller at Christmas, Bennett said. "It's a big expense." she said.

At Specialty Pet Supplies, there are also gifts for pet owners themselves such as sweat shirts carrying humorous sayings or portraits of animals, jewelry boxes, picture frames and mugs featuring different breeds of dogs.

Bennett also carries several items that benefit good causes, such as "Reindeer Treats" (99 cents) which benefits Toys for Tots and Sister Joan pet cookies which benefit the Benedictine nuns' retirement fund.

All kinds of holiday attire for pets is

available, such as Santa hats and bandanas, antlers, bow ties and fingle bell collars. Your cats and dogs can also eat out of bowls decorated with holly.

Stuffed toys with holiday themes include angel bears, wreaths, snowmen, reindeer and Santas. Specialty Pet Supplies also carries Looney Tunes and Disney items for pets. "Burger King has nothing on us," Bennett said.

For the more unusual pets, there are stockings for reptiles and gifts for birds. "People will splurge at Christmas and buy new cages for them birds)," Bennett said.

Apparel for dogs is also a big seller at holiday time, Bennett said. Sweaters and coats for dogs range in price from \$5 for basic sweater to \$83 for 3M Thinsulate jackets.

For small animals, such as ferrets, hamsters, rabbits, gerbils and guinea pigs, there are toys, cages and food, including vogurt drops, according to Jack Berry, president of Pet Supplies "Plus."

Birds often get new cages at Christmas, according to Berry. There are also other gifts for birds, including fruit and vegetable sticks, perches, and mazes.

For those who love their fish, there are many sizes of aquariums, and bases, lighted tops, and started kits, plus all kinds of things that go into tanks. Berry said.

"We even have a Christmas stocking for the fish," Berry said.

Reptiles as pets are gaining in popularity and some popular gifts for reptiles are sizzle stones, hiding dens, bark bends and jungle gyms, Berry said.

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Plymouth offers gift choices

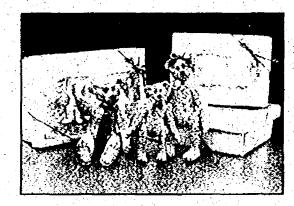
Shops and galleries in downtown Plymouth offer a variety of gift and holiday items.



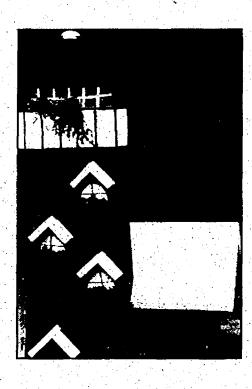
Stuffed Santa: Woof & Poof introduces detailed plush figures for the holiday season. This modern-day Santa Claus with a wild snow-white beard, wears a maroon and green velvet outfit, accented by the more traditional boots and cap. Also a wind-up music box, this Santa plays "Jingle Bells." A variety of holiday figures are available, including Santas, reindeer and snowmen, at Chameleon Galleries Ltd., Main Street.



Angelic art: This free-standing angel sculpture, mounted on a wood base, is made of stoneware and has lighthearted and unusual features. The artist, Marietta Burr from North Carolina, makes an effort to make each piece in her collection unique. Available at Penniman Gallery, Penniman Avenue.



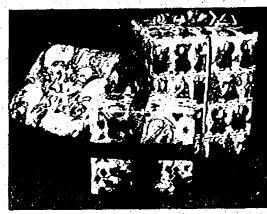
Beary Christmas: Boyd's Bears & Friends introduces a new line of collectible figurines called the Shoe Box Bears. This line of handcast and handpainted bears, hares and friends, now have jointed arms and legs. The three adorable figures that make up this new, posable family include: Augustus "Gus" Grizberg as the family patriarch, Gertrude "Gerti" Grizberg as his wife and Thaddeus "Bud" Grizberg as their son. Available at Bed 'n Stead, Forest Avenue.



Quaint look: Although this wood bird house is functional for outdoor use, the creative lighthouse shape and intricate details make it more suitable for inside decor. In navy blue, with maroon and white painted accents, the quaint look is completed with flower boxes, canopies, stones and greenery. This item is available at Gabriala's, Main Street.

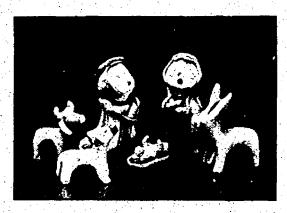
Wrap It up: The "Snowman" and "Christmas Holly" gift wrap, designed by Notes & Queries Inc., are imported from England. The gift wrap also makes a great gift for collectors. Both

wraps cost \$3.95 for four 19 inch by 28 inch sheets. The "Kriss Kringle" gift wrap, designed by Caspari of New York, is representative of Cas-



pari's traditional designs. Caspari also offers matching accessories, including napkins and place cards. This gift wrap costs \$4.50 for two 28-inch by 40-inch sheets. The gifts are accented by midori and peacock papers curling ribbon. Available at R.S.V.P. on Penniman.

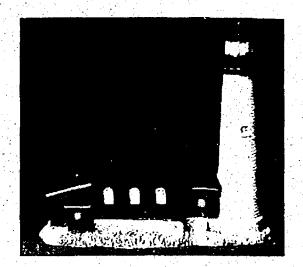
Sculpted scene: This nativity set was handcrafted by artist



Lyda Toya, Jemez Indian potter from Jemez, New Mexico. The figurative pottery was sculpted from clay, and then painted with all natural paints made from rocks and plants. The scene includes six traditional figures: Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and three barn yard animals. Mary's and Joseph's mouths are open to spread word that Jesus is born. Available at Native West, on Ann Arbor Trail.

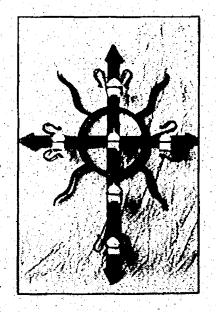
To the lighthouse: Lighthouses, part of America's history and still used today to help ship captains navigate the seas and waterways, are guiding a new trend in home decor. The Tawas Point Lighthouse sculpture, an

exact replica, is available in two sizes, is designed and handcrafted by Scaasis Originals in New Jersey. In addition to Tawas Point, the following Michigan lighthouse replicas



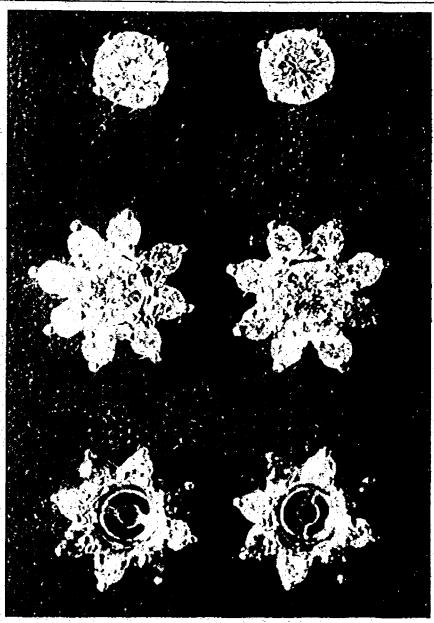
are available: Big Sable, Charlevoix, Copper Harbor, Eagle Harbor, Fort Gratiot, Grand Haven, Grand Isle, Grand Traverse, Holland Harbor, Little Sable, Manistique, Marquette, Muskegon, Old Mackinac, Old Mission Point, Old Presque Isle, Point Betsie, Point Iroquois, Presque Isle, Round Island, Seul Choix Point, South Haven, South Manitou, St. Joseph Pier, White Fish Point and White Shoal. Available at Michigan Made, Ann Arbor Trail.

Iron cross: Americans areexperiencing a resurgence of spirituality, whichis reflected in home



decor, especially around the holidays. This wrought iron votive cross sconce is hand-formed and finished in an antique rust patina. It measures 28 inches wide by 36 inches long, and includes the six glass candleholders and candles. This Southwest-influenced accent is available at Native West, Ann Arbor Trail.

diamonds:
Diamond
earrings
are a gift
that lasts
and earring
jackets help
expand an
earring
wardrobe.



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Invisible set jewelry is popular with many people, according to Kevin Felts, president of Plymouth Jewelry

and Gifts. Invisible set means there are no metal bars between rows of stones and it gives the illusion of one continuous stone, Felts said. "People like that," he said.

Platinum is making a big comeback, according to Fouad Haddad, owner of Haddad Jewelers in the Pine Tree Plaza in Canton Township.

Y chains, "like the stuff they wear on Melrose Place," are also popular, Haddad said.

Diamonds, diamonds

The Y necklace and anything diamonds are popular at Redford Jewelry on Six Mile Road in Redford Township, according to owner Tony Sclabassi.

Diamond tennis bracelets, diamond earrings and the DeBeers diamond necklace are the most popular sellers, he said.

"Diamonds are always popular," he said.

The diamond bracelet is also popular at Orin Jewelers, and the store features an add a link style bracelet. The bracelet can be started with a link or two and more links can be added for special occasions, Mazzoni said.

"When it's all done it's a real quality piece of jewelry," Mazzoni said.

Some designs can even be engraved with the special occasion date on the

side. "It's a way for someone to have a real nice diamond bracelet, but sold in sections," he said.

Diamond pendants, diamond necklaces and diamond earrings are also popular, he said.

A popular necklace is the single diamond on a little chain. It looks very well for daily wear and with the right dress or outfit can look very elegant for evening, he said.

A lot of people are also asking for contemporary design bracelets, especially in the Rolex style, which is a link-style like a Rolex watch band, Haddad said.

Tennis bracelets are also popular, with some changes from the original style that rose to popularity years ago. Now two-tone tennis bracelets are popular, Haddad said. Also, hugs and kisses bracelets, those with hearts and x's to symbolize kisses, are popular, he said.

Christmas is also a very popular time for couples to get engaged and buy diamond rings, Mazzoni said.

Earring jackets

Also, diamond fashion earrings some of the biggest movers in the store, Mazzoni said. One of the best ways to start off is with a pair of diamond studs. Then buy earring jackets to dress them up, Mazzoni said.

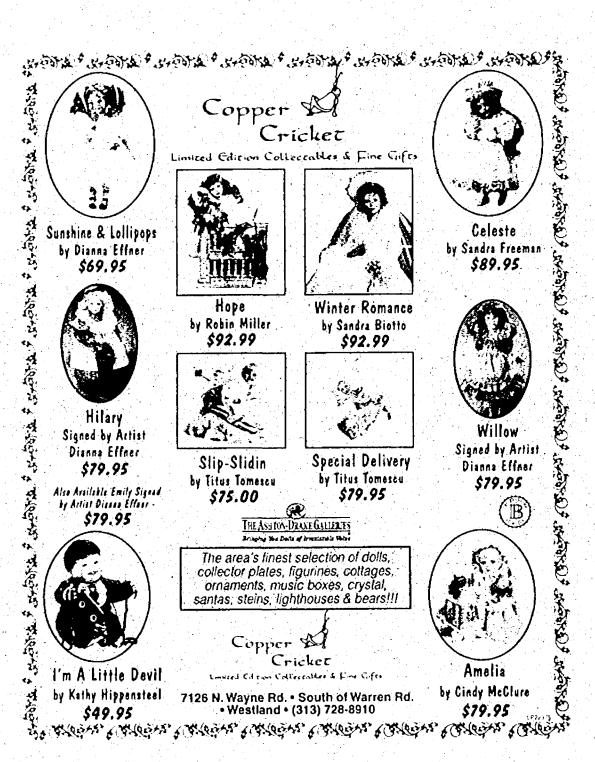
The jackets can also be worn with pearls, rubics or other gems and make three or four pairs of earrings, he said.

"Women today like for their jewelry to be very versatile," he said.



Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. . .

from the staff of Summit on the Park.



Gift shops benefit library, museum

BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER



Livonia Civic Center Library and the Plymouth Historical Museum have gift shops that benefit those orga-

nizations and offer holiday gift ideas.

Both shops are manned by an all-volunteer staff.

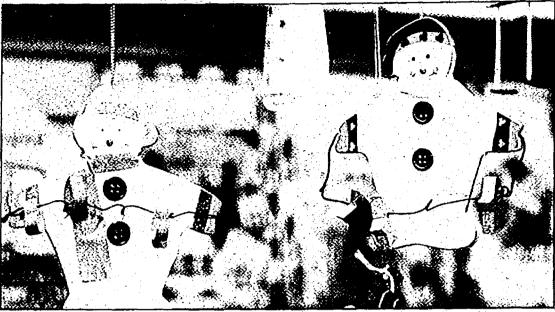
The gift shop at Civic Center Library offers a variety of books, including cookbooks, games, cards, figurines, and toys.

Livonia sweatshirts and T-shirts are also available at the library gift shop.

Cookbooks range from mini ring binder cookbooks for \$2.99 on various subjects such as Chinese food, Italian recipes and holiday collections: to full-sized cookbooks. The shop also carries a selection of Great Lakes and Michigan books.

For the puzzlers in the family, Michigan (\$9.95), USA and World (\$12.95) and glow in the dark discovery puzzles (\$3) are available at the Civic Center Library.

Educational card games sell for \$1.25



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Toys and trim: The gift shop at the Civic Center Library in Livonia carries ornaments, above, and toys, at right. The gift shop at the Plymouth Historical Museum in downtown Plymouth also offers ornaments and a variety of old-fashioned toys.

and author cards for \$2.

"We have many little things that make great stocking stuffer gifts," June Zielinski, a volunteer at the shop, said.

One unusual item is the three bears and goldilocks sewn together in one toy.

The shop also carries children's books, including pop-up books.

Figurines for adults are also available including crystal candleholders,

angels and bears.

Fimo earrings for \$1 are popular with young teens, according to volunteer Gloria Ehrstin.

Other holiday novelty items include music boxes shaped as little gift bags, figurines that play Christmas carols when placed in the palm of the hand, ornaments and felt candy cane holders.

Magnets with cute sayings and 2-



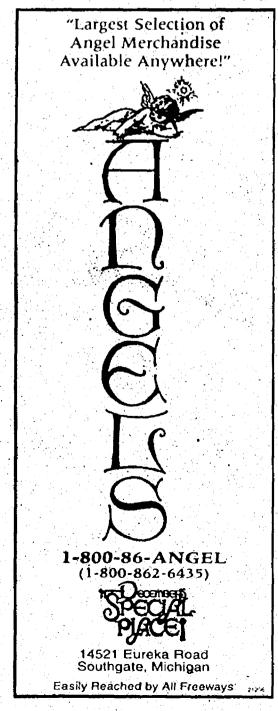
year pocket calendars also make good stocking stuffers, Ehrstin and Zielinskl said.

Old-fashioned, simple toys are among the gift items available at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Old-fashioned children's toys include

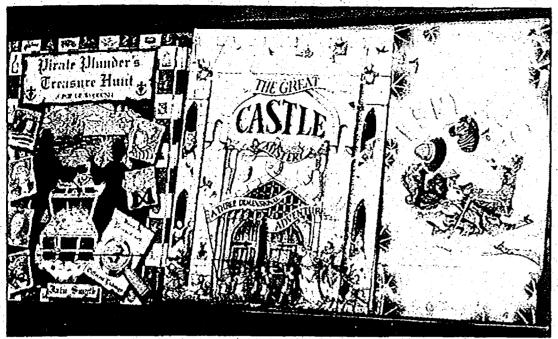
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Look at books: The gift shop at the Livonia Civic Center Library offers a selection of children's books.

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dance rattles (\$2.95), flipsticks (70 cents), marbles (\$1) jacks (80 cents), race cars (\$3.50), pickup stix

(\$2.85), dominoes (\$4). Folk toys including flap jacks and climbing bears are also available.

There are also handmade items on consignment, such as an angel by David Zeese of Frankenmuth.

The gift shop offers Plymouth souvenir items, including plates and pottery. A variety of miniature figurines in the shapes of lighthouses, angels, nutcrackers, Christmas trees and snowmen are available as well as old-fashioned metal candleholders and snuffers.

Miniature tea sets sell for \$9 and miniature Christmas tea sets sell for \$8.50.

One of the big sellers is the Santa Claus sweatshirt for \$10, according to Ruth Jacobs, volunteer manager at the Plymouth shop.

Plymouth Historical Museum bags sell for \$14.95, and luminary candle stands sell for 10 for \$3.50.

... Sewing kits, and a selection of bookmarks, letter openers, books, CDs, maps, cards, videos and genealogy charts are also available.

The Plymouth Museum shop, located on Main Street at Church Street in Plymouth, is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 1-4 and Sunday 2-5.

The Livonia Civic Center Library shop, located in the lobby at the library on Five Mile east of Farmington Road in Livonia, is open Monday-Thursday noon to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m.



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Puppet presents: The Livonia Civic Center Library offers several styles of puppets, including these on strings.



Plug into software, videos

BY BETH SUNDRIA JACHMAN STAFF WRITER



Software, videos and other high-tech gifts have exploded in popularity in recent years.

There are many

popular computer games and software this holiday season - the trick might be getting your hands on them before they sell out.

Nintendo 64 is a big seller at Media Play, which has a new location in Livonia on Plymouth Road across from Wonderland Mall.

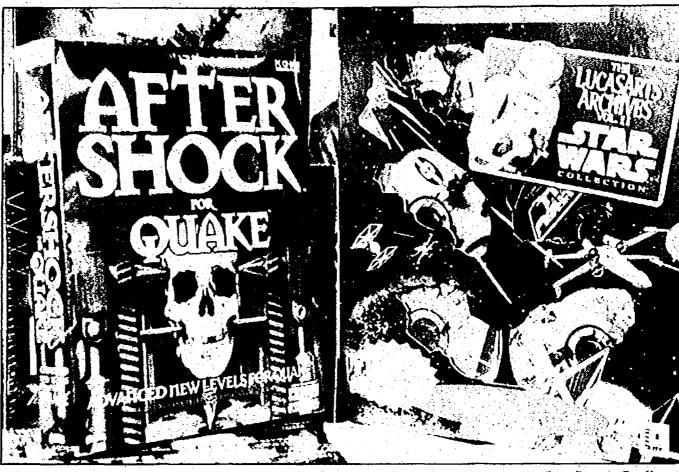
Other items expected to be popular are Madden 97, on professional football, and NHL 97, National Hockey League software

For those who want to organize their personal finances there's Quicken Deluxe for Windows.

Duke Nukem is a 3 dimensional computer game. The front of the package touts: "Prepare yourself for total meltdown."

The Rand McNally TripMaker 1997 for the travelers in the family helps in planning trips with mileage calculations.

Another big seller in the computer



Sweet on software: Computer owners will like gifts of computer games and software available at many local stores.

market is the interactive video with music, including the new release by the musician formerly known as Prince.

Barbie software is hot with the younger set, with the fashion designer and storymaker versions available.

"Those have been really hot," Emily Kriszt, sales lead in the Media Play software department, said.

Basically anything for computers is a big seller, Kriszt said. "Computer stuff is just booming."

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PlayStation base units, selling for about \$200, are also big with the computer game set, Kriszt said. Other popular computer games are Lighthouse

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and Myst. Myst is the "surrealist adventure that will become your (world."

For kids the Toy Story activity center includes games, puzzles and art activities and is compatible with Windows and Macintosh.

Children's educational software is available to help kids beef up their school skills. The Davidson educational software includes "Math Blaster" and "Reading Blaster" and comes in three different levels junior and one and two. VTech units for kids the Little Smart PC Fun and the Little Smart Alphabet Desk as well as the Talking Whiz Kid Animated, Genius and Notebook are computers designed for children.

Video

In the video department, there are selections for all ages.

"Toy Story" has been released on video as well as "Mission Impossible."

"Twister" is still doing really well, according to Paula Helka, promotions manager at Media Play.

"Braveheart" is popular and "Independence Day" is expected to be a big seller.

For children, there's "James and the Giant Peach" and "Disney's Oliver and Company." "Willy Wonka and the



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Video viewing: A variety of recent and classic movies are available on video at reasonable prices.

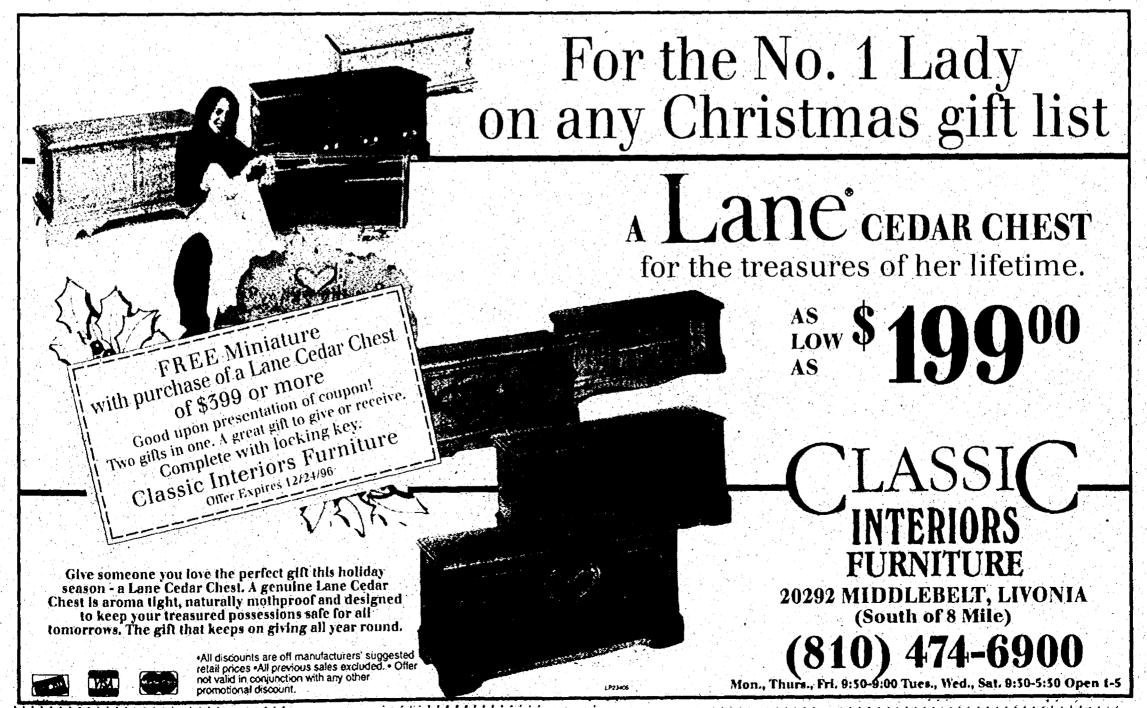
Chocolate Factory," 25th anniversary edition and "The Wizard of Oz" have also been released on video this season.

Other popular titles include "Les Miserables," "ET," "Pinocchio," "Jumanji" and "The Nutty Professor." For holiday viewing, theres "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Winnie the Pooh and Christmas Too," and Tim Allen's "The Santa Clause."

"We do carry a lot of the classics,"

Helka said. Fitness and travel videos are also available, she said.

Many area stores offer computers, accessories and software such as Computerize on Middlebelt Road in Livonia and Best Buy in Westland.





Strike chord with music

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO AND DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITERS



Buying music as holiday presents can be as hard as meeting Santa Claus when he lands on your roof.

Chances are good that the music lover on your list has the latest albums by Alanis Morissette, Hootie and the Blowfish, The Beatles, Oasis, Pearl Jam, Garbage, Toni Braxton and Celine Dion

Alternative rock/pop

The Lemonheads: "Car Button Cloth" (Tag/Atlantic) - Believe it or not, there's a lot more to The Lemonheads than lead singer/songwriter Evan Dando's good looks, "Car Button Cloth," the band's seventh album, is filled with pure pop gems. Even nonfans will admit that "If I Could Talk I'd Tell You," the first single, is the catchiest song on the radio right now. If you really want to surprise someone, try looking in used record stores for an advance copy of the album which includes the song "Purple Parallellagram." The song was reportedly cowritten with Noel Gallagher of Oasis, but he denied ever working on it and demanded that it be pulled from the final copy of the album.

Semisonic: "Great Divide" (MCA)

- One of the stars of radio station 96.3's

"Planetfest" this summer, Semisonic is an unsung hero of this year's pile of releases. Beatlesque harmonies and carnival-like keyboards grace this pop album. "F.N.T.," "Brand New Baby," and "If I Run," which received minor airplay, are relentlessly addictive.

Pure: "Generation Six-Pack"
(Mammoth/Atlantic) - The best
Canadian import of this decade, Pure
returns after a long absence from the
U.S. music scene. "Generation SixPack" champions fuzzy guitars, rollicking music and Jordy Birch's crafty,
tongue-in-cheek lyries.

Red House Painters: "Songs for a Blue Guitar" (Supreme/Island Recordings) - "Songs for a Blue Guitar" is such a departure from the Red House Painters' previous releases that it lost its record deal with 4AD. It's a good thing that Supreme/Island captured the band or else we'd never hear tender acoustic ballads and fuzzy guitar odes by Mark Kozelek.

Hard rock

Metallica: "Load" (Elektra) – Some long-time Metallica fans have turned their backs on Metallica and the album "Load" believing that the band has "sold out" and started to lean toward the pop rock side. (They've dubbed them "alternica.") Nevertheless, "Load" is a heap of great straightahead rock. "Poor Twisted Me" and "Ain't My Bitch" are perfect driving

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Prong: "Rude Awakening" (Epic) - "Rude Awakening" is most likely the last

album by the pioneering hard rock band that brought us "Snap Your Fingers, Snap Your Neck" and "Prove You Wrong." The band broke up and was dropped by their label. (Vocalist/guitarist Tommy Victor recently joined Danzig.) The melodic, head-banging "Rude Awakening" is considered be: the band's best album.

Clutch: "Clutch" (Atlantic) - Two parts melodic hard rock and two parts humor, the Maryland rock band Clutch should be superstars by now. After wading through throbbing drum beats. and sultry guitars, you'll find lyrics about Howdy Doody, and a capsizing pirate ship.

Orange 9mm: "Tragic" (Atlantic) - Featuring former Detroiter Matthew Cross (Noc Barrage), Orange 9mm doesn't sound like anything else out there. The band mixes hard-driving guitars, machine-gun drums, Chaka Malik's no-holds-barred vocals and sometimes even acoustic guitars.

Homegrown favorites

The Verve Pipe: "Villains" (RCA) - The East Lansing quintet effortlessly spills out passionate, intelligent and

witty songs on its third release. From swirling guitars in "Barely (If At All)" to the cascading vocals in "Veneer," "Villains" is a top-notch pop album.

The Suicide Machines: "Destruction by Definition" (Hollywood-Records) - Livonia-based ska-influenced punk mongers The Suicide Machines jump up and get down on its debut album. The band, with its tales of rebellion and life, is one of the stand-outs on the new wave of punk acts moving into the mainstream.

Charm Farm: "Pervert" (Mercury) - Last year's dance hit "Superstar" is just one of many songs on the record guaranteed to get your feet moving.

Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise: "Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise" (RCA) - Just off the road with the Dave Matthews Band. the Detroit-based band blends blues, gospel and rock to compliment Bradley's gritty, emotive lyrics.

R&B/Rap/Soul

The Fugees: "The Score" (Ruffhouse/Columbia) - Get past the radio saturation of the remake of Roberta Flack's "Killing Me Softly," and "The Score" continues to shine as one of the most brilliant hip-hop records in years. The title cut, along with "How Many Mies," "Manifest" and "Ready or Now," are standouts on an

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favorite store gives the hard-to-buy for something to look forward too: picking out something they really want.

Other types of gift certificates can also fit the bill.

Movies and meals

Local movie theaters offer gift certificates and coupon books, which would please the avid movie goer on your holiday list.

AMC Laurel Park 10 Theatres at Laurel Park Place in Livonia offer gift certificates in books of \$10 and \$14.95.

The Showcase Cinemas in Westland offer books for \$5 and \$10, which can be spent on movie tickets or concessions.

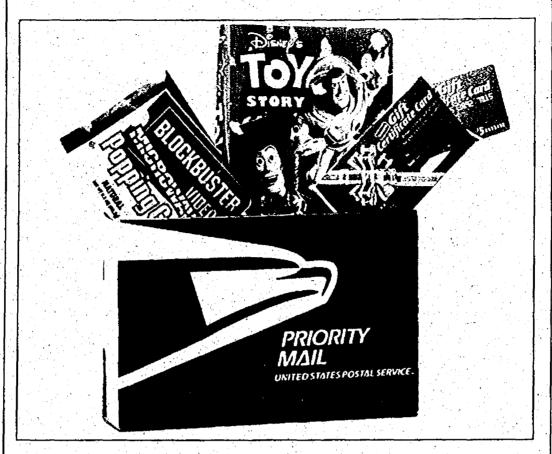
The Quo Vadis in Westland also offers gift certificates in \$1 denominations.

Many local restaurants also offer gift certificates.

Salons and spas

A gift certificate to someone's favorite hair salon or spa is also appreciated.

Mail a movie



At store: The U.S. Postal Service and Blockbuster Video are offering a package to ease buying and sending videos. Prepaid Priority Mail Video Boxes are available at local Blockbuster stores. "The Priority Mail Video Box was specifically developed for ease and convenience of mailing videos," said Carl T. January Jr., Detroit District manager, customer service and sales, of the U.S. Postal Service. The \$3.99 prepaid Priority Mail Video Box will be available at all 83 Blockbuster Video stores.

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album that
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ask on its cover:
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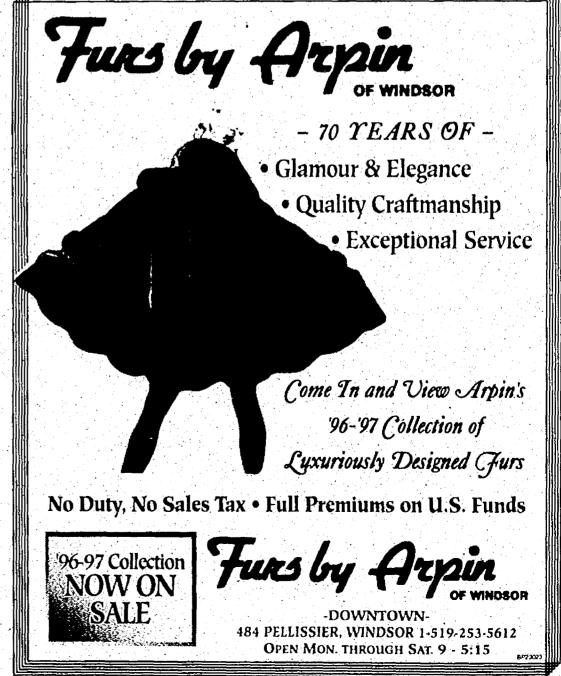
n-roll?"

2Pac: "All Eyez On Me" (Death Row) - This two-CD record is a bit much to absorb in one sitting, but addictive cuts such as "How Do U Want It," "California Love" and "2 of Americaz Most Wanted" - the latter performed with Snoop Doggy Dog - indicate that 2Pac would have had much more to contribute to the music world, had he not been killed.

Nonchalant: "Until The Day"
(MCA) - A record worth buying if only for the single "5 O'Clock," a lyrically ground-breaking single that encourages the African-American community to accept responsibility for its problems rather than placing blame. A sample of lyrics: "It's not a white man's finger on the trigger; carjacks, drivebys, calling each other n---s." The song isn't meant to scold, however, but to help mold "a young mind that won't live to grow old."

Tricky: "Pre-Millenium Tension" (Island Records) - The follow-up to Tricky's critically acclaimed, trip-hop "Maxinquaye" - which contained some of music's best moments last year - proves that he still has imagination and creativity to spare.





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Over at Savanna Reptile and Fish on Middlebelt Road near Seven Mile Road in Livonia, owner Gerry Szeli-

ga offers a few ideas for repitle gifts: lizard lounges, fancy cages and hammocks.

Other dog gift ideals

For dogs, soft-sided carriers are going to be very big, Berry said.

He also expects pet beds to be popular as well as all kinds of toys, leashes, bowls, treats and grooming supplies.

The toys come in all shapes and sizes, including roosters, lions, Easter bunnies, cheeseburgers, dinosaurs, cows and hedgehogs.

There are also items to tie in with the movie "101 Dalmations," including cedar beds, sweaters, pet carriers and rope bones.

A treat for dogs is "Pupcorn," a popcorn treat for dogs, which comes in cheese and butter flavors. So while the family is eating popcorn and other snacks, the dog can have safe snack too. Berry said.

Cat Condos

Cats can enjoy condos, cat beds, towers, teepees, window perches, cat teasers, cat tracks and crinkle sacks.

Cat tracks are big, according to Berry. The cat can chase a pingpong



STAFF PHOTO BY BULL BRESLER

Christmas for cats: Cats may act like they don't care, but they like holiday gifts too such as catnip, toys and stockings.

ball runs around a circular track. Pet Supplies Plus has stores in Livonia and Canton Township.

Specialty Pet Supplies is in Plymouth Township.

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garlands and centerpieces, Bezaire will handpaint linen napkins and wine glasses. He'll also sculpt individ-

ual butters or decorate petit fours with each guest's name.

"Guest gifts" are a perfect way to say thank you for coming. Bezaire favors a single rose, a sprig of fresh holly or a beautiful Christmas ornament festively boxed and laid beside a place setting.

For larger parties, let your guests choose from a crystal bowl filled with colorfully wrapped candies or homemade cookies or a basket brimming with small packages of flavored coffee and miniature liqueur bottles. "We love it when there's mints at the door," said Carollo.

Making music

As part of your party's festivities, consider hiring musicians. Many musicians associated with community orchestras play at private parties, especially at Christmas. (We've included the musicians' phone numbers.)

Carl Karoub (313/420-3057), assistant conductor for the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and a member of a string quartet, said: "Even the best CD and the best recordings don't have

the presence of live music. It's a very beautiful gift for your guests."

Karoub's son Michael (313/383-5307), a LSO member who's part of a popular cello and guitar jazz duo in the metropolitan area, enjoys playing for private parties. "It's just more intimate," he said.

D. L. Turner's harp has been making sweet sounds at Plymouth's Mayflower Hotel for 15 years. Turner (313/803-3425) said live music adds a "dynamic dimension to a party."

Put a harp and a flute together and the music becomes heavenly. Robynn Rhodes of Westland (313/722-6206), a flutist, and Lydia Cleaver of Detroit (313/875-6526), a harpist, both associated with the LSO, often play for private parties. Rhodes describes their music as "just flowing in the air."

Story time

Besides music, add personal drama as well as sentiment to your party by asking one of your guests, not a bashful one, to read a selected Christmas story. Or simply kindle the fire, turn the lights down low and have each guest recount a personal Christmas memory.

And don't forget a few Christmas carols. There's nothing like the warmth of a holiday gathering of friends and family to loosen up the





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Warming up with Monopoly

fall board games, I think I like Monopoly best. It's the memories, I think. Of those winter days when we'd start out with sledding down Oppeneer's Hill, freezing our fingers and screaming a lot, up and down the hill, over and over, then heading back home to warm up. And getting the Monopoly game out.

The game that sometimes went on until the feeble winter sun gave way to darkness and someone's mom would call and say it was time to come home for dinner. None of us could ever believe what time it was and how fast it had passed during those winter Monopoly after-

That's probably why I like the game; it's always meant warming up, forgetting about time, and getting \$200 for no particular reason.

The other night I got our Monopoly game out. The wind was sighing through the eaves, a few inches of snow lay on the ground, and everybody

We got a fire going in the fireplace and there on the family room floor in front of the fire we set up the game. Husband Ron, sitting in the nearby chair, was feeding baby Steven his night bottle, and the rest of us were picking "which guy" we wanted to be, finding the other dice, distributing the money, shuffling the Chance and Community Chest cards, and deciding whether we'd play "team" Monopoly or everyone-for-him-

He's here ...

Holiday becomes a Claus worth collecting

It's not hard to figure out that Christmas is Ron and Sandy Kozdron's favorite and Santa Claus rules. One look at the inside of their house tells the story.

BY SUE MASON



Somewhere in Ron and Sandy Kozdron's house here has to be a sprig of mistletoe. But finding it means searching

among the five Christmas trees, more than 300 Santa Claus figurines, 40 nutcrackers, 30 snowmen and dozen or so angels.

Christmas, needless to say, has come to the Kozdrons' Livonia home in a big way. It does every year.

"We really enjoy the holidays," Ron said. "We've been married 22 years and started picking up little things before we were married."

At their peak, the Kozdrons were adding up to 10 Santas to their collection each year. Now they're more particular about the style. Ron, Sandy points out, "won't put out an ugly Santa." "Now, we're trying to find older

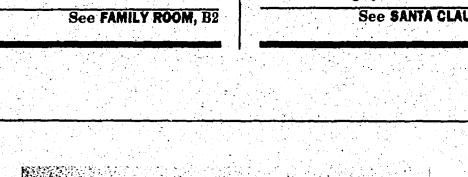
antique Santas from the early 1900s," Ron added. "The old Victorian Santas have more character: there's a lot more variety. You can do just so much with the old Coca-Cola Santa suit." The couple is hard pressed to pick

out the very first Santa they acquired as are they to pick out a favorite. Among their earliest acquisitions is a bug-eyed Santa that sits

See SANTA CLAUS, B2



Must be Santa: In Sandy and Ron Kozdron's house, you'll find Santa Claus riding a snow owl, shaped as a plastic cookie jar, immortalized in Clement Moore's "A Visit from St. Nick," and just about any other shape and style you can think of. The reason being, they love the Jolly Old Elf.





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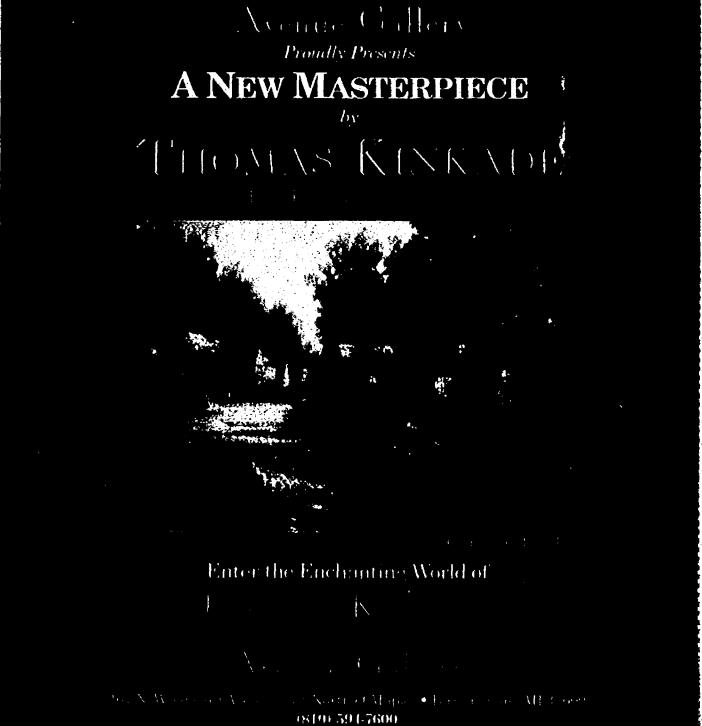
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Santas In all sizes: A table in the family room is covered with Santas, including a a tall gangly one Ron Kozdron bought because it reminded him of Sandy's father, and a movable one (holding a candle) that he

Santa Claus from page B1

on a shelf near the front door. It features a knitted body, homemade cap and oversized eyeballs.

Every nook and cranny, every table, shelves, even the shutters on the windows are filled with Santas. Needlepoint pictures and a framed 1920s placard hang on the wall and miniature Santas scaling a rope dangle from a floor lamp.

The Kozdrons take a week to transform the downstairs into Christmas, starting before the week before Thanksgiving. The house was half and half - the family room was full of Santas. but the rest of the house was ready for Thanksgiving - when the family arrived for Turkey Day dinner.

"It's getting harder to do," said wife Sandy. "That's when you slow down buying stuff, when you think, Where are we going to put all this?'

Sons Zachary, 17, and Jacob, 11, help, hauling box after box of décorations out of the attic. Several years ago, the boys were given the job of assembling the

"They've started their own traditions," said Ron. "They've' decided certain ornaments go on certain trees. They really like it. They bring their friends and teachers over to see because they're proud of what they've

While many of the Santas have been purchased, some the Kozdrons made and others were gifts. A row of Santa heads on sticks graces the top of a bookcase. Ron made them from pieces of driftwood, many meant for craft shows, but kept because he liked them so much.

The 1920s placard came from Ron's brother who found it in his basement. He recalled having one after seeing a similar sign in an antique shop. Made in Gernany, shop owners would put the placards in their store windows during the holidays. Ron tramed his version and hung it

dver a window. Standing among three trees is Victorian-style Santa, the size Jacob, who served as the model." The face was part of a erra cotta wind chime; the body

wrapped wooden dowels. "The face was the same size as pur son, so we used him as the model," Ron said. "I painted the ace, glossed up the eyes with plear epoxy and Sandy made the

"He usually tells me what he Mants and I can maybe make it," Sandy said. "We work well together putting stuff together."

Something old A stand near the entertainment center features their antique Santas, including a plas-Hic cookie jar from the 1950s They found in an antique shop,

Just like the one they could have gotten from Ron's mother when happened to the dynamics of the and dealed with him and took. Every single time, and I mean over, and not a single \$500 bill,



wanted it and we said no, so my brother took it," Ron said. "Now, he doesn't know what he did with it."

The dining room showcases the nutcrackers they started collecting after receiving one as a gift. Among the collection are the usual soldier styles, a baker, fisherman, gardener and artist.

The snowmen and angels fill the living room. The Kozdrons started those collections about five years ago. A very special one sits on a shelf by the coach. Sandy calls it the grungy Santa. It was made by Jacob.

"Jake got bored last year, so he went through his sock drawer and used a clean sock to make the Santa," Sandy said. "It's made with a clean sock, just not a new sock, so it's kind of grungy, but it's cool."

The Kozdrons leave their decorations up until the weekend after Jan. 6, "unless some calls and says, 'Leave it up, we're

coming over," Sandy explained. And like the decorating, it takes a week to put everything away. Each decoration is wrapped and placed in its own box, then put in a larger box for

"Putting this away is not a time when you want anyone to drop by unexpectedly," Sandy said. "There's boxes everywhere. And it's really bare when you take everything down."

"It's amazing how people feel about Santa Claus," Ron added. "Santa Claus brings out the kid in you, unless you're a real

Yule chopping gains in popularity BY SUE MASON certain what Christmas was last

"The main reason for going is

to get a fresh tree; it doesn't matter if it's not the perfect tree," said Maureen Vines. Vines, husband Chuck and 2-

year-old daughter Darcy are among the many folks who shun the artificial and precut tree lots and head for the farm to do some annual Christmas tree chopping.

The Westland residents are among a growing number of Americans who are rediscovering fresh Christmas trees.

Whether it's because of a concern for the environment or a yearning to return to the days when the smell of pine filled the house at the holidays, more and more people are buying fresh.

Sales in 1995 reached a record high of 37 million trees, and estimates for 1996 is 37 million families will opt for fresh over artificial trees.

In Michigan, the National Christmas Tree Association estimates that 350,000-500,000 people will cut their own trees this

"Today, consumers are especially concerned with environmental issues," said Laurie Koelling of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association. "They understand that a real Christmas tree is a natural, recyclable, renewable resource.

The fact is that Christmas trees are no different than any other agricultural crop. These trees are raised to be harvested as Christmas trees. For every tree harvested two to three are planted in its place."

For the Vineses, the tradition started some 10 years ago. They read a newspaper article and thought it would be a fun thing to do with other family mem-

"Initially, we had seven cars full of people; we'd caravan out there," Vines said. "It was great. We'd holler at each other through the trees, and the kids would run around and have fun."

Scheduling, children's activities and the like took a toll on the mega family outing, so the Vineses have started their own with Darcy.

Bundled up in blankets, she made her first trip to the tree farms at four months of age. dutifully recorded on "Darcy's Christmas Tree Adventure" videotape by Dad.

And even though she wasn't

year, she sat on Santa's lap while at Christmas Tree Lane Tree Farm.

"Last year she was a little too young to understand, but she thought it was fun," her mother. said. "This is the first year she really knows what Christmas is about and she's geeked."

Michigan is a major producer of Christmas trees, While the state built its Christmas tree reputation on the Scotch pine, there are eight species of trees now grown for the holiday sea-

While the Scotch pine has been the traditional Christmas tree, people like the Vineses are leaning to spruce and Douglas

"We used to buy Scotch pine years ago, but now we get spruce," Vines said. "A Scotch pine is easier to decorate but the ornaments hang better on a

"With the Scotch pine, you dec-

orate the outside of the tree; with spruces and firs, you can decorate the inside of the tree," Koelling said. "But the latest is the Fraser fir. It has the same type looks of the spruce and firs, but has softer needles. It's more

consumer-friendly." Koelling has carried the Fraser fir as a precut tree for a number of years on the family's tree farm in Okemos, before starting to grow them. Just one week after Thanksgiving, the farm had only 50 of the Fraser firs

available for cutting left. "It's just a beautiful tree and once you have one, you always want one," Koelling said. "We have people who drive from

Chicago to get one." Nationally, the average price of a 6- to 7-foot tree is \$35. Scotch pine costs far less - \$15-16 for 5- to 6-foot tree and \$20-28 for 6- to 7-foot tree. The price of spruce and fir are higher, according to Koelling.

Christmas tree choppers who

don't mind traveling have more than 100 Michigan Christmas Tree Association farms to choose from the Ohio border to as far north as Midland and from Jackson on the west to Port Huron on

the east. The selection varies from farm to farm as does the services. Many offer machine cleaning, tree wrapping and carry-out bags as well as wreaths, garlands and living trees in contain-

Some farms add a festive air by providing wagon, train or sleigh rides, Santa Claus for the children and food and beverages.

Heading out on Sunday, the Vineses were looking to continuing their tradition. As they see it, Darcy needs to know what a real Christmas tree is.

"We just read book last night about Christmas and Donald Duck went out to cut his Christmas tree," Vines said. "That's what she thinks are real Christmas trees."

Saws to Santa, farms have it all

If you're planning to head out for some Christmas tree chopping, here's a partial list of choose-and-cut farms in the southeastern Michigan area.

Keep in mind that most farms sell a majority of this year's crop within the first two weeks after Thanksgiving, so if you're planning to head out. after Dec. 15, it's best to call in advance.

 Trim Pines Farm, Inc., 4357 E. Baldwin, Holly, (810) 694-9958. Open noon to dark weekdays and 9 a.m. to dark weekends.

Sun Tree Farms, 104 Judd Road, Saline, (313) 429-3666. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

• Broadview Christmas Tree Farm, 4380 Hickory Ridge Road, Highland, (810) 887-TREE. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

 Mosher's Tree Farm, 7155 N. Territorial, Dexter, (313) 426-5271. Open 1-5 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

· Huron Christmas Tree Farm and Nursery, 32120 King Road, New Boston, (313) 7539288. Open 9 a.m. to dark everyday.

• Braun's Tree Farm, 796 Warren Road, Ann Arbor, (313) 663-2717. Open 1 to 5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat-

urday and Sunday. Waldock Tree Farm, 3090 Dutcher, Howell, (517) 546-3890. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

• Urquhart's Tree Farm, 230 S. Steinbach Road, Dexter, (313) 475-1500. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday through Dec. 22 or by appointment. . Thornhollow Tree Farm,

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· Arend Tree Farms No. 2, 12870 M-50, Brooklyn, (517) 592-2006. Open 9 a.m. to dusk daily.

· Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm No. 1, 4780 Seymour Lake Road, Oxford, (810) 628-8899. Open noon to 5 p.m.

weekdays and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

· Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm No. 2, 2401 Farnsworth Road, Lapeer, (810) 628-8899. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only.

• Stanczyk Tree Farm, 7355 Fish Lake Road, Holly, (810) 634-8102. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends.

· Pleasant Knoll Tree Farm. 3080 Oak Groove Road, Howell, (517) 546-2954 or (517) 546-2370. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends only.

With proper care a fresh tree can last through the New year. Trees should be placed in a stand that holds from one to three gallons of water. Trees are thirsty and may

drink between two and four pints of water a day. If the water level to drop below the end of the trunk, a seal will form and the tree will stop drinking water.

To obtain a copy of the Michigan Christmas Tree Association's Choose and Cut Guide, call toll free (800) 589-TREE or write to the MCTA, P.O. Box 256, Okemos 48805.

Super realist painter shows off her ties

painter and designer Sherry Wolf will make a rare personal appearance 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the The Tie Man in Livonia.

The men's store, at 31160 Five Mile Road, will debut the Sherry Wolf Neckwear Collection and autograph reproductions of her award-winning artwork.

Wolf's first foray into menswear is right in line with modern thinking towards a man's tastes and the current runway styles. Made in Italy, the collection draws inspiration from classical themes in painting, architecture and mosaic to create immensely wearable art that enhances any man's wardrobe.

The Sherry Wolf Neckwear Collection offers more than 70 different patterns in a colorful palate that ranges from subdued earth tones to eye-popping elec-

In a career spanning less than 15 years, Wolf has seen her paintings hung in major galleries and museums across the

Renowned super realist nation. She was the first con- and publications, as well as pritemporary American realist to be acquired by the Albright-Knox Museum in Buffalo, N.Y., in 1983, when the museum acquired her "Artist in the Stu-

> Wolf began experimenting with many different forms of painting while enrolled in the fine art program at the University of Maryland. Wolf found that none of the different forms of painting challenged her skill and intellect as deeply as Super Realism. In recognition of her skill and accomplishments in this area, her diploma was awarded magna cum laude.

> The ink was hardly dry on the degree when she was employed as the first woman artist to work for David Brinkley of "NBC Nightly News."

> Despite the grueling demands of drawing portraits of the day's newsmakers just before airtime, her brilliant renderings were seen by millions of viewers on any given night, and she was instantly deluged with commissions from major institutions

vate individuals who sought after the arresting interpretations of her photographic eye.

Her works from that period include six paintings of Tricia Nixon's wedding for the White House, cover art and illustrations for TIME, National Geographic, Business Week, The New York Times, Simon & Schuster, Rolling Stone and Ladies Home Journal.

Among the luminaries whom she obliged with stunning portraits were Ronald Reagan, Mick Jagger, Elizabeth Taylor, Caroline Kennedy and Gore Vidal.

Her name as a painter established, Wolf set out to make her mark in other areas. Among her first notable experiments was a brief plunge into the world of fashion, where her first deigns were quickly snapped up by such stores as Bergdorf Goodman. Saks Fifth Avenue, Bloomingdales and Neiman Marcus.

Her work in fashion design led to her work with precious metals. As a jewelry designer, her "mix and match" interchange-



Sherry Wolf

able system featured whimsical images of animals, stars, hearts and playful Miro-esque forms cast in 18-carat gold and set with diamonds, emeralds, rubies and sapphires.

The Tie Man, owned and operated by Mark McClellan, features numerous other upscale

Family Room from page B1

self Monopoly. "Team" won out. Carmen and I against Tony and Joe; Jack didn't get it and made a city with the green houses and the red hotels.

It was warm there by the fire. The game, I'd hoped, would last a nice long time.

It did go pretty long and in the middle there was a snack break. Wheeling-dealing, corporate raiding, incarceration, winning second place in beauty contests, makes anybody hungry. Made us hungry; we ate some junky stuff.

Also during the course of the game, another break, to get Jack into his footie jammies, read him a book, tuck him in, and say our good nights, God bless you's, and sweet dreams. By the time I got our Boardwalk hotel, he was back downstairs, something had teams; Joe had defected and pity on him and forgave his debt every single time, Tony just well actually not a single \$50 or "She wanted to know if we joined forces with his sister and as long as he gave me the deeds missed landing on all our good \$20 for that matter.

me. I suspect it may have had something to do with Tony's taking stock during the jammie break and discovering he and Joe had a total of \$2, two white bills, that's it, to their name. Just cause for mutiny and desertion, according to Joe.

We continued playing for another hour, Joe insisted on seeing it through. And he insisted on being the "floating" player, the one who joins the team who is winning. Mr. Benedict Joey.

Carmen and I (and the fairweather Joey) thought we had the game all locked up when we bought Boardwalk AND Park Place and then put hotels up. The first time Tony landed on nearly wiped out, but I wheeled ■ The thinking there was there would be a row of treacherous spaces for Tony to land on and land on them he would, simple math and probability dictate that.

and houses to those two little "fleabag" places just past Go, the Baltic and Mediterranean combo. The thinking there was there would be a row of treacherous spaces for Tony to land on and land on them he would, simple math and probability dictate

the odds; it was unbelievable. I've never seen anything like it. Carmen and I may have had the monopoly in deed cards, but luck. On the other hand, Carmen Tony had a monopoly on luck. and I had deeds - most turned

And then, we kept landing on his dumb railroads, and that Indiana Avenue ... How many times did we pay \$18 for that? About a million. And to top it off, we kept going to jail. Unbeliev-

It was time finally to call it a Well, guess what? Tony beat night, and Tony, with turncoat Joe back on his side, had a ton of money and a ton of property and some incredible, unbelievable

We never did make an official accounting, but the boys gloated so much, we really didn't have to tabulate anything. How could that happen? How could THEY come back from \$2, when we had hotels on Boardwalk and Park Place? I can't explain.

But I can explain this, we had a wonderful time. We truly did. What with the family gathered, the snowy night, the crackling fire in the fireplace - we all won Super Realist painter Wolf shows off her ties

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953. 2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.

Kubacki-Wolfbauer

Jim and Barbara Kubacki of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter. Jamie, to Bob Wolfbauer, the son of Frank and Pat Wolfbauer of Ramsey, Minn.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed as a zone manager by the Ford Motor Co. in Orlando, Fla.

Her fiance is a 1991 graduate of the University of Minnesota. He is employed as a market representation manager by Ford Motor Co. in Orlando.

A Dec. wedding is planned for St. Valentine's Catholic Church in Redford.

McLenaghan-Drucker

John and Joan McLenaghan of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean Adele, to Seth Adam Drucker, the son of Dr. Alan and Edna Drucker of West Bloomfield

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Plymouth-Canton High School and 1993 of the University of Michigan with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering. She is employed at Ford Motor Co.

Her finance is a 1989 graduate of Birmingham Groves High School and 1993 of Michigan State University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is employed at

Zurawski-Lee

Erwin and Mary Zurawski of Ann Arbor, formerly of Detroit, announce the engagement of their daughter, Eva Louise, to Steven John lee, the son of Judith Lee of Detroit.

A February wedding is planned for St. Priscilla's Catholic Church in Livonia.





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WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Maloney-McFarland

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Neill Maloney of Bloomfield Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Marie, to Jeffrey John McFarland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Edward McFarland of West-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Her fiance is a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School and the General Motors Institute. He is employed by the Generals Motors Corp. A January wedding is planned for St.

Bloomfield Hills.

Szpakowski-Shaw

Thomas and Joyce Szpakowski of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter. Cynthia Lynn, to Robert James Shaw, the son of George and Cheri Shaw of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is employed at Bloom Animal Hospital while attending Wayne State Univer-

Her fiance is employed by Ingersoll Rand.

A September wedding is planned for St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

Herczeg-Malewski

David and Kathryn Herczeg of Redford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lianne Kathryne, to Aaron Michael Malewski, the son of Roger and Ethel Malewski of Redford.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Redford Thurston High School and a 1996 graduate of Michigan State University where she majored in business administration, pre-law and humanities. She is employed as a business analyst by EDS.

Her fiance is a 1990 graduate of Thurston High School and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University where he majored in by the City of Farmington as a Church in Plymouth.

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police officer.

A May wedding is planned for criminal justice. He is employed the First United Methodist

Demski-Darmofal

Debra Lynn Darmofal and Mark Edward Demski were married June 6 at St. Aidan's Catholic Church in Livonia. Bishop Alex Brunett officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Stanley and Sandra Darmofal of Livonia. The groom is the son of Ken Demski of Clarkston and Joan Valenti of Laughlin,

The brides is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. She received her undergraduate, master of social work and master of urban planning degrees from the University of Michigan. She is employed as a research/project manager in the electrical engineering department of the university's Transportation Evaluation and Planning Group.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Arizona where he received a bachelor of science degree in technical communications and a bachelor of science

Trupiano-Rankine

Keith and Donna Trupiano of Wyandotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Natalie, to Todd Rankine, the son of James and Jean Rankine

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wyandotte Roosevelt High School. She earned her bachelor of science degree in architecture from Lawrence Technological University. She will receive her professional degree in architecture from LTU in May. She is employed Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Asso-

ciates, Architects, Engineers and Planners in Trov.

Her fiance is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and holds a bachelor of science degree in architecture from LTU. He also will receive his professional degree in architecture from the university in May.



degree in management information systems.

The bride asked Denise Munalo to serve as matron of honor. The groom asked Michael Dems-3 ki to serve as best man.

The couple received guests at the Plymouth Manor before leaving for a honeymoon trip to Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Livonia.



He is employed by Siegal/Tuomaala Associates, Architects and Planners in Farmington

A September wedding is planned at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wyandotte.

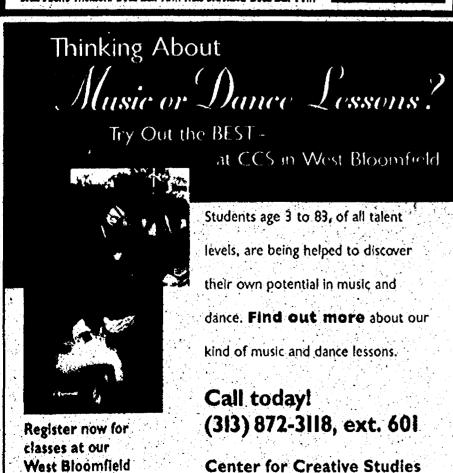
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Dr. Valdivieso, is the director of the Cancer Center of Excellence. He is responsible for overseeing all of Oakwood Healthcare System's Cancer Center programs. He is nationally known for his work in lung cancer and has an outstanding reputation as a bedside clinician.



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I can also see that what she is currently doing is not totally satisfying to her. With this in mind a change of careers might be rewarding. While I do not know all the necessary qualifications for social work/therapy, my heart and intuition tells me she would relate to her patients with empathy and love. Both are extremely valuable traits when

working in a helping profession. NOTE: With Christmas just around the corner, I would like to wish all of my readers a year of love, peace and happiness. I also want to thank each one of you who wrote to me this year. I am sorry, if I wasn't able to answer all the letters, but please

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Rearing influences mothering skills

BY DIANE HANSON SPECIAL WRITER

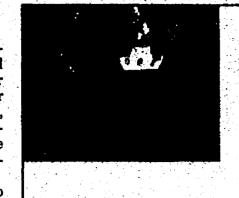
"The way we are raised influences how we mother," said child and family counselor Linda Merkle, who with her daughter Dr. Laura Gruskin, maintain that a mother's influence can also affect far more than the way a daughter mothers her own children.

The mother-daughter duo spoke at Livonia Town Hall recently on "Mothers and Daughters: Building Bridges,"to more than 150 women.

Since the beginning of human time, the mother-daughter relationship has affected every woman who ever existed. Although it may be difficult to imagine an overbearing cave mom, the intricacies, nuances, actions and reactions of today's moms and daughters have become increasingly complex.

Each generation of mothers has been influenced by their own mothers and pass some aspects of that influence on to their children, according to Gruskin, an obstetrician-gynecologist at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, and Merkle, a child and family counselor at Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, P.C., in Farmington Hills. The type of mom, from doormat to critic to avenger, can have a marked affect on the daughter, creating a personality type from angel to superachiever to troublemaker.

Gruskin and Merkle pointed out that the natural progression of the mother-child relationship calls for the mother to start out smothering the child with love and affection and gradually moving the child from dependency to an independent stage. In a mother-daughter relationship, adolescence can be a very trying interlude in that movement toward independence.



Family affair: Linda Merkle (left) and Dr. Laura Gruskin say that how a young girl is raised influences she will be as a mother. They should know; they are mother and daughter.

"It's a time when hormones are surging and, in general, is one of the most difficult stages of development for both the mother and the daughter," noted Gruskin. "In adolescence, a teenager wants rules, if only to assert herself by breaking them."

She added that the mother may be faced with her own problems at the same time, dealing with her own hormonal and body changes, starting a career and coming to terms with her own mother.

Mother's perspective

Merkle added the mother's perspective, pointing out the need for a mother to begin disconnecting herself from her daughter and for the daughter to begin to disconnect the buttons her mother always pushes in

"The goal is to be interdependent," said Merkle. "In other words, to be part of each other's world without being dependent. Those who have come to terms with their mothers one way or another, achieve it."

That's just what Westland resident, Ellen Horie, achieved with her three grown daughters.

"I raised three daughters who are independent, very assertive, moms in their own rights, and are all friends," she said with pride. Now she enjoys her roles as friend to her daughters and grandma to their children.

"That's fun,"she admitted. Achieving that mother-daughter friendship as a prime goal was central to the information

imparted by Merkle and Gruskin. Practical suggestions for establishing healthy relationships included list making, doing research on an individual's family systems (including making a genogram, a map for tracing intergenerational themes, patterns of behavior and personality characteristics in family relationships, and resolving inner conflicts.

Mary Smereck recognized two mothering characteristics in herself. The Livonia resident has two daughters, Karen, a dentist, Susan, a fourth-year medical student, and a son, Gary, an engineer.

"I don't have teenagers, so it's a little different," admitted Smereck. "What I'm saying now is we're going to have to forget the past and just go on with the future."

Since neither of her daughters have children yet, Smereck added, "I have a lot of things to bring home to them, a lot of advice and information ... I took notes."

A former president of Livonia Town Hall, Jean Morrison, now from Northville, admitted, "I heard many things that were familiar."

She listened to the seminar with daughter, Linda Glass, a West Bloomfield resident, who grew up as the only daughter and the oldest of four children.

"I was a princess,"laughed Glass, "just like Fergie (Sarah Ferguson, duchess of York), I was in trouble."

Glass now has two children of her own, a 23-year-old and a 16year-old.

"All of a sudden it's dejavu,"she said. "I'm hearing the words from my children that once were said by me to her or her to me and it's really inter-

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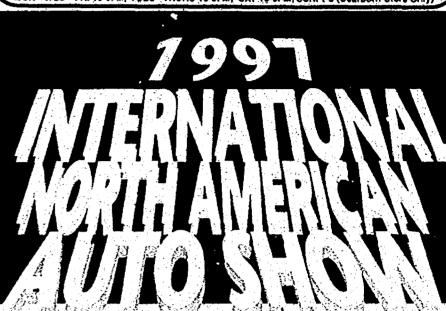
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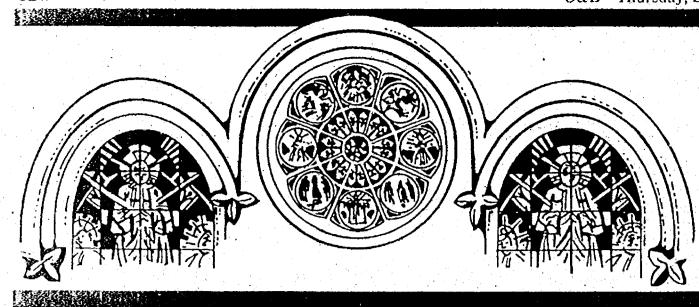
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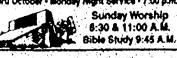
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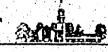
SUNDAY WEDNESON Ste School 10:00 AM. Baile Study - 7:00 (Classes for all at November 11:00 AM AM) Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323

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Clarenceville United Methodist 20300 Middlebell Rd. • Livenia 474-3444 Rev. Jean Love Worship Services 10:15 AM, 6:00 PM Nursery Provided Sunday School 9 AM Office Hrs. 9-5

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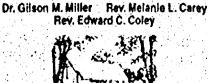
9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship, Church School, Nursery December 15 The Disarming Child" Pastor Richard A. Peacock



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9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. December 15 "Bringing the Message Home" Dr. Gilson M. Miller, Preaching

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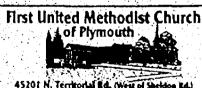


Faith United Methodist Church 6020 Denton Rd. (313:483-2276) (at Michigan Ave., 4 Miles West of 1-275) Pestor Margery A. Schleicher Church School 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

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Churches bring Christmas season to life with music

mas season is in full swing as churches put the finishing touches on their cantatas, concerts and musical dramas.

Christmas Concert will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The performance will feature the St. Aidan Adult Choir, Children's Choir and, from the cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the Redford Youth Theatre Choir.

The donation is \$5 per person, with children under age 10 free. Proceeds will go for food baskets for the needy. A brief reception will be held immediately after the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at the church office and will be sold at Northville. the door. For more information, call (313) 425-5950.

• Plymouth Baptist Church invites the public to join in a 90minute Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 13-15, at the church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for the free concert. Children four years and under will no be permitted in the auditorium; however, full nursery and preschool care will be provided. For more information, call (313) 453-5534.

• "A Christmas Suite," a collection of Christmas music to inspire and warm the hearts of listeners, will be presented at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, by the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene sanctuary choir and orchestra, under the direction of Don St. John.

The celebration of the Christ- Haggerty Road, Northville. For more information, (810)348-7600.

• The Schoolcraft Community Choir, under the direction of The 15th annual St. Aidan Donald Stromberg, will present a Yuletide Tapestry at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The 70-voice choir will sing contemporary and classical selections.

> Donations will be accepted during intermission. For more information, call (313) 422-6038.

> Northville Christian Assembly will present the musical drama, "Four Tickets to Christmas," at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, and 4 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 41355 Six Mile Road,

> Set at the turn of the century, the musical drama follows the escapades of an out-of-work family performing group who finds itself unexpectedly spending Christmas in a rural Ohio town. It features ragtime, parlor music and even a barbershop quartet with a mix of traditional and new Christmas music. A Broadway-style musical, its is produced by Pastor Carlton Quattlebaum.

> For ticket information, call the church at (810) 348-9030.

> The Celebration Choir of Calvary Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas concert, "A Capella Alleluias and Handel Hallelujahs" at the 6 p.m. service Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church, 43065 Joy Road,

The program will begin with a collection of unaccompanied settings of familiar Christmas car-Child care will be provided. ols and songs, followed by solos Detroit First Church is at 21260 and choruses from the Christ-

Ticket, please: Ron Ward (from left) of Livonia, Marco Lollio of Plymouth, Brady Walker of Livonia and Dave Paul of Canton are the barbershop quartet The Lamplighters in Northville Christian Assembly's weekend production of "Four Tickets to Christmas."

mas section of Handel's "Messi-

For more information, call (313) 455-0022.

 Bethel Baptist Temple's Choir will perform a Christmas cantata, "Call Him Jesus," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia.

A free pocket planning calendar will be given to each person who attends the performances. For more information, call (312) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

 The Adult Choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will present a

choral cantata, "I Believe," at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, and 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the church, 20805 Middlebelt Road at Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, call the church at (810) 474-0675.

• Popular Detroit theater organist Lance Luce will preform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights. Luce is frequently featured at the keyboard of the Redford Theater organ. He will narrate and play traditional and contemporary holiday music as well as favorite

Christmas carols. Tickets for the concert are \$12 each, \$6 for children, and can be purchased in advance at the church between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays and at the door. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

• The Archdiocesan Chorus and orchestra will present their first Festival of Christmas Music at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. 9844 Woodward Ave. at Belmont, Detroit.

The concert will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria," and Detroit composer James Hartway's new work, "Hodie Christus Natus Est," and John Rutter's best Christmas carols. Organist Ronald Prowse will perform Marcel Dupre's "Variations on a French Noel" on the Cathedral West Gallery organ.

Tickets are \$8 by mail or \$10 at the door. For mail order ticket requests send a self-addressed stamped envelope and check or money order, payable to the Cathedral Culture Series, to Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Ave., Detroit 48202. They must be received by no later than Tuesday, Dec. 17.

For more information, call (313) 865-6300.

Church members put final touches on live Nativity

BY MEGAN SWOYER

If you're driving past Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Canton and happen to see what looks like the real baby Jesus with Mary and Joseph out front, don't panic.

They are real ... real people, that is.

The church, at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, between Sheldon and Lilley roads, will feature a live nativity scene with all the blessed accouterments 6-8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14.

Children-friendly animals, such as sheep and goats, shepherds, and more will surround the baby Jesus as carolers commemorate the Christmas season with a variety of songs.

"It's a great family event and something our pastor, Roger Aumann, has wanted to do for a long time," said Kim Marquette, director of the Board of Fellowship for the Church. "Christmas, is Christ birthday and it's time to rejoice for a man that died

nativity, with church members taking on the roles of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Wise

Two young children have been lined up to play the Baby Jesus, "if they cooperate," Marquette. There's also a small electric blanket to keep the children warm and a figurine for backup.

Inside, hundreds of nativity scenes in a variety of styles, ranging from the work of Lladro to miniature porcelain, woodcarved and wall hangings, will be on display.

"The members are bringing in their nativities," she said. "We have a nativity on an advent wreath, a nativity quilt, a nativity wall hanging, a nativity puzzle and two nativities from Bethlehem."

The also will be an live indoor telling of the Christmas story with a combination of mannequins and people depicting the scenes if Mary with the angels, Mary and Joseph and the Flight arrival of the shepherds and Wise Men.

"The last scene will be a surprise package," Marquette said. Children from the preschool will sing carols 6-7 p.m. each night, with adult carolers and instrumentalists entertaining 7-8:30 p.m. And youngsters can have their picture taken with baby Jesus in the manager while

"Instead of a picture with Santa, we're offering photos with Jesus," Marquette said.

The church has spent a year planning and working on the display. The church had some of the costumes and Marquette's 84year-old grandmother is making the rest. Another church member is making the props for the outdoor display.

In all, some 30-50 members are involve as characters, handling the costume, parking and singing and serving a parking lot attendants. There's even a "head pooper scooper," Marquette's

who will hold the pail. Other members are providing nativities for display and baking cookies that will be served with hot chocolate.

In addition, the church will ever held anything like this and

there will be 1,000 nativity scenes, donated by the Lutheran Brotherhood, that visitors can assemble themselves.

to Egypt, Mary and Joseph with husband, to tend to the live ani- pass out 1,000 nativity buttons we're hoping for high numbers Visitors can view the outdoor—the innkeeper, the nativity, the mals and an assistant, her son, made by church members and (of visitors)," Marquette said. "We're looking forward to everyone coming out and sharing in the meaning of Christmas."

For more information about "This is the first time we've the display, call the church at (313) 981-0286.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Temple Baptist Church will present its The Glory of Christmas pageant, "The Journey of the Fourth Wise Man," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14 and 20-21, and a 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Tickets cost \$6 each for balcony and main floor seating. Children under age 4 will not be admitted due to the length of the production and child care will not be provided. For more information, call the church's ticket hotline at (313) 255-3339.

COOKIE WALKS

St. Michael's Orthodox Church will have a Christmas Cookie Walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford. All kinds of cookies will be for sale by the

• The Church of the Holy Spir it will have its annual cookie walk noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, at the church, 9083 Newburgh Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 591-0211.

KIDS PRAISE CO.

The Kids Praise Co. will present "Go, Go Jonah," a musical about a grumpy man who tries to run from God, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, and 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland.

Sunday, Dec. 16, will be Friend Day at the church with Pastor David Powess delivering the message of "The Banquet Table." Sunday services are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. For more information, call (313) 458-7301.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, will have its Christmas dance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Gerald's Parish, Farmington Road north of Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Attire is dressy and cost is \$8 and a new unwrapped toy. For more information, call Bill at (313) 421-3011.

The group also will attend a Detroit Symphony Orchestra Christmas Pops concert on Sunday, Dec. 22. For more information, call Bill at (313) 421-3011.

Bethany Plymouth-Canton gathers at 11:15 a.m. Sundays for 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Aidan's Church, Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia, followed by coffee or lunch. Call Bill at (313) 421-3011 for information; for breakfast at 10 a.m. Sundays at the Redford Inn, Five Mile Road west of Beech Daly Road, Redford - call Val at (313) 729-1974 - and for coffee and conversation at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at

Archie's Plymouth Road east of Merriman, Livonia - call Tony at (313) 422-3266.

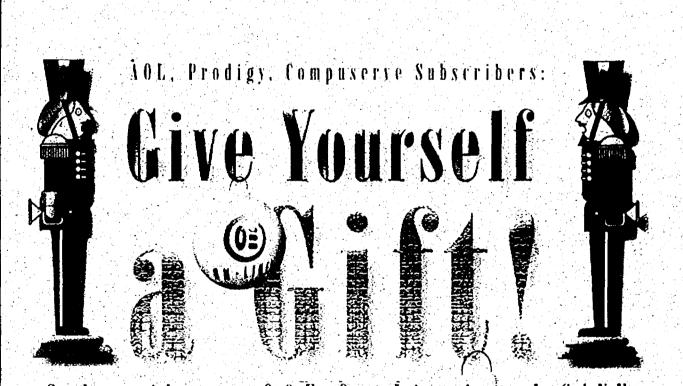
CHRISTMAS TEACHINGS

Crossroads Church of Plymouth continues its Christmas teaching series on Sunday, Dec. 15. The topics for the 10:30 a.m. service are "Mary, Did You Know?: Born in a cradle, he came to provide salvation on a cross" on Dec. 15 and "The Joy of Jesus: Celebrating his goodness" on Dec. 22. Crossroads, a young, contemporary church, meets on Sundays at west Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township. For more information, call Pastor Rob Eddy at (313) 641-6400.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

The radio series "What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?," a weekly program to answer questions about the religion, is being broadcast 8:30 a.m. Sundays on CKLW-AM 800. Topics include "What makes Christian Science Christian?" on Dec. 15, "What proof do you have that Christian Science heals?" on Dec. 22 and "How do Christian Scientists feel about modern medicine?' On Dec. 29. The series also can be heard at 1:30 p.m. Sundays on WQBH-AM 1400. It is produced by the Christian Science Committee on Publication for Michigan and sponsored by local Christian Science churches. For more information, call (800) 886 1212.

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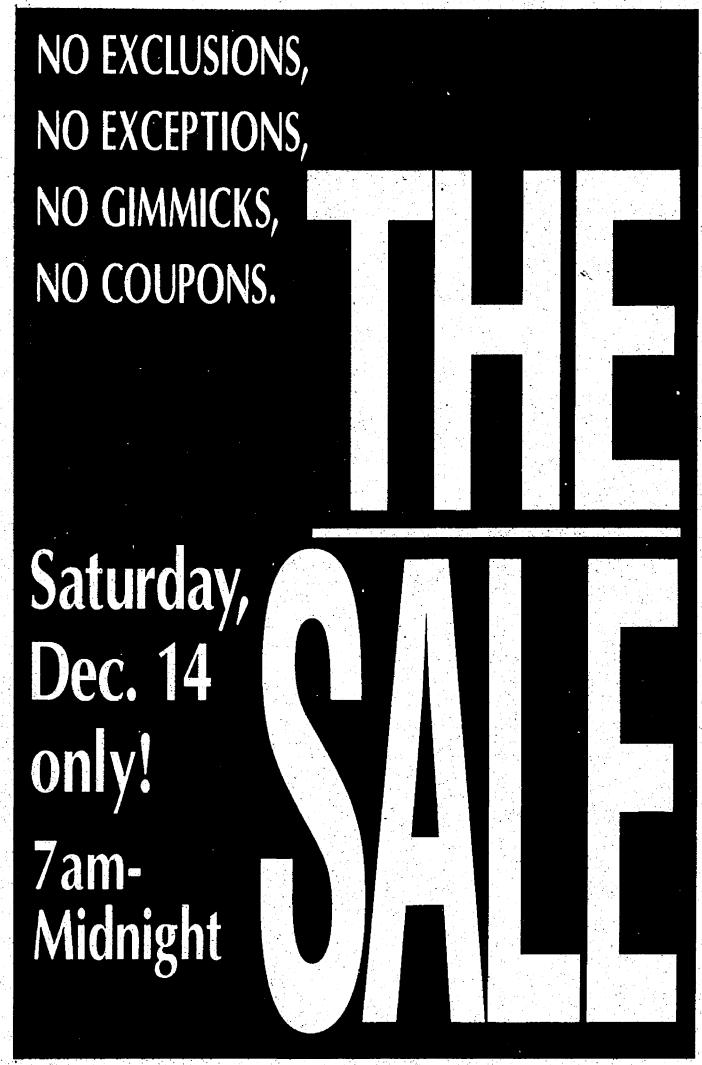
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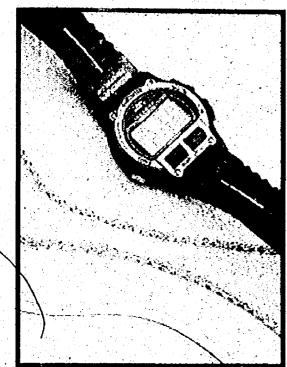
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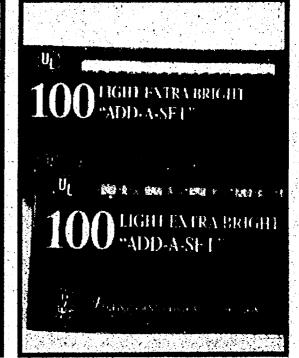
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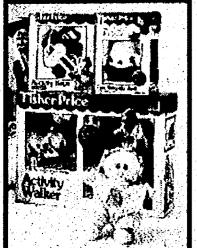
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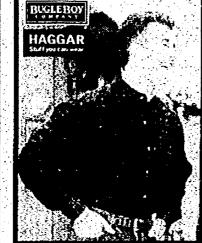
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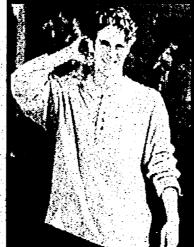


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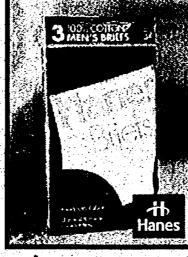


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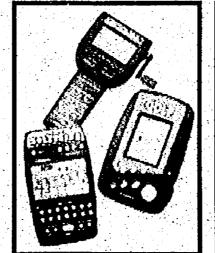
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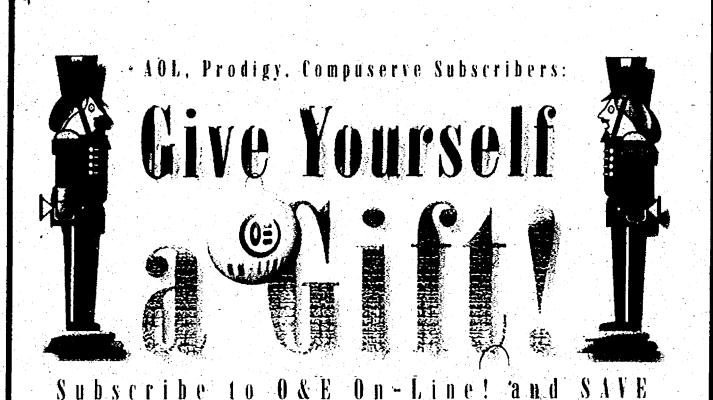
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Youngsters ages 4-10 (younger children may attend with a parent) are invited to participate in the A.R.K. Connection 7-8 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The program focuses on the Actions and Reactions of Kids, the connection between actions and reactions to Christ, families and society. There will be games, singing, crafts and time for thought. For more information, call the church at (313) 721-

CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH

The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the general meeting, a Bingo social will be held and prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be served. Guests may attend at no charge. For more information, call Rae Offerman at (810) 474-8051.

LIVE NATIVITY

Fair Haven Baptist Church' teen department will present a live outdoor Nativity at 6 and 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-21, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will have a family celebration, featuring the Children's Choir, at 6:30 p.m. and carols and candle lighting at 8:30 p.m., featuring the Youth Choir and Bell Choir, and candle lighting with Communion, featuring the Chancel Choir, at 11 p.m., all on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Child care will be provided at all ser-

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25,



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there will be a Communion service at 9:15 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m.

• Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have a special candlelight service, led by Pastor Carl Leth, at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, Northville. For more information, call the church at (810) 348-

• St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, will have a children's service at 6 p.m. and candlelight Communion service at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will be at 10 a.m. For more information, call (810) 474-0675.

• Faith Lutheran Church will have a Family Eucharist at 7 p.m. and a Festival worship at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. There will be only one service with quiet Communion will be at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve party for the community Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The worship service will be at 7:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner at 8:30 p.m. and dancing with a disc jockey. There also will be non-alcoholic beverages, games and a countdown to midnight.

Tickets are \$15 per person, if ordered by Dec. 15, and \$18 thereafter. Reservations must be made by Dec. 27. For more information, call Chuck at (313) 453-0406 or Bob at (313) 522-6830. Singles, couples and groups welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP

Ward Presbyterian Church will celebrate New Tear's Eve with an evening of fellowship, beginning at 9 p.m. with a sacred Christian concert, featuring Fred Hubbs Jr. A buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by evening will conclude with a Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Chimes will ring in the New Year and close the service just after midnight. For more information, call (313) 422-1826.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The St. Aidan Youth Group is selling Entertainment books through December to support the Youth Conference and World Youth Day. The books are available at the Parish Office, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 425-5950

or (313) 525-1278. DIVORCECARE

Divorcecare, a special video seminar and support group meets 7-9 p.m. Sundays, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Township. The series features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics, covering such issues as "Facing Your Anger," "Facing Your Loneliness," "Depressions," "New Relationships" and "Forgiveness." Child care is available. For more information, call the church at (313) 459-3333.

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP

An alternative worship service is held at 7 p.m. Mondays in the church library of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The service is people unable to attend Sunday morning worship

or interested in an informal form of worship. It is led by Ken Marrs. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6039.

LITURGY ON TAPE

The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is available on videotape for a cost of \$15, plus \$3 postage, from Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia 48152. The tapes make a great gift for a shut-in or those unable to attend the liturgy. The tapes also can be given to those people who are either seeking or expressing an interest in the Orthodox faith.

PROMISE BUILDERS

Memorial Church of Christ's weekly men's discipleship group the "Promise Builders" meets every Tuesday morning from 6-8 a.m. at the church building, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Each morning begins with a 10minute introduction, followed by 40 minutes of small group discussion and prayer, and a 10minute large group "wrap-up" session.

The goal of Promise Builders "is to encourage one another to live as men of faith in our relationships with family, friends and fellow workers and to hold one another accountable to these responsibilities." For more information, call Bob Veresh at (313) 261-7833 or Bob Perry at (313) 261-6017.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP

Life Care Ministries of Livonia offers a free, confidential Christian telephone listening service 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. by calling (313) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday. Life Care Ministries can be reached through P.O. Box 530611, Livonia 48153-0611.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

A charismatic prayer group meets at 6 p.m. Sundays in Patio Classroom 1 on the ground floor of the University Center at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia. For more n.formation, call Shawn at (313) 464-5057.

LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?

An open invitation is extended to anyone inquiring about membership in the Catholic church by St. Richard's Church, 35637 Cherry Hill, Westland. For more information, call Claudia at (313) 729-4411.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

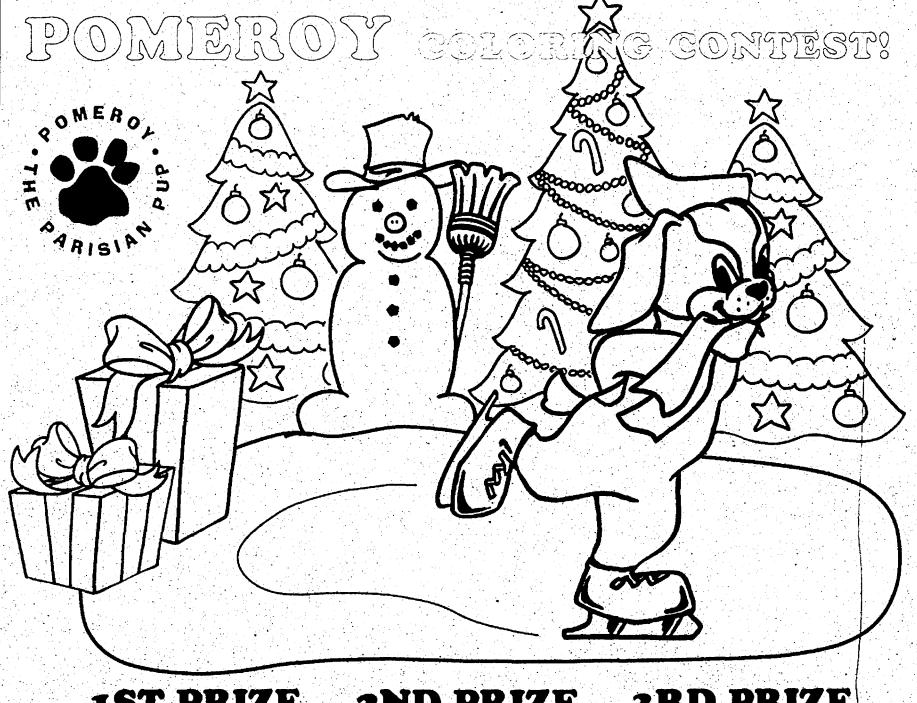
Bethel Baptist Temple, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia, sponsors meetings for senior citizens and retirees the first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

HISPANIC CHURCH

The Hispanic Pentecostal Church conducts worships services at 2 p.m. Sundays at 1075 Venoy Road, Garden City. The Rev. G. Diaz officiates. For more information, call (519) 973-8487.

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church's Men's Bible Breakfast meets from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Thursdays at Kerby's Coney Island, Six Mile and Newburgh roads. All men are invited. Call Dave McNeil at (313) 522-6830 for more information.



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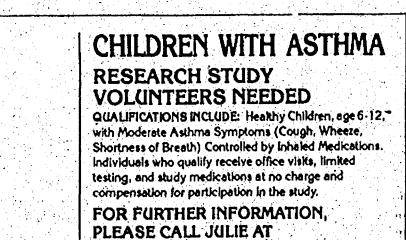
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Wish list

First Step in need of goodies

People can make a difference. That's why First Step, Western Wayne County's Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, has issued a call for volunteers to help with the many programs it offers.

A 40-hour training program for new volunteers will begin Jan. 9. The sessions will be held 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Livonia for six

There is request of a \$50 donation for training, \$40 of which is refundable upon completion of 96 hours of volunteer service. However, no one will be denied an opportunity to volunteer due to inability to pay.

Volunteers must attend a volunteer interview prior to the beginning of the training.

Individuals who would like to get involved with First Step, but can not attend the training can assist with administrative projects such as fund raising and helping with sorting and distributing donations.

Founded in 1978, First Step provides individual, family and group counseling, a 24-hour help line, emergency shelter, legal clinics, court advocacy and many other services for clients.

First Step also provides educational presentations on the topics of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Its offices are at 5820 Lilley Road, Suite 5, Canton, and 15100 Northline Road, Suite 106, Southgate. For more information about First Step or the volunteer program, or to sign up for a volunteer interview, call Poco Smith at (313) 981-9595.

The holiday season can be a difficult time for individuals and families whose lives have been affected by domestic violence or sexual assault. It also is a time when people can make a difference in their lives by making donations to First Step.

Items on First Step's yearround wish list include:

• Supplies - file folders, twopocket folders with center binder, business size envelopes, pens and pencils, message pads, scratch pads, legal pads, staplers and staples, lined notebook paper, Post-It Notes, copier paper and masking tape.

• Office equipment - desks, computer desk, desk chairs, stackable chairs, long folding table, file cabinets and desk

• Furniture - new and recently used car seats.

 Cleaning supplies – vacuum cleaners, portable vacuum clean-

ers. Dustbusters, mops, brooms, laundry detergent, fabric softener, laundry baskets and garbage. Linens - twin-sized sheets,

pillows, plastic twin mattress covers, plastic pillow covers, sleeping bags, towels and wash cloths.

• Equipment - caller ID phones, blank VCR (VHS) tapes, VCR (VHS) tapes for adults, large poster frames, alarm clocks, cool mist vaporizer, night lights, light bulbs (60- and 70watt) and riding lawn mower.

 Food and kitchen equipment and materials - plastic baby bottles, silverware, baby formula, distilled water, canned fruit and vegetables, pots and pans, dishes, dish cloths and towels, plastic storage containers, cereals, ready-to-eat foods, condiments, spices, manual can openers (not bottle openers) and microwave

• Personal care items - diapers (large and extra-large size only) Children's Pull-Ups (large, medium and small), deodorant, nail clippers, nail polish remover, personal care items for women of color, mouthwash, thermometers, hair brushes, haby products (shampoo, powder, oil, baby bath, wipes, nasal syringes and pacifiers).

• Paper products - paper plates, paper cups (hot and cold), foilet paper, paper towels, tissue

and napkins. • Children's supplies - volleyball set VCR (VHS) tapes (nonviolent) and non-sexist), children's scissors, stencils, markers (small packages of 10-12), wrapping paper, paint brushes, paint (water and tempra), tapes, with headphones, models (cars and airplanes), backpacks, Trapper Keeper binders, snap-together model kits, paint-by-number kits, lunch hoxes, pencil boxes, latch hook kits, magazine subscriptions, needlework kits, crossword puzzle books, erasers, glun sticks, glue (hottled), toys

for children of color. Play-Doh modeling clay, floor puzzles (60-100 pieces), board games, travel games, drawing pads and 10-12inch cuddly teddy bears.

As for the First Step pantry, outdated food items and home canned foods cannot be used, but needed are:

• Canned meats - tuna, chili, Spam, corned beef, hash and spaghetti with meat.

• Canned vegetables - peas, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, pork and beans and toma-

· Juices - orange, grape, apple, tomato, grapefruit and pineapple.

• Personal hygiene - tooth brush and tooth paste, hand soap, shampoo and sanitary napkins.

• Canned soups - chicken noodle, beef noodle, vegetable, tomato, cream of mushroom, cream of celery and onion.

• Dry beans, Jell-O and puddings, peanut butter and dry cereals - any variety.

• Jellies - grape and strawberry. Noodles and pasta -spaghetti, elbow macaroni, mac-

aroni and cheese mix, egg noo-

dles and Noodle-Roni. • Potatoes and Rice - instant mashed potatoes, baked potato

mixes, canned potatoes, Rice-A-Roni, brown rice and instant

• Bread mixes - muffins, corn bread, hot rolls, biscuit mix and pancake mix.

• Paper products - toilet paper, disposable diapers, paper

• Soap products - dish soap, bleach and softener.

towels and aluminum foil.

· Beverages - dry milk, evaporated milk, instant cocoa, instant. coffee and tea, regular coffee and tea and non-dairy creamer.

• Other - seasonings, spices, vinegar, cooking oil, crackers, flour, sugar, salt condiments, taco shells and cookies.



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HISTORIC BOOK PLACE

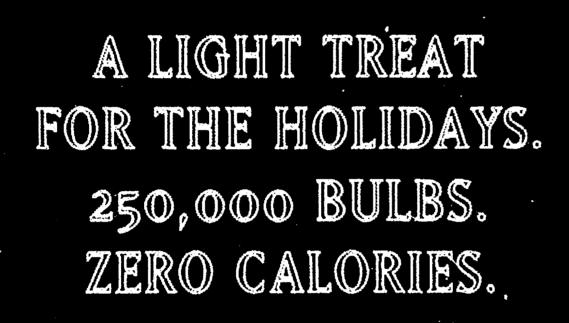
A Holiday Art Fair will be held 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Historic Book Place (The Kearney Building), 8469 E. Jef-

ferson at Burns. Artists and artisans featured include Barbara Yerace, blown glass and jewelry; Dan Robar, pottery; Marge Dedarian, capes; Barbara Nahler, wearable art, ornaments and decorations; Allen Paulson, ceramics; Robin and Donna Johnson, baked goods; Steve Howard, "designer" furniture; Shannon Brown, jewelry and tiles, and Susan Hamady, water-

MICHIGAN GUILD

The Michigan Guild of Artists

and Artisans will have its Holiday Art Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in Building H on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The fair will feature 130 contemporary artists and feature such activities as the "Imagination Station" which allows children to explore their arts talents. Admission is \$4, children under age 12 free.





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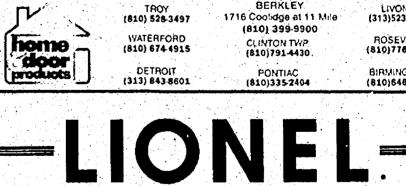


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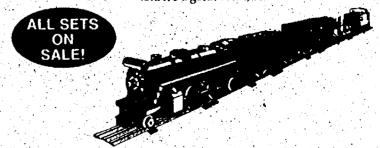
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Institute provides toy guide

just the right toys and gifts can be tough for parents. But for many parents of children with disabilities, the task becomes geven more difficult.

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The Detroit Institute for Children recently sponsored a Holiday Toy and Gift Fair for parents of patients. A worthwhile experience for those who attended, the institute's staff realized that something needed to be done for parents who couldn't be

"Many of our families found the fair worthwhile and walked caregivers recognize a child with

At this time of year, selecting away with some great ideas," said Patricia Nizio, director of assistive technology services at the institute. "But, we also recognize many people couldn't join us, so we wanted to make this information available to others in the community.

> "That's why we have prepared a Resource Guide, which features companies that specialize in these specialty toys and adaptive equipment."

> Interested parents and caregivers can call (313) 832-1100, Ext. 231, to receive a copy of the Resource Guide which includes many vendors, as well as the addresses and telephone numbers to call for catalogs or ordering information.

"For many children with disabilities, 'standard' toys are perfectly appropriate, as long as

special needs may play with something differently than other children," said Nizio. "But, for many children, adaptive equipment or specialty toys, like a push-button version of a toy rather than a wind-up mechanism; larger pictures on toys and in books; softer handles and such, can really be a benefit."

The Detroit Institute for Children, a United Way Agency, has been providing comprehensive rehabilitative and medical care to children with all types of disabilities for more than 75 years.

Each year, more than 4,000 children and their families from all over Michigan, Ohio and Ontario, Canada seek the specialized care provided by the Institute.

For more information, please call 313-832-1100, ext. 206.

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esting,"said Glass with a chuckle. "Now I laugh at things. It used to be deep, trying to solve something and now it's hilarious. It's history repeating itself. Everything was serious and now it's not."

That common ground is one of the reasons Morrison noted. "The older we get, the closer we

Morrison added a bit of advice for moms: "You have to have the word, understanding, involved in you life because you have to understand why someone is acting the way they do and why you get reactions the way you do."

Glass reminded her mom, "But you also said, 'You can't put an 'old head on young shoulders.' "

added with a laugh, "Now my shoulders are the same age as my head."

Getting older

Merkle also touched on the relationship a daughter can

own mother was in a nursing home for 4 1/2 years before she died last year at the age of 91. In dealing with a mother who may need extra care, a daughter might be in the midst of raising her own family as well as caring for a husband who may be going

through his mid-life crisis. She stressed the importance of establishing family meetings and involving other members of the family "so you aren't running yourself to the ground."

Merkle advised mothers who become widows not to become overly involved in the lives of their children, "because then they feel overly responsible for

"Find things to do with your Glass thought a moment then time, keep active with people your own age and try things that you might not have had time to try,"she said, "Move forward with your life because there's a lot of fun to be had in your senior years."

And just how would Gruskin, have with an aging mother. Her who now has two young boys of show host.

her own, rate her mom who lives just three miles away?

"She did a great job," admitted Gruskin. "She's a miracle worker. The more you learn about the mother-daughter relationship, the more you appreciate your own mother and what she's actually done when you' re raising your own kids. It puts a new dimension on your feelings towards your mother in terms of the way she raised you. It brings a special closeness.

"I feel pretty lucky. I really had great role model and example."

Livonia Town Hall is taking a break for a holiday and resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 15, with the Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon, columnist for The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, talk show host and owner of Carmack Appliance & Service Center in Garden City. The lecture is at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia and talk



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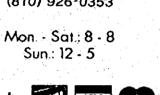
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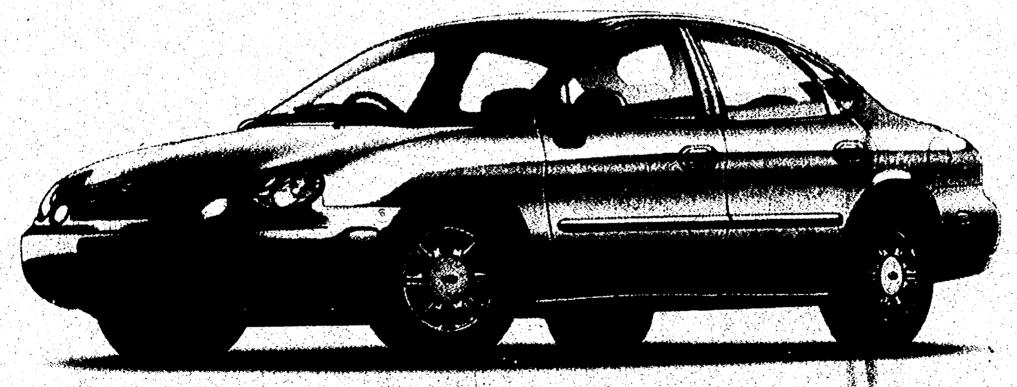
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INSIDE:

SPORTS

Crusaders spilt pair

Madonna University went 1-1 in the Transylvania (Ky.) men's basketball tournament last weekend.

On Friday, Kristian Magro had 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Fighting Crusaders downed Sue Bennett (Ky.), 84-73.

Madonna, which led 38-35 at intermission, also received 18 points and 10 rebounds from Mike Maryanski and 16 points from Brandon Slone (Plymouth Salem). Guard Christian Emert contributed four assists.

On Saturday, Madonna fell to 2-9 on the season with a 101-77 loss to the host school.

Magro, a 6-foot-7 center, led Madonna with 24 points and seven rebounds. Maryanski, a 6-8 forward, added 13 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Slone, a 6-4 forward, chipped in with 11 points and eight rebounds. Emert, a 6-1 guard, dished out eight assists.

Transylvania, now 8-2 overall, got 15 points apiece from Devon Davis and Vince Bingham.

Madonna traveled Wednesday night to Wayne State and plays tonight at Concordia.

Ocelots edged 97-94

Schoolcraft College put up a fight Saturday, but visiting Grand Rapids JC came away with a 97-94 men's basketball win.

Art Norman led the winners with 16 points to spoil SC's home opener. Grand Rapids is 4-1 overall, while Schoolcraft

slips to 1-5. Tykee Reeves led the Ocelots with a game-high

25 points. Naron Burks added 17, while Dwaun Warmack added 12. Using a 14-2 run to start the second half, Schoolcraft finally pulled ahead by a point with

1:30 left, but Grand Rapids scored the final five points of the game to earn the victory. "We need to put people away and we're just having problems doing that," SC coach Greg

Thomas said. "We've got to go at people early and not get into a hole. "It was a good game. We just had a couple of

AAU basketball tryouts

The Oakland County Flyers AAU girls basketball teams will have tryouts Saturday, Dec. 14, at East Middle School in Farmington Hills. The school is located at 25000 Middlebelt Road

between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Tryouts for each team are as follows: 9-11 a.m.

for ages 11 and 12; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 15 and 16-17; 1-3 p.m. for ages 13 and 14. The tryout fee is \$20. The coaches will be high

school girls from Harrison, North Farmington, Brighton and Walled Lake Western.

For information call Don Roble at (810) 853-1288 during the day or in the evening at (810) 661-1578.

Collegiate notes

•University of Michigan sophomore Anne Poglits (Livonia Ladywood) has returned to the Lady Wolverines basketball team after finishing her first volleyball season.

• Grand Valley State freshman Ted Burmeister (Livonia Stevenson) set a pair of men's swim records at the Wheaton (Ill.) College Invitational (Dec. 6-7) in the 100-yard breaststroke (59.81) and 200 breaststroke (2:15.81).

•St. Norbert (Wis.) senior Jacqueline Gosz (Livonia Churchill), a mathematics major, made All-Academic team in the Midwest Conference for women's soccer.

New Year's Eve run

The 27th annual New Year's Eve fun run/walk will be Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Belle Isle.

The children's and open one-mile run/walk starts at 4 p.m. followed by the four-mile run, competitive racewalk and fitness walk at 4:30

The entry fee (before Dec. 26) is \$12 (children under-12) and \$15 (adult). Late registration fees are \$15 and \$20, respectively. To be guaranteed a long-sleeved shirt, you must sign up before Dec. 23. The entry fee also includes awards, food

For more information, call (313) 886-5560 (from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

EMU baseball clinics

Eastern Michigan University will hold a series of baseball coaches clinics on from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the EMU Huron Golf Club.

The schedule is as follows: Coaching baseball (Jan. 28); catching (Feb. 4); hitting/offense (Feb. 11); pitching (Feb. 18); team defense (March 4); infield/outfield (March 11).

The cost is \$35 per clinic or \$175 for the entire

Among the featured guest speakers include David Martin (EMU), Roger Coryell (EMU), Ron Oestrike (EMU), Jake Boss (EMU) and Bruce Fields (Tigers minor league manager).

For more information, call (313) 844-2307.

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Franklin subdues Garden City

New coach wins as Patriots roll in 61-41 victory

By Steve Kowalski Staff Writer

Matt Bauman's inside scoring and shot blocking are hard to imitate, but his Livonia Franklin teammates can still pretend they're him on the perimeter.

Just ask Franklin's diminutive junior guard Nick Mongeau, the recipient of several Bauman-like screens from teammates Paul Terek and Mike Klisz in the Patriots' surprisingly easy 61-41 season-opening win Tuesday over visiting Garden

The 5-foot-7 Mongeau made four three-point shots, all in the first quarter, and scored a career-high 24 points on seven of 12 shooting.

The point differential was surprising because Bauman, a 6-foot-8 senior center, missed the game with a broken ankle and starting guard Brian Facione was sidelined with a broken collarbone.

"It all came from screens from my buddies Klisz and Terek," Mongeau said. "You can't get it done without the big fellas. We just want to beat teams when Bauman and Facione are out and when they get back, we want to dominate. We had to get respect this game, even the kids at school say we're nothing without them."

Almost as surprising as the final score was the 41-26 rebounding advantage enjoyed by Franklin. Terek led the Patriots with nine rebounds, followed by senior guard Pete Sosa with six and Kevin Biga and Jay Fontaine with five each.

The Patriots only shot 39 percent from the floor (19 of 48), but that was outstanding compared to the Cougars' 26 percent (12-47).

The Patriots held the Cougars' star guard Brad Buddenborg without a field goal in the second half. Buddenborg, guarded by either Fontaine or Terek, finished with 13 points and eight rebounds, followed by teammate Dan Fairchild with nine points, all on triples. Junior guard Matt Brooks added eight

The Cougars actually scored the first eight points of the game, employing a press that seemed to bother Franklin.

"If you call the game after the first two minutes, we'd be fine," Garden



Balancing act: Franklin's Kevin Biga (left) gets a slight bump from Garden City's Mike Wrobel as they tangle during Tuesday's season opener.

City coach Greg Williamson his quick release over the summer if we play together." quipped. "They played much more aggressively and deserved to win. We got way too anxious, one pass, one shot and it's done. It's hard to understand why we'd play that fash-

ion. It's not Garden City basketball." The Patriots ended the first quarter on a 19-1 run and went on a 10-0 tear to start the second quarter for a 29-9 lead.

Six different players scored during that stretch, highlighted by four triples from Mongeau and one from Pete Sosa.

coach Dan Robinson said. "Last year he had a little bit of a problem getting his shot off, but he worked on and give the guys credit for going back to him."

The Patriots' attack featured eight points from both Sosa and Terek. They kept the lead by making 16-25 free throws, including 12-18 in the fourth quarter.

didn't relish in it with a non-league said. game at Dearborn Friday night.

"The kids played hard, not only hard, but smart," Robinson said. "We talk about playing good fundamental basketball and that's what "Not bad for a little guy," Franklin we did tonight. Even when we get them (Bauman and Facione) back, we have to do it. I thought we have the talent and ability without them

The Cougars cut the deficit to 41-31 late in the third quarter before Terek scored six straight points for the Patriots on the kind of athletic ability that made him a first-team All-Observer football player.

"Terek's such a great athlete and Robinson enjoyed his first win but he played under control," Robinson

> The Patriots used runs of 6-0 and 10-0 in the fourth quarter to build their biggest lead of the game, 61-

> Mongeau cooled off from the field in the second half, but made all six of his free throws in the fourth.

> "He's our little assassin," assistant coach John Santi said.

Wayne rallies past Canton in thriller

BY C.J. RISAK SPORTS WRITER

Last lull loses.

Plymouth Canton suffered through it, and Wayne Memorial took complete advantage to pull out a 63-59 season-opening boys basketball victory Tuesday at Canton.

It wasn't supposed to be like this. The Chiefs, 22-2 a year ago, had lost their two top scorers and three starters from that team. Wayne had been to the Class A state semifinals

last season, and nearly the entire cast was back for a try at another But after sparring through the first 2% quarters, with neither team opening up much of a lead, it was Canton that seemed to be taking

command entering the fourth period. Up 47-42 through three quarters, the Chiefs increased their advantage to 51-44 with 6:34 left on Matt Ammons' layup. Wayne was pointless over the last 5:52 of the third quarter, with the Chiefs scoring 10straight during that lull, until Karl Callaway's two free throws after the

period had ended brought Wayne

back to within five. Then after Ammons' layup, the lull hit Canton. The Chiefs scored just eight more points, converting 1of-5 chances at the free throw line,

in the final 6:30. "We had a chance, but then we just didn't get it done," said Canton coach Dan Young. "We made some good plays throughout the game. But down the stretch, we needed to break that pressure and get some good shots.

"But we had some turnovers and made some bad decisions."

And the Zebras pounced on the opportunities. LaVelle Guess did most of the damage, riddling Canton's defense for nine final-quarter points; he finished with 20 and four

Through three quarters, the Chiefs had handled Wayne's pressure fairly well, committing 18 turnovers but forcing 15 by the

In addition, Canton broke through to get all kinds of easy baskets; for the game, the Chiefs connected on 25-of-38 shots (65.8 percent), with Nick Hurley slicing through the Zebra press to score a game-high 25 points on 11-of-13 shooting.

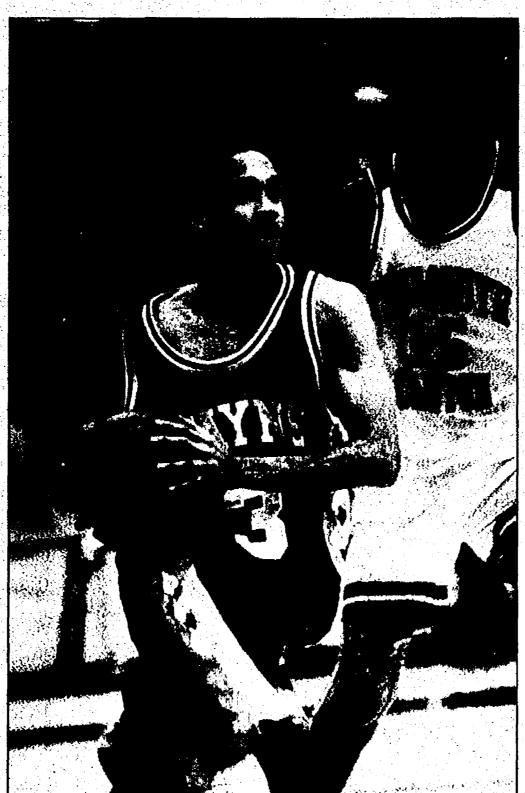
"They're a very good basketball team," said Wayne coach Chuck Henry. "We got a couple of steals in the fourth quarter, and we tried to keep Hurley under control."

Those factors were major elements in Wayne's turnaround. Hurley's basket early in the final quarter had boosted Canton's lead to seven, but after Ammons reestablished it at that level with 6:34 left, the Chiefs started to slide.

Nine Canton turnoyers in the stretch run ignited Wayne's comeback. Five-straight points by Guess narrowed the Canton lead to 51-49 with 5:45 left.

After a Rob Johnson basket put the Chiefs back up by four, the Zebras really put it into high gear. In the final 4:34, they outpointed Canton 14-6.

See ZEBRAS TRIUMPH, CA



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER Smooth operator: Wayne senior guard La Velle Guess slips around Plymouth Canton's Rob Johnson.

AREA HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PREVIEWS

Wayne Memorial eyes banner year

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK STAFF WRITER

Wayne wrestling coach David Davis knows how to count his

Let's see, there's Richard Watson, John Nichols, Jim Siwula, Pat Grzecki . . .

Well, you sort of get the idea.

"There's so much potential in there," Davis said, "you can almost sit there and draw a name out of a hat and say, 'Here's a kid with the potential of going to the state (meet)."

Names in this hat include Nate Wensko, Justin Beselere. Jamah Booze, Keith Britt, Sean McInerney, Jeff Proudlock, George Buckner, Will Laramie, Jason Sienko, Val Polevoi, Jeremy Styers and Rob Theisen.

"These are all boys that are very capable," said Davis, who in his third season at Wayne, has aspirations of wrestling past area rival Livonia Stevenson for state honors this year.

"From last year we have all but one guy returning from a varsity team that went 21-7." said Davis, whose Zebras were runner-up to Livonia in the Class A regional last season,

Nichols (119) and heavyweight Laramie are both returning regional qualifiers, while Watson (135) placed sixth in the state meet last spring, finishing the year with a sparkling 47-6 record. Watson is 72-19 in his

Siwula (152) and Buckner (215) both missed the opener due to injury, but are expected to do well, as is Grzecki (189).

"This year we're hoping to be a lot stronger because of all our returnees," he said. "Plus we have guys to fill in where in spots we were a little thin last vear. If we can remain healthy and maintain our eligibility, we'll be competitive."

Who can tell what a new season will bring? And how kids will react to being favorites.

"I would like to think we have as good a chance as anybody to

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get there (the state tournament)." Davis said. "But that's something only time will tell.

"Injuries can always play a role. Eligibility can play a role. We can go down just as easily as we can go up. All teams are faced with the same thing."

Somebody can get hurt at a critical time (which begs the question of whether there's ever a good time to get hurt). Illness can strike. Grades can falter. Concentration can suffer. Or kids could be kids.

But going into the season, Wayne Memorial is in the position most schools would like to be in — challenging for a top

LIVONIA STEVENSON

When the final pins have been recorded, though, Livonia Stevenson could again be the toughest of the area tough.

"We have a nice nucleus coming back. I think we'll be respectable." 15year veteran Coach Don Berg of the Spartans said, "I heard (Westland) John Glenn has 75 kids out, we'll see (Plymouth) Salem early and they're a league representative club, Walled Lake Central has a league champion and state qualifier so they'll be tough.

*(Plymouth) Canton, I'm sure, will have somebody representative. The league (Western Lakes Activities Association) will again be tough to handle. If you come out of there with a degree of respectability, you know you're good."

The Spartans lost Jon Sata, now wrestling at Purdue, Dan Christianson and David Falzon from a team that went 19-3 and was rated seventh in the state before getting beaten - narrowly - by Bay City Western in the state Class A quarterfinals.

Three of the five Stevenson wrestlers to qualify for the individual portion of the state meet took home medals.

The Spartans do return Nick Petryk, a state qualifier with a 54-22 career record, and Katsuhiko Sueda, a junior who is also a state qualifier from a year ago. Petryk (44-12), who wrestled at 140 last season, will start at 152 this year white Sueda will open at 103.

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au (112), Jeff Brach (125), Dan Seder a standout during his high school days (130), Mike Allison (160), Derek Wieland (215) and heavyweight Rich

"We've only got 25 wrestlers out," Berg said. *But we have a very nice. crop of freshmen. And some of them are going to get a lot of experience. Probably some will move into the starting lineup as we go along."

Ed Little (135) is up from the junior varsity along with Chris Goins (119). Phil Ruewer and Brian Barker are candidates to fill two heavyweight vacancies for Stevenson.

The WLAA is one of the state's better leagues when it comes to wrestling, though.

"People know where we're at," Berg said. "We don't have to fight real hard for respectability. When we wrestle the powerhouses of the state, we might not whip 'em, but we give 'em a battle."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

The youth movement is on at Westland John Glenn where a 54-person

squad will feature many freshmen. But the one wrestler that will make the most impact this season is junior Tim Reeves (171). Reeves showed his potential last weekend by winning the Ypsilanti Invitational.

Reeves won the most outstanding wrestler award in the tournament that featured four state qualifiers, five regional qualifiers and one state champi-

"He'll do more this season than just qualify for the state." Glenn coach Dave Hill said. *He has always been aggressive, fast and strong but now he has developed a repertoire of holds and he tooks phenomenal. Plus his attitude is light years ahead of where it was last

Reeves will try to improve a team that finished around .500 last season. The Rockets lost a couple key wrestlers to graduation in state qualifier Tye Golden and (145) and Kevin Constantino

Filling in at 140 will be junior John Fedulchak, who took second at the Ypsi tournament. In addition, the seventhyear coach expects big things from Ryan Cox at 215 pounds, who also took

Other key wrestlers will be Andy Bass (125), Matt Biddinger (152), Rick Donahee (160) and Jake Tharp (189).

Freshmen will make immediate contributions for the Rockets at several weights including 103 where six ninth graders are fighting for the spot and 112 with Jesse Purdon.

"We'll be stronger this season, but we have difficulty starting early," Hill said. "We always get it cranked up by the end of January."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

First-year coach Marty Altounian is no stranger to area wrestling mats. He was O'Connor (189).

at Livonia Bentley.

Altounian, who takes over for Brent Withington, inherits a youthful squad.

*Seventy percent are freshman and ? sophomores," Altounian said. "We'll take our lumps, but we're very enthusiastic. They're not afraid to go out and and go after them.

"We're a real young team and whatever we can take, we'll be grateful."

First-team All-Observer picks Chris Seder (160) and Eugen Barbu (189) graduated, but third-team All-Area choice Bob Fowler, senior, returns at 215 after wrestling as a heavyweight last year.

Other top returnees include fourthyear seniors Joe Ramlawi (189) and Nick McGowan (145), who will serve as co-captains along with Fowler. Junior Vinnie Ascione (171) is another veteran.

Senior Nate Muchow (152) and junior Brian Panczyszyn (140) are both nursing injuries, but are expected to return

Other returnees include sophomores Steve Vassilof (119), Dave Donnelly (125) and Brian Kramer (112). They will be joined by newcomers Brandon LaPointe (140) and Mike Carter (145).

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

It was five years ago when Tim Templeton took over the Livonia Franklin wrestling program. That season, only 12 wrestlers tried out for the squad.

But now, Templeton has truly established a program and the numbers speak for themselves. Templeton will carry 41 grapplers this season and for the first time has depth.

"Our strength is in our numbers," Templeton said. For the first time, we have back-up if people get hurt, and we have experience in all but two weight classes."

The Patriots took a step forward last season with a middle of the pack finish in the WLAA. Franklin did lose a pair of regional qualifiers from that squad in William Sari (215) and Andy Hill (189):

Leading Franklin this season will be junior Aaron Haddad, who stepped up from 119 to compete at 125, and senior John Grills (135), who was a regional qualifier last season.

A pair of All-Observerland offensive linemen will compete at 215, Jay Myrand and et heavyweight, Matt Law-Also making an impact this season

should be junior Walter Dietz (112), who was a Class C state qualifier his freshman year while attending Lutheran Westland.

The remainder of the lineup will include freshman Jimmy Vinson (103). senior Ryan Doig (119), sophomore David Fry (130), senior Ahmed Elkadrior sophomore Allen Duff (140), freshman Eric Toska (145), junior Joe Moritz (152), sophomore Bill Campau (160), sophomore Steve Myslinski or junior Jason Allen (171) and senior Shaun



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Richard Watson Wayne Memorial

According to Templeton, the Patriots

will have stronger wrestlers in the lower

weights this season thanks to the addi-

tion of assistant coach Gary Glashauser.

who wrestled at 98 pounds in his high-

"This will be a more solid team than

last season," Templeton said. "Not only

do we have more depth and experience.

but we also have been fortunate to have

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

John Spolsky will go down as one of

the best wrestlers in Redford Catholic

Central history, sweeping through his

senior season undefeated en route to

the Division I heavyweight champi-

And let's not forget state qualifiers

Dave Gardner, Davio Janni and Kevin Grif-

fin. Gardner was second at 125, lanni-

seventh at 103 and Griffin sixth at 145.

those graduation losses along with two

other state qualifiers, there is still rea-

son for him to be encouraged about the

titles, their last in 1988, and are always

in contention to return to the winner's

The Shamrocks have won seven state

Returning for their senior years are

Dave O'Hara and Mike Zelenock, who

will wrestle at 125 and 119 pounds.

respectively. They are the only two

seniors currently in the Shamrocks' line-

An injury slowed O'Hara's progress as

"He's a very determined man, has a

No one outworks Zelenock, according

*Zelenock is one of the hardest work-

ers on the team, been to the lowa Camp

three straight years," Rodriguez said.

The spot vacated by Spolsky will be

filled by senior Jeff Bracken, who has

potential, according to Rodriguez.

Bracken was a promising football player

before a shoulder injury caused him to

for three years," Rodriguez said. "He

The Shamrocks expect some help in

the low weights to come from freshman

sensation Mitch Hemcock, who will

wrestle at 112 pounds. Hemcock brings

impressive credentials with him and

"Mitch is a little slicker," Rodriguez

Sean Bell, a 145-pounder, is another

Sophomores John Abshire and Casey

should be coming into his own."

"That's the guy who Spolsky beat up

a junior after placing in the state meet

lot of technique," Rodriguez said...

While coach Mike Rodriguez bemoans

more leadership."

1996-97 season.

as a sophomore.

to Rodriguez.

"He can feel his oats."

concentrate on wrestling.



Nick Petryk Livonia Stevenson



Dave O'Hara Redford CC

tively. Junior David McFarland Is fighting at 215 currently, but may give way to sophomore Nick Antonucci.

"Team-wise, these kids are fighters." Rodriguez said. "The last two sophomores scrap like hell."

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

The Trojans are shooting for the Metro Conference title after finishing fourth a year ago.

"If I can get these kids going we'll be tough," Clarenceville coach Grant Gordon said. "Most of the other teams lost a lot. Lutheran North is tough and could be the team to beat. but I think it's our turn."

Clarenceville lost two-time state qualifier and Metro champion John Rose (189), but several other key performers return.

-Brother Craig Rose, a junior at 152 pounds, gives Gordon reason for optimism. He went 25-14 a year ago, qualified for the state Class C individual meet and was Metro Conference champion. Senior Andy Moore (189) was also

holdovers Eric Tondreau (125), a junior; Chris Lakner (135), a senior; and Eric Ledda (145), a senior. Also returning is sophmore Dave !

a Metro champ. He will be joined by

Lemmon (112 or 119) and senior 3 Chris King (125). Freshman Dan Tondreau (125).

meanwhile, has already racked up a

second-place finish this season. Other promising newcomers include sophomore Walter Ragland (189), junior John Schiffman (171), junior Chris Krolcyzk (140 or 145), junior

transfer (from Redford Union) Derrick Collard (140 or 145); sophomore Adam Markum (171), freshman Josh Rose (215); freshman Kevin Sylle (152); and sophomore Tony Rochoza

LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Veteran coach Dennis Tuomi feets his team will improve a lot as the season wears along.

"We've lost two state qualifiers," he said, "one a state placer, and seven wrestlers altogether." Tuomi said he's looking for someone

to emerge as the team leader, possibly Andrew Ebendick (130), who at 28-9 returns the best record on the team.

Another key returnee is Eric Falkenberg (112), who had a 20-13 record last season. Both Ebendick and Falkenberg The Warriors have four seniors whom

Tuomi expects to step up - Andrew Vetting, Daniel Burk, Ryan Billand and Matthew Nivala. "They're a good bunch to work with,"

the coach said. "We'll improve as the season goes on, I believe.

"We've got a lot of young kids and we." haven't had much practice. We started a week earlier than we usually do."

Other key Warrior wrestlers include Robb Williams (119), Brian Soos (135). Chris Sprow-Fernitz (140), Jason Hemple (152), Michael Baltz (160). :

Scott Archer (171) and heavyweight Matthew Meyer.

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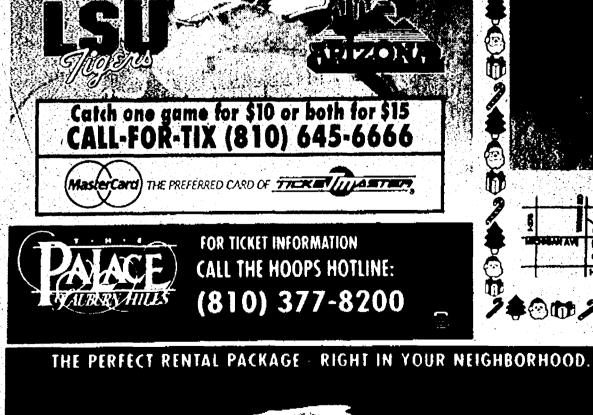
The hearing will be held:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1998 Commission Chambers, 10:00 a.m. Wayne County Building 600 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan

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the off-season and going through

two-a-days," Gusoff said. "The

main thing coach Riepma has

done is he has players believing

in themselves. I feel very privi-

leged to have had the opportuni-

Northwood is a small, private

university located in Midland,

about halfway between Saginaw

and Mt. Pleasant. Trees line the

campus and it's not uncommon

see them out there," Riepma

"As you leave late at night, you

ty to play."

to see deer roam.

Former Shamrocks join forces to bring Northwood University program back to respectability

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Fraternities aside, Detroit Catholic Central graduates Dan Gusoff, Dan Liebau and Mike Grzywacz have followed a pretty similar path at Northwood Uni-

They were co-captains on the 1996 Northwood football team that finished 6-5 overall - the school's first winning season since 1984.

Liebau and Grzywacz, 1993 CC graduates and Livonia residents, were four-year starters on the offensive line. Gusoff, a 1992 CC graduate from Redford, was a two-year starter at defensive tackle after spending his first two years in a part-time role.

Each will earn their degrees in marketing next spring.

"They are three quality people from three quality families,' Northwood coach Pat Riepma said. "They were great, great players in our program. They played awfully hard and helped us break through the barrier to getting our first winning season since 1984. It's a good starting point and we want to go forward from here."

How bad had it been at Northwood?

Gusoff remembers the really lean years, starting with his redshirt freshman year in 1992 when the Northmen were 0-9. By season's end, it was rare to find anyone in the stands but par-

What about girlfriends?

"I'm not even sure they told people their boyfriends played football," Gusoff said. "When I first came here there were different clicks. There are still clicks, but when it comes time to play everyone's purpose is to win."

Gusoff, Liebau and Grzywacz played on state-champion teams at CC and usually think alike, except when it comes to the fraternity system.

Grzywacz is a member of Phi Delta Gheta while Gusoff is a Theta Gamma Epsilon. Liebau is

independent. "He comes to our parties anyway," Grzywacz said. "He's kind of like an honorary member."

And he doesn't pay dues. What

Quick learners

Liebau, a 6-foot-2, 250 pound guard, was a bargain for the Northmen, starting since Day 1 of his freshman year. He made 31 consecutive starts until an ankle injury sidelined him the first game in '96. He played in the second and third games before assuming the starting job again in games 4-11.

Grzywacz, a 6-3, 280 pound tackle, didn't start his first game as a freshman, but earned a start every game since. He finished with 41 consecutive starts. Some players get their jerseys

Riepma has another idea for remembering Liebau and Grzywacz, who wore No. 66 and 76, respectively. "I told them whoever replaces

them will have to wear their numbers," Riepma said. "I got so used to seeing 66 and 76." Behind an offenisve front that

also included Chris Wizynski, Keith Mathis and Tyrone Nel-

FOOTBALL

son, Northwood set a new school record with 3,042 yards rushing in 597 carries (5.1 yards per carry). Their average of 276.5 yards per game was fifth best in Division II nationally.

The Northmen won five of six during one stretch this season. The only interruption was a 40-24 loss to Ferris State University, a Division II power and playoff qualifier.

Comeback victories by Grand Valley State and Wayne State in the last two weeks prevented the Northmen from going 8-3 over-

"We all wanted the same thing (on the offensive line) - nothing but our backs to run for 300-400 yards," Grzywacz said.

Liebau also played on Northwood's special teams, including kick-off coverage, which is odd for an offensive lineman.

"I stayed in tip-top shape and liked playing special teams because I feel I don't have toomuch weight to carry around," said Liebau, a second-team Midwest Intercollegiate Football

Conference choice as a junior. The players agreed Riepma has been the key to the program's turnaround.

'When we came in, things were in turmoil," Grzywacz said. "Coach Riepma explained it was not going to happen over night. As co-captains, we didn't want to be dictators, say 'This is what you've got to do.' We just stressed being on time, make sure you don't miss anything. Like the coaches said, 'It's a privilege to play college football. Don't screw it up.'"

Said Liebau: "Everyone started to have more heart and unity and wouldn't accept losing."

Blue collar worker

Gusoff, 5-11 and 255 pounds, had 67 tackles, including 29 solos as a fifth-year senior. He had two sacks and two tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

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For his career, he finished with 212 total tackles, including 3 1/2 sacks and 12 for losses.

But the number he's most proud of is zero, which stands for the number of practices he

Northwood defensive coordinator Bill Johnson, on staff with the Northmen since 1973, rates Gusoff among the most competitive he's coached.

"I get very emotional when I talk about him," Johnson said. "If you had to choose a fox hole to jump into, it would be his. He's an honest, hard-working kid who brings his hard hat and lunch bucket to work.

"He was the kind of kid who you always thought someday, somebody would beat him out. But he wouldn't let anyone. He got everything out of his talent that was humanly possible. He's a great kid. I have a grandson named Danny and I'd tell Gus 'I've got two Danny Boys.'

The turnaround was comparable to another school with the initials NU: Northwestern University.

"It erases the memories of the losing seasons, which is certainly what we were thinking about in

Franklin at Royal Oak, 8 p.m.

Zebras capture 3rd at Trenton

Wayne Memorial and Livonia Stevenson finished third and fourth, respectively, in Saturday's 18-team Trenton Invitational wrestling tourna-

Southgate Anderson captured the team title with 191 points followed by Wyandotte (151), Wayne (133), Stevenson (125) and Trenton (123).

Wayne had two individual champions - Richard Watson (135 pounds) and William Laramie (heavyweight).

Jeff Proudlock (145) added a third, while John Nichols (119), Sean McInerney (171) and Pat Grzecki (189) added fourths.

Stevenson was led by a pair of second-place finishers -Katsuhiko Sueda (103) and Nick Petryk (152).

MAT ROUNDUP

Mike Allison (160).

River Rouge tourney

St. Clair Shores Lakeview scored 144 points Saturday to win 10-team River Rouge Invitational.

Livonia Churchill finished second with 118, while Livonia Clarenceville was fifth.

Churchill boasted three individual champions - senior cocaptains Bob Fowler (215), Joe Ramlawi (189) and Nick McGowan (145).

Steve Vassilof, a sophomore, took second at 119, while two other 10th graders, Dave Donnelly (125) and Brandon LaPointe (140) added thirds.

Sophomore Mike Carter fifth.

Junior Craig Rose took home an individual title for Clarenceville at 152 points.

Four others finished second - freshman Dan Tondreau (103), junior Eric Tondreau (125), senior Chris Lakner (135) and senior Andy Moore (189). Eric Ledda, a 145. pounder, was fourth.

Glenn 5th at Ypsi

Tim Reeves (171) of Westland John Glenn, who won by all pins, took most outstanding wrestler honors Saturday at the Ypsilanti Invitational as the Rockets finished fifth over-

Belleville captured the team

Second places went to Glenn grappiers John Fedulchak (140) and Ryan Cox (215); thirds to Matt Biddinger (152),

Third-place finishers for the (140) took fourth, while sophosaid. "I'd like to put a jersey on Rick Donahee (160) and Jake Spartans included Jeff Brach more Brian Kramer (112) was them, and make sure it's a Tharp (189); and fourth to (125), Dan Seder (130) and Northwood jersey.' Andy Bass (125). Now if he can only find more linemen like these three. DISCOUNT TIRE CO. SALE **SALE ENDS DEC. 15, 1996** ANY SIZE LISTEDI P165/80R-13 ANY SIZE LISTED! P185/80R-13 P205/75R-15 P225/75R-15 DISCOUNT TIRE CO. SALE "When You're Ready To Get Serious" Radial Mud-Terrain RADIAL all Season WHITEWALLS P155/80R-13......45.99 P185/75R-14......52.99 P195/75R-14......55.99 P205/75R-15......59.99 P235/75R-15......68.99 BLACKWALLS 155R-12......42.99 P193/70R14 36.99 P215/75R15 44.99 155-13,......45.99 P205/75R-15 44.99 P205/76R-14 42.99 175/70R-13......56.99 185/70R-13......57.99 WHITEWALLS 185/70R-14......55.99 truck van & OUR 65,000 MILE WARRANTY P185/60R-14.....64.99 EASE CALL FOR LOW LOW PRICES! P195/60R-14......66.99 P195/60R-15......67.99 P205/60R-15......70.99 _59.99 13-1250R-15RWL......97.99 P205/65R-15......65.99 P215/60R·16.....81.99 11-10509-15RWL ____ 77.95 P225/60R-16.....84,99

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Annapolis at Luth, Westland, 7 p.m. Franklin at Dearborn, 7 p.m. Fordson at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Garden City at Crestwood, 7 p.m. RU at Farmington, 7 p.m. Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 7 p.m. Churchill at Milford, 7:30 p.m. Wayne at John Glenn, 7:30 p.m. Centon et Monroe, 7:30 p.m. A.A. Huron et Salem, 7:30 p.m. Filint Powers at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Borgess at River Rouge, 7:30 p.m.: St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Franklin Road at Agape, 7:30 p.m. W. Highland at Ply. Christian, 7:30 p.m. (Titan Tip-Off Tourney at St. Joseph) Grace vs. III. Luthern, 6 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Mich. Luth., 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

Titan Tip-Off Tourney, 5:30 & 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Dec. 12 Churchill vs. B.H. Lehser at Det. Skating Club, 6 p.m. Franklin vs. Birmingham at Cranbrook Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 Stevenson vs. W.L. Central

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14 RU vs. B.H. Andover at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m. Stevenson vs. Milford at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6:20 p.m. Redford CC vs. Riv. Gab. Richard at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Dec. 14 Hamson Invitational, 8 a.m. Allen Park Invitational, 8 a.m. Madonna Univ. Tournament, TBA. S. Lyon Invitational, TBA. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 12 Madonna at Concordia, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 (Owens Express Hollday Tourney) Clark St. vs. Flint Mott, 6 p.m. Owens Tech vs. Schoolcraft, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 Owens Tech Tourney, 5 & 7 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 12 Medonna et Findley (Ohio), 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 S'craft at Sullivan Classic, TBA. SECURGEY, DOC. 14 Blufton (Ohio) at Madonna, 3 p.m. S'craft et Sullivan Classic, TBA, TBA - times to be announced.

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CC ace scores 44 in loss to Ypsi

CAGE ROUNDUP

If he keeps this up, they might want to put a sign above Marc McDonald's locker that says: Over a billion scored.

Ypsilanti held on Tuesday to defeat Redford Catholic Central in the boys season basketball opener, 73-69, spoiling an incredible 44-point effort by McDonald, the Shamrocks' senior guard.

Host Ypsilanti led 26-10 at one time, and 28-13 after one quarter. The Braves were up 38-34 at halftime and by three points after three quarters.

McDonald scored 14 points in both the second and third quarters. He was six for 12 from three-point range and nine for 15 from two-point range.

Ironically, he struggled only when someone wasn't guarding him at the free throw line, where he was eight for 12. McDonald had games of 39 and 38 points last season.

"Marc played extremely well," CC coach Rick Coratti said.

Junior forward Chris Young finished with 10 points and nine rebounds and senior forward Brian Teefey had nine points and nine rebounds.

Vincent Lay led three Ypsilanti players in double figures with 16 points.

"We have a lot of young kids and they played tentatively," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "They figured out they could play and started playing.'

·LUTH. WESTLAND 80, St. ALPHON-SUS 47: Senior center Joe Pruchnik poured in a game-high 30 points Tuesday, leading Lutheran High Westland to a convincing win over host Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Pruchnik, a 6-foot-4 post player, also grabbed 10 rebounds in only three quarters of play.

Kevin Wade added 10 points for the victorious Warriors, who led 36-19 at halftime after a 19-5 second-quarter run. Joe Ladesma contributed 19 points

for the Arrows. "We ran a zone press and some manto-man full-court, got some turnovers and made some buckets," said Lutheran Westland coach Dan Ramthun, who made his debut as varsity coach.

. ROBICHAUD 67, CLARENCEVILLE 50: Thirty-six turnovers, 18 in each half, led to Livonia Clarenceville's undoing Tuesday as visiting Dearborn Heights Robichaud earned the victory.

Sophomore guard Albert Deljosevic scored 18 points (before fouling out) in a losing cause. Justin Villanueva added 10 points and five rebounds, while center Jason Merritt, plagued by foul trouble, had eight rebounds and six points.

Jason Malloy, a 6-1 forward, led the Bulldogs, who pulled away with a 24-15 fourth-quarter spurt, with a game-high

Devon McCray added 14 for Robichaud, which hit 12 of 21 free throws.

Clarenceville was 16 of 23 from the

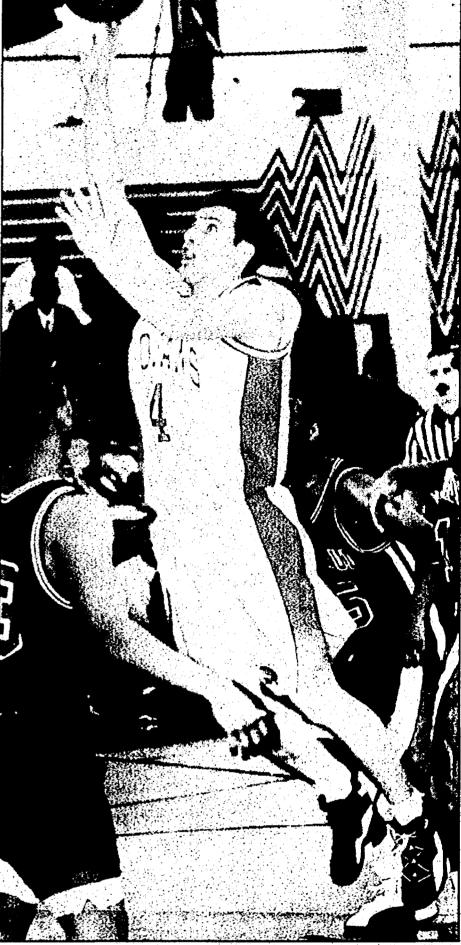
"We turned it over a lot in the first half, did a better job in the third quarter, but turned it over quite a bit in the fourth." Clarenceville Loach Rick Larson said. For some reason we were really, really nervous."

.A.A. HURON 61, JOHN GLENN 53: Deadlocked with three minutes to play, Ann Arbor Huron put on a late rush to win its season opener Tuesday at Westland John Glenn.

Luke Ravlin led the winners with 18 points, including 12 in the decisive fourth quarter as the River Rats outscored Glenn 19-14.

Mike Brown and Nate Johns added 15 and 13, respectively.

David Jarrett, a senior forward, led Glenn with 14 points, while freshman



Going airborne: Clarenceville's Albert Deljosevic knifes inside against Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

guard Eric Jones added 12.

Glenn hit only 13 of 27 free throws. while Huron was 17 of 25.

'They're a good team and I'm not sure we're really right there yet with the finesse you need in basketball," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "We missed some free throws and they converted at the other end down the stretch."

•NORTHVILLE 65, STEVENSON 53: Three players scored in double figures Tuesday for the Mustangs to spoil Tim Newman's debut as Livonia Stevenson

A 21-9 run in the second quarter erased an 18-13 first-quarter deficit for

Three players scored in double figures for the winners - Terakedis (14.

points), Arenz (12) and Kozdror (11). Ed Szumlanski, a 6-3 senior guard, led

Stevenson with 18 points. "We hit four 'threes' in the first quarter, but then we went cold in the second quarter," Newman said. "They did a better job of breaking down our man-to-man

DEARBORN 86, CHURCHILL 65: Brodie Killian had a game-high 20 points Tuesday as the host Pioneers pulled away in the second half for the seasonopening win against Livonia Churchill, spoiling Rick Austin's debut as the

Chargers' head coach. Austin, a former Dearborn assistant,

watched his team pull out to a 13-10 first-quarter advantage before the roof

23 in the second period; 21-11 in the third; and 24-18 in the final quarter. C.J. Kreger and Jason Herrick con-

Dearborn outscored the Chargers 31-

tributed 14 and 12, for the Pioneers.

Junior Lamar Smitth paced Churchill with 14 points and nine rebounds. Corey Cook added 10 points, while point guard Matt Buzewski had six assists. Senior guard Shawn Woloszyn, hampered by early foul trouble, had eight points.

"I'm happy with the way we tried to play," Austin said.

A bright spot for Churchill was free throw shooting as the Chargers were 19 of 22 (86 percent). Dearborn was 16 of

25 (64 percent). **•SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 87, HURON** VALLEY 40: In the season opener Monday, A. J. Istvan scored 25 points to

lead the Eagles past the visiting Hawks. Southfield Christian won the race down the floor, setting the pace with a 28-10 first quarter in the non-conference game between members of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. They play in opposite divisions of the MIAC.

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran received a team-high 14 points from Jeremy Zahn along with 11 from Tom

Zebras triumph from page C1

Guess converted a steal into a basket to tie the game at 55all with 3:35 to go, then Callaway got a basket following yet: another Canton turnover put Wayne in front with 2:52 left.

Donte Scott tied it for the Chiefs 11 seconds later, but Rodney Hurst drilled a threepointer with 2:31 remaining to give Wayne the lead for good,

"We really didn't do anything different philosophically," said Henry. "The kids had the will to win, to come back.

It also helped when Henry put Lorenzo Guess on Hurley. The Zebras' leader offensively, Lorenzo nailed his first shot of the game, a three-pointer, but was held in check pretty well the rest of the way. He finished with 14 points on 4-of-13 shoot-

But as big-time players are wont to do, Lorenzo kept Hurley off the board after his early basket in the fourth. Lorenzo also had team-highs in rebounds (six) and assists (six), to go with three steals.

"We got a couple of LaVelle, meanwhile, nailed turnovers and a couple of easy 8-of-12 floor shots (including 2baskets. That always helps of-4 threes) and made four take the pressure off the steals. Hurst finished with 11

Canton got 14 points (7-of-7: from the field) and five boards from Johnson, and 10 points and seven assists from Ammons.

The Chiefs had a 23-18 edge in rebounding, but Wayne held an 8-2 advantage on the offensive boards. In addition, the Zebras made 8-of-21 threes (38.1 percent) to Canton's 1-of-7 (14.3 percent).

"We knew, for the first game of the year, it would be a war," Henry said. "We know when we play them it will be one of the toughest games of the year."

It was all of that - for both

Norris: Ageless wonder

Some athletes have gone down in history as great, while some have had longevity beyond reasonable expectations, like hockey's Gordie Howe or football's George Blanda.

In bowling, the name Joe Norris reigns supreme as one of the greatest to ever lace up the

TEN-PIN

ALLEY

shoes, but for sheer durability, few can match this man who started out as a 14-year old pinsetter in Detroit.

Now a resident of San Diego, Norris still competes in three leagues at age 87. He is best known as the Captain and lead-off bowler

HARRISON for the mighty Stroh's Beer teams in the 1930s and 40s. Norris was "back home" recently to bowl in the 67th annual Old Timers tournament

at Thunderbowl. Some of the other greatss from that era, Tony Lindemann, Joe Paulus and Eddie Lubanski were paired together with Joe on the same lanes, the next pair from where I was bowling with the

"press" team. All of these legendary figures from those glory days can still wing-it pretty good, in fact Joe had a 300 game at age 86, the oldest to do so.

He holds the all-time record for pinfall in the American Bowling Congress tournament with a grand total of 116,067 pins after 66 yearly tournaments.

Norris is also remembered for 279/762. his bowling for the USA at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin as a demonstration against the top German bowler.

For Joe Norris, this great athlete has endured in bowling for over 70 years and still going strong. His list of championships would fill this page and I could not find enough words to describe this man among men who has done so much for the game of bowling.

•As for the tournament results, the championship went to Hank Parafinowicz of Warren with a block of 268-279-256, an 803 series, the first ever 800 in the history of this event.

In the 60-64 age category, Tony Loiacano was the winner with 197-236-279/712, Redford's Ted Kress came in second with 201-214-257 for a 672 series, Windsor's Scotty Laughland took the honors in 65-69 with a set of 246-227-265/738, just ahead of Redford's Frank Verbanac who rolled 208-235-278/721, while Frank Pniewki of Garden City came in third on games of 235-248-181/664.

Livonia's Nick Drogomir took third place in the 80-and-over group with a 564 series and

HOCKEY

LIVONIA MEN'S OVER 80

HOCKEY STANDINGS (as of Dec. B) TEAM STANDINGS: 1. D&G Heating & Cooling, 12-3-3/27 points; 2. Bench

Pub, 9-5-5/23; 3. Prestige Cleaners.

10-7-1/21; 4. Alan Ford, 7-9-4/18; 5. Daly Restaurant, 7-9-3/17; 6. McGowan Sports Shop, 7-11-2/16; 7. (tie) Suburban Sports, 5-8-5/15 and

LEADING SCORERS: 1. Mark Her-

bert (Bench), 13 goals/18 assists/31 points; 2. Doug Smith (Prestige), 19-

11/30; 3. Emie Bourassa (Prestige).

6-19/25; 4. (tie) Dennis Clotworthy

(McGowan), 15-9/24, Bob Oliver (Sub-

urban), 9-15/24; 6. (tie) Brett Green

(D&G), 13-9/22, Ed Sommerville

(D&G), 9-13/22; 8. Dan Persha (Pres-

tige); 7-14/21; 9. (tie) Bill Marken

(Bench), 12-8/20, Scott Grace (Daly).

8-12/20, John Gibson (D&G), 4-

18/20; 12. (tie) Mike Lipon (D&G),

12-7/19, John Shetney (Alan Ford), 7-

12/19, Ray Newer (Daly), 6-13/19;

15. Keri Hunt, Jr. (Suburban), 9-9/18.

LEADING GOALIES: 1, Harry John-

son (D&G), 43 goals against/2,38

average; 2. Jeff Knipp (Bench),

57/3.16; 3. Ron Gabon (McGowan),

59/3.27; 4. (tie) Kevin Mason (Subur-

ban), 57/3.35 and Jim Rosenau

(Looney), 47/3.35; 6. John Blanchard

(Alan Ford), 62/3.87; 7. Mike Gulder

(Looney), 68/4.00; 8. Mike Berger

(Daly), 73/4.29; 9. Ron Marshall

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Dec. 6: Bench Pub 7, Alan Ford 6

(Morley Fortier game-winning goal);

McGowan 4, Looney O (Dennis Carl-

Dec. 8: Looney Baker 4, Suburban

3 (Chris Yellick); D&G 3, Alan Ford 3;

McGowan 3, Prestige 2 (Dennis Clot-

worthy); Bench 6 Daly 3 (Mark Her-

Dennis Queener (Looney)

(Prestige), 15/3.00.

bert).

Looney Baker, 6-11-3/15.

Richard Moore of Troy came in first in the 70 to 74 group with a set of 244-233-184/661. In the 75-79 group, Joe Paulus of West Bloomfield came in first with a 596 series.

The tournament was a great success, a terrific buffet dinner followed both of the morning and afternoon squads and a good time was had by all.

•Karen Hagan bowls in the Cloverlanes All-Star Bowlerettes eachgMonday night along with the top women bowlers from this area. Karen recently rolled a 300 game in an 800 series at Flat Rock, this was the first ever 800 series by a woman in Monroe County.

Her games were 256-300-244. Karen was one of three members of the Bowlerettes to register an 800 in Cloverlanes last season.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Merri Bowl (Livonia): Ladies Doubles ---Mary Mohacsi, 289/700; Sue Paddovich, 199-244-244/687.

Big Ten - Rick Smith, 266-226-278/770. Senior House - Chuck Dobrick, 300; Dennis Berryman, 300/719; Dave Garon, 279/770; Craig Senkowski, 278/755; Ryan Wilson, 290/755.

Delphi Men - Bob Truszkowski, 300/668. St. Marys - Ron Randall Sr., 770. Golden Eagles - Jim Johnson, 231-235-257/723.

Senior Go-Getters — Clayton Maloney, 203.

K of C Men - Carson Smith, 278-200-

Longnecks - John Starticha, 290-279 245/814; Frank Castle, 266; Mike Ernst. 252-217-231/700.

Merri-8 Ladies - Danita Pitsch, 233. Right on Time - Harold Shanks, 257-226-

Senior Left-overs — Tom Gerovac, 221-211: Mike Possert, 223: Steve Miloser, 226. Wonderland Lanes: Storm All-Star Classic Couples - Dave Witty, 300; Mark Ivancik, 268; Paul Grauzer, 278; Ryan Wilson, 289;

Jason Johnson, 269. Wonderland Classic - Don Cook. 289/789: Pat Agius, 772; Earl VanNess, 300/770: Mark Payne, 300/761; Brad

Strange, 280/753. Nite Owls - Nate Shields, 300; Gary Cornelius,277/669; Mike Rood, 237/639. Woodland Lanes: St. Ediths - Jim Tilley.

205-225-255/715. Cloverlanes: St. Aidan's Men's - Tony Kaluzny, 214-2/642; John Golen, 236; Don Trahey, 223; Joe Wanielista, 205; Mike

Mankuitz, 230. Western Wayne Youth Traveling Classic -Mike Pasieczny, 258/661; Patrick Barter, 243-223/661; Matt Bolden, 211; Matt Paczas, 258-221/628; Jason Thomas, 233/636/ Rob Raymond, 228-219/647;

Chris Seadeek, 257/600. All-Star Bowlerettes — Aleta Sill, 248-244-238/730; Kathie Maser, 264-235-215/714; Patti Husken, 234-233-243/710; Gloria McKenney, 247-213-244/704; Lisa Bishop, 207-224-257/688; Jeanne Gebbia, 268/666.

Garden Lanes (Garden City): St. Linus Classic - Dick Thompson, 289-213/697; Dave Bazner, 223-250/676; Mark Gorno, 237-268/671; Tony Humphrey, 244-223/670; Mary Gadde, 228-249/667; Dave Bazner, 238-221/667; Mike Bazner, 233-221/667. Suburban Prop. Ladies - Ruth Brewer,

234/542; Willa McFarlin, 223/610.

Mayflower Lanes (Redford): Good Neighbors -- Karl Harren, 215; Diane Warchol, 201; Malsle Krause, 197.

Monday Seniors -- George Kompoltowicz, 235-247/685; Fred Smith, 245/617; Cal Patterson 244/628; Cecil Kosmowski, 224/610; Chet Zalac, 255.

Friday Seniors - Mel Albirte, 244-227. 252/723; Tom Sanford, 222/626; Ted Mack, 228/677; Gerry Salewski, 234/665; Benny lanetta, 245/629; Oz Hovsepian, 263/625.

Wednesday Senior Classic - Paul Temple, 275/595; Tony Ballarta, 208-202-279/689; Wil Soukas, 204-226-222/652; Jerry Urban. 237-243-245/728; Bob Sherwood, 249/606; Ron Lancaster, 240/623.

Country Lanes (Farmington); Greenfield Mixed - Ron Blanchard, 300-215/687; Debble VanMeter, 237-210/637; Steve Ostler, 255-229/686; Mike Stefani, 236/616; Tom Koebel, 258/641; Katle Szonye, 233/600; Debbie Blanchard, 224/635; Sue Addy, 223/612.

Western Women - Kathy Jones, 224. Country Keglers - John Eldred, 276/722; Lee Burk, 267/642; Paul Postula, 250; Joe Mainardi, 249/707; Dave Kaliszewski, 247; Rob Lemuel, 246/646.

Advanced Youth (seniors) - John Militello, 229; Chuck Barstow, 213; Ralph Pearce,

American Legion Ma & Pa - Tom Stanek, 212: Dick Joslyn, 212.

St. Paul's Men's -- Paul Bright, 279/703; Mark Gallagher, 233; Robert Gola, 233.

Prince of peace - Shirley Drauer, 200. Spares & Strikes - Lila Smith, 229; Joan Kaminski, 201; Gloria Vanderlugt, 201; Kevion Landace, 200.

Ladies Singles - Jill Fehrenbach. 254/598; Lynne Wegener, 236-229-209/674; Vicki Ingham, 237/616; Kathy Sestak, 219; Sabrina Jones, 228.

Loon Lake — Dave Amolsch; 277/637; Don Wagner, 240/633; Gary Domino. 236/617: John Tutus, 234/585: Jim Salling, 234/634.

Wednesday Knights - Scott McGlone, 266/678; Frank Zagata, 259/689; Gary Smauder, 258/724; Travis Hulsizer. 258/682: Gordy Grimes, 255: Rick Ballnik,

Farmington Odd Couples - Julie Misaros, 230-214/633; Harold Grossbart, 227-214/611: Tim Barkume, 215; Linda Barkume, 202; Lisa Clogg, 201/512.

Wednesday Nite Ladies - Sue Duquette. 220/526; Donna Postula, 205/501.

Sunday Goodtimers - Ben Wenson, 248/624; Mike Lanning, 235; Steve Fox, 210; Stan Miller, 210; Lou Konopko, 203; Seymour Rosen, 189.

Bel Aire Lanes (Farmington): Our Lady of Sorrows -- Cary Archer, 243/638; Leif Olsen, 218/606; Dennis Yaros, 216/602; Brian Greenstein, 265; Lloyd Himebauch, 233. Michigan Bell Men's - J. Trubak, 231-216-

257/704; Len Bertyn, 202-202-222/626; Ralph Mayers, 244-205-256/705; Eric Hemmi, 234/635; Dan Winkel, 246/651. Novi Bowl (Novi): Men's Lutheran - Terry

Yarmak, 244/672. Senior House - Steve Lingertot, 257/749; Rick Preston, 267/727; Bob Trent, 256/672;

Ray Strietzel, 269/685; John "Goose" Kohler, 279/740: Gary Archer, 279/746. Junior House - Mike Fry, 269/706; Keith

Caldwell, 265/680; Brent Kennedy, West Side Lutheran - Lynn Lewis, 279/698; Bill Mueller, 265/685; Don John-

son, 673; Terry Krohn, 656; Ron Williams, Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield): Galilee Thursday Afternoon — Barbara Papo.

267/557 Oakland Hills Ladies - Karen Britain,

223/555. North Subs - Rita Walters, 224/517.

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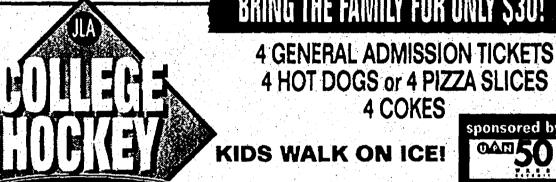
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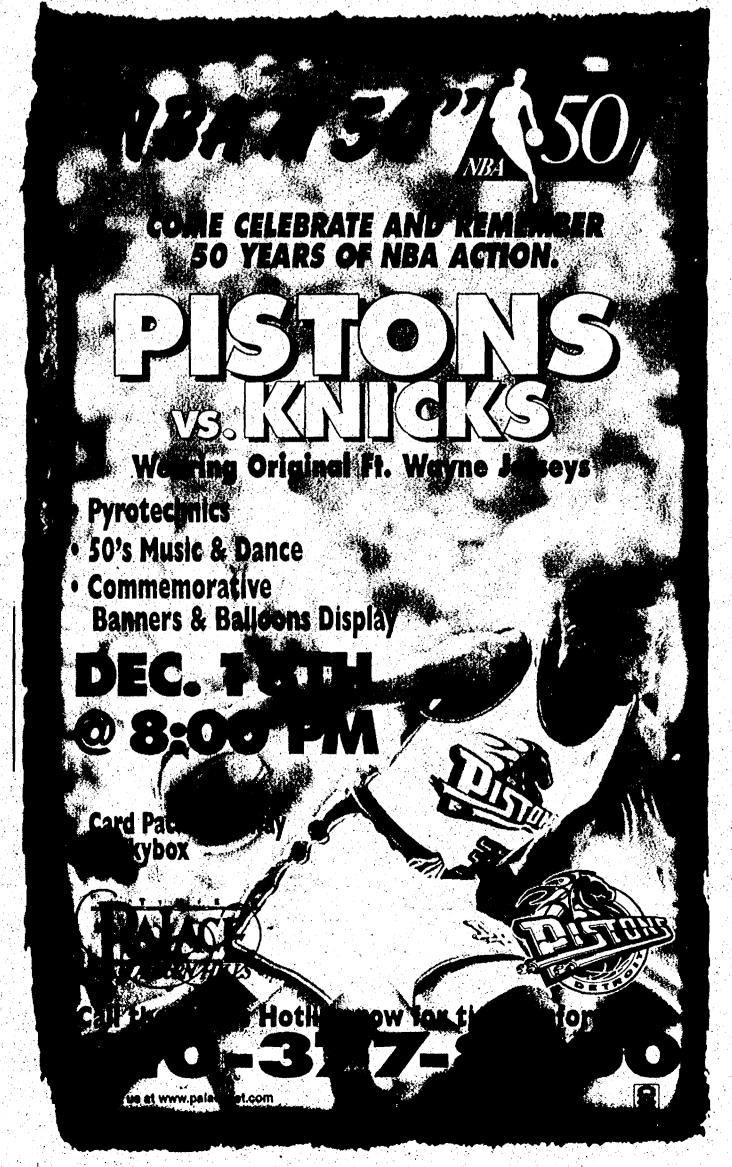


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The Whalers, 2-4-1 over their previous seven games, needed the lift.

They opened the weekend slate by beating the London Knights 4-3 in London Friday. On Saturday, the Whalers returned home to Compuware Arena and disappointment, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Ottawa

But they rebounded quickly, routing the Erie Otters 7-2 Sunday.

Detroit improved to 11-16-2 (24 points), which is third in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Steve Dumonski and Andrew Taylor both collected a goal and two assists to lead the Whalers in Sunday's win over Erie. Julian Smith and Jan Vodrazka added a goal and an assist apiece, with Randy Fitzgerald, Mark Cadotte and Chad Cavanagh each getting a goal.

Robert Esche made 27 stops to earn the win.

Ottawa — which leads the East before returning home for games Division with an OHL-best 48 against the Guelph Storm at points - turned when Joel Trot- 7:30 p.m. Saturday and the Spittier scored 3:55 into the last fires at 6 p.m. Sunday.

OHL UPDATE

period to increase the 67s' lead to 4-2. Detroit's Smith narrowed the gap back to one with 10:44 remaining in the game, but the Whalers could not get the equal-

Smith also had assists on goals scored by Jesse Boulerice and Harold Druken. Cadotte added two assists, and Esche made 23 saves in the defeat.

Friday's win in London was far more satisfying for the Whalers. who scored three times in the final period to overcome a 3-1 deficit.

Boulerice started the rally with a power-play goal with 15:57 left in the game. Taylor tied it at 3-all with 9:29 remaining, and Fitzgerald got the game-winner, on assists from Druken and Dumonski, with 2:08 to go.

Dumonski scored Detroit's first goal in the opening period, with Fitzgerald getting one of the assists. Esche made 25 saves in the triumph.

Detroit plays at the Windsor Saturday's game against Spitfires at 7:30 p.m. tonight



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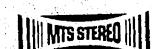


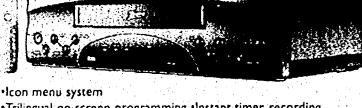
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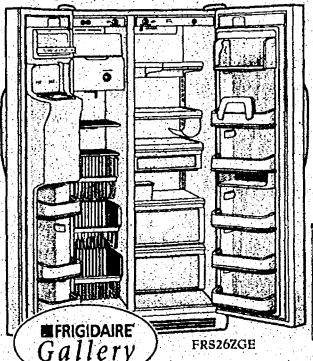
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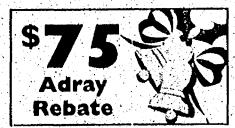
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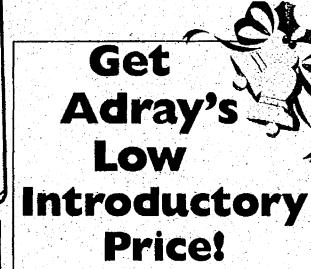


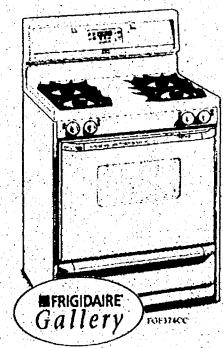
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Outgoing, adventurous SW mom of one, 40, Catholic, enjoys camping, fishing, sewing, ice skating, seeks honest, even-tempered D-SM.

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seeks talkative, honest SF. Ad#.7034 SEEKS A GOOD LISTENER SWM, 36, Catholic, excellent personality, good with people, enjoys sporting events, seeks nice, honest, caring, supportive, understanding SF.

Ad#.3636

GET 'N TOUCH Northern Italian SWM, 36, 5'10", 175lbs., blondish hair, blue eyes, Catholic, N/S, social drinker, likes sports, water sports, carnivals, festivals, Vegas Night, dancing, seeks SF. Ad#.8782 DOWN-TO-EARTH

SWM, 36, 6'3", 215/bs., physically fit, attractive, easygoing, enjoys movies, summertime, romance, concerts, seeking outgoing, faithful, easygoing SF. Ad# 2315 TENDER-HEARTED SWCM, 36, caring, easygoing, enjoys music, yard

work, the outdoors, live theater, seeking fun-loving, young at heart SF. Ad#.1224 PARENT? Warm, kind, sensitive SWM, 37, Catholic, enjoys baseball, shooting pool, seeks SF, with matching qualities. Ad#.5858

WARM HEART Catholic SWM, 37, humorous, hobbles include movies, fishing, painting indoor & outdoor, seeks witty, caring, loving, true-hearted SF, for friendship. Ad#.2273

Catholic SWM, 37, outgoing, fun to be with, enjoys collecting movies/CDs, writing, reading, singing, seeks spontaneous, loyal SF. Adr. 1932 COMMON INTERESTS?

Outgoing, easy-to-get-along-with SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys camping, biking, reading, movies, working out; seeks good-humored SF. Ad#.1977 TRY NEW THINGS Warm, fun-loving SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys read-

ing, skiing, the outdoors, family, friends, romantic times, seeks intelligent, warm SF. Ad#.1515 SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE DWM, 38, 6', 180lbs., N/S, seeking attractive, N/S, honest, sincere D/SF, 27-40, for friendship.

companionship, hopefully leading to a long-term relationship. Ad#.1162 WAITING FOR A CALL Happy-go-lucky SWM, 38, Baptist, enjoys Christian activities, golf, basketball, seeks humor-

ous SF. Ad#.2241 CANDLELIT DINNERS Sensitive, smart SW dad, 38, Catholic, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, loves cooking, movies, camping, Cedar Point, seeks sensitive, under-standing SF. Ad# 3030

LET'S HAVE A PICNICI DWM, 39, 5'8", husky build, brown hair, hazel eyes, not into bars, N'S, light drinker, likes pool, bowling, walks, seeks SF, with similar interests.

ties, motorcycles, cuddling by a fire in the woods, walks, seeks happy, honest, outgoing SF. Ad#,8025 SPOILS HIS GAL Baptist SBM, 39, respectful, enjoys basketball

NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS

Happy, outgoing SWM, 39, enjoys Catholic activi-

shooting pool, bowling, movies, seeks witty, car-ing SF, for relationship. Ad#.4360 **ENJOYS LIFE TOGETHER** Loyal, attractive SWM, 39, 6'11", brown hair, blue/green eyes, professional, seeking cheerful SF, serious about a relationship, friendship first.

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Ad#.1057

TREAT ME RIGHT Catholic SWM, 39, outgoing, adventurous, kind, attends Christian activities, enjoys collecting stamps, music, seeks lond, honest SF, Ad#.7890 **ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS** Catholic SWM, 39, honest, friendly, romantic, enjoys church activities, bowling, travel, moyles, quiet evenings, seeks attractive, fun, honest SWF.

DON'T PLAY GAMES Affectionate SWM, 40, easygoing, humorous, enjoys fishing, hunting, quiet evenings, seeks down-to-earth, romantic SF. Ad#.1112 PLL WARM UP TO YOU!

Protestant SWM, 40, shy, enjoys reading, sports, seeking honest, humorous, attractive, easygoing, spontaneous SF, Ad#, 1856 FLANNEL GUY

SW dad of two, 40, 611, brown heir, green eyes,

coach, likes camping, sports, romantic evenings, the outdoors, barbeques seeks SF, with similar interests Ad#.6155 POSITIVE OUTLOOK Catholic SWCM, 40, curious, enjoys biking, walks, jogging, music, movies, reading, thinking, friends, family, seeking fit, trim, humorous, kind, articulate SF, willing to share her life with another. Add 4141

MARRIAGE-MINDED Catholic SWM, 40, thoughtful, understanding, romantic, enjoys skiing, family, friends, theatre,seeking slim, trim, attractive, romantic SP. Ad#.3838

UP FOR A CHALLENGE? Well-rounded SWCM, 40, enjoys daily exercise, reading, the Bible, theater, cross-country skiing, seeks caring, empathetic, communicative SF Ad#.3638

CLASSICAL PIANIST SWM, 41, Born-Again Christian, honest, humorous, enjoys riding horses, playing euchre, shooting pool, seeks honest, communicative, Born-Again Christian, fun-loving, humorous SF.

Ad#.4215 **VOLUNTEER** SWM, 43, Catholic, kind, hardworking, caring, likes astronomy, the outdoors, nature, seeks hon-

est, kind-hearted, loving SF. Ad#.2677 SWEET LIKE HONEY Methodist SBM, 43, brown eyes, loving, sensitive; gentie, enjoys bowling, movies, concerts, dinner for two, seeks loving, spontaneous, independent SF. Ad#.5571

Roman Catholic SWM, 43, occasionally attends Christian activities, enjoys golf, softball, jogging, seeking emotionally accessible, friendly SF. Ad#.9545 MY PRETTY WOMAN

OPEN-MINDED

SWM, 43, enjoys bowling, shooting pool, fairs, ... flea markets, the simple things in life, seeking fit,= happy, attractive, high-spirited SF. Ad#.1121 LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP DWCM, 44, trustworthy, hardworking, self--

employed, down-to-earth, seeks friendship with-

SF to enjoy time with. Ad#.6797

SERIOUS AND HUMOROUS Balanced SWM, 44, enjoys flying, horse shows, cards, seeks sincere, compassionate, fun' Christian SF, who is continuing to grow spiritually. Ad#.9009 HARDWORKING GUY

Christian activities, reading, working out, current events, seeks kind, considerate SF, with a sense of humor. Ad#.8096 I WILL SPOIL YOU Professional SWM, 46, spontaneous, enjoys life, outdoor activities, water ratting, traveling, seeks

SWM, 44, Protestant, outgoing, employed, enjoys

attractive, adventurous SF, for new, exciting times. Ad# 6847 FAMILY-ORIENTED Non-denominational SWCM, 48, outgoing employed, attends church, enjoys coin collecting reading, videos, seeks sincere, cordial, likeable...

Protestant SWM, 46, happy, humorous, enjoys antique cars, museums, walks, history, seeking honest, caring, truthful, loving SF. Ad#.1956 CHURCH GOER Catholic SWM, 47, fun, humorous, attends, Christian activities, enloys stained glass, seeking classy, easygoing SF. Ad# 6459

COULD WE GET ALONG?

GOOD COOK A PLUS! DBM, 48, 5'11", 206lbs., fit, active, professional, enjoys outdoor activities, conversation, seeking 35-53, small-medium, intelligent, neat SF. Ad#.4287

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING Jewish SWM, 49, various interests, seeking vibrant, intelligent, caring, loving, warm, personable SF, for companionship. Ad#.7098 GOOD ATTITUDE

SWM, 51, calm, easygoing, honest, attends Christian activities, enjoys dancing, seeks slender: SF, 5'2'-5'5', Ad#.1258 **ACTIVE GUY** SWM, 51, educated, employed, enjoys skiing, sports, biking, working out, music, theatre, dning

AFFECTIONATE GUY Professional DWM, 51, 5'11", 1958bs., blond hair. blue eyes, N/S, enjoys a variety of interests, seeking honest, sincere SF, possible relationship? Ad#.9911

OLD-FASHIONED VALUES

out, cooking, seeking SF, with similar interests.

Big-hearted SWM, 51, 57, 185bs., black/brown hair, brown eyes, professional, enjoys dining, dancing, trips, sports, seeking sim-medium SCF. 43-50. Add. 4043 HOPE SHE'LL CALL SWM, 52, 5'10", 190tbs., fit, N/S, drug/alcoholfree, Catholic, like movies, sports, walking, hold

more. Ad#.2740. A TRUSTING FRIEND Happy-go-lucky SWM, 52, Protestant, enjoys. Christian functions, travel, remodeling homes, antiques, seeks humorous, affectionate SF. Ad#.1199

WITTY CATHOLIC

ing hands, seeking SF, for companionship, maybe

SWM, 53, enjoys volunteer work, children, cook; ing, dancing, seeking sharing, creative, exciting. communicative SF. Adv. 3853 BOWLER DWM, 54, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cook;

ing, gardening, seeks loving SF. Adit. 1885

SBM, 55, well-educated, loves reading, sports, cooking, swimming, exercising, biking, seeking N/S, casual drinking, open-minded SF, good conversationalist. Ad4.6475 LET'S CHAT Protestant SWM, 57, easygoing, likeable, enjoys-general outdoors, religion, seeks nice, pleasant,

RECIPE COLLECTOR

wholesome SF, to share thoughts & interests with. ARE WE COMPATIBLE? DWCM, 59, 6'11', 175lbs., gray hair, selfemployed, NS, enjoys quiet times, conversation; movies, plays, dining out, walling in parks, seeking honest, caring, truthful SF, similar interests:

ASK ME OUT Fun-loving, respectful SWM, 60, Baptist, enjoys walks, bowling, golf, football games, seeks stend

der, communicative SCF, with good morals, ENJOYS LIFE SWM, 60, easygoing, good sense of humor, likest the dutdoors, flea markets, dining out, doesn't dance, seeks honest SF, with similar interests

Ad#.7818

YOUNG-AT-HEART DWM, 62, 5'10", 185lbs., outgoing, easygoing. N/S, enjoys a variety of interests, seeking SWF,

SOMEONE SPECIAL SWM, 65, 6', N/S, seeks slim SF, 57-63, who enloys movies, travel, dining out, short trips, cant playing, for friendship, maybe more. Add 9071

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For updated events in the area, call 953-2005.

FOR THE WEEKEND

The first annual Salvation Army bowl-a-thon benefit will be held late Saturday night, Dec. 14, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road, north of Ford, starting with registration at 11:30 p.m. and bowling at midnight. Bowlers are requested to have persons sign pledge sheets with donations of any flat fee permissable. A participant's minimum pledges should be at least \$50, which must be brought to the bowling lane Saturday night. Call Westland Bowl. 722-7570, or the Salvation Army, 722-3660.

UPCOMING

YULE CONCERT

The John Glenn High School band will perform in its annual holiday concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the former Cherry Hill High School auditorium, on Avondale between Inkster Road and Middlebelt. Admission is a donation of canned food or a package of non-perishable food.

BLIZZARD BUCKS

The annual Blizzard of Bucks fund-raising program will be held for the American Cancer Society through the Travel Desk, 271 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Persons who donate \$1 will have it matched by the Travel Desk in its Blizzard Bucks campaign. The benefit will be held through Dec. 20.

FOR WALKERS

The Maplewood Senior. Center, Garden City, has formed a new walking club. It will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 5 of the community center, with a fee of \$2. The club will have a 20 minute and a 30-minute walk. 525-8851.

OPEN SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will continue its open skating program through March 31. Hours are 1-2:45 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; and noon-1;45 p.m. weekdays. The Thursday session will be for adults only. 729-4560.

GC DEMS

Garden City Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in room 5, Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Carol Larkin, 421-2638, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

WESTLAND DEMS

The Westland Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Rowe Meeting House, on Marquette just east of Newburgh. For information, call John Franklin, 595-7638, or Paul Krarup, 729-6248.

MILITARY GROUP

The 82nd Airborne Division Association/Wolverine Chapter meets at 6 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at VFW Post 3323 Hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. It is open to veteran qualified parachutists and veterans of any military branch. 728-5859 or 728-7214.

VETS TO MEET

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 387, meet the second Wednes. day of each month at the Bova VFW Post, on Hix

between Ford and Warren Road, Westland. The chapter is open to all Vietnamera veterans. Associate memberships are available. 728-3231.

BENEFITS

HOSPICE SALE

Community Hospice Services, on Warren Road at Venoy, will hold a fundraising holiday nut sale now through Dec. 20 for each container, priced at \$10 each. The group may be contacted at 522-4244.

AIDS PROGRAM

The Garden City Fantastic Sam's family styling center is accepting donations through Dec. 21 for a charity benefitting mothers and children with AIDS. The business on Ford east of Middlebelt is accepting toiletries, toothpaste, soap, diapers, toilet paper, baby formula and other items. 525-3342.

LOTTO DRAWING

The Garden City Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has a daily three-digit lottery drawing based on the Michigan Lottery daily numbers. Proceeds are used to finance the K. of C. Hall's building improvements. Tickets are \$10 for the month with a guaranteed winner every day except Sunday. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-6380.

FOR SENIORS

MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. 728-5010.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics in Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. (810) 547-0400.

RATIONAL RECOVERY

Rational Recovery is a non-profit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. (810) 476-2657.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

Emotions Anonymous, which holds a 12-step program for a new way of life, meets at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays in Room 5 of Garden City Hospital's Community Education Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. 421-1776,

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns. weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course, and a new support group for expectant teen-age mothers. For information on all programs, call 458-4330.

WEIGHT LOSS

Garden City Hospital will hosta weight loss peer support group at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Classroom 3 of the hospital's Medical Office Building, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Members will focus on selfesteem issues and follow their own nutritional and exercise program. 261-4048.

BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure screen ing is available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. Appointments aren't required.

FOR YOUTH

OPEN GYM

The Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department present "After School Open Gym and Activities" 3:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays at Stevenson Middle School, Wednesdays at Marshall Middle School, and Thursdays at Adams Middle School. The winter program begins the third week in January and the spring program begins the first week in April. Programs last eight weeks. 722-7620.

EDUCATION

ADULT ED

Wayne-Westland Schools Adult Education has free classes in adult basic education, GED preparation, high school completion, and vocational training. Register at Tinkham Adult Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. 595-2429.

BINGO

K OF C BINGO The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. 728-3020. Monday bingo The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds

bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. 728-3020.

WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

DEMS BINGO

Event:

Location:

Telephone:

Date and Time:

Additional info.:

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. 422-5025 or 729.

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DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. 421-1517.

BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary of VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale, 326-3323. SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. 728-

SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400, \$300 and \$200.

NO SMOKE

3020.

"No Smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers. Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. 722-7632.

K OF C BINGO Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The games are located in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. 425-2246.

CIVITAN BINGO

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

JAYCEES

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

RECREATION

BASKETBALL

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

SQUARE DANCE

Beginner square dance classes held 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays in Bailey Recreation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person

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for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.

weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

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

OPEN SWIM

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

WOLVERINE PACERS

The Wolverine Pacers, a race-walking club, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Saturdays in Levagood Park, Dearborn. Gary Gray (313) 464-8890.

ON THE ROAD

GC TRAVEL

Garden City Travel Club: Information, call trip director Laree Yard at 522-4446.

CLUBS IN ACTION

CAMPING CLUB

Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled camp outs during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3069.

WEEKENDERS

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

HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ryan's Steak House, on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. It offers an eight-week seminar on public speaking called "Speechcraft." The fee for "Speechcraft" is \$30. 455. 1635.

GARDEN CITY LIONS

The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Cowan Road.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

CHILDBIRTH ASSOCIATION Classes for childbirth

preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes avail-

able. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, 525-0962.

CORVETTE CLUB

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

CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. 326-5658.

AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5409.

PURPLE HEART

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

SCHOOLS

NURSERY OPENINGS **GARDEN CITY CO-OP**

Garden City Co-op Nursery School has openings for 3year-olds for the upcoming school year. A new program to start in the fall is for mothers and toddlers. Parents may call Shari Schmidtke, 261-1345, or Debi Zahor, 425-0174.

LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, located at W. Chicago and Hubbard, is taking applications for the upcoming school year. Openings are available in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call Susan at 422-6210.

PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-yearolds in the Kids Plus program and a tuition-based program for others. The Kids Plus program is for children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1 who also meet two "at risk" factors to qualify. The program is free for children who qualify. Call 595-2660 for appointments.

HEAD START

Garden City Public Schools has openings for 3and 4-year-olds in its Head Start program. Eligible are those in low- or modestincome families and/or having disabilities. Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings. For information, call supervisor Judy Hanson, 425-0540.

SPACE OPEN The Little Lambs Preschool

has openings for a new Tuesday/Thursday morning session for 3- to 5-yearolds. The preschool is at 9300 Farmington Road. just south of West Chicago, Livonia. Interested persons may call 427-7064 or 421-0749.

CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-yearolds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend

Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays, A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. 728-3559.

OPENINGS

United Christian School. on Florence near Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill, Garden City, has morning and afternoons for 3- to 5year-olds. The school offers classes two, three and five days a week as well as flexible hours for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in prereading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer time. 522-6487.

REGISTRATION

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is registering youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. The school has a certified teacher. Morning and afternoon classes available. Registrations are now being taken for youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. Call 729-7222, for information.

SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S Suburban Children's Co-op

Nursery has fall schedule openings in its 2-year-old toddler parent class 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays. There are openings in the 3-year-old class 9:15-11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and in the 4-year-old class which meets three afternoons. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail between Wayne Road and Newburgh. Call Debbie, 453-7409.

UNITED CHRISTIAN

Enrollment at United Christian School is being accepted for preschool sessions, which are offered for two, three and five days a week. There is also day care with flexible hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer usage. The school is at 29205 Florence, corner of Middlebelt, just north of Cherry Hill, Garden City. 522-6487.

SPARKEY PRESCHOOL

The Wayne-Westland School District is taking applications for fall '96 preschool Sparkey program, open to 3- and 4year-olds. Tuition-based program providing multifaceted experience. Register now for state supported program for 4-year-olds at no cost to eligible families. Residents and non-residents may apply. The program is housed in the Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. For appointments, call 595-

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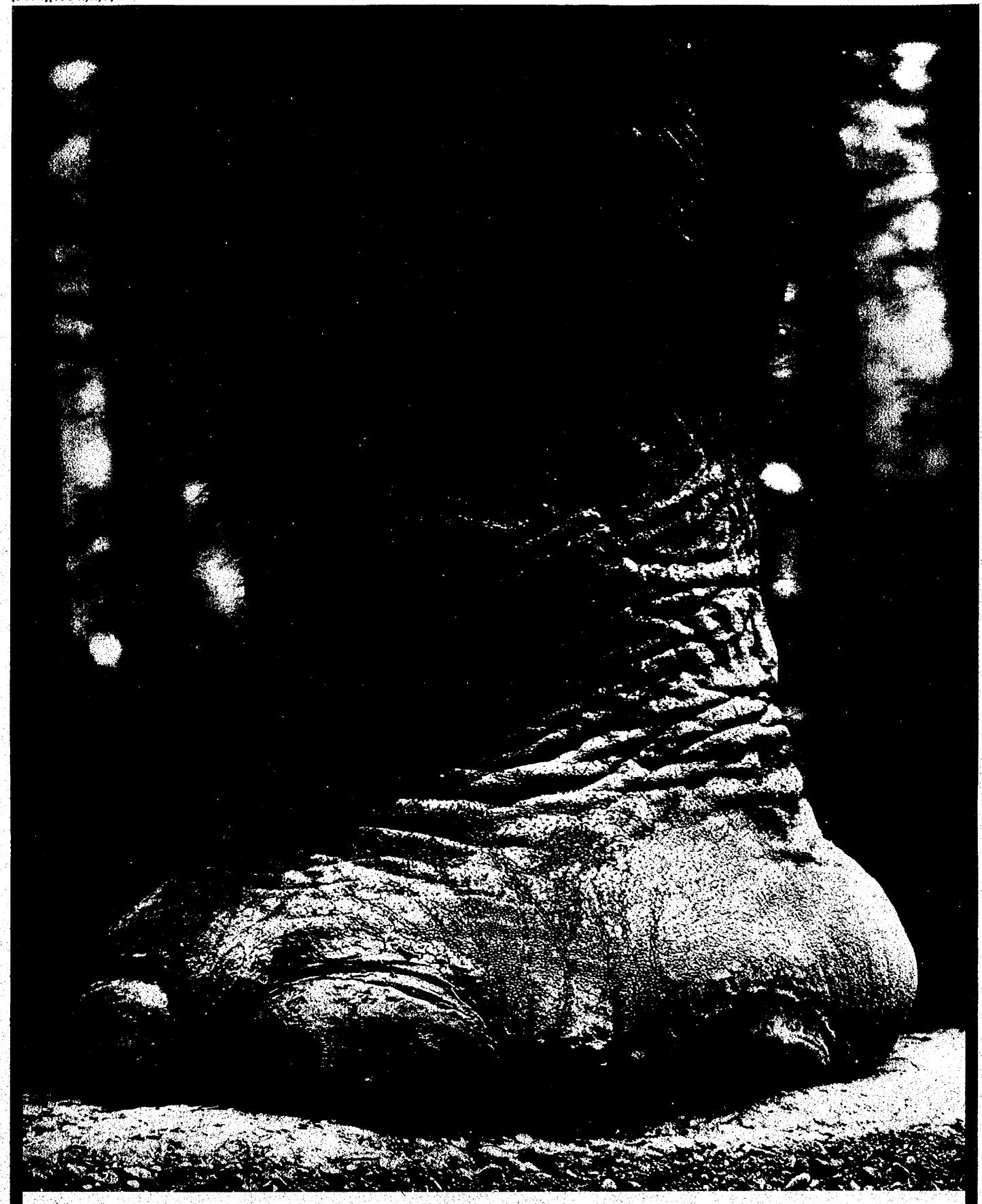
Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus Program is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half-days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify. Call 595-2688.

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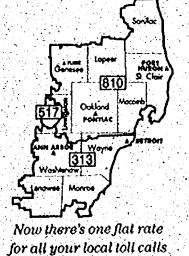
Head Start registration for the Wayne-Westland School District is ongoing, by appointment at Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette. Classes m595-2688.

STOTTLEMYER PRESCHOOL Ongoing preschool registra

tion is being taken for the 1995-1996 school year at Stottlemyer Preschool Center, 34801 Marquette. For information on tuition and who qualifies for free tuition, call 595-2688.



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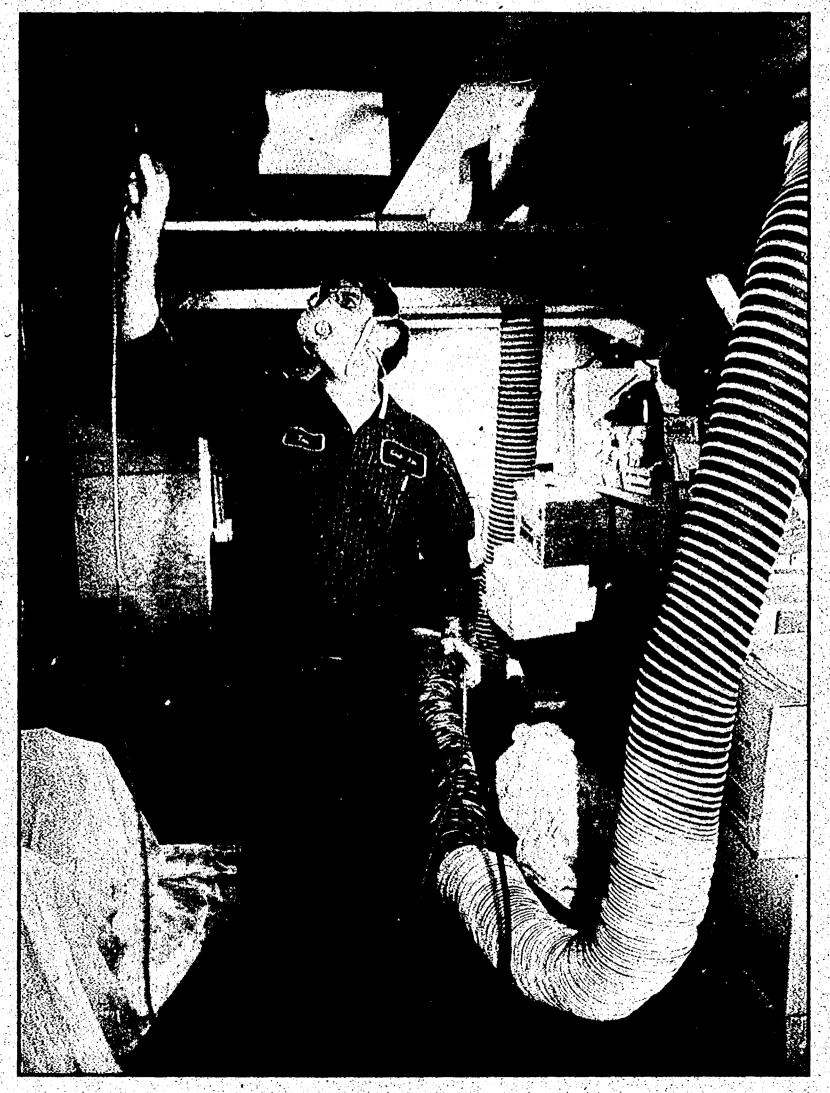
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garden spot

Busy volunteers harvest goodwill



MARTY FIGLEY

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Village Herb Associates, an active group of women who tend the three herb gardens and do a lot of other things at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. Begun in 1981 by Mary Garethy, who

taught herb classes at the Village, the number has grown from 20 members and has now reached its limit of 85.

The three herb gardens are the Garden of the Leavened Heart, the Medicinal Herb Garden and the Luther Burbank Garden.

The Garden of the Leavened Heart is in front of the Mary and Martha Chapel. This was originally Clara Ford's garden and was next to the Eagle Tavern. The Taste of History building now stands there

The Medicinal Herb Garden at Dr.



MARTY FIGLEY Duse: Herbs dry

Herbs in the house: Herbs dry in the Dagget House.

Howard's home contains medicinal plants, many of which he probably used in his practice in Tekonsha, Mich.

The Luther Burbank Garden, adjacent

to his home, was once "behind the scenes" but was moved to the Burbank home in 1993. That garden was off limits to visitors, said Julie Krist of Lathrup Village.

"Now all visitors can see these gardens," she said.

This garden also supplies much of the material needed for swags, wreaths and other crafts for the gift shops.

They have found that many questions from interested visitors interrupted their time working in the gardens when the Village is open, so, "We work in the gardens Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 until dark, and then sometimes bundle herbs when it gets dark." Each garden has a chairman who oversees her crew.

The Village Herb Associates also volunteer during weekend special events such as the Taste of History, Fall Harvest and Spring Farm Days, act as docents and set up herbal displays at the gardens. For instance, they have prepared herbal jellies (with recipes), vinegars and potpourris, sold dried herb bundles and instructed buyers how to use those plants, and demonstrated the art of making tussic mussics. Workshops take place to accomplish all of these activities.

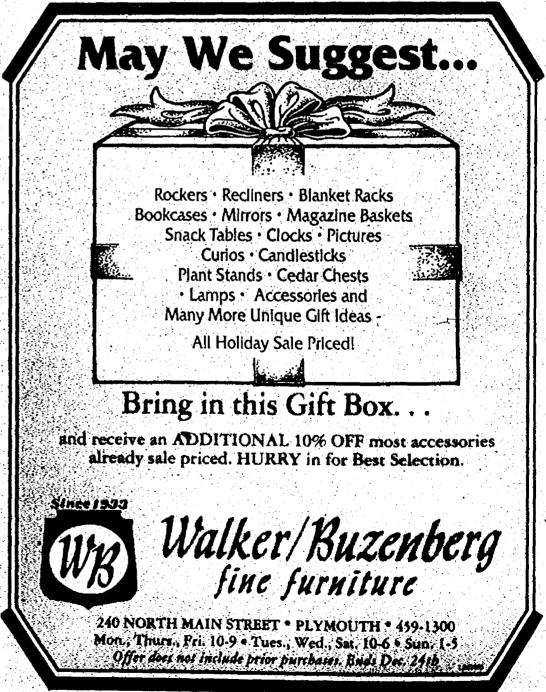
Mother's Day weekend is also a big event as is the Antique Show, where volunteers are kept busy. Krist recalled that at one time they watered poinsettias that were in the museum during the Christmas season. She is one of the charter members, a past president, and now the liaison between the Village and the Herb Associates.

Many of the plants for the gardens are started from seed in greenhouse space rented from the Wayne County Extension Service. At the appropriate time they are then transplanted into their garden spot. This is cost effective and the variety of plants is increased.

"Members come from 'all over,' Dearborn, Livonia, Westland, Allen Park,

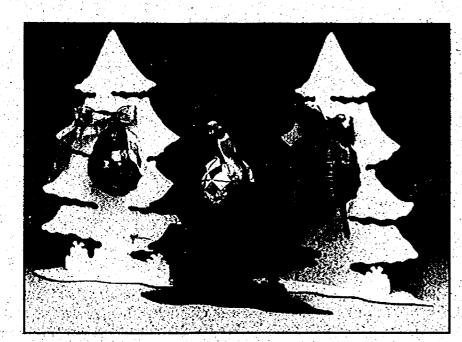
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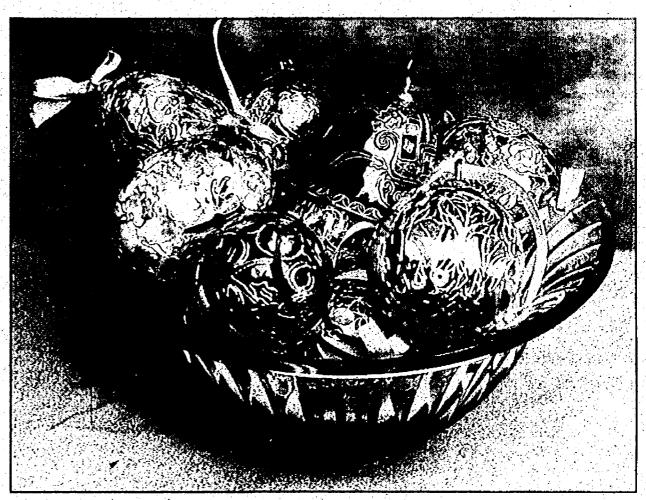


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Sculpted trees

Ornamental evergreens: The Posner Gallery, 523 N. Woodward, Birmingham, offers these limited edition, sculpfed Christmas trees by artist Mary Gillis. The works are in editions of 25, signed and numbered by the artist. Measuring 12 by 15 inches, the trees come in glass white or metallic green and with an ornament attached with gold or silver ribbon. Cost is \$150. Call (810) 647-2552.



In shape

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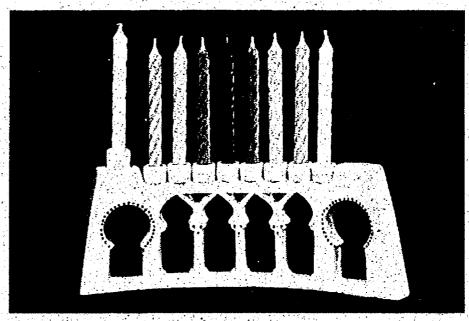
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Sweet treats are good holiday gifts



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Sweet treats are a natural during the holiday season – just to have on hand for family and friends, or to give as a special remembrance. Chocolate is a favorite in the sweet department for children and adults alike – who can resist elegant

truffles or chocolate covered Oreo cookies?

Toula Patsalis, owner of Kitchen Glamor stores, cookbook author, and knowledgeable cooking instructor, not only sells all the makings for those fabulous goodies, but does a great class on Chocolate Tokens of Confection. Interacting with her class attendees, Toula freely gives out her trade secrets and recipes.

Toula's Tidbits:

■ if making chocolates, work in a cool area 60-65 degrees

do not work with more than one pound of chocolate at a time

make sure chocolate is cut or grated evenly

always use a chocolate thermometer (preferably a Wilton thermometer)

always use a double boiler for melting chocolate (or if using a microwave, melt chocolate in 45 second intervals to avoid scorching)

always use a plastic spatula or a wooden spoon

use parchment paper to set hot chocolate on, it doesn't stick!

This year, some of Toula's hot confectioneries included: bark, chocolate dipped Oreos, pretzels drizzled with caramel and chocolate, chocolate clay, and those huge delicious caramel and chocolate apples you see at stores like Saks Fifth Avenue.

For those huge caramel apples – make sure your apples are cold – dip in melted caramel, once the caramel sets, up, dip in melted chocolate, or drizzle chocolate over the entire apple. When Cool, wrap in clear colored cellophane – these are too pretty to hide.

Make some chocolates, or other confectioneries this year for a different kind of gift. Present them in hand-made boxes, adorned containers, baskets, or chocolate boxes (there is a mold you can purchase).

Toula Patsalls - Kitchen Glamor

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1/4 cup heavy cream

1/4 coffee beans coarsely crushed

1/2 cinnamon stick

1 pound Kitchen Glamor milk chocolate (cut into small pieces)

4 tablespoons butter, softened
Droste powdered chocolate

In a small saucepan bring cream to gentle boil. Stir in coffee beans and cinnamon stick. Set aside to cool at room temperature for one hour. Strain

through a fine colander.

Melt chocolate gently over a double boiler. Stir well with a wooden spoon. Pour chocolate into mixer bowl. Using medium low speed, slowly pour liquid into the chocolate - add butter. Mix until smooth. Refrigerate for one hour.

Shape into small balls (I like using #100 stokel scoop).

Place on plastic surface. Dust with Droste powdered chocolate or dip into chocolate.

CHOCOLATE CLAY

10 ounces Chocolate (or compound coating)

1/3 cup light corn syrup

1. Melt the chocolate or coating, Add corn syrup; mix well.

2. Shape mixture into 6-inch square on sheet of wax paper. Set at room temperature (or approximately 1 hour or until dry.

3. Wrap well; store art room temperature until needed. Clay handles best if allowed to ripen overnight. (clay will keep for at least one week if well sealed. To restore to original texture, knead with hands, a small portion at a time, If clay gets too soft, refrigerate only briefly, or set aside until it returns to room temperature.

*Note: In using chocolate clay - you can roll out small pieces and make flowers, leaves, or any other shape you desire. White chocolate can also be used - add any favorite paste coloring to make it the colors you desire.

Williams-Sonoma Kitchen Library has a neat book for the holidays – Gifts from the Kitchen, Edited by Chuck Williams with recipes by Kristine Kidd (the food editor of Bon Appetit magazine), 1994 Weldon Owen Inc. Photography, and instructions are great – recipes include things like; Espresso, White Chocolate and Macadamia Nut Bark, Chocolate, Nut and Fig Panforte Cappuccino Fudge Sauce, Chocolate-Walnut Biscotti, as well as, non-chocolate and some non-sweets!

WILLIAMS-SONOMA'S ESPRESSO, WHITE CHOCOLATE AND MACADAMIA NUT BARK

If you prefer, chopped toasted almonds can be substituted for the macadamia nuts. Either way, the result is an elegant beautifully marbled after-dinner candy. Purchase a European-made white chocolate such as Lindt or Callebaut for the best texture.

10 ounces (315 g) European white chocolate, finely chopped

8 ounces (250 g) bittersweet or semisweet chocolate, finely chopped 13/4 cups (90z/280 g) unsalted macadamia nuts, toasted and halved

teaspoons freshly ground (fine-grind) coffee (not instant)

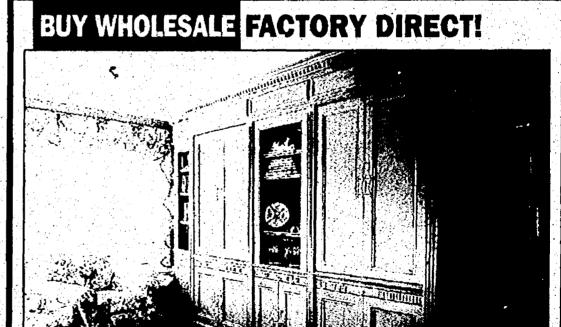
Butter a 15-by-10 inch (37.5-by-25cm) jelly-roll pan. Line with waxed paper.

Place the white chocolate in the top pan of a double boiler or in a heatproof bowl. Set over (but not touching) barely simmering water. Place the bittersweet or semisweet chocolate in the top pan of another double boiler or in a heatproof bowl set over (but not touching) barely simmering water. Stir both frequently until melted and smooth.

Stir 3/4 cup (4 oz/120 g) of the nuts into the white chocolate. Pour the white chocolate onto the prepared jelly-roll pan to form 3 stripes the full length of the pan, one down each side and one down the center. Mix 1/2 cup (2 1/2 oz/80 g) of the nuts and the coffee into the bittersweet or semisweet chocolate. Pour this chocolate onto the prepared pan, forming 2 stripes the length of the van, between the white chocolate stripes. Draw the tip of a small knife back and forth across both chocolates to form a marble pattern. Till the pan to swirl the chocolates together. Sprinkle with the remaining 1/2 cup (2 1/2 oz/80 g) nuts. Refrigerate uncovered until firm, at least 1 hour Gently peel the candy from the waxed paper. Holding the candy with the waxed paper (to prevent fingerprints on the chocolate), break into large irregular Pieces. Store in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Makes about 1 1/3 lb (660 g)

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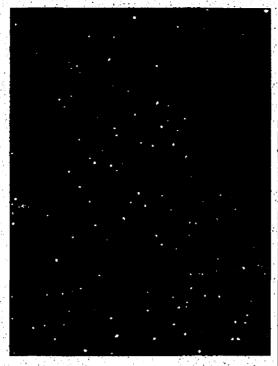
Mount Clemens, Southfield, Lathrup Village, Royal Oak, etc. I love the atmosphere, it's so peaceful, like stepping back in time. We have plenty of space to garden and experiment with new plants. It's nice to garden with people with like interests, from all walks of life."

The group meets 7-9 p.m. the second Tuesday each month in Lovett Hall. In addition to business discussions, they sometimes hear an outside speaker; have demonstrations, herb study, a group report of a monograph of one herb and craft time; and take interesting day trips.

A newsletter is published 10 times a year and is available to anyone by subscription for \$12 per year. At the present time, membership is closed until March 1997. It is necessary to be a volunteer for Henry Ford Museum-Greenfield Village in order to join the Village Herb Associates. For more information, call Julie at (810) 559-4004.

This treasure "on our own doorstep" is a place to visit many, many times. In the winter sleigh rides are available, in the summer the paddle wheel offers rides. The old merry-go-round will entice all visitors to be a child again. The train will encourage you to hop aboard and enjoy your visit.

Restaurants offer a variety of foods and are conveniently located. Eating at the Eagle Tavern gives an insight about foods of the period. The museum is filled

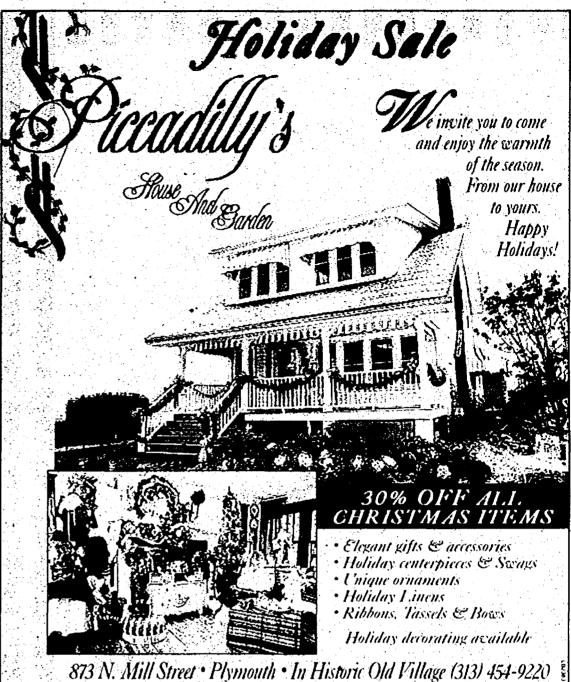


MARTY FIGLEY

Holiday sight: The large Christmas tree in the Henry Ford Museum is spectacular.

with sights and sounds each day and at this time of year it is magical. My grandchildren especially like the Innovation

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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Furnace flues have safety concerns

Your furnace is your most important appliance both for your comfort and for your safety. Properly maintained, it can operate safely for many years. Neglected or tampered with, the furnace can be hazardous, even deadly.

One of the most misunderstood and most important components of furnaces is the flue (vent) system. Proper flue installation and function is probably the single most important safety aspect of furnace operation. More often than not, when you read news reports of a family overcome by carbon monoxide from their furnace, the flue is the culprit.

Modern, high-efficiency furnaces often use plastic flue pipes and vent directly through side walls to the exterior. Plastic flues can be used on high-efficiency furnaces because so much more heat is put into the home that flue temperatures are modest, slightly more than body temperature. Often, contractors place these plastic vents under a window. Because even high-efficiency fur-

naces can produce carbon monoxide, it is important not to open windows that are over these flue exhaust points during furnace operation. If your are having a new high-efficiency furnace installed, ask the contractor to choose a discharge point well away from windows.

For all but very high-efficiency furnaces, flues should be a thick metal vent, called Type B. During operation, temperature of these flue pipes can be 350 degrees or higher. Sometimes, homeowners will replace flue sections with metal dryer vent. This is hazardous because dryer vent is too thin and can separate at the seam, allowing unsafe flue gases to escape. All furnace flues should be secure and should have a steady upward pitch. If your flue pitches downward, is loose or has incorrect material, have it corrected at once.

Once the furnace has activated, flue gases should flow readily up the flue. Put your hand near the area where the flue draws household air (an open gap

just under where the flue exits the furnace called a draft hood) and feel for any back drafting or spillage. While you are at it, perform this same test at the water heater as well. Don't touch metalflues as they can burn you quickly. If you feel any spillage from either flue, have it serviced immediately. Note that you can't do this test with higher efficiency furnaces as they have a motor that purges the furnace of flue gases automatically.

During your annual furnace cleaning and inspection, insist that the flue be checked for blockages and ask your contractor to perform a full back draft test. As homes have become better insulated against the weather, problems with inadequate fresh air, which contributes to back drafting, become more frequent.

Other symptoms of inadequate fresh air can be pilot lights that blow out and smoky odors off your fireplace. In new construction, it is now required to install a fresh air intake to the cold air return of

the furnace. Many owners of older homes find this necessary to install once they upgrade weatherproofing features such as new windows and better insulation. Your furnace contractor can usually install a fresh air supply and balancing damper for \$200 to \$300.

Have you remodeled?

Furnaces and water heaters are usually placed together, for convenience of a shared flue and utilities. Both appliances need lots of oxygen for combustion purposes. If your furnace and water heater are in an enclosed room, you may be risking carbon monoxide poisoning. An undersized closed room won't provide enough combustion air, particularly on cold days when the demands are greatest.

If an appliance cannot draw enough combustion air from the house, it may

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Adopt-a-pet



Angle: This 10-month-old, short-hair domestic cat is litter box trained and is very good with children. She loves to sit close to people and will purr to show you that she is feeling happy. She has unusual coloring which matches her mellow attitude. Angle is good with other animals and a very nice cat. Anale and other pets are available at the Michigan Humane Society shelter, 37255 Marquette, (313)721-7300, noon to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Humane Society extends hours

If you're thinking about welcoming a new pet into your home this holiday season, the Michigan Humane Society's three area shelters want to make it a little easier for you.

All three Humane Society shelters will open for adoptions on Monday Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Tuesday, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. The

Society hopes to encourage additional adoptions of homeless animals during this time and encourages adopters to consider bringing an older pet into the

Michigan Humane Society shelters are at 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit; 3600 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills; and 37255 Marquette in Westland.

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draw it down the flue, pulling unsafe flue gases into the structure. Worse, those flue gases could be pulled into the furnace and distributed readily through the home. If your furnace is in an enclosed area and has a non-louvered door, open it wide until a furnace contractor can calculate combustion air needs.

Furnace flues are vital to safe and proper operation of your home heating system. Proper installation and an annual inspection are important to your safety. Make sure, when you have your furnace cleaned, that the contractor is prepared to verify the safety of your furnace's flue system and combustion air requirements during the inspection pro-

Other maintenance items are impor-

tant to the function of your furnace. In our next column, we will discuss some of the most common defects discovered on home inspections. In the meantime, for our friends who enjoy the Internet, a delightful site called the "Furnace Man" be found http://www.lmg.com/twoharvests/furn man.html

Around the House, by Rick Bowling of the AmeriSpec home inspection service, 1378 S. Main in Plymouth, instructs homeowners about the basics of home maintenance and repair. If you have a question, write to: Around the House/At Home, The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



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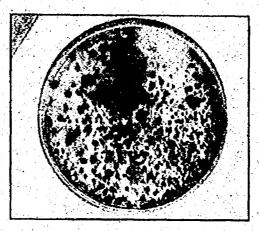


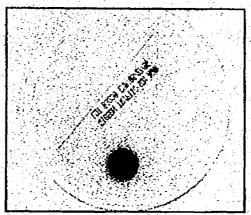
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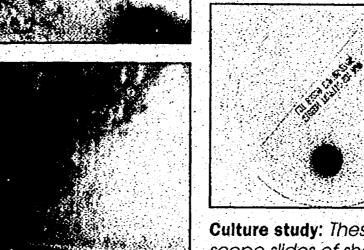


cover story









Culture study: These microscope slides of show culture taken from an air duct before and after a clean-

On the Job: Michael Szeliga of Sanit-Air checks hose.

Before and after: Photos taken before (far left) and after the Job show how dirty the ducts had been.

Cleaning company gets down on dirty ducts

BY RENEE SKOGLUND

Dirty ducts. We all have them. Just turn on your air conditioning in the spring or your furnace in the fall and get a whiff of - gasp! - mold,

Connie Morbach, president of Sanit-Air, a commercial and residential duct-cleaning and indoor air sanitizing company in Troy, has week testing air inside and outside. Let me tell raised duct-cleaning to a science.

In addition to cleaning ducts, Morbach, who has a master's degree in hazardous materials management, analyzes air cultures brought back by members of her ten-person crew. Working closely with an experienced micro-biologist, she looks for mold spores. If she finds them, she recommends freating the homeowners' ductwork with ozone.

Ozone, a three-atom form of oxygen, is produced by exposing air to an electrical charge or toys. "In an average home we temove 10 to 15 ultra-violet source. It's been used in Europe as an air-sanitizing agent for over 100 years. "It removes the nutrient material that creates mold growth," said Morbach.

Morbach uses ozone only for severe cases of contamination, such as the aftermath of a flooded basement. "It's not a substitute for duct cleaning," she said. "Only ten percent of the homes require ozone. It's a remediation for contamina-

Allergy sufferers often benefit dramatically from a duct cleaning and the installation of a UV-C light, a ultra-violet germicidal air probe that sanitizes the air 24 hours a day.

Jean Knight of Westland had a severe allergy

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problem before contacting Sanit-Air. Other companies had cleaned her ducts, but her allergies persisted. Sanit-Air recleaned the ducts, including the main trunkline in the basement, something the other company didn't do. Then they installed a UV-C light.

"The results have been fabulous. This lady (Morbach) has come into my house almost every you, I haven't had any mold allergies since the UV-C light was installed," said Knight. "It will be very good for people to know about this. Michigan used to be covered with water. My allergist tells me we have lots of mold problems here."

People are often surprised at what comes out of their ducts. Morbach's crews frequently find animal skeletons, pop cans, sandwiches and Morbach. pounds of debris. It's often construction debris, chunks of carpeting and drywall."

And if you're a smoker, you can be sure your said Morbach. ducts are dirty. Nicotine is oily and lines duct-

work, allowing pollutants to cling to it.

Morbach and her husband started Sanit-Air three years ago at the suggestion of her father. He had had his home's ductwork cleaned and suggested his daughter pair her education in science with duct-cleaning. Morbach and her husband, who were looking to start their own business, liked the idea.

"Before we knew it, we were a full-fledged company," Morbach said.

Morbach believes her company's success

comes from hunting down the source of the problem. "What sets us apart from other companies doing similar work is that we don't just show up, clean your ducts and leave.

"Under certain circumstances, this approach can actually exacerbate the problem, spreading micro-organisms and contaminants throughout the entire home. In cases where symptoms and physical inspection suggest the presence of certain microbes, our first priority is to take air sample cultures to identify the specific pollutants and micro-organisms that may be present."

Sanit-Air recently moved its offices from the Morbachs' home to a commercial site. "When you've grown from the size business we were last year to what we are today, it's a real pain operating out of your home. We were eating, sleeping and living in this company," said

Last year Sanit-Air serviced five jobs a week. This year the company does six a day. "We could do more. We just ordered a third truck,".

Sanit-Air services the entire tri-county area. Prices for a routine duct-cleaning are based on a home's square footage. A cleaning for an average 2,000-square-foot home would be \$290. A "Whole House Sanitizing," which requires that all occupants leave while the air is treated with ozone, costs between \$200 and \$400 in addition to the duct cleaning. Installation of a UV-C light requires a ducted air-conveyance system and costs \$800.

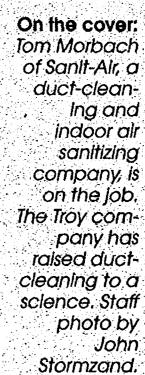
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Collecting: Michael Szeliga of Sanit-Air works with collector bags.

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Do-it-yourself? Here's a test to see

Homeowners are presented with three choices when they are unhappy with the design of their current home: remodel, move or grin and bear it. If you choose to remodel, the question will be whether to hire a professional contractor of do it yourself. Before you do decide to do it yourself, take the following quiz to determine if you really are the person to do the work.

■ Do you enjoy physical work?

Are you persistent and patient? Do you have reliable work habits, meaning that once the project is started, will it get finished?

■ Do you have all the tools needed and, more importantly, the skills required to do the job?

■ What quality level do you need for this project. Are your skills at that level?

Do you have the time that will be required to complete the project? (Always double or triple the time estimated for a DIY project, unless you are highly skilled and familiar with that particular project.)



■ Will it matter if the project remains unfinished for a period of time?

■ Are you prepared to handle the kind of stress this project will create in your family relationships?

Have you done this kind of work

■ Do you know all of the steps involved in the project?

Have you gotten the installation instructions from the manufacturer to determine whether this is a project you still want to undertake? (Most manufac-

turers will send you installation instructions before purchase to determine whether the product will meet your needs. The instructions outline all the steps involved in installation and can be an excellent guide to determining the skill levels required.)

Is this a job you can do completely by yourself or will you need assistance? If you need assistance, what skill level is involved for your assistant? If you need a professional subcontractor, do you have access to a skilled labor pool?

Are you familiar with your local building codes and permit requirements? (Some jurisdictions require that the work be completed by a licensed professional in order to meet code. It is better to check these requirements before beginning work on the project.)

■ What will you do if the project goes awry? (Most contractors are wary about taking on a botched DIY job, and many just won't.)

Is it safe for you to do this project? (If you are unfamiliar with roofing or do

not have fall protection restraints, you may not want to venture into a roofing job. Similarly, if you know nothing about electricity - leave it to the professionals. Some jobs can have fatal consequences if not performed correctly. Your health should be the primary concern. Never enter into a DIY project that could jeopardize those.)

■ Will you be able to obtain the materials you need and who will be your source of supply?

■ Are you attempting a DIY project to save money? Have you looked at all of your costs, including the cost of materials, your time and the tools you need to purchase.

If you are trying DIY for the satisfaction of a job well done - can you ensure that the job will be "well done"? Will you be able to afford to redo any unsatisfactory work?

If you answer "yes" to more than half of these questions, you might attempt a

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MOLDING DETAILS

One of the most effective ways of lending a distinctive touch to your kitchen cabinets involves the use of moldings. A decorative valance placed over the sink to unite the cabinets on either side of it can make a big difference. Two rules of thumb to bear in mind when selecting cabinet moldings are: Keep the molding size in scale with the size of the room, and choose styles that complement the cabinetry. That does not mean, however, that homeowners should be afraid to mix molding styles, or even finishes. For instance, contrasting white molding with oak cabinetry can be a very by Jeff Beuckelaere, attractive combination.



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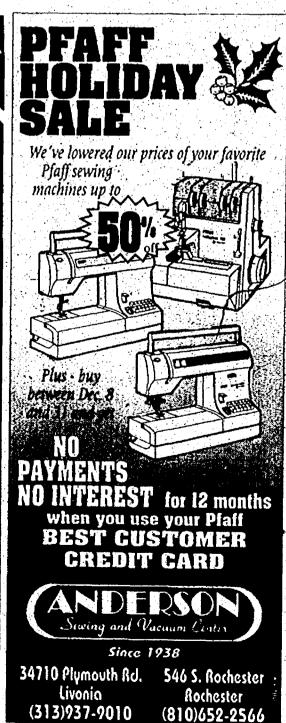
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JOE GAGNON

This individual who writes this column today that you are now reading is one heck of a normal human being. Like you, there are times when I listen to someone on the radio and wonder how he or she looks like. I wonder how

that person behaves off the air and would they be someone I'd like to chum around with.

There is much mysteriousness involved with being a radio listener as many of us know from the world before television. Being a newspaper columnist also lends a certain amount of curiosity to the general public. The above facts I recognize today more than ever, because I must live them everyday.

I am an outspoken consumer advocate who does anything he can to benefit the citizen who has been wronged by the service industry. The only reward I've ever received was the admiration of those people I have helped and that was certainly more than adequate. In recent months, many of you who read this column have elevated me to the position of personality and I modestly accept.

With this new image that has been created for me comes a certain amount of risk. I must behave as you would expect me to when you see me in public. I will act my normal self which is appropriate for whatever occasion should befall me. With this new position in life comes a monetary gain that I have never experienced before. With this money I expect to do big things for others, some you will head about and others will be kept quiet. I must tell you that all I have which is not much it due to my love and gratitude to those I serve.

On a more personal note, let me give you just a little background on my previous life. I have lived with much sorrow these past 10 years in not being able to share in a young girl's life and raising. She was my baby who I have loved so very much even while we've been apart. I was never as bad as the image created for her and yet I was not innocent in my lack of respect for family life. I have not used her name in the past 10 years of radio and writing as per family wishes. Draw no attention to this little girl I was informed, so she can study hard and work on her education. Once again, her mother was right, my little girl has been accepted as a major university. Now you know the rest of the story.

A man in Ann Arbor sent me a poem written by Ms. Will Allen Dromgoole. He compares this humble servant of yours to the character in the poem.

"An old man, going a lone highway, came at evening cold and gray,

To a chasm, vast and deep and wide, Through which was flowing a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim -

But he turned, when he reached the other side,

And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim

"You are wasting strength in building here.

Your journey will end with the ending day,

You never again must pass this way. You have crossed the chasm, deep

You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,

Why haild you the bridge at the

Why build you the bridge at the eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this

This chasm that have been naught to

To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,

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Fight fridgeaphobia with these tips

Fridgeaphobia - the fear of cleaning out the refrigerator - leaves many people afraid to take the plunge and see what's behind closed doors.

Home economists at Whirlpool Homelife Network Services have developed useful tips for cleaning out the refrigerator.

How to clean out a

refrigerator:

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- Take out all removable parts and wash with warm water and mild soap or detergent. Rinse and dry.
- Wash walls with a solution of two tablespoons of baking soda to one quart warm water. Rinse thoroughly and dry.
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■ Wipe down jars, bottles and containers before returning to refrigerator.

- The drip pan underneath the refrigerator is out of sight, so special effort must be made to clean it. Remove it and wash thoroughly with warm soapy water.
- Vacuum condenser coils two to six times a year (more often in homes with

What causes odor in refrigerators?

- Foods stored uncovered or wrapped improperly
- Poor maintenance spills not wiped up right away
- Foods left in the refrigerator too
- Power or mechanical failure that caused foo spoilage
- Cleaning agents leaving a strong chemical or fragrant odor

Different ways to remove odors:

- Wash interior walls thoroughly with a solution of two tablespoons of baking soda to one quart warm water;
- Pour box of baking soda in jelly roll pan and place on shelf to absorb odors;
- Buy activated charcoal (sometimes available at appliance stores), spread on to jell roll pans and place on shelves

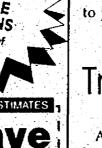
inside refrigerator;

- Place fresh ground coffee in cereal bowl inside the refrigerator for several: days. The slight coffee odor may remain but will disappear after washing the inside of the refrigerator;
- Pack each refrigerator shelf with crumpled newspaper. Set a cup of water on the top shelf, or sprinkle the newspapers lightly with water. This method takes five or six days, but strong odors will be eliminated;
- There are several commercial products available for odor removal. Some may not rid the odor but simply mask it while others are not safe for use around food. Read product labels carefully to determine if a cleaner or deodorizer is safe to use in a refrigerator; then follow instructions for use carefully.

How to prevent odor problems:

- Discard refrigerated leftovers, vegetables and dairy products that are beyond safe-keeping. They can create odor problems if left too long.
- Promptly wipe up any spills that
- Clean refrigerator out every two

For more cleaning tips, recipes using common leftovers and storage lifetimes, send for Whirlpool's complimentary brochure, Whirlpool Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day. Send a self-addressed, business-size envelope to Whirlpool Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day, 43 N. Canal, Chicago, Ill. 60606.



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hardware store, revisit the questions you marked "no" and consider the potential problems you will face in those areas.

Remodel

from page D10

DIY projects can be rewarding and fun if skills. You need to be aware, however, that home improvement can be hazardous to your wallet and, more importantly, to your health.

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DIY project. But before you run to the call Gayle Walters, executive director of the NARI-Michigan Remodeling Association at 810-478-8215. Questions can be mailed to the association office at PO Box 1531563, Livonia, you are prepared and have the proper Mich. 48153. Members of the association include professional contractors, wholesalers, manufacturers, consultants and lenders representing allfacets of residential and light commercial remodeling. Members also answer questions on "Home Improvement Radlo," with Murray Gula on WEXL-AM, 1340, 1-2 p.m. Saturdays. Call in your questions at 810-544-



focus on photography

Be prepared for special moments



MONTE NAGLER

In most of my columns, I've stressed the importance of planning your photographs – studying the composition, determining the depth-offield, expressing a single idea – in short, thinking it out in advance.

Oftentimes, however, a picture just happens. And if you and your camera are ready, you can capture the moment on film.

How often have you been caught without your camera when a rainbow suddenly arched across the sky or a setting sun cast vibrant colors? Or perhaps your youngster looked at you with that unforgettable expression and your camera was out of reach.

Many well-known photographs, even Pulitzer Prize winners, were obtained only because someone was prepared and there at the right time with a loaded camera.

Be prepared and those exciting

moments won't escape your lens.

You may never know when that special picture will come up, so begin by disciplining yourself to have a camera with you at all times. Make sure it's loaded with film and that the ASA dial is properly set.

A newsworthy event or beautiful scene may be just around the next corner. And if you're shooting a sports activity, have the exposure set and prefocus on the area where you think the action will occur.

When traveling, put your traveler's vision in gear and be ready for the unusual.

On a trip to Greece, in the charming town of Lathisi, I took a stroll down the street with my camera around my neck. It was loaded and I had predetermined the exposure in case I saw something picture-worthy. Sure enough, it happened. Glancing inside a doorway, I saw this delightful Greek man holding his cane. Being ready paid me off with this shot.

You may only have a few seconds before the rainbow vanishes, the cloud pattern changes or the facial expression is lost.

By taking a few simple steps to prepare your camera and yourself, you'll be able to preserve those magical moments on film and treasure them for a lifetime. Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.



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Heating season may hold dangers

Colder weather and the winter season will be here soon. The home heating season is already upon us.

For some residents of Michigan, heating the home has been a fatal experience. Home heating appliances represented the third leading cause of residential fires in Michigan in 1995. In addition to fires, heating equipment can be the cause of carbon monoxide fatalities as well. Preventive maintenance is the key to avoiding some of the tragedies associated with the heating season

"We want everyone to be wary of the dangers that home heating equipment present," said Capt. Wade Schaefer, Michigan State Fire Marshal. "With over 60,000 fires in our state last year and a dollar loss from those fires of over four hundred million, Michigan citizens must take the necessary precautions to prevent home fires."

For those who heat by using a furnace, it's important to have the furnace and flue pipes inspected annually. All furnace controls and emergency shutoffs should be checked to be sure they are working. The head exchanger should be inspected to ensure that deadly carbon monoxide gas is not escaping into the

home. Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, deadly gas. The Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends installing at least one carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm near the sleeping area in the home. If there are sleeping areas on more than one floor, a detector should be placed on each level of the home.

"The homes that are being built today don't have as many cracks and leaks as the homes of yesteryear," added Capt. Shaefer. "While this air tight construction helps when it comes to keeping the home warm, it also means that deadly carbon monoxide gas is more easily trapped in the home. Unfortunately, we have had some recent deaths in Michigan as a result of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide detectors are a good deal!"

Wood stoves and fireplaces are potential hazards as well. The chimney should be inspected and cleaned annually, just like the furnace. Clogged chimneys are not only fire hazards, but can also be potential sources of carbon monoxide in the home. Never use flammable liquids to start a fire, and remember to keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace. Charcoal

should never be burned indoors, and wood stoves should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the buildup of creosote. Remember to keep the damper open until there are no longer any hot ashes.

The State Fire Marshal does not recommend the use of portable heaters, but these heaters are often used during the winter months. These types of heaters should never be placed within three feet of anything that can burn, including the wall.

Portable heaters should never be left on after going to bed for the evening.

Because the heating season is upon us, now is a good time to check your smoke detector to be sure they are in proper working order. Smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old should be replaced with new detectors.

Changing your clocks on Oct. 27 should have reminded everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors.

The State Fire Marshal promoted the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining working smoke detectors.

Get 2nd opinion on furnace

John Kowalczyk, sales manager for Bergstrom's Heating & Plumbing recommends people always "get a second opinion" when told they need a new furnace. "When you receive an unsolicited call from a heating company offering low priced repairs or cleaning, beware. Suddenly you need a brand new furnace. This goes on all the time. If you find yourself confused or uncertain 'get a second opinion.' Even if you have just signed a purchase agreement, you have 72 hours, a three day grace period to change your mind."

Who should you trust? Trust a company that has been in business a long time, call the Better Business Bureau, or ask for referrals. You have a doctor, a dentist, a pharmacist you trust, find a heating company you trust. Don't be fooled by "low priced" offers, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is

Bergstrom's Heating and Plumbing, a family owned business since 1957 has just purchased Roland Brothers of Wayne. Roland Brothers has also been a family owned business since 1951. Dan Bergstrom, president of Bergstrom's Inc. says, "It makes perfect sense for us to acquire Roland Brothers, philosophically they share our dedication to excellence. And, now we are better able to serve the entire three county area."

Easy-care, easily installed 'designer' vinyl flooring

(NAPS) - Have you ever leafed through one of those glossy decorating magazines and thought despairingly, "My home could never look this good. I'm too busy, my budget is already stretched, and I could never maintain those high-style furnishings and finishes." Well, guess again: There are ways for you to add some "expensive" designer touches to your very own home - without spending a mint or hiring domestic help.

Not sure how to begin? You might want to first take a look at elements that serve as a foundation or a backdrop for your overall decor. Many designers strongly suggest that you start "from the bottom up" with flooring. By changing this type of foundation element, you can visually "upgrade" an entire room.

You may love the look of marble of hardwood flooring - but hate the thought of spending time and money on their initial installation and often tedious maintenance. For the look of natural materials with easy installation

and upkeep, consider resilient (vinyl) flooring, which these days offers uncanny reproductions of marble, granite, Southwestern stone, and even wood plank.

"Contemporary sheet vinyl and vinyl tile is engineered to go nature one better and make luxurious natural looks accessible to the

average homeowner," says Leonard Ludovico, vice president of styling and design at Congoleum, a leading resilient manufacturer. Suppose you yearn for a rose-colored marble floor for your bathroom; resilient flooring can easily achieve that look. And with today's interiors practically dictating the use of wood flooring together with area rugs, resilient flooring offers a generous selection of hardwood designs in 3-inch x 36-inch "planks" as well as 6-foot and 12-foot sheet goods.

For more information about resilient flooring and its "designer" advantages, call Congoleum at (800) 934-3567.



Poinsettia plants are not poisonous

Because of one unconfirmed incident that was reported almost 70 years ago, the poinsettia has suffered unwarranted criticism, its safety in constant question.

The story that started this misinformation dates back to 1919 when a 2-year-old child of an Army officer stationed in Hawaii died. It was suspected that he had eaten a poinsettia leaf. Thus, the conclusion that the poinsettia is poisonous. Actually, the child was suffocated by the leaf lodged in her throat.

The lack of sound evidence of the poinsettia's toxicity and exaggerated notions about this beautiful Christmas plant led to a scientific investigation. The conclusions of the investigation have led to a clean bill of health for the poinsettia.

Research was performed in 1971 by members of the Academic Faculty of Entomology at Ohio State University. Acceptable by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission in determining harmfulness to humans, the research was performed on rats.

Concentrated doses of various portions of the poinsettia caused no change in behavior, no symptoms of toxicity and no mortality.

Even with scientific proof to debunk this "old wives tale," rumors die hard. In 1975, a New York State resident with no apparent reasons for alarm, filed a petition with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, demanding that warning labels be attached to poinsettias for sale.

Upholding the research findings of the plant's safety, the commission denied the request. It did caution that the plant should be kept out of reach of small children. Like many other plants, if eaten, poinsettias may cause a certain amount of discomfort, because it is a substance not normally eaten.

Callers to the Texas State Poison Center at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston are usually advised

to treat poinsettia consumption with ice cream. "It is not uncommon for a child to have a gastrointestinal reaction but it's not a medical emergency unless a child becomes dehydrated – and that's very rare," says Michael D. Ellis, director of the center. "I'd recommend treating it with milk or ice cream – something to coat the stomach."

The POISINDEX, the primary infor-

mation resource used by the majority of poison control centers around the country states that a 50 pound child would have to ingest one and one quarter pounds of poinsettia leaves (500 to 600 leaves) to surpass experimental doses. At those levels there was no toxicity.

For more information, contact SAF headquarters at 1601 Duke St. Alexandria, VA 22314, or call (703)836-8700.



Tips for a safe Christmas tree

(NAPS) - This year, more than 35 million Americans will bring the deliciously nostalgic scent and vision of Christmas into their homes with live Christmas trees

Keeping these trees beautiful, safe and fresh is a seasonal challenge. Here are some tips from Brian Myrland, director of freshness at 1-800-FLOWERS and from Dave Heberle and Richard Scutella, co-authors of "The Complete Guide to Making Your Home Safe."

n When the tree is delivered, make a fresh cut across the base of the trunk, an inch from the end to break the sap seal that formed when the tree was cut. Place the tree trunk into a bucket of water. Frequently check the water supply, especially during the first 24 hours when a tree can drink as much as a gallon and a half of water.

n Live trees should be stored outdoors or on a cool porch or patio until ready to be used, protected from sun and wind to prevent them from losing moisture.

n Set the tree up away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators and heat vents. Keep it away from television sets and other major appliances.

n Use only decorative lights and cords that are UL approved. Move the lights around occasionally to avoid drying out branches – the drier a live tree gets, the easier it is to ignite – and check the branches for brown, dry spots.

n Inspect all electric lights and connections for cords with frayed insulation, exposed wires or loose connections or plugs. Keep light sets and extension cords away from water-filled tree stands and don't use outdoor lights on a tree inside the home – they generate too much heat. Inspect bulbs for bare spots and peeling paint which could be a sign the lights are burning too hot. Unplug tree lights at night and whenever you leave the house.

n It helps to start out with a fresh tree.

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The tree on the property of Brickscape Christmas Store & Tree Lot,

which straddles the Northville/Noviborder.

Prizes in the contest are \$150, \$100 and \$50 certificates toward a premium Barcana, the "Cadillac" of artificial Christmas trees, or fresh trees up to 14 feet from the Brickscape Tree Lot.

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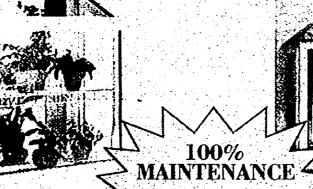
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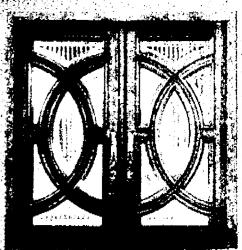
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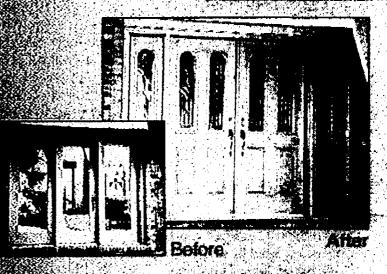
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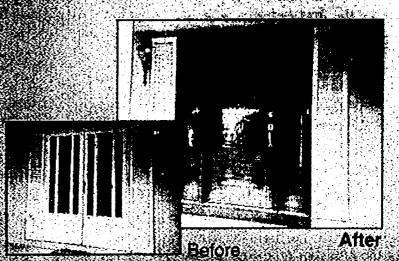
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Musica Viva

SUNDAY



Youtheatre presents "Cinderella," at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison Ave at Brush, Detroit. This classic ragsto-riches musical adaptation by New York's Prince Street Players will enchant theater-goers of all ages. Call (313) 963-2366 for tickets and show times.

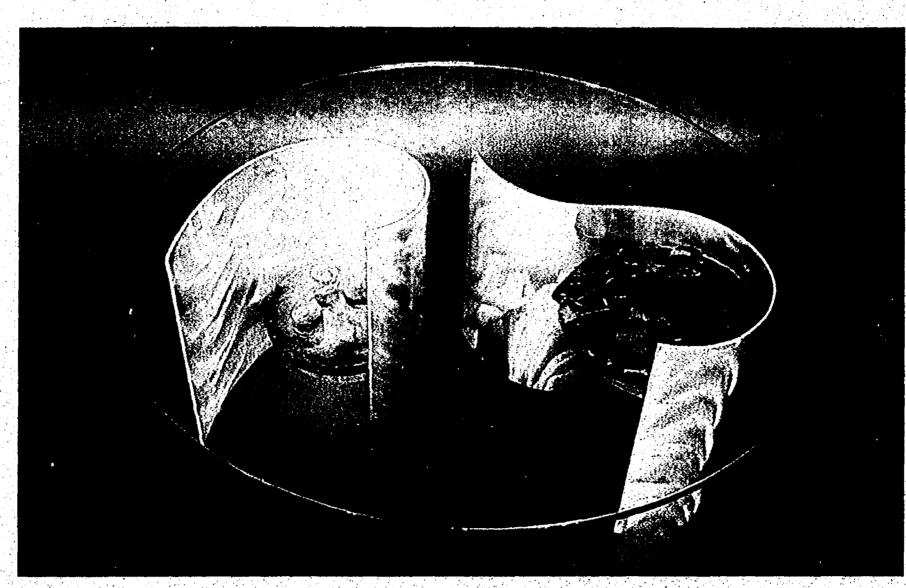


Hot Tix: Stroll-through the Wild Lights" at the Detroit Zoo, (10 Mile Road at Woodward), Royal Oak, 5:30-8 p.m. through Dec. 30. The halfmile path features 300,000 festive holiday bulbs illuminating 50 animal sculptures. Admission \$3 adults, \$1.50 children. Call (810) 541-5835 for information.

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Functional Furniture: This sofa table, created from aluminum wrapped around cast glass, is lit by neon light. The moveable sculptures under the glass top encourage the owner to interact with the piece.

Holiday Art Fair

Artists labor to produce wares for show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

onstructing and fabricating polished aluminum sculp-tures is hard work. Just ask Maureen Voorheis.

Last weekend the West Bloomfield resident spent three days in her garage grinding a pattern onto the dull surfaces. Prior to manipulating the metal, husband Rusty cut the abstract shapes to comprise the form inherent to the contemporary outdoor garden sculpture, wall hangings and furniture. In addition to the metal work, at an Ann Arbor studio Voorheis fused and cast glass into spheres, incorporating the forms into the finished designs.

The long laborious process is costly as well. Although she studied welding at Oakland Community College in Auburn Hills, Voorheis has the aluminum professionally welded to insure sturdiness against the elements. Sealed with clear coat, the sculpture withstands rain and snow without rusting. Fluid and lyrical lines echo nature in all of Voorheis' work including the interchangeable sofa table boasting separate sculptures beneath its.

"It takes a lot of effort to pull it together. My shoulders and knees are sore from working with a 7-inch grinder which becomes a paint brush as you grind the swirling pattern into the aluminum," said with the flat appearance.

What: The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans present 130 exhibitors of glass, wood, lewelry, clay, fiber, photography. and sculpture. The Guild, which organizes the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, will use proceeds from the Holiday Art Fair for exhibition and educational programs. For more information, call (313) 662-3382: Where: Oakland Community College, Building H. Orchard Lake Road at I-696 in

Farmington Hills. When: Dec. 14-15. Hours are 10a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Admission: \$4 for adults, children under

Maureen Voorheis, one of 130 artists exhibiting work in the Holiday Art Fair Dec. 14-15 at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

"But I couldn't do it without Rusty. We are definitely equal partners in this. Without his support, I. just couldn't do it. He puts up with the nonsense like having to walk over a pattern that was stuck on the kitchen floor for a week before I

finished the design." Mesmerized by glass, Voorheis studied different techniques of working the material with Herb Babcock at Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design in Detroit. Entranced by its properties, she sought a way to support and showcase the glass. She tried painted steel but was disappointed

"I chose to use aluminum instead of painted steel because the surface reflects light. Customers wanted silver shiny surface. Depending on daylight or nighttime, the look changes," said Voorheis who also studied sculpture with Redford artist Todd Erickson at CCS.

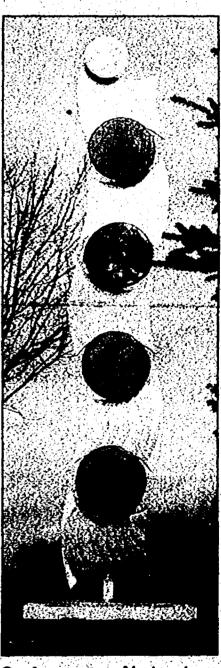
"A lot of my inspiration comes from nature. I'll see a piece of driftwood. Trees are a major inspiration as are branches, the lines and curves in each."

Once assembled, Voorheis illuminates the glass in many of the sculptures with neon. A gaseous glow emanates from behind the

transparent material. "I love glass because you can see through it. The neon lighting makes the colors so vibrant," said

Voorheis. Working in a different medium, Dennis O'Neill's labor intensive raku vessels radiate light as well. As one of the exhibitors in the Holiday Art Fair, O'Neill, who studied with recognized clay artist Robert Pipenburg at OCC in Farmington Hills, will exhibit his thrown pottery. He's worked through a series of processes including burying his pots in a pit in the ground in order to attain the smoldering blue and copper surfaces. Sculptural in nature, the clay pieces range from the traditional black and white crackle sur-

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Contemporary Abstract: Maureen Voorheis fabricates aluminum sculpture with glass incorporated into the design, This 7-ft. indoor/outdoor sculpture took several months to complete.

IN THE NEWS

Founders propose taking over DIA management

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY STAFF WRITER

Who will run the Detroit Institute of Arts into the 21st century?

That is the \$850 million question as Detroit City Council considers a proposal by the DIA's Founders Society that would award all managerial and operational duties to the non-profit organization. The group is currently responsible for 86 DIA employees, while the city of Detroit, where the DIA would remain, employs 144.

"It really won't be a whole lot of change," said Joseph P. Bianco Jr., Bloomfield Hills resident and executive vice president of the Founders Society, as he listed the potential benefits to the DIA and city. "The proposal (allows for) a more cohesive stait, better longterm financing" and relieves the city from providing funds.

"The city of Detroit is not financially able," he explained. Based on a \$30 million annual operating budget, Bianco said the city contributes less than 15 percent to the DIA's budget. State grants and the Founders Society, which has offices in the DIA, make up the difference.

Research on major art organizations, how they were financed and run, started six years ago, Bianco said, "And our research kept bringing us back to one finding ... the major top 20 art institutions all were organized under one management."

Research yielded a trend in financing as well as management. Art museums managed by the private sector were better supported by the private sector.

"Cleveland - about half our size – has an endowment of \$500 million, Chicago, \$300 million; Toledo, \$180 million;

Philadelphia, St. Louis, New York, \$900 million..." said Bianco, pointing to the DIA's \$70 million endowment fund. "The private sector is a lot more willing to support an institution when it is not affiliated with gov ernment."

He suspects some people do not want to contribute to an art institution for which they also pay taxes.

Yet, not everyone is supporting the Founders Society's proposal. Jose Pardo, a nine-year employee of the DIA, questions the repercussions of a managerial switch. Specifically, he is concerned because the composition of the board of directors tips in favor of suburban Detroit. With just a third of the 60-member board living inside city limits, he questions whether board decisions will always be in the best interests of Detroit and the DIA.

Board members acting on behalf of the DIA would include: J. Michael Losh, General Motors executive, and Robert Eaton, chairman and chief executive officer for Chrysler Corp., both of whom live in the Birmingham area.; Dorothy Gerson, longtime volunteer and major art collector, of Franklin; and Dr. Bonnie Abiko of Rochester, who chairs the DIA's Friends of Asian Art Group in addition to serving on the board of directors.

"This is not a money issue. It's not a merger, it's a managerial takeover," said the Detroit resident about the proposal. "The Founders Society would have complete, autonomous control. They could manage the entire (\$850 million) operation with no one to answer to, except for the board of directors," ne said, trying to sever ties with Detroit | the door for those who want to

City Council.

"(And) most of those (on the board) are businessmen who made their fortunes through the city, in the city, but not necessarily for the benefit of the city."

Bianco denies Pardo's claim saying an arts commission would oversee decisions made by the board of directors. The sevenmember arts commission, made up of Detroit and non-Detroit residents, is appointed by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. A. Alfred. Taubman of Bloomfield Hills chairs the commission.

Employee residency is another

concern for Pardo. "Right now, there are 144 (city paid DIA) employees. They all live, work and pay taxes to the city. If the proposal goes through only a percentage will need to live in the city, he said. He lears accusing the Founders Society of | a managerial switch would open. reside outside the city but up until now couldn't due to residency rules.

Bianco admitted the city coun-

cil shared that concern. "With the combination of employees (paid through the Founders Society and the city), 68 percent live in the city of Detroit," said Bianco. "The council asked that the contract include that that number be maintained. That is now an agreed-upon condition."

While divided about the future, Bianco and Pardo both praise the past work of the board of directors and Founders Society.

"They have done a fantastic job," said Pardo. "But my overall. feeling is that we should continue our efforts. I don't see the

FINE ARTS

Photographer breathes spring into December



Spring is defi- 1980 for more information. nitely in the air Jewelry Gallery in Plymouth this weekend as owners Frank Kuszak and Cliff Holdampf host a photograexhibit flowers

focusing on the William T. Cook. "Spring in December," Cook's first one-man show, warms up the gallery with an opening reception 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The gallery is next to the Cozy Cafe in down-

town Plymouth. Call (313) 459-

While the more than 35 images of roses in full bloom, Francis orchids and hibiscus will continue on display at the gallery until Christmas, Heide's Flowers & Gifts will bring life with freshcut arrangements to go alongside the photos of the real beauties

> "There's just going to be flowers all over," said Frank Kuszak. "With all of the gray days now, we thought this would be a good time to do a show like this because no one else does flowers in December."

only during the reception.

Cook, a Livonia resident who relaxes by shooting photographs of flowers, is the owner of a comcompany. Up until about five years ago, the only subjects he shot were of a business nature, either from the curb or a helicopter. His most recent project required him to provide aerial photos of 17 custom built homes and six land sites in Plymouth Township. When he's not snapping photos, his days are filled with tabulating statistics from vehicle and demographic studies.

"I shoot the flowers for the fun of it. On the practical side, you don't have much latitude between the owner of a property or a customer. With a flower, I can sit and watch it change over a half hour because the flower moved out. In his last position

mercial real estate and research never waits for you. So, conse- before opening his own business quently you have to adjust your schedule," said Cook. "That flower is only in its peak for a half hour a day. I may watch a flower for three days before it reaches that point."

Cook picked up his first camera simply to use when at liberty during two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Navy.

Then to complete his master's degree in business at Wayne State University, he took a photography course. His first job as a regional manager of multi-family housing in Lansing required him to visually document apartment conditions after tenants

in 1995, Cook worked for the Taubman Co., a national regional shopping center developer in Bloomfield Hills. Again, part of his job was to photograph shopping centers and vacant land proposed for centers. It required him to visit nearly every state in the United States.

"All of the background settings are natural, either in backyards or in botanical gardens around the country: San Diego, Las Vegas, Orlando, New York. By changing a background or time the rose is photographed, I can change the mood from sunny to sad," said Cook.

As always Kuszak has in the visual arts.

involved as many of the town merchants as possible in presenting the exhibit. Creative Framing and Gallery of Plymouth framed all of Cook's photographs, priced between \$35 and \$75.

By the way, Heide's owner Steve Mansfield says expect to see some very imaginative fresh flower arrangements from him.

"Creativity plays a key role in our arrangements. I've spent more than 20 years educating people about a good quality flower and a roadside flower," said Steve Mansfield.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton is a freelance writer specializing

Sugar Plum Fairy, Cavalier return in 'Nutcracker' ballet

Here's a round-up of local and Sunday, Dec. 14-15. Tickets "Nutcracker" ballet performances.

Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutcracker" at Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 2 p.m. Sunday, advance); \$14 at the door; Senior citizens and students, \$9 (in advance); \$11 at the door; Children \$6, Call (313) 427-9103.

■ Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present "Nutcracker" at Plymouth-Salem High School (Auditorium). 46181 Joy Rd., Canton 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 3 p.m. Saturday and 22; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday,

\$15 adults; \$8 seniors and students. Call (313) 451-2112.

■ Children's Annex presents "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Novi Theatres, 45175 W. 10 Mile Dec. 15. Tickets \$12 adults, (in Road. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens and children under 12. Call (810) 348-6126.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre. At The Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Eighteen performances, through Dec. 22. Curtain times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 15

Dec. 20; and Saturdays, Dec. 14, and 21. Tickets \$13-\$35, call the DSO box office (313) 833-3700, or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

■ Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents the "Nutcracker" at Farmington High School, 3200 Shiawassee, Farmington 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Tickets \$10 adults; \$7.50 children 13 and under, call (810) 473-9570. Performance at the State Theater, Michigan Ave. (one block west of Wayne Road), Wayne 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets \$5 adults; \$3 children, call (313) 721-7400.

■ Midwest Dance Theatre "Nutcracker" performance at South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette, South Lyon 7:30 p.m.

adults; \$5 students and seniors. Performance at Mercy High School, (11 Mile Road at Middlebelt), Farmington Hills 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets \$12 adults; \$9 students and seniors, call (810) 486-1962.

Artistry In Motion Dance School in Southfield will present "The Nutcracker Ballet Suite," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road. Tickets \$12 adults, \$10 adults. For more information, (810) 557-9320.

The performance will feature Detroit-area African American youth and guest artists Waverly

Friday, Dec. 13. Tickets \$8 Lucas, and his wife, Nena Contemporary Civic Ballet Gilreath-Lucas. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are co-founders and artistic directors of Ballethnic Dance Company in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rose Marie Floyd's

Company presents Nutcracker," 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at Warren Woods Middle School, 13400 E. 12 Mile Road call (810) 641-9063

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faces to deep colors with bursts of metallic.

"I strive for form and color, Form is more important than glazes but glazes are what sell." said O'Neill, who by day runs his Countryside Windows and Siding Co. in Livonia.

"Raku is an immediate gratification. Working with clay gives me personal satisfaction. It has a therapeutic value. It's nice to get in my studio by myself."

The Holiday Art Fair is sponsored by the 1500 member Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans which produces the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. At the downsized December show, visitors will see a variety of mediums including glass, sculpture,

clay, jewelry, photography, fiber, and wood.

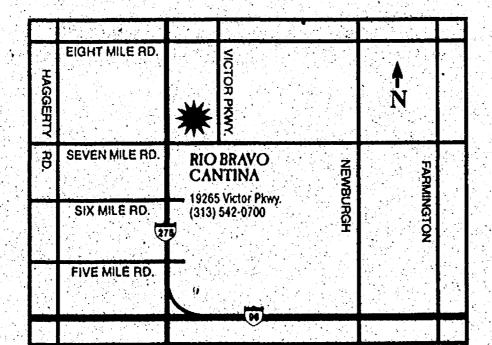
Just as in July, the Holiday Art Fair will feature the everpopular Imagination Station where families will be able to create cards, ornaments and wrapping paper for free. Hourly drawings for \$25 gift certificates, courtesy of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will be held. You must be present to win. For more information call (313) 662-3382.

"It's the best and last little art show of the year," said show director Shary Brown. "Whether it's a last minute gift or treats for yourself, we'd like to encourage people to purchase original art to make it a part of their life."

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sentation."

Bianco sees that need very clearly and bases his view on dollars and cents. The amount of money coming to the DIA decreases while the need increases, he said.

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cut in state aid this year, the museum sits under the shadow of "a \$50-\$60 million capital, deferred-maintenance bond to bring the 70-year-old buildings up to speed," he said. The city has agreed to sell the bond as part of the Founders Society's

"We have a 20-30-year challenge ahead of us to stabilize the DIA. I'm very concerned about the viability," said Bianco. "The precarious nature of the DIA will make it impossible to recover (if the proposal is not passed.)"

The Detroit City Council is expected to entertain a motion to pass the proposal at its first meeting of the new year. A date has not been set.





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STREET SCENE

Pure ready to come through customs



CHRIISTINA **FUOCO**

Visa problems. canceled shows and skeletal performances are now in the past Canadian pop band Pure. But. it doesn't mean that customs checks are any easier for them.

"We just came through customs about two hours ago," said singer Jordy Birch via telephone from Minneapolis. "Both me and Dave (Hadley, bassist) got stopped. The dogs went all over us. The guys were looking over us. I guess we smelled kind of funny. He (the customs officer) was quite perplexed about why we didn't have any drugs on us."

Pure should cross the U.S./Canadian border Friday, Dec. 13, to play The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall. Birch said he's excited about the show because Detroit has always been good to them.

"It's almost strange. There's some places that know us and some places who don't. Some people are just discovering us. You don't get the Hey, how are you doing' and meet your friends like in Detroit," Birch said.

Pure - which also includes guitarist Todd Simko and drummer. Jim Hobbs - is touring in support of its latest release "Generation 6-Pack" (Mammoth), an album that just hit stores a few weeks ago in the United States. We've heard the songs all summer on Canadian radio like CIMX (89X) because a version of the album was released a year ago in Canada.

"Generation 6-Pack" is a marked difference from "Pureafunalia" (Reprise), the last album released in the United States. Heavy keyboards have been replaced with swirling guitars and gritty vocals.

the band. The core wanted to said it was completely by accimove in that direction, some people didn't want to. That's why we got off our record label. It's a more honest sort of approach. It's more stripped down. We didn't the want to have to dress up for the camera, so to speak. We just wanted to be ourselves."

> The first single, "Anna," tells the story of a drugged up waitress the band met in Atlanta.

"We were watching her while we were playing and she was more of a show than we were. Afterward we talked to her and she was rambling on about her life. I could feel the pain that she was feeling. It very similar to what a lot of people feel. She was covering up for what's missing and her way of doing it was taking speed and latching on to people, being their best friend and telling people story of their life."

"Hammock" discusses the death of a close friend who, after a childhood marked by inseparability, had drifted into the hometown "hanging out" zone.

"It was so sad, because this guy had more going for him than I ever did, but he just sort of hung around. You know, if you're not careful, you can sleep your life away," Birch said.

Writing the song "Lemonade" started out simply but, Birch said, it took a twist.

"It started out as a boy meets girl story then it turned into a girl meets girl story. It's so simple that they say it's lemonade. It's almost so much about lemonade that it can't be about lemonade. I don't want to sound 'Spinal Tap'-ish. But it's not really a cliche song. It's blatant and stark."

Pure and Catherine perform an all-ages show at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

The local band Sister Seed is

dent.

Kerwin, along with singing partner Alicia Gbur, were working on demos for the new CD. The recordings sounded so good that their producer urged them to release it.

"It wasn't something that we planned. We were doing some pre-production with this guy (Dan Kellerby, vice president of Jan Krist's label Silent Planet) that we have asked to produce our next CD. We were going through some of the songs and he liked the way they sounded," Kerwin said.

The acoustic album "Underground" is something with which to tide over fans until the plugged-in CD comes out next year. The 10-song cassette shows Kerwin and Gbur's knack for crystal clear harmonies and emotive lyrics.

"There's definitely growth in the lyrics because we've grown as people. In terms of putting things together, we're taking the minimalistic approach more so than 'Boom, here we go.' It's kind of like we're letting the songs breathe so that the song comes out more. I listened to the first record a little while ago and I was like 'Whoa, a lot of those songs we're not letting breathe.' There's harmonies everywhere and we're both playing the guitar," Kerwin explained.

None of these songs will appear on the new CD which Kerwin expects to be released in mid-1997. She's anxious to begin recording the CD at New River Recordings in Nashville.

Sister Seed - which also includes drummer Benjamin Ridley Jr. and bassist Frederick David - will celebrate the release of "Underground" with a party and performance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Tickets are \$5 for the 18 and older show. Country "We basically just cleared releasing a new record but artist Jill Jack will open the house. ... There's a certain core to singer/guitarist Chris Kerwin show, followed by Sister Seed

and the world beat band Waka Jawaka will close out the evening.

Joining Sister Seed on stage will be guitarist Michael King, formerly of Atlantic Recording artists Rebel Heels, and percussionist Albert Berdeyes of the Luddites. For more information, call (810) 544-3030.

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CACD

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (CACD) is a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and older, 676-8966 or 271-4213

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MOVIES

In 'Mars Attacks,' aliens take another shot at America



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peace, or so hopeful Americans

would like to believe when flying saucers swarm in from outer space. The Martians, their domed helmets protecting exposed brains,

have other plans. The creatures in "Mars Attacks," you see, aren't Steven Spielberg's child-

They come in "Aliens" lurking in the dark.

These are your standard bugeyed, B-movie, thrill-crazy monsters gone wild. They invade the United States like ants at a summer picnic, blasting everything in sight.Blame all this mayhemon Tim Burton, the 35-year-old overgrown kid who has more "gee whiz" love of movie making than any filmmaker today.

He based the movie on a series of Topps trading cards from the 1950s and you can see that they had as much influence on his career as just about anything. And while "Mars Attacks" is, like his "Batman" movies, disjointed,

spots, it delivers the goods when it comes to delirious special effects and unique presentation. Part of the fun in "Mars Attacks" comes in the casting. In a nod to Peter Sellers in "Dr. Strangelove," Jack Nicholson tackles both the beleaguered President and a fast-talking casino owner. He's especially good in the former because, though we've learned to mistrust the intentions behind that alligator smile, he's actually got the country at heart.'

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broadly drawn, and even slow in with a penchant for Nancy Reagan red, and Annette Bening as a New Age hippy who initially looks to the Martian invasion to solve all the earth's problems.

It's not surprising that the dove launched by a group of Deadheads are the Martian's first victims, blasted to the bones in mid-air.

In one of the movie's best and most bizarre moments, Sarah Jessica Parker and Pierce Brosnan play a talk show host and pipe-puffing White House scientist who fall in love despite the cruel experiments performed upon them by aliens.

Instead of heading back to the 1950s, Burton strangely sets "Mars Attacks" somewhere between the mid-1970s and the present-day, for perhaps no other reason than to make Vegas legend Tom Jones a plausible (sort of) action hero.

The '70s influence continues

Jim Brown and Pam Grier. Danny Elfman, who has scored virtually all of Burton's pictures, continues the mix of lounge music with heavy theremin used so effectively in "Ed Wood."

The music especially adds to the scary, sexy encounter with Martin Short's slimy press secretary and an alien seductress with out-of-this-world curves played by Lisa Marie.

Where "Ed Wood" was Burton's tribute to the worst director of all time, "Mars Attacks" takes its cues from Ray Harryhausen, the special effects master of stopmotion animation, whose "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers" (1956) is the movie's other main influence.

The archaic type of animation, smoothed out by computer, has been Burton's palette of choice from his early days at Disney through the recent "Nightmare Before Christmas" and "James

the seamless mix of animated aliens with live-action victims, you see it in the wonderfully hokey destruction of Washington as national monuments are blasted to smithereens.

Which brings us to the inevitable comparisons between "Mars Attacks" "Independence Day."

The summer blockbuster about an alien invasion had its own arsenal of special effects and was in many ways more involving, but it could have been directed by a computer. I'll take Burton's free-wheeling approach, no matter how sloppy and unwieldly it can sometimes get.

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Comedy: President James Dale, First Lady Marsha Dale and daughter Taffy (Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close and Natalie Portman, center) watch the Martian alert surrounded by presidential advisors (left to right) Professor Donald Kessler (Pierce Bronsnan), Press Secretary Jerry Ross (Martin Short) and General Decker (Rod Steiger) in "Mars Attacks."

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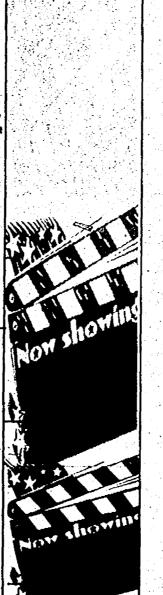
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A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

Birmingham Theatre 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham, Call (810) 644-FILM for information. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

The English Patient" (USA - 1996). Four people meet in a ruined monastery near the end of World War II in this adaptation of the Booker Prize-winning novel by Michael Ondaatje. Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, and Willem Dafoe star.

Fox Theatre 2211 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 983-6611 for information, (\$5)

Wonderful Life" (USA - 1947) and "Miracle on 34th Street" (USA - 1948). Dec. 13-14 (call for show times).

The first is the Frank Capra heart warmer stars Jimmy Stewart as a distraught man who discovers what the world would be like if he was never "Miracle" stars young Natalie

Wood as a skeptical child who doesn't believe in Santa Claus. until she gets a look at Edmund Gwenn. Magic Bag Theatre 22920

Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2) "Spike and Mike's Sick and

Twisted Festival of Animation." Christmas Classics - "It's a Preview screening 9:30 p.m. Dec.

18; regular schedule Dec. 24-Jan. 2. Last year it was a "greatest hits" package. This year the fourth annual showcase of animated bad taste features 20 premieres. Among the titles: "Condom Complaint," "The Happy Moose" and new episodes of the perennial favorite "No

Neck Joe." 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 show times. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

■ "Big Night" (USA - 1996). A a remixed soundtrack. pair of brothers try to run an authentic Italian restaurant in - 1996). See Birmingham

the 1950s but discover that most people want simple spaghetti and meatballs. An independent comedy starring and co-directed by Stanley Tucci.

■ "Vertigo" (USA - 1956). Many call this Hitchcock's most personal film because its main character (Jimmy Stewart) tries to turn his girlfriend into the image of a lost love. Hitch did the same thing after Grace Kelly left movies to become a princess, sending the old director scrambling for the likes of other icy blondes, here Kim Novak. The ambitious 40th anniversary restoration sports new color and

■ "The English Patient" (USA

Theatre listing above.

Maple Theatre 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Trees Lounge" (USA -1996). Bugeyed character actor Steve Buscemi makes his diréctorial debut as an out-of-work mechanic who hangs out at the title establishment, a bar based on his own nonworking days on Long Island.

The English Patient" (USA) 1996). See Birmingham Theatre listing above.

Michigan Theatre 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313)668-8480 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

SCREEN SCENE

"Citizen Kane" (USA - 1941). Dec. 12-14 (call for show times). Some still call Orson Welles' first feature "the greatest film ever made," the story of an ambitious newspaper publisher based on William Randolph Hearst.

■ "Cyclo" (Vietnam - 1996); Dec. 17-19 (call for show times). A Vietnamese version of "The Bicycle Thief" in which an 18year-old man loses his bicycle/livelihood and is thrust into the ominous underworld of Ho Chi Minh City. The latest from the director of "The Scent of Green Papaya."

"Trees Lounge" (USA -1996), Through Dec. 14 (call for show times). See Maple listing.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Opens Friday, Dec. 13

"THE PREACHER'S WIFE"

Remake of the 1947 movie "The Bishop's Wife," a fable about an angel who comes to Earth to help a preacher's struggle to maintain a congregation. Stars Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston, Courtney B. Vance and Gregory Hines. "JERRY MAGUIRE"

Romantic comedy about a sports agent who loses his job through an ill considered act of honor. The story follows his comedic journey ton redemption through an unlikely alliance

with a young single mother and his single remaining client. Stars fom Cruise. "MARS ATTACK"

From the swank casinos of Vegas, through America's heartland and into the inner , sanctum of the Oval Office where even the President sits powerless, "Mars Attacks" casts a comedic eye at the hysterical pandemonium wrought as Americans battle an invasion by little green men from Mars. Led by Jack Nicholson, the cast includes Annette Bening, Pierce Brosnan, Glenn Close, Danny DeVito, and Jessica Parker.

Opens Friday, Dec. 20

"THE CRUCIBLE"

Suspenseful drama of evil and personal conscience based on one of the greatest plays of the 20th century. Stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, Paul Scofield and Joan Allen.

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Comedy about two unscrupulous ex-U.S. Presidents who have nothing in common but their dislike of one another who find themselves compelled to travel cross country together as they investigate a

potential White House scandal involving the current president. Stars Jack Lemmon. James Garner and Dan Aykroyd.

"ONE FINE DAY" An old-fashioned love story for the cellular age. Two career minded people, one male, the other female, determined never to have love disappoint them again, are thrown together for one chaotic day, the only thing they have in common are identical cellular. phones and the fear of tetting someone get too close. The last thing they expected was

to fall in love. Stars Michelle Pfeiffer and

George Clooney. "RIDICULE"

A lavish and colorful drama set in the age of Louis XVI. The tale of a modest country engineer who travels to court, a place where even the slightest misstep can be fatal. He must focus every once of energy on extracting royal favor. The one thing he must not do is fall in love. Stars Fanny Ardant. Charles Berling, Bernard Giraudeau.

"SCREAM" A thriller about a small town that comes

under siege by a murderer who takes all of

his cues from the movies. Stars Neve Campbell, Skeet Ulrich, Courtney Cox, Drew Barrymore and David Arquette. "SLINGBLADE"

A Southern gothic tale about a man, eleased from an asylum after 25 years, who returns to the small southern town of his youth. Here he finds friendship until he's thrust into a combustible situation that has powerful and moving consequences for all. Stars Billy Bob Thornton, Owight Yoakam and John Ritter.

Disney's '101 Dalmatians' warm, funny, fast-paced

BY DOLORES BARCLAY **AP ARTS EDITOR**

NEW YORK (AP) - Leave it to Disney to put a different spin on a beloved classic, especially when the classic is a Disney product.

The Mouse Factory's new take on its 1961 animated hit "101 Dalmatians" is a feature-length, live-action movie starring Glenn Close and 230 of the cutest spot-

ted fur beasties you've ever seen. How does the new version hold up to the original? Well, how does frozen yogurt compare to ice cream? The original is rich and creamy, while the imitator is,

well, sweet and not bad for you. Though not one of Disney's best artistic efforts, the animated version of "101 Dalmatians" was still cute, warm, funny and fast-paced. It made the evil Cruella De Vil, who kidnapped Dalmatian puppies so she could turn them into a fur coat, a leg-

end among villains. The new live-action movie is sluggish at times and infused with so much of John Hughes' gratuitous sadism that it's sometimes unbearable to sit through. Hughes, whose "Home Alone" typifies the rude and hostile behavior he glorifies in his movies, wrote the script and produced "101 Dalmatians" with Ricardo Mestres.

Fortunately, the film has the outrageous and glistening talents of Close, who turns in such a fabulous performance as the wonderfully wicked Cruella that you ride with the movie no matter how lame it is.

But as much as Close dominates the screen with her twotoned fright wig, arched brows and crimson lips, she's still no

Perdy simply steal the show. (Actually, four adult Dalmatians play Pongo and three play Perdy.)

These beautifully trained dogs register love, sadness, happiness, anger, and fear better than some humans. And they show such extraordinary tenderness toward one another.

Early on in the movie, Pongo and Perdy curl up together before a fireplace, their paws intertwined. And when their owners, Roger (Jeff Daniels) and Anita (Joely Richardson) marry, we see the Dalmatians in the rear of the church facing one another as they, too, exchange

The first half of the movie involves the speedy courtship between Roger, a video game maker, and Anita, a designer for the House of De Vil. They meet when Pongo, having spied the beauteous Perdy trotting alongside a bike-riding Anita, drags Roger on a hair-raising chase.

They marry, Anita's old nanny (Joan Plowright) moves in and, a short time later, Anita finds herself pregnant, as does Perdy, who gives birth to 15 puppies.

Cruella offers big bucks for their hides so she can have her spotted puppy coat. No deal, as far as Roger and Anita are concerned.

So Cruella employs two bumbling thugs, Jasper (Hugh Laurie) and Horace (Mark Williams), to kidnap the pups and turns to a scary, Nazi-like taxidermist named Skinner (John Shrapnel) to do the dirty work of turning them into a coat.

Pongo goes to the rescue of his children with the Twilight Bark,

match for the dogs. Pongo and a long-distance communication screenplay's best lines. There's her insidious "Love the smell of method employed by dogs. The bark reaches the ears of an near-extinction" as she closes in on the puppies, and her admon-Airedale named Kipper and an Old English sheepdog named ishment to the farm animals who thwart her every move that Fogey, who find the puppies and they're all going to end up at some fast-food restaurant. But that doesn't stop Cruella and her comical duo from contin-

And the actress is quite a trooper, too. She gets dumped in a vat of molasses and a bed of mud. But weighted down with all that gunk, she's still ready for her close-up.

As the bumbling thugs. Williams and Laurie are almost electrocuted, fall through floors. get set afire and are otherwise knocked about in what Hughes mistakes for humon It isn't. funny Laurie, who so delighted TV audiences as Bertie Wooster in "Jeeves and Wooster," is given fairly pedestrian lines to deliver.

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Plowright is a charmer as the nanny, but Daniels and Richardson play second banana to Pongo and Perdy, and are but mere ciphers; their animated counterparts certainly were livelier. And smaller children might be frightened by Shrapnel's deranged and strangely silent animal killer.

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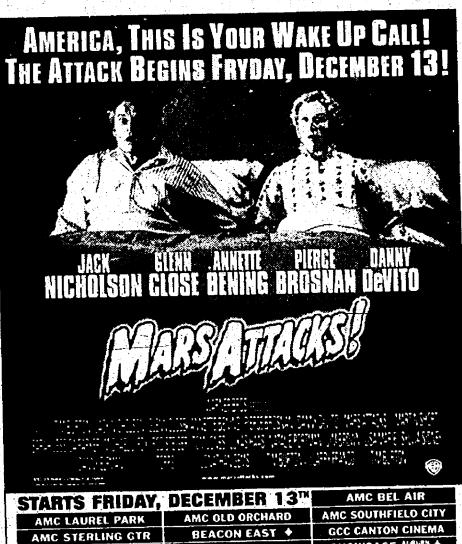
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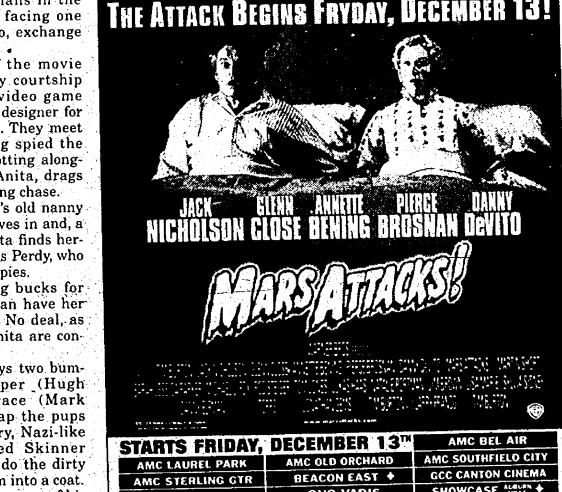
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BERMAN GALLERY AND LIGHTING STUDIO

"Masked Revelations," exhibit of paintings by Taura, through Jan. 10 at 303 Detroit Street, Suite 104, Ann Arbor; (313) 741-0571. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. **ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY**

Holiday reception and book signing, 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 to celebrate Margaret Hillert's latest book, "The Sky Is Not So Far Away, " Hillert is a Birmingham resident, the author of more than 75 children's books, and a teacher. "The Sky Is Not So Far Away" is a collection of children's nighttime poems. The gallery is at 536 North Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Call (810) 647-7040 for information.

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With Army of Juan, 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, The Beat Hotel record store, 3185 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. Free. All ages. (ska) (810) 544-BHTL THE ALLIGATORS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge, 21 and older, (blues) (810) 412-1040

GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KING-

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

HIS DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Bouleyard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340 BLUE CAT

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older, (blues) (313) 581-3650

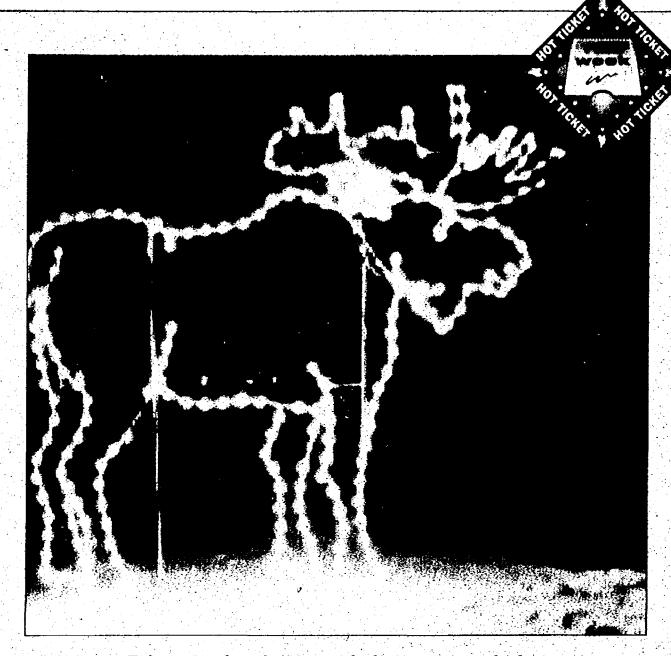
BLUE EYED SOUL 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale.

Cover charge, 21 and older, (rock) **(8**10) 541-9870 **BLUE HAWAIIANS**

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14; Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810)

644-4800 BLUE ROSE

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Chevy Cola Bar and Grill, 15101 W. 12 Mile Road. Warren. (blues) (810) 776-2662



Wild Lights: Fifty animal sculptures including a moose, elephants, tigers and penguins greet visitors along a one-half mile path illuminated by 300,000 festive holiday bulbs at the Detroit Zoo, 5:30-8 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 30. The trail begins at the Zoo's front entrance, and winds through the nature trail and around Island Lake to the newly renovated Holden Museum for Living Reptiles and Amphibians. Trees and shrubs along the path are also illuminated with twinkling lights. Visitors should plan on spending 30 to 60 minutes on the trail. The Zoo is at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Ave., just off I-696 in Royal Oak. Admission is \$3 adults, \$1.50 children. Call (810) 541-5835 for information.

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555 **BILLY BRANCH AND THE SONS OF** THE BLUES

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St. Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

BROADZILLA 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (all-female hardcore rockers) (313)

485-5050 BUGS BEDDOW

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Roger's Roost, 33626 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 979-7550/(810) 642-9400 BUTTERFLY

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050 CAELUM BLISS

With Fashions of 13th Hour, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, as part of The Chamber in the Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit: \$6, 18 and older: (gothic/dark alternative rock) (313) 833-POOL

CANDLELIGHT JAM With Caelum Bliss, The Mutes, Eden Seed, Star 80, and Uncle Booby, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5, 18 and older (variety) (810) 334-1999

CHARM FARM 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternapop) (810) 335-8100 CHICAGO PETE AND THE NITE

CRAWLERS 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Free, 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110 CHISEL BROS. WITH THORNETTA

DAVIS 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

CITY HEAT 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110 CITY LIMITS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, T.C. Gators, 42559 Ford Road, Canton. (blues) (313) 981 0906 COMMANDER CODY 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Magic Stick In the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance; \$13 at the door, 18 and

older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL DADDY LONGLEGS 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti, Cover charge, 19 and older, (reggee/funk/ske) (313) 485-5050

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DEEP SPACE SIX

9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Blind Pig., 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (Deadhead) (313) ×

THE DETERENTS

With Dryer and Tugboat Annie, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555.

DETROIT MUSICIANS ALLIANCE BENEFIT SHOWCASE

Featuring DMA artists singing 80s hits and holiday tunes, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. \$5, 21 and older. (variety) (313) 875-6555

DIK With Mount Tai and Gutwrench, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344

JOHN DOE

Formerly of X, with Soud Mountain Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$9 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative) rock/country-tinged rock) (810) 335-

STEVE EARLE

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$13 In advance. 18 and older, (rock) (313) 961-MELT

PRISCILLA EDERLE

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Covercharge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 ANNE FEENEY

With Jamie Crawford, Elise Bryant, and City Heat play during a benefit dinner and "Holiday Labor Jam" for striking Detroit Newspaper workers, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, UAW Local 600, 10550 Dix Road, Dearborn. (rock/blues) (313) 764-6395

PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS As part of "Save a Life Sunday" blood drive, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Beverly Hills Fitness Club, 31555 Southfield Road, Beverly Hills; 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, (blues) (810) 642-8500/(810) 652-8441

STEWART FRANCKE With Michael McDermott, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$8 In advance. 18 and older; With Vudu Hipples, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, as part of the Oakland County food bank benefit, Royal Oak Music Theater, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (pop) (810) 335-8100/(810) 546-7610

TOM FREDRICKS 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia, Free. 21 and older. (acoustic) (810) 615-1330 VINCE GILL

With the Detroit Festival Orchestra conducted by Michael Omartian performs "A Christmas to Remember," which includes holiday songs and Gill's hits, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2

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Chamoionship Dr., Auburn Hilis, \$29.50 and \$24.50. (country) (810) 377-0100 HARM'S WAY

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, \$5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040/(810) 543-0917

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110 HOWLIN' DIABLOS

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/funk) (810) 543-0917 IMPACT 7

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road. West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 855-3110

MICHAEL KATON 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave.; Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 855-3110/(810) 644-4800

KNEE DEEP SHAG With Daddy Longlegs, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older, (funk/reggae) (313) 996-8555 JOHN D. LAMB

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, The Rock, 112 E. Third St., Royal Oak. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Mr. 8's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 542-7625/(810) 349-9110/(810) 349-

LESS THAN JAKE With Apocalypse Hoboken, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, \$7 in

961-MELT LIARS, CHEATS AND THIEVES With Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. The Impound, 17320 Harper, Detroit: Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 884-9441

advance. All ages. (ska/punk) (313)

THE LOOK 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Bulifrog Lounge, 15414 Telegraph, Redford, 21 and older, (rock) (313) 533 4477

MADCAT AND KANE 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13,

The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville, Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 TIM MAHONEY AND THE MEENIES 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140

older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL MANOWAR With Vertex, featuring vocalist

Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$6. 18 and

Stephen Pearcy (Ratt), lead guitarist Al Pitrelli (Asia, Alice Cooper, Savatage), bassist Bobby Crane (Vince Neil), and drummer/programmer Hiro Kuretani (WWXXI), 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Harpo's, 14238 Harper, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. (industrial/metal)

(313) 824-1700 JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917 THE MISSION

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14. New Detroiter Bar, 655 Beaubien (at Fort Street), Detroit's Greektown. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Beale Street Blues Barbecue, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 21 and older, (blues) (313) 963-3355/(810) 334-7900 MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, The Soup Kitchen, 1585 Franklin, Detroit. Cover charge, 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Oxbow Lake Roadhouse, 9451 Elizabeth Lake Road, White Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (313) 259-1374/(810) 698-1514/(313) 278-5340

THE NOCTURNAL FEST V With performance artists Inter Animi, Pain Productions, 13th Hour, and

London Calling, music by Motor Power Train, and an emporium featuring items from Gemini Moon, Secreto Tropical, Honey Bee and Me, Dee Cee Super Star, Momento Mori, and Rose Marie Jewelry Design stores, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Motor Lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck, \$3. 21 and older. (313) 369-0080 NRBQ

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndate. \$12.50 in advance, 18 and older. (blues) (810) 544-3030 ROBERT PENN

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-

POUNDERS

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. (rock) (810) 615-1330 PURE

With Catherine, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge. All ages. (alternative pop) (313) 961-MELT

QUARTETTE 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave., West., Windsor, Ontario, Canada. (country) (519) 253 7729

RESTROOM POETS 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (roots rock) (810) 348-9110

SHAWN RILEY 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road

(north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. (acoustic rock) (810) 615-1330 THE SCHUGARS 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21

and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555/(313) 567-6020 SISTER SEED

Celebrates release of CD with partyand performance, with special guests Waka Jawaka and Jill Jack, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale: \$5. 18 and older. (singer/songwriters/world beat/country) (810) 544-3030 TEXAS FLOOD

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 Saturday, Dec. 14. Bullfrog Lounge, 15414 Telegraph Road (at Five Mile Road), Redford. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The End Zone, 5157 Telegraph Road, Dearborn. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477/(313) 291-8850

20 DEAD FLOWER CHILDREN With Loose Stools and Uncle Booby, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (industrial/hard elternative rock) (810) 589-3344 TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14. Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontlac, Covercharge, 21 and older, (rockabilly) (810) 333-2362

RANDY VOLIN AND SONIC BLUES 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

VUDU HIPPIES 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Lili's, 2930

Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Max and Erma's, 250 Merrill, Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555/(810) 258-1188 WAILIN' INC

8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, Memphia

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(810) 855-3110 THE WHY STORE

With Mango Jam, 9:30 p.m. Saturday,

Dec. 14, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First

St., Ann Arbor. \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door, 19 and older, (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555 CLUB

NIGHTS

BIRD OF PARADISE Acid jazz night with DJ Bubblicious, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesdays at the club, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

CROSS STREET STATION

Ska and world beat, 9 p.m. Sundays. Cover charge. 18 and older; Retro dance party, 9 p.m. Tuesdays. \$3, 21 and older, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (313) 485-5050

FAMILY FUNKTION "Uptown Remix," acid jazz, hip-hop, funk and soul dance mix with local and national guest DJs, 9 p.m. Fridays, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older; *Family Funktion* night 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (acid jazz/funk) (313) 832-2355/(810) 544-3030

THE MAJESTIC COMPLEX

*Psychedelic Sunday" with funk music, 9 p.m. Sundays in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "The Chamber" with gothic/industrial and deep dark retro music with DJ Tim Shuller, 9 p.m. Mondays in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Figure Four Tag Team DJs," acid jazz and early disco/retro tunes with DJs Bubblicious, Scott Zacharias. Paris and Bone, 11 p.m.-4 a.m. Thursday in the Magic Stick. Cover charge; "Rockabilly Bowl" with DJ Del Fridays in the Garden Bowl. Free; "Rock 'n' Bowl" 9 p.m. Saturdays while DJ Cheryl spins alternative, funk # and R&B in the Garden Bowl. Free. All events in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. 18 and older. (313) 833-P00L/(313) 833-9700 MOTOR LOUNGE

"Blue Mondays" with Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and Bobby Murray with a special guest blues artist weekly; Darren Revell hosts *Big Sonic Heaven," Tuesdays; "Pearl Harbor Club" featuring "volcanic drinks" and the "seedy side of the Swing era" with hosts Jeff King and Perry Lavoisnes Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain" Thursdays with live jazz; Fridays and Saturdays, dancing with DJ St. Andy, at the lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 369-0090 ST. ANDREW'S HALL/THE SHELTER

10 p.m. Wednesdays "The Incinerator," alternative rock in the Shelter, \$6, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Fridays "Three Floors of Fun" with hiphop, alternative rock, and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays. 'Soul Picnic' with funk, hip-hop and soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT.

"Prophecy," techno/alternative dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; Video appreciation night with The The, 8 p.m. Tuesdays, free before 9 p.m.; "Noir Leather Presents" Sin," a night of fetish and fantasy with demonic music by Aeshma Daeva, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, free before 10:30 p.m., at the club, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 589-3344

THEATER

ATTIC THEATRE

"Molly Sweeney" in repertory with "Jacques Brel," through Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 508 Monroe, in Trappers Alley, Greektown area of Detroit. Times vary for each show. \$15-\$25. (313) 963-9339 DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

The Nutcrecker with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre, through Dec. 22, at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12-Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, ? p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. \$13-\$35; matinees half price for children and. seniors, \$6.50. (313) 833-3700

FOX THEATRE "42nd Street," 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17-Friday, Dec. 20, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the theater, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7.50-\$37.50: (810) 433-1515

GEM THEATRE "The All Night Strut! Holiday Show," through Tuesday, Dec. 31. at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox the aters), Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$23), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$23), 7:30 p.m. Fridays

(\$28), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays

(\$28), and 2 p.m. Sundays (\$23) and Continued on next page Luays a week

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Continued from previous page 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19). Group discounts available. New Year's Eve performances: 7 p.m. \$45; and 10 p.m. \$60 includes a champagne toast and dancing afterward. (313) 963-9800 HILBERRY THEATER

"Tartuffe," Mollere's most popular play, through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. It runs in rotating repertory with Shakespeare's "A Taming of the Shrew" (which closes Dec. 14), and Alan Ayckbourne's "Time of My Life" (opens Jan. 10-March 1). Performance days and times are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972 MASONIC TEMPLE

"Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7. Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; 7:30 p.m. Sunday; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees. \$20-\$65. (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132

MEADOW BROOK THEATER

"A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$19-\$29.50. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17: 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. (810) 377-3300

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY "Apartment 3A," by Jeff Daniels, through Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, and additional matinee performances at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 21. \$15-\$20. (313) 475-7902

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYHOUSE

*Forever Christmas III - Home for the Holidays, Friday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 15, Thursday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 21, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road (at Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$11 adults; with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. (810) 608-9077 DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

"The Stillborn Lover," through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays, \$14. (313) 868-1347 JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE

"Family Secrets," through Sunday, Jan 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Special New Year's Eve shows 7 p.m. (\$35 including hors d'oeuvres and champagne), and 10 p.m. (\$50 including hors d'oeuvres, champagne and breakfast). (810) 788-2900

SRO PRODUCTIONS

Love Letters, Friday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 15, The Burgh, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield, \$7 seniors and children; \$8 general admission. (810) 354-9362

YOUTH

GROSSE POINTE CHILDREN'S THE-

The musical "Raggedy Ann and Andy," 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, William Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe. \$6 adults; \$5 students and seniors, with discounts for groups. (313) 881-7511 JUNIOR ACTORS OF RIDGEDALE "A Brave Celebration," 10 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Ridgedale Playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. \$6.50 includes play, meal, gift, and visit with Santa; 3 p.m. Sunday performance is \$5.50 and includes juice and cookies. (810) 988-7049

MARQUIS THEATRE "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the the ater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Show times: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 14, 21, 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec., 15, 22, and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 26-27 and 30-31, and Jan. 2-3.

(810) 349 8110 THE NOVI THEATRES' CHILDREN'S

ANNEX: "The Nutcrecker," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, The Novi Theatre, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, adults; \$6 in advance, \$7 for seniors, children younger than 12. (810) 348-6126

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS *Allce in Wonderland,* Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22, Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Saturdays, lunch begins at noon with the show at 1 p.m.; Sundays, lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. \$7 includes lunch. Group rates for 20 or more people. 50 cent discount for anyone who brings in a new or in-good-condition children's book for Focus Hope, (810)

REDFORD YOUTH THEATER "Holiday Variety Show," featuring dancing, singing and acting, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14,

662-8118

Thurston High School, 26141 Schoolcraft Road, Redford, (313) 535-TEDD E. BEAR CHILDREN'S THE-

ATER GROUP "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$6. (810)

354-0545 TRINITY HOUSE THEATRE

"A Christmas Carol," 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile Road (at I-275), Livonia, \$10 adults; \$5 for those 18 and younger. (313) 464-6302

WILD SWAN THEATER

"Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Dec. 14-15, 21, 27-29, and Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 14, 21, 28, and Jan. 4, at the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road), Dearborn. \$6; additional charge for admission to the museum. (313) 271-1620, ext. 383

YOUTHEATRE

"Cinderella," as part of the Youtheatre's "Wiggle Club" season for children aged 36, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit, \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. (313) 963-7663

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROYAL OAK RECORD AND CD **EXPO**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. \$3. (810) 546-4527 STOMP

Eight-member percussion group performs through Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit, 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$22.50-\$35. (313) 872-1000

FAMILY EVENTS

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHES-TRA

"Sing-Along with Santa and Sam," with the Bethlehem United Church of Christ Handbell Choir, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$10 adults; \$5 children 12 and younger; \$25 for families up to six members; \$50 patron tickets with preferred seating; "Holiday Festival," featuring excerpts from the "Nutcracker Suite," and Judy Dow Rumelhart performing J.S. Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio,* 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$15-\$25, with discounts for seniors, students and children. (313) 994-4801

CHENILLE SISTERS

11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313) 271-4441 CHRISTMAS READINGS Chris Johnson, mayor of Northville,

reads Christmas stories, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Brickscape Christmas Store, 21141 Old Novi Road (north of Eight Mile Road, east of Novi Road), Northville. (810) 348-2500 LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Magical Musical Christmas," family concert with guest vocalist Kimberly Haynes (voice winner of LSO's Young Artist Competition), magician "Al the Only," and popular music favorites, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, J.P. Carli Auditorium, Churchill High School, Newburgh and Joy roads, Livonia. \$10.

(313) 421-1111/(313) 464-2741 THANKSGIVING PARADE INDOOR **AMUSEMENT PARK**

A full-scale indoor carnival with thrill rides, a Midway of games and carnival confections, 4-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 11 a.m. 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Cobo Center's Oakland Hall, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit. Patrons may pay as they go for rides and games (\$1.50-\$2.50); \$14 all-day wristbands. (313) 396-7600

DOMINO'S FARMS

"Christmas Light Display," 15 minute drive-through display with more than 900,000 lights, 6-10 p.m. daily through Dec. 31, at the complex, Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road about 1/2 mile east of US-23, \$5 donation weekdays; \$7 Fridays Sundays, (313) 668-1800

CLASSICAL

CHAMBERWORKS

Perform music from the Lachner Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy. (810) 952-5207

MARGO HALSTED

University of Michigan carillonneur performs "Rollday Carillon Recital," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Burton Memorial Tower, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

Sunday, Dec. 15, Hammel's Music

JULIANNE MARKAVITCH Classical planist performs 2 p.m.

Recital Hall, 15630 Middlebelt Road (between Five and Six Mile roads), Livonia, Free, (313) 741-0754 ROCHESTER SYMPHONY ORCHES-TRA Performs a holiday concert with the

Rochester Community Chorus, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, St. Andrew Church, 1400 Inglewood, Rochester. (810) 651-4181 PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHES-

TRA

"The Nutcracker Ballet," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14-Sunday, Dec. 15, Plymouth-Salem Auditorium, Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$15 adults, seniors and college students; \$8 children. (313) 451-2112

POPS

CANTATA ACADEMY

"Holiday Favorites," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms. \$15; \$12 seniors and students. (810) 546-0420 "CHRISTMAS WITH LANCE LUCE" Frequently featured keyboard player at the Redford Theater, 7 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 15, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road (between Beech Daly and Inkster roads), Dearborn Heights. \$12; \$6 for children. (313) 274-3820 **DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

"Colors of Christmas" concert with Roberta Flack, Peabo Bryson, Aaron Neville, and Melissa Manchester, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, \$20-\$75; "Christmas Pops," with Conductor Robert Bernhardt, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Detroit Opera House, Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-

3700 SCOTT FOPPIANO

Organist performs along with Doug Bayne and the Royal Brass, and vocalist Rose Randall, for "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" celebration, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. \$8. (313) 534-1954

JAMES GREENWAY AND LARRY PINHO

9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays through December, Traders Lounge in the Kingsley Inn, 1475 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 644-1400 LANCE LUCE

Plays tradition and contemporary "pops" holiday music played on a Rodgers sanctuary organ, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights. \$12 adults; \$6 children. (313) 274-3820

UPSTAGED PRODUCTIONS Sings show tunes, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313)

AUDITIONS

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS Holds auditions for *Annie Get Your

271-4441

Gun,* 7 p.m. for children ages 8 early teens, and 7:30 p.m. for adults, Monday, Dec. 16, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake, Troy. Prepare a song from the show to sing at auditions. (810) 398-2725 **VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY**

Holds select auditions for second semester, 8:30 a.m.·1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Varner Hall, room 134, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. (810) 625-7057

CHORAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Performs its Christmas program with planist Fontaine Laing. The Congregational Ringers and Organist, 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook at Woodward Avenue, Birmingham. (810) 647-8329

BOYCHOIR OF ANN ARBOR 4:15-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Qec. 12, Shaman Drum Bookshop, 311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Free, (313) 662-

DEHAVEN CHORALE "Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Old St. Mary's Church, 7840 E.

Canfield, Greektown area of Detroit. \$10. (313) 886-3480 **DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR**

Christmas concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills; 3 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 15, Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, 4440 Russell (at Canfield), Detroit. \$12, with group discounts available. (313) 882-0118

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY "Handel's Messlah," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Orchestra Hall, 3711

Woodward Ave., Detroit; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple (at Pleasant), Birmingham. (810) 650-

DETROIT TOGETHER MEN'S CHO-RUS

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Fellowship Hall of Drayton Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2441 Pinecrest (at Drayton Avenue, south of I-696, west of Woodward Avenue), Ferndale. \$12 in advance at Chosen Books in Royal Oak, and A Woman's Prerogative Bookstore and Cafe in Ferndale. (810) 544-3872 **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHO-**RUS

"Songs of Good Cheer," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee (west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington. (810) 788-5322 THE GRUNYONS

A capella male chorus modeled after the famous Yale "Whiffenpoofs," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, as part of the Detroit Chamber Winds' Nightnotes program, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. \$16. (810) 362-9329

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, DoubleTree Suites Hotel, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. \$5 includes general admission seating, concert and coffee. (810) 424-9022

MUSICKES PLEASURE

Christmas music on the 23-bell Gillett and Johnston carillon in the church tower precedes the concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave. (at Burns Avenue); Detroit's Indian Village, \$10; \$8 seniors and students; free for children younger than 12; \$7 for groups of 15 or more with advance purchase. (313) 822-3456

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNI-TY CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA "Handel's Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Varner(Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$10; \$5 senior citizens and students. (810)

370-301 RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR "Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 629 East Jefferson at St. Antoine, Detroit. \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. (313) 341-3466 SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMU-

NITY CHOIR "Yuletide Tapestry," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, St. Matthew's United Methodist Church of Livonia, 30900 Six Mile Road (between Merriman and Middlebelt roads), Livonia. Donations will be accepted during intermission. (313) 462-4448

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY OPERA THEATER COMPANY

10 a.m. and noon Thursday, Dec. 12-Friday, Dec. 13, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Washtenaw Community College's Towsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building, 4800, E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor. \$2. (313) 973-

JAZZ/NEW AGE

JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, and with special guest Larry Nozero 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK-

END With various jazz artists, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 662-8310

HIROSHIMA 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. **\$12-\$58.** (313) 833-3700. KIMMIE HORNE

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, and Thursday, Dec. 19, Fox and Hounds; 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, D.L. Harrington's, formerly Murdock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (810) 644-4800/(810) 852-0550 PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER

QUARTET 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5. (313) 662-

With Shella Landis, 8-11:30 p.m.

8310 RICK MATLE

Friday, Dec. 13, Coffee Beanery, 307 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages; With Sheila Landis and Dennis Sheridan, 8-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Brazil, 305 Main St., Royal Oak. Free. All ages; With Shella Landis and Dennis Sheridan, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Bistro 313, 313 W. Walton Boulevard (between Baldwin and Joslyn roads), Pontiac. (810) 650-3344/(810) 399-7200/(810) 332-7184

"SO MANY STARS"

Jazz players James Carter, Cyrus Chestnut, Christian McBride, and Cyro Baptista, join opera queen Kathleen Battle for an evening of music by Duke Ellington, favorite spirituals, and a selection of lullables and love songs from Battle's CD "So Many Stars," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$18-\$46. (800) 221-1229 SOUTHERN SON

7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$5. All ages. (810) 349-9421 (new age) **TOTY VIOLA AND MARY ANN** 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, The Brewery, 39950 Hayes (between 17 and 18 Mile roads), Clinton Township, Free; 7:30-11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Phoenicia Restaurant, 588 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham, Free. (jazz/world beat) (810) 286-3020/(810) 644-3122 ALEXANDER ZONJIC 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and Friday,

Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Scallops, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. (810) 656-2525

WORLD MUSIC

BLACK MARKET

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m.-midnight Wednesdays, Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. \$2. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0917/(313) 261-0555 FLAMENCO FESTIVAL

With the "King of Flamenco Guitar" Juan Serrano, along with Hispanic singers and dancers from South America, Spain and the United States including La Conja and Pepe de Molaga, as part of the 10th anniversary season of Musica Viva, Saturday, Dec. 14, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hius. Tickets at Ticketmaster, or call (810) 471-7667. JIM PERKINS

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421

FOLK

THE BIZER BROTHERS 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Brady's, 38123 W. Ten Mile

7780 SUSAN CALLOWAY AND STEVE

Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 478-

WOOD 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 642-9400 ANDREW CALHOUN AND KAT

EGGLESTON

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 SALLY FINGERETT

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, \$11; \$10 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451

HERDMAN, HILLS AND MANGSEN 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50; \$11.50 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451

LEAH JACOBS 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 JOEL MABUS

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11; \$10 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451

RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8.75; \$7.75 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451

POETRY

POETRY READING Authors will read poetry and prose

from *Almost Touching, A Reader for Men and Women," 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Caribou Coffee, 112 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. (810) 642-5560

DANCE

ARTISTRY IN MOTION DANCE SCHOOL

"The Nutcrecker Ballet Suite," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Southfield Lathrup High School, 19301 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. \$12; \$10 youths: \$8 groups of 20 or more. (810) 557-9320

BALLROOM DANCING

With the Larry Nozero Orchestra, 7-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Botsford Inn Coach House, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile Road), Fermington Hills. \$10. (810) 474-4800 **DETROIT WINDSOR DANCE COM-**

"Praise and Celebration" dance concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Wayne State University's McGregor Auditorium, 495 W. Ferry, Detroit. Cancelled. (313) 963-0050 DYNAMIC DANCERS

Hosts party, children's fashion show, and a narrated children's version of the "Nutcracker" ballet, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Walled Lake Western High School, 600 Beck Road, Walled Lake. \$10. Benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan, (810) 624-0707 EISENHOWER DANCE ENSEMBLE

"The EDE Holiday Spectacular: A Magical Celebration of Music and Dance,* 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19 Friday, Dec. 20, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Varner Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$8.

(810) 362-9329 THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER

With The Harlem Nutcracker Band and its band leader Marcus Belgrave, and The Willis Patterson Our Own Thing Chorale, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18-Friday, Dec. 20, and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$16-\$28; \$10 children and \$20 adults for 2 p.m. show. (800) 221-1229

MIDWEST DANCE THEATRE "The Nutcracker Ballet" 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, South Lyon High School, South Lyon, \$8 adults, \$5 students and seniors; and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Mercy High-School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12 adults; \$9 students and seniors, (810) 486-1962 **WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR**

DANCERS 7:30 p.m.-midnight Saturday, Dec. 14, Italian American Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial St., Warren. \$7 general admission; \$6 members. (810) 949-1138

COMEDY

BANANA'S COMEDY CLUB

The Gaylords Christmas show, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in Red Timbers restaurant, 40380 Grand River, Novi. \$22. (313) 724-1300 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB Chas Elstner, Thursday, Dec. 12-Sunday, Dec. 15; at the club above

Kickers restaurant, 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (313) 261-0555 JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S

Dave Conrades, 8:30 p.m. Thursday; Dec. 12 (\$8, \$16.95 dinner and show), 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, (\$10, \$20.95 dinner and show) 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-

LONG BRANCH/MISS KITTY'S

COMEDY Jim McLean with Alyce Faye, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14: 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford, \$7.50 for show, \$5 with dinner purchase Fridays: \$10 and \$7.50 on Saturdays. (810) 628-6500 MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE Frank Vignola, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, and 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, \$10; "Invasion of Improv" with the Portuguese Rodeo Clown Company, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, \$6; WKQI's John Heffron, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and 8:30 p.m. and 10,30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Saturday,

Dec. 21, \$10, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (313) 996-9080 MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE Jack Ballagher and Mark Sweetman, through Sunday, Dec. 15; Totally Unrehearsed Theatre hosts open mic night Tuesdays; 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, \$5; 8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, \$6; 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, \$12; 7:30 p.m. Sunday, \$6.

(810) 542-9900 THE SECOND CITY-DETROIT . "One Nation Undecided," 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. \$12 to \$19; Second City-Touring Company, 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

SINBAD. Star of the new Arnold Schwarznegger film *Jingle All The Way,* 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$25. (313) 983-6611

MUSEUMS CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCI-

ENCE "Animals Eat," an exhibit combining live animal displays, working models, mounted specimens, hands on activities, and animated video that helps youngsters formulate a concept of a "living thing" by focusing on eating; and "Mysteries of the Bog," which explores the landscape of wetlands. Both exhibits run through Jan. 5, at the museum, 1221 N. Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 645-3200

GREENFIELD VILLAGE AND HENRY FORD MUSEUM "Traditions of the Season," featuring one of Michigan's largest decorated

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Let's un-wrap something special together. Tall, single mom, slender, very attractive lady, all the good south Seeking fall, emotionally financially secure gentleman, N.S. social dinnkel with good attitude. No games! 17524(exp1/9)

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ATTRACTIVE Female, 20, 56", 110 bs. enjoys

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Humorous, conservative SBRF, 40s. average height, s'ender, no depen dents, enjoys conversation, travel music, theater, dining, walking, and sports. Seeking compatible SM, 40-55. must be employed 17715

Attractive, intelligent SHF, 31, enjoys

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Sweet, sensuous, smart and gorgeous too, 57, 130bs, MA degreed, early 40s, childless, welf-read, into antiquing, cuddingrand laughing Seeking good-looking well-educated articulate, outgoing guy.

TATTOOED LADY Attractive DWF, 27, this kid just can't

department, Are there any of you out there? 27514(exp1/9) SEE A SHOOTING STAR This 26 year-old DWF is looking for her shooting star. I am understanding

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SWF, 30, 5'8", blonde blue, Catholic physically fit, enjoys working out boating, skiing, fishing, cooking Seeking SWM, 28+, 6'+, athletic financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. 17442(exp1/2)

BEAUTIFUL EYES SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating.

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DWF, late 40s, non-smoker, degreed

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DWF, tall, 50ish, attractive, loves

laughter and meaningful conversations, seeks 6', emotionally financially secure, N/S SWM, 40-55 for companionship, etc. I'm a singer work some nights. #27438(exp1/2)

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Seeking SWPM, 28-38, 5'9"+, prefer blonds, should be athletic, quickwilted, intelligent. In exchange, this humorous SWPF, 5'6', athletic girl. promises great conversation and lots of fun. 17432(exp1/2)

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Never dated a man my age, don't want to start now. Very sexy, young-looking WF, 50ish, 5', 130bs, blonder green, ready to rock n' roll with ve WM, 40ish, with thick hair. 7365(exp1/2).

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Attractive SWF, 45, much younger looking, 5'5", 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy N/S, prefer big, strong guy. 7360(exp1/2)

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF 49; 5'4", redhead, proportioned, francially secure, professional, seeks

same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movie evenings. \$27355(exp1/2) vies, quiet

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SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous, loves people, seeks understanding, considerate, kind, caring, sharing, professional, sincere gentleman for friendship, Must love chidren. Serious replies only. \$7428(exp1/2)

ANIMATE ME SWF: 37, 165tbs, auburn/blue, glasses, smoker seeks SWM counter-part, under 41, who can relate to "Rush" lyrics and Ayn Rand, laughs a lot and learns by his mistakes.

ATTN: CLASSY GENT A classy lady awaits your reply. She's stender, tall, pretty, affectionate, intelligent and a young-looking 50, smoker Call if you're intelligent, tall over 50, romantic. \$\frac{1}{27426}(exp1/2)

ALL WORK? TIME TO PLAY! SWF. 22, professionally employed and working too many hours, seeks SBM, 21-30 to take me out after work

and help me refax 17421(exp1/2)

VEGETARIAN WITH BRAINS oreletted Vivacious intelligent preferred: Vivacious, intelligent, white female, activist, 47, 5', stender, compassionate, single, loves, moonlight, breezes, laughter, conversation, blues, art, lectures: Seeks-playfut, gentle, spriftial non-prejudice, N/S, politically left, duntessential S/DWM, 34-59, 127420(exp1/2).

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Passionate, European-born OWF, very active, young 50, atong too much Seeking, tail, honest, available, intelligent gentleman, with a fust for diving, to enjoy life's pleasures with. \$\pi 7012(\exp12/26)\$

LAM YOUR LADY

Good things come to those who wait. Don't let her slip through your tingers. DWF. 50. Me. aftirming, independent, and sassy. Seeking S:DWM, 50-70, for companionship. \$\frac{1}{228}(exp12/26)

ZEST FOR LIFE! Attractive, energetic DWPF, 38, 57*, brown blue, fit; toyes golf, blading,

sking, sports, dining, dancing. Seeking tall handsome, secure man, with a zest for life. Honest, passionate, and romantic. \$\overline{\pi}\$7109 HI, WHERE ARE YOU?

live been fooking for you! Me, widowed WF, 58, 52°, blonde blue. N.S. social drinker 11 ke myself and think you will, foo. You. 55-63, honest, caring, romantic, and sincere. Let's talk! \$7108(exp12/26) FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE Bussian woman, 29, 55°, 120-bs, new

in US, seeks good, American man

with strong family values. Believes in placing husband and family before Career \$7102(exp12/26)

TAKE A CHANCE... I might be your dream come true! Realistic, honest, down-to-earth DWF 38, 511°, HAV proportionate, bright attractive, traditional, warm, cozy enjoys Hame Improvement, music. outdoors, animals, cooking. Seeking cut SWPM: 38-45. 6 17063(exp12/26)

LIVE WIRE

Classy lady, attractive, petite, downto-earth style/humor, canno sharing Enfoys conversation, museums, fleadancing, spectator sports, If you're similar and want this superb relationship, respond \$7217 (exp12/26)

EXTREMELY CUTE

Sexy golden brown complexioned 8F engineer, 25, 5'4', 1281bs, independent Enjoys moves freplaces, pillow fights. Seeking attractive. race for fasting relationship. Serious inquiries only. \$7213(exp12/26)

DO I HAVE YOUR RIB? Widowed WF, young senior, seeks WM, 57+, N/D. Enjoy life, dancing,

travel, camping, desires LTR with gendeman. \$\frac{1}{27205}(exp12/26) SHORT AND HONEST DWF, 47, seeks SWM, 40-50, honest

man 7203(exp12/26) HOME COOKED MEALS SWF. 47. altractive redhead, 5'2'

curry figure, good-shape, easygoing, honest, sincere, affectionate, financially secure, no dependents. Seeking companion to share happy. home-life, good-cooking, movies, dancing, N/S preferred, 43-55; Pets welcome. \$26751(exp12/19) SMART AND SEXY Attractive, optimistic SWF, 30s, N/S

educated, professional, slender sweet, intelligent, blonde beau Varied interests: world-traveled, music, dancing, sports, country dub got. Seeking well-educated, accomplished, fit gentleman, \$77212(exp.12/26)

OLD-FASHIONED Divorced mother of one, 29, very shy blandish/brown, blue eyes, 5'7'

110fbs, enjoys dancing, cider mills, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. .☎7025(exp12/19) ECLECTIC SLENDER ATTRACTIVE

Brunette, 5'7", enjoys tennis, golf. boating, dancing, gardening, etc., etc., Seeking a gentleman, 50s-60s, 510°+, with varied interests. Let's start out friends. \$7061(exp12/19)

EMPTY NEST Attractive DWF, 38, 5'4", H/W proportionate, intelligent, seeks honest, compassionate S/DWM, 38-45, HW proportionate, for fine dining, long walks, and meaningful conversation 127052(exp12/19)

YOUTHFUL LOOKING Attractive, 34, 5'41/2", 115lbs, blonder green, mother of one, outgoing, en-loys dining out; movies, dancing, seeks honest, loyal, financially/ emo-

male for companionship. \$77051(exp12/19) COUNTRY CLUB LADY Ann Margaret look a like, mld-40s, patite 5'2" great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining out, golf. Seeking outgoing, active gentleman 50-60;

. financially/emotionally secure. *-5:11". Serious callere only.

1275537(6xix)12/19)

KNOCK, KNOCKI out, come out wherever you are. Attractive, sensitive, intelligent, never boring DWF, 46, with varied interests, humorous, financially/emotionally stable. Seeking S/DWM, 40-60, for friendship, possible LTR. All calls answered. \$27010(exp12/19)

SPECIAL LADY

Outgoing DWPF, 45, medium build, fairly attractive, N/S, financially Independent, loves children, family, outdoors, travel, theater, Seeking outgoing S/DWM, mature 40-50,

ARE YOU SMILING? GOOD! Then you're just the type who needs

adjusted. Seeking SVM, who

appreciates creativity, spontaneity, a

warm smile. Let's enjoy thunder-storms, wild concerts, cozy nights

THERE'S MORE TO LOVE ...

SWF seeks gentleman; 50+; 70

inches tall, with small-town personality

and old-fashioned manners. So-

phisticated and mature, not stuffy and

old Enjoys evenings out, quiet times

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PHO

SWF, 5'8", lit Cultured, tennis/golf/

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Seeking counterpart, 33-47. 22 6902

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together: 126914(exp1/9)

at home. \$26913(exp1/9)

(exp1/9)

Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 42, 5'7" brown/hazel, N/S, enjoy sports jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romantic, humorous, mature S/DWM, 38-52, 5'7"+, N/S. marriage 177003(exp12/19)

ENDLESS LOVE

YOUNG GINGER ROGERS

SWF, 22, professionally employed. with interests ranging from country swing, ballroom dancing, to computers, billiards and the theater. Seeking SWM, professionally employed, gentleman, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first! 176849(exp1/9)

SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC

Classy, tall, attractive, affectionate SWF, young 51. Seeking altractive SWM, 50+, with loving, passionate

nature, to share life, love, and travel in committed relationship. No.games! 126912(exp12/19) SWEET FEELINGS

DWF, 47, 517, seeks tall, large-boned male, who loves to smile, kiss, laugh Kids are grown (or almost), we're

employed, supposedly mature, now

the fun begins. Let's share this adventure together \$26728 (exp12/31) HEARING WITH AIDES DWF, early 50s, 5'4": 155 bs, N/S, employed, secure, honest and thoughtful. Likes fishing, travel, jazz.

woodworking and nature. Seeking N/S.

with similar traits. Friends first 136754(exp1/2)

HAPPINESS ... could be achieved, by meeting a cute, caring DWPF, 44, 5'2", red/green medium build, who loves dining dancing, golf, movies, outdoors, family, romance. Hoping to meet honest, caring man, with similar interests maybe you? \$2 6713

SEEKING SINCERE GENTLEMAN Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5.7°,

120lbs, brown/brown, selectively seeking professional sincere gentleman, for friendship, laughter and adventure, leading to more. Health-conscious and N.S. Interests travel, theater, jazz and nature

S DWM 45-55 N/S social drinker 5'10"+, HW proportionate, who enjoys dancing, music, romantic evenings, etc .for LTR: 17723(exp1/16)

HONEST, ROMANTIC

Attractive DWP-49: 5 61, 135lbs.

PETITE-PACKAGE COMPLETE SWF, 35, 51", brunette, sincere, outgoing. Enjoys summer outdoor activities, spending quality time with the right person. Are you out there? Attractive, blue-eyed SYM, at least 5'8", sincere, down-to-earth and

KIND-HEARTED

financially secure. 17566(exp1/9) DWF, 39, aubum/oreen, 5'4", 120 bs. N/S, no dependents, attractive, caring, enjoys movies, old cars, nature, art, animals. Seeking NS, N.Drugs, tall, fit

WPM, 36-43. 177565(exp1/9) SOULMATE WANTED

Petite, pretty, 5'5", 115lbs, slim-trim, 48 year-old blonde, brown eyes, degreed, enjoys tennis, golf, working-out, theater and romantic candlelight dinners, seeks soulmate in successful Caucasian professional, 45-58, with similar interests \$\mathbb{T}7564 (exp1/9)

SEEKING SOULMATE

Classy, slim, petite, red-head, late 40s, brown eyes, loves bowling, dancing, boating, live theatre, seeks male 45-60, under 6°, ready to be a kid agam, 177419(exp1/2)

JEWISH KENTUCKY BELL Roses are reddish, violets are bluish. seeking a gentleman who is Jewish, non-competitive, and sweet/warm. meet for bagels and lox, destiny

awaits us! \$27407(exp1/2) LOOKING FOR A KEEPER? Attractive, intelligent, loyal, full-figured SWF 36, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentle man to share time with, children welcome es aren't Let's not be ignely.

SATISFACTION QUARANTEED Attractive SWF, 23, 4'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football: Seeking SWM, 25-35 who is looking for a LTR: \$7429

17406(exp1/2)

BLACK MODEL TYPE SBF, 5 11", 155fbs, available for honest and mature SBM, 40-55, NS, N/Drugs: Let's talk: \$7014 (exp12/19)

SHAPELY SMART SENSATIONAL slender, sweet, blonde beauty, with varied interests including; world travel, country club god, dancing, and as the finer, things in life. Seeks companiohship with handsome, fit gentleman, 48-50, with similar traits/

Interests. \$27013(exp12/19)

SWM, 34, 150lbs, blue eyes, brown hair, cute, ready for something new, outgoing, intelligent, home owner. Seeks proportionate SWF, 29-39, good cook, homemaker, for monogamous relationship. Let's see what happens. \$\frac{1}{27741}(exp1/16)\$ SWPM, 34, 6', average build, black/green, N/S, social drinker. varied interests, open to trying new things, seeks female for com-panionship dating. \$27667 (exp1/16)

SOULMATE WANTED Petite, pretty, 5'5', 115ibs, slim-trim, 48 year-old blonde; brown eyes, degreed, enjoys tennis, god, working-out, theater, and romantic candicight dinners, seeks soutmate in a successful caucasian professional, 45-58, with similar interests. \$\pi\6703(exp12/19).

AUTUMN SEEKS SPRING Affluent, generous, Dakland County businessman, 51, seeks N/S, short, petite WF, 18-40 for relationship Everything top-class 🕿 7731(exp

HELLO CATHOLIC LADYI

never married and unbelievably

affectionate. Capture my heart

Romantic SWPM, 33, has everything now, except you. I'm also humorous, successful, world-traveled and familyoriented. Like me: please be N/S

MEN SEEKING

NORTH OAKLAND

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

SWM, 35, stim, 5'7'., attractive, smart,

SOUTHFIELD RESIDENT

BODY/MIND/SPIRIT

Gentleman 29, who has lived in the

Genteman zw., who has hived in the Orient and practices Chinese Kung-to, Taolst Yoga, Herbology and Reflexology seeks holistic minded female for friendship, Age, and race unimportant. \$27742(exp1/16)

RECENT BREAK UP

HOI HO! HO!

27745(exp1/16)

(exp1/16)

WOMEN .

with a great smile.

forever! 27729(exp1/16) SWM, 46, 5'8', likes to stay active, but enjoys the fireplace too, would fixe to share outdoors, family activities, friendship/romance with youthful, SHY AND SINGLE SWM, 39, non-professional, N/D, N/S. interests include: railroad trains, animals, zoos, museums, antiquas music, old music, old music machines and racquetball, seeks non-protessional WF, 24-36, for compan-

ionship, with same interests. \$7728 CARING SINGLE FATHER

SWM, 33, 51m, 57, a tirective, stress, independent, tkes sports, music, cars, tools, and more. Seeking fit, kind, SWF, 28-38, for future with similar interest. Hope to hear, from that special one soon. \$27744(exp1/16) DWM, 38, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks sincere, honest, slim WF, 28-38, who SWM, 36, 155lbs, dark blue eyes, enjoys quiet times, movies, dancing cuddling in front of a fire, boating. nice-looking, tun, witty, mechanically inclined, diverse interests: sports, skiing; snowmobiling, desires slim, HW proportionate SWF, 24-37, free time, dependents ok. Interested? Great-for happiness! \$\pi 7743 \tag{exp1716} camping, and water sports. No games. \$27727(exp1/16)

CHEERFUL Degreed professional, nifty 50, 5'10"

160lbs, with a zest for life, seeks N/S, physically fit lady, whose interests include: fravel, golf, dining, movies, and good conversation. \$\mathbb{R}\$ 7726

EBONY AND IVORY DBM, 40, 5'10', has Eddie Murphy

profile. Seeking WF with a personality that can awaken my heart, a kiss that warms my heart, and a love that stills my heart. Let's lalk. \$77724(exp1/16) ONE-WOMAN MAN

Christian business executive, SWM, 33, 64, has always been cerbate. 1900s, slender, nice smile, wild eyes, desires to meet tall, thinly-built, loving, unattached Christian woman, for friendship, possible relationship. 117732(exp1/16)

Clint Eastwood type, 45: 5'11". 200lbs, sharp, smart and sincere Seeking leading lady for a command performance. #27736(exp1/16) (exp1/16) BEST BACHELOR AWARD CARING in the spotlight' successful entre-

> ENGINEER looking DWM, 53, 6'1", 192 bs.

early 50s, varied interests, seeks kind-hearted lady for monogamous relationship, who values family, will take time to know somebody and who still enjoys flowers. Will answer all

Mid-50s DWM, fully employed, N/S, N/D, seeks a compatible WF, for a commitment. My interests include concerts, craft shows, flea markets

Reliable, handsome, witty DWM, 51. N/S, light drinker, enjoys romantic N/S, light drinker, enjoys romainu-walks, reading, sports, trips up north. Seeking petite, attractive S/DWF, 25-40, under 5'4", with similar interests/ gualities for LTR, North Oakland

Handsome, mature, honest, romantic sincere, athletic SWM, 23, 5,11°. Enjoys sunsets, moonlit walks. outdoors, music, biking. Seeking pretty, slender, affectionate SWF, 18-28, to talk, walk and journey through life with. \$\frac{\pi}{2}7579(\(\pi \pi \pi \pi \pi) \)

SEEKING BLACK FEMALE

possible relationship. 27576(exp1/9) SENSITIVE BLUE-EYED MAN Fun-loving DWM, 34, N/D, smoker, enjoys the outdoors, music, movies,

spending time together, seeks S/DF honest, trustworthy, sensitive, with

FLORIDA FOR WINTER SWM, 40, winters in Florida, enjoys good weather and outdoor fun, seeks vacation minded gal, anxious to escape the cold and come along.

\$7573(exp1/9) COMMITMENT MINDED SWM, 37, 6', 190/bs, brown/brown, handsome, adventurous, creative, intelligent, spiritual, N/S, athletic active with genuine honest values and

available \$7515(exp1/9)

SWM, 31, 5'11", 190lbs, dark-browrygreen, seeks SW/A/HF, 21-29, great sense of humor, who

LOOKING FOR FRIENDS IN CA

NEW YEARS CHEER! 30s-40s, with love in her heart to

spare. 7568(exp1/9)

Writer, film maker, with tropical winter locations for work. Myself: Youthful 47, 5'6', very fit, humorous, focused, financially secure. Desires to share with spirited-minded, caring, fit, fun, 25-45 young at heart tady a

WONDERFUL COMPANIONSHIP

FEMININE FERVOR FACTOR Dynamic SWM, 38, masculine handsome, self-employed, seeks feminine female to share an active, outgoing lifestyle. \$27563(exp1/9)

SEEKING ROMANTIC SOULMATE

Oh my love, my darling, I hunger for your touch... Very romantic, successful PJM, wants you to leave voice message with phone number, if are about 25-35. \$27562(exp1/9)

HONEST AND ROMANTIC

employed, financially secure, for friendship and romance. 77721 (exp1/16) CHIPPEWA MALE

SWM, 44, 6', 195/bs, seeks SWF, 30-

45, for caring, easygoing relationship. Enjoys dining out, long walks and going to movies. Seeks similar person. 27719(exp1/16)

NOT FOUND IN STORES Limited offer, white divorced male

and some spectator sports. ENDLESS SEARCH

SEEKING TRUE LOVE

Handsome, aihletic, honest, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 6°, dark hair, enjoys music, working out, having fun-Seeking slim, attractive, clean, sexy, romantic BF for friendship, fun.

interests, for possible LTR. 育7574(exp1/9)

depth. Seeking attractive, fit SF, 28-38, physically/emotionally/spiritually

DANCE ATTITUDE Seeking dance partner/best friend, for serious relationship must be slender 5'2"-5'4" and be serious about dancing SM 5'9", 180lbs, catm. honest, easygoing, enjoys C&W music and ballroom, \$77572(exp1/9)

likes to have fun. \$7570(exp1/9)

Parties and presents are near, feeling for love and romance to share SWM sophisticated tastes. Seeking lady,

pleasurable life together. 12 7567

Attractive SWM. 26, 5'8', 160lbs, hazel eyes, professionally employed, new to area, seeks S/DWF, 20-35,

Good-looking, thoughtful/caring, affectionate, honest WM, 50, 57, Fun-loving, professionally active SM, 49, 6', 210lbs, brown/brown, light fong walks. Seeking petite/medium-sized, warm, caring woman, 35-50, for

smoker, non-drinker, seeking attractive slender, SF, 40-50, who foves to travel, for fun, companionship, and quel times \$7720

N/S, MBA, excellent health/physical condition, ex-Marine, seeks attractive woman, 35-48, must be shapely, friendly, with great legs, someone special, for serious relationship! \$\pi7523(exp1/9)\$

SINCERE, PERSON-TO-PERSON

County. \$7716(exp1/16)

NEW GUY IN TOWN Warm: sincere, handsome, emotionally/financially secure Libra seeks attractive, fun-loving woman to explore friendship and more. I've been told i'm a good catch. Are you? Let's ta'k! #7424(exp1/2)

SOMEONE GENUINE DWM, 40, 5'6", 150lbs, brown/blue, handsome, affectionate, romantic, passionate, likes to cuddle. Seeking tite female, 29-39, to share variety of interests, for a long term, monogamous relationship. All calls answered. \$7418(exp1/2)

great

TIRED OF REJECTION... by low-lifes? Rather be rejected by a better class of person? Insatiably

NICE GUY Looking for old-fashioned girl, 40+.

are you still out there? If so, contact

SWM, 29, enjoys quiet evenings or going out, in search of mature SWF. who's tired of games and being alone.

Travel, quiet dinners, movies: 17405(exp1/2)

enjoys music, dancing, arts, seeks attractive female for friendship or LTR. 27425(exp1/2) COMMITMENT-MINDED Honest, sincere, physically fit DWM. 39, N/S, enjoys outdoor activities,

Eccentric, unique, extremely selective SWM, very attractive, financially secure, intelligent, extroverted. Searching for a woman with similar

fun. \$26898(exp1/9) SPECIAL PERSON Serious BM, mid-30s, seeks special lady, 27-45, for meaningful relanship and hopefully marriage. Must be serious, sexy, sincere, attractive and down-to-earth. No gold diggers or

extraordinary qualities including

inner/outer beauty, class, passion

sexiness, for long-term commitment

barfiles. \$76609(exp12/26) SANDY HAIR BLUE EYES

PERCEPTIVE, AWARE, SPIRITUAL ...describe us both. Healthy, handsome, open-minded SWM, young 34, with depth, seeks similarly con-

34. Pretty, painted, playful toes a plus: 177740(exp1/16)

OLD-FASHIONED GUY Handsome, honest, sincere, athletic, intelligent SWM, 23, N/S, good morals/values, seeks slender, pretty SWF, 18-26, with similar qualities/ interests, enjoys music, good con-

versant, understanding, com-passionate, free-spirited woman, 21-

versation, outdoors, working out. \$\pi 7739(exp1/16) BODY BUILDER Attractive, European SWM, 30, N/S, N/D: trilingual, enjoys reading, running, screenwriting. Seeking sincere, warm-hearted angel.

FUN AND ATTRACTIVE

77730(exp1/16)

DWM, 44, 6', 200/bs, social drinker, school teacher with full-time daughter. like to hunt, fish, play guilar, and spend time at family cottage. We are looking for attractive, in-shape, fun mother/mate. 127578(exp1/9) LOYAL AND SINCERE

Tall DWM, 6'4", stender, 52, in good

physical condition, honest, sense of

humor, N/S, self-employed, would like

to meet a slender, somewhat

attractive lady, 41-49, for com-panionship, possible LTR. \$757.1

(exp1/9) SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL

Altractive, outgoing WM, 45, with a

variety of interests, loves people.

Seeking same in petite WF, for friendship, maybe more. 7560 (exp1/9) OLDER WOMAN WANTED! Handsome romantic athletic confident, passionate, clean-cut SWM, 24, 6', dark hair. Seeking attractive, slender, caring, active, sexy WF, 25-45, for heavenly friendship?

elationship, that will keep you smiling.

SEEKS MODEL/DANCER Athletic, assertive, very attractive, romantic, sincere SWM, 24, 5'11",

77440(exp1/2)

17422(exp1/2)

sim WF, 18-32, with good personality, for friendship, maybe more. Your call could bring us together. \$\overline{x}\)7433 WHERE ARE YOU ANGEL Jewish gentleman with dark eyes. trim, honest, looking for heavenly body who is sweet, honest and kind,

let's meet for coffee in the clouds and

maybe more down on earth.

seeks athletic, caring, affectionate.

LOOKING FOR LOVE? Romantic SWM, 27, 6'2", 2001bs, brown/blue, enjoys sports, music

21-29, for possible LTR. 27417 TIME FOR A CHANGE SWPM, 41, 5'8", fit, dependent-less, communicative humorous enjoys a variety of activities, willing to learn more. Seeking trim, educated, emotionally available SWF, ready for a change. \$\pi 7415(\text{exp1/2})\$

romantic times, seeks sincere SWF

SWPM, 27, 5'10", 155lbs, dark hair and eyes, good-looking, outgoing, fun, enjoys sports, comedy clubs and much more. Seeking an outgoing, fun, attractive woman, 19-27. 77414

ARE YOU INTO UNIQUE?

Been told I have a kind, warm soul

ADVENTUROUS

weird wacky sense of humor, always altruistic and somewhat metaphysical Slim, sensual SJM, 44, 59°, 1550s, Taurus, seeks N/S SWF soulmate.

32-42. \$\frac{1}{12}7413(exp1/2)

SSSSSURE BET \$\$ Smart, Sensuous, Spiritual, Shapety, Smoker? Any four of the above qualifies you for consideration. All five makes you the leading candidate for this 40+, financially secure DWM, 5'9". 165lbs; fits all five. \$\overline{mathred} 7408(exp1/2)

CREATIVE MUSICIAN

Good-looking SWM, 23; dark/green,

unique, romantic, open, communi-

cative, athletic, clean-cut, deep think-ing, song writer/drummer. Seeking pretty, slender, creative, spontaneous, sweet SWF, 18-26, who also loves music. \$27227(exp12/26) SANDY HAIR BLUE EYES

Trim, somewhat rugged SWM, 34.

5'11', good-looking, would appreciate a nice, sweet, trim gal who enjoys outdoor activities, lakes, woods, and

back roads with a motorcycle, or

simply working around home, garden. \$\pi7223(exp12/26) SOMEONE SPECIAL 6'4', 200lbs, blond blue. Seeking SF, 24-40, enjoys bicycling, camping, movies, for sarious relationship 227209(exp12/26)

BODYBUILDER

Attractive, European SWM, 30, N/S, N/D, Inlingual, enjoys reading, running, screenwriting. Seeking sincere,

12/26) PERCEPTIVE, AWARE, SPIRITUAL

Pretty, painted, playful toes a plus. HELLO IT'S ME SWM, 38, 5'10', 185lbs, physically fit, N/S, N/D. Enjoys the outdoors, quiet tvenings, reading. Seeking SWF, 35-15, similar interests, N/S, N/D, kids velcome. 127024(exp12/19)

degreed, N/S, humorous, honest,

LOOKING FOR "THE ONE"

Attractive, never married WM, 43, 5,10, 165th, blondoblue, Catholic,

passionate, sexy SWM, 24, 6', great kisser, seeks slender, attractive, active SWF. Age unimportant. If you take being swept off your feet, give me a call. \$2.7019(exp12/19)

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(exp1/2)

7431(exp1/2)

SEEKING BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

DWM, 41, 5'10", brown brown, enjoys

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build, for long-lasting relationship

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LOST WITHOUT LOVE?

Love without lust? This desirable

SWM, near 40, has equal parts of love

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Occasionally mature SWM, probably

taller and better looking than you,

seeks laugh partner, maybe more.

AFFECTIONATE

Sincere DWM, 40, 6'3", blonde/blue.

N/S, seeks slim, attractive female, for

LATE 50S

lady, 21-39, likes skiing, golf, dining and Sunday mornings & 7357

HONEST AND LOVING

SEEKING SOULMATE

Nice-looking DWM, 54, 5'9", 145lbs.

companionship.

WF, 30-40 a plus. 177435(exp1/2)

nurturing, mutually fit relationship. \$7436(exp1/2)

#7561(exp1/9)

7437(exp1/2)

DWM, 46, 510", 180 bs, attractive and romantic. Seeking stim-medium build lady, age/race no barrier, and Llove children, LTR. #7111 (exp12/26)

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SERIOUS GUY

DIVORCED DAD SEEKS SANITY DWM, 43, 5'8" 1500s, N/S, 3 teens. Seeking companion for adult conversation, movies, outdoor fur hanging out, prefer slim, intelligent

17416(exp1/2)

curious, good-looking SWM, 39, would like to hear from you. 17412(exp1/2)

me. 27410(exp1/2) DOWN-TO-EARTH GUY

All calls answered. \$\Pi7409(exp1/2) BEEN THERE, DONE THAT 43 year-old bachelor, ready to settle down, 6'2", 190lbs, athletic build. brown/blue; owns own home, financially secure, college degree. Looking for pretty, slim female, 28-38.

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ART BEAT

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin in care of Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

OPENING RECEPTION

"Masked Revelations," an exhibit of watercolors by Taura Underys opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Berman Gallery and Lighting Studio, 303 Detroit Street, Suite 104 in Ann Arbor.

A Livonia resident, Undervs celebrates the figure in this show based on introspection. Her unconventional treatment of watercolor, removing paint as much as applying it, makes for a distinct individual style of abstract watercolors.

Underys, a graduate of Wayne State University, has had exhibits at the Bunting Gallery in Royal Oak, Start Gallery, Birmingham and Scarab Club, Detroit. "Masked Revelations" continues through Jan. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For information call the gallery at (313) 741-0571.

A GIRL'S WORLD

Farmington Observer photographer Sharon LeMieux was the guiding force behind "A Girl's World," a photography show continuing through Dec. 29 at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center, 508 Monroe at Trapper's Alley in Detroit's Greek town.

The work grew out of a photography study project, directed by LeMieux, for five girls from Southwest Detroit as part of an Alternatives for Girls' (AFG) Prevention Program. AFG is a private, nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting girls and young women who are struggling to find a place in society. The Prevention Program works with girls ages 5-17 to reinforce existing strengths and skills and provide opportunities for positive recreational and educational

experiences.

For hours call the gallery at (313) 963-5445.

GLASS STUDIO TOURS CONTINUE

There's still time to visit the hot glass studio of Plymouth

artist Don Schneider. From noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 and 22, Schneider will guide visitors through the process of making blown glass at York Street Glass, 875 York, north of Liberty in Plymouth's Old Village...

Although a working studio not a retail operation, Schneider will offer lampworked ornaments, beads, necklaces and blown glass furnace work such as vessels for sale.

This is the perfect opportunity and one of a rare few to learn how glass is heated to the consistency of honey in a 2400 degree melting furnace before gathering on the end of a blow pipe. It's a fascinating process.

DECEMBER SHOWS

The Livonia Arts Commission spotlights a mixed bag of mediums for the final shows this year

at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington.

Judy Spjut shares her personal collection of Santa Clauses from around the world in the second floor showcases through Dec. 29. A woodcarver, Spjut hand crafted many of the pieces.

Next door to the circular cases in the library's fine arts gallery, the collage and enamel art of Susan Rothemel of Chelsea remain on display until Dec. 27.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

FINAL DAYS

Time is running out to see the annual Holiday Art Show and Sale by members of the Garden City Fine Arts Association. The original works of art remain on exhibit until Dec. 14 at Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt in Garden City.

For more information, call Norma McQueen at (313) 2610379.

IMAGES FROM EPINAL

The University of Michigan Museum of Art presents a special exhibition of colorful 18- and 19th-century prints from the town of Epinal, France through Jan. 5. Admission is free.

A remote town in the mountains, Epinal was a world center for the production of popular prints for more than 200 years.

"Epinal: Early Images" features 170 woodcuts and lithographs focusing on a variety of subjects from devotional images and religious narratives to fairy tales, political propaganda, toy soldiers, educational games, and paper theaters. Aristoplay, Ltd., an Ann Arborbased company publishing educational games, was the sponsor.

The U-M Museum of Art is at 525 South State Street in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call (313) 764-3731.

FROM MANZANAR TO MOTOR CITY

An exhibition of historic photographs and artifacts, telling the story of Japanese Americans interned by the U.S. government during World War II, opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 at Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 East Adams on Grand Circus Park in Detroit.

Produced by the Detroit Chapter of the Japanese Americans Citizens League, the exhibit documents the plight of 115,000 adults and children abruptly taken from their homes and placed in concentration camps surrounded by barbed wire and armed guards. The images follow their migration from Manzanar to Michigan and Detroit after release.

The show runs through Feb. 1, along with an exhibit of "Peace Quilting." Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. For information or group visits call (313) 963-7575.

BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS

BOOKSTALL ON THE MAIN

(NORTHVILLE)

Poet Rishikavi Raghudas will be autographing copies of his epic poem on world peace and spiritual harmony, "The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light" beginning at 2 p.m. Dec. 14. A lyrical poem, 108 stanzas long, "The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light" tells the story of a lotus flower, symbolizing the human soul, and its struggle to ascend into the light of the sun. After overcoming its many obstacles, it blooms in the light and becomes an instrument of blessing to the world. Bookstall on the Main, corner of Main Street and Center, Northville, (810)348-1167.

BARNES AND NOBLE **BOOKSELLERS (WEST BLOOMFIELD**)

Barnes and Noble Mystery Reading Group meets to discuss 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; Murder in Scorpio" by Martha Former Detroit Tiger Mark Lawrence, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Fidrych signs copies of the 20th Dec. 18, at the store, 6800 anniversary collector's edition of

Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (810) 626-6804. Also Lincoln scholar Weldon Petz discusses "Abe Lincoln in Michigan" hefore the Senior Men's Breakfast Club, 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursday, Dec. 12; Barbara Timmerman, program director, Southeast Michigan, discusses "Living With Arthritis," before the Senior Women's Club breakfast meeting, 10:30 a.m.-noon Thursday, Dec. 19. Reservations required by calling (810) 738-2500.

BORDERS BOOK SHOP (BIRMINGHAM)

Clifford the Big Red Dog makes six appearances, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14-Sunday, Dec. 15, at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. (810) 644-1515

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (DÉARBORN)

Paddington visits story hour,

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"The Bird of Baseball: The Story of Mark Fidrych," 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; Open mic poetry group, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16; A.G. Edwards Financial Seminar topic is "Investment Strategies for a Record-High Market," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17; Story hour. features Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. "Explorations in Technology" fea tures a seminar on VB Script hosted by Prasad Lokam of Miracle Software Systems, Inc., 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18; Fiction book discussion group discusses "Paula" by Isabel Allende, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18; "Issues in Parenting" seminar topic is "It Takes More Than Love" led by Jacqui Rivait of JResources, at the store, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. (313) 271-4441

BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC (FARMINGTON HILLS)

Positive in a Negative World," 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the store, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110 **BORDERS BOOKS AND MUSIC**

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MusicHound contributor Christina Fuoco of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, and MusicHound editor Gary Graff host an event featuring the Howling Diablos and the promote Civilians to MusicHound, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the store, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. (810) 347-0810

HALFWAY DOWN THE STAIRS

CHILDREN'S BOOKSHOP Storyteller Dinghy Sharp, the great-great granddaughter of Clement Moore, reads " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas," and "The Cajun Night Before Christmas," 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the bookstore, 114 E. Fourth St., Rochester. Free. (810)

SHAMAN DRUM BOOKSHOP

University of Michigan professors Laurence Goldstein and Ira Konigsberg celebrate publication of "The Movies: Texts, Exposures" Receptions, (University of Michigan Press) with a book signing, 4-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; Karl Pohrt, Drum's owner and founder, and Clayton Eshleman show drawings from and the history of the Dordogne, France, caves, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the store,

311-315 S. State St., Ann Arbor. (313) 662-7407

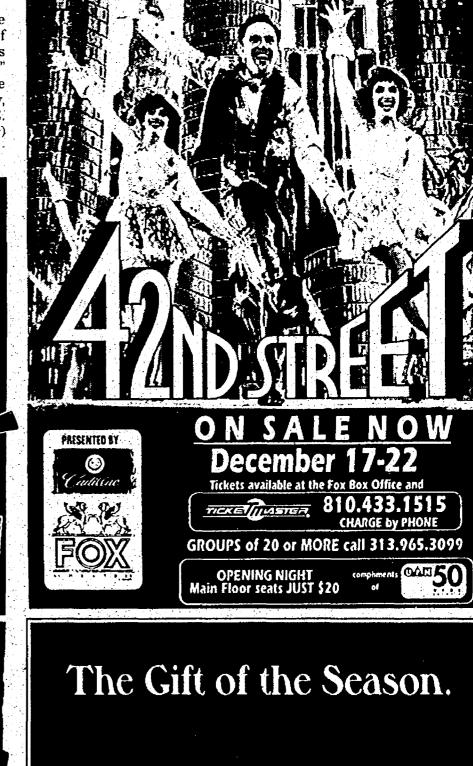
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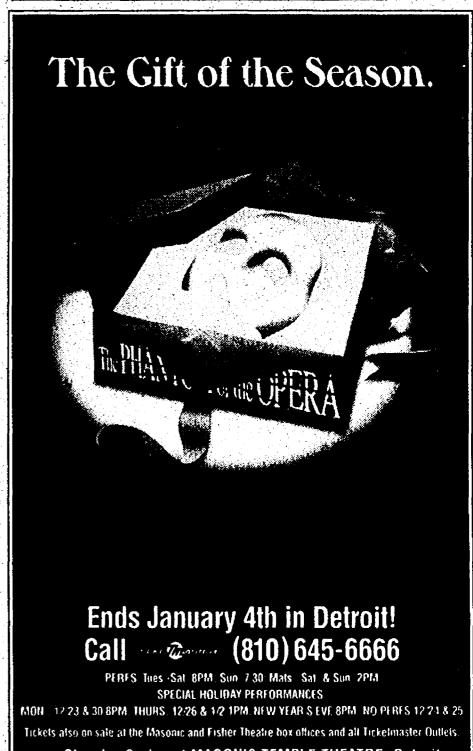
Troy author Stephanie Mellen signs copies of her latest book "The Golden Angel," 10 a.m. 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the store, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. (313) 435-8404. She will be at Waldenbooks (Sterling Heights), 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the store, Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights. (810) 247-0420.





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Fishbone's takes New Orleans cuisine to Southfield

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Gary Rumpp, general manager of the creole/cajun Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, gets straight to the punch when he describes his restaurant's new location in Southfield.

"We are extremely, extremely authentic in our food. It's good or better than what you'd find in New Orleans," the Grosse Pointe Woods resident said.

Maybe that's because the meats and other foods served at Fishbone's are shipped directly from Louisiana.

"We buy a lot of our food from Louisiana, right out of New Orleans. We buy all that from down there and ship things up here. It's expensive but it's worth

Fishbone's has an extensive menu of traditional Louisianastyle food; 54 dishes are available for dinner. Meals range from po-boy sandwiches made with fried shrimp or catfish, to hamburgers, to stuffed seafood flounder, filet mignon, whiskey bayou platters, and fried seafood. Seafoods, steaks, chops and chicken are grilled, broiled or bronzed, Fishbone's method of blackening food that uses a milder, more flavorful blend of spices and herbs.

Fishbone's counts among its specialties crawfish etouffee, jambalaya, catfish atchafalaya, snapper beausoleil, and zydeco chicken.

Bite-sized marinated, deepfried (alligator voodoo), boudreaux sausage platter, and bayou caviar are examples of the

24 items on the appetizer menu. Menu prices range from \$3.95 to \$9.95 for appetizers, \$3.50 to Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe

Where: 29244 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

Hours: 11 a.m. to midnight Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays and

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays for a jazz brunch with dinner following from 2 p.m. to midnight. Credit cards: All major cred-

it cards are accepted. Information: (810) 351

The original Fishbone's is located at 400 Monroe Street in the international Center Building in Detroit. That restaurant can be reached at (313) 965-4600.

\$4.95 for soup, \$10.95 to \$21.95 for dinners, \$1.95-\$7.95 for salads (Galvez Shrimp Salad, Pirate's Alley Olive Salad), \$5.95 to \$6.95 for sandwiches, and \$2.50 to \$3.95 for desserts.

Fishbone's drink list includes five house wines (Merlot, Chardonnay, Piesporter, White Zinfandel, and Cabernet Sauvignon), 20 different bottled. (everything from Blackened Voodoo to Red Stripe to Miller Genuine Draft), and six draft beers. The house drink is a hurricane, a mixture of light and dark rums and fruit juices.

Another in the long list of unique items at Fishbone's is its variety of non-alcoholic drinks made with non-alcoholic liquors like peach schnapps, amaretto, triple sec and coffee liqueur.

"We have a lot of people that request non-alcoholic drinks. It's

been on the market for years. It's just a matter of people having the desire to sell it," Rumpp said about the drinks.

Fishbone's has long been considered to be one of the best restaurants in the area - by locals and out-of-towners. Celebrities ranging from actors and actresses to musicians frequent the original location, which opened five years ago at 400 Monroe St. in Detroit's International Center Building. Although it has a haughty clientele, Rumpp stressed that Fishbone's is a casual restau-

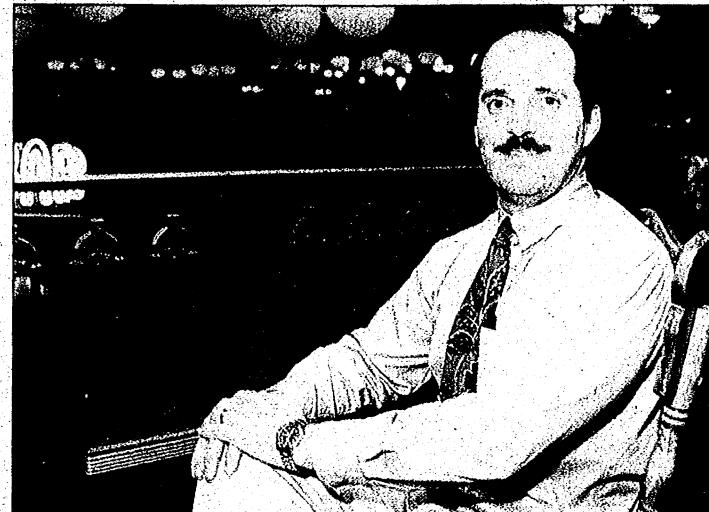
"At Fishbone's I've seen people come in wearing Levi's and I've seen people come in wearing tuxedos. It's a place to see and be seen. ... Fishbone's isn't one of those restaurants that you stop in just because you're driving by it. People go to Fishbone's for a reason. We do have a great reputation," Rumpp said.

Fishbone's management looked for years for a suburban location to open a second restaurant and settled on the former home to Carlos Murphy restaurant. The original plan was to remodel slightly, however, those plans changed.

"It was supposed to be more of a decorative remodel but turned out to be not only a restructural, but a gutting. As we got involved in it more, we just realized that it wasn't as ready as we though it was going to be in the beginning. So we ended up deciding to spend the extra money and do it

Once the restaurant opens Thursday, Dec. 12, the waitstaff will have gone through 55 hours of intensive training.

"It's a unique menu and they



Opening today: Fishbone's restaurant, specializing in cajun and creole food, opens its Southfield location Thursday, Dec. 12. General Manager Gary Rumpp said Fishbone's food rivals anything you'll find in New Orleans.

have to know about every single are good for them. item on the menu - what it looks like, what it tastes like, where the food comes from," Rumpp added.

The staff is also able to suggest to people who have food allergies or intolerances, and dietary restrictions which dishes

"They know what's in every single item from the spices to the

main ingredients." Executive Chef Faiz Albanna, formerly of the Detroit Yacht Club, will be able to oversee the restaurant through a glassed-in kitchen overlooks the open-air

restaurant. Large, spherical lamps light the room speckled by pedestal sinks available for patrons to wash their hands. The floors are tiled in keyboard and crawfish patterns.

"It's definitely a fun, festive atmosphere. It's noisy. It's not a place for a quiet dinner for two."

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

information Editor. Observer & Eccentric Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax (313) 591-7279.

HOLIDAY DINNERS

Schoolcraft College -Madrigal dinners 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 12-13, and invite you to join in this traditional Wassail feast and abundant holiday merriment. Royalty and their guests will dine in the Waterman Center on campus,

for 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. and leeks, broccoli florets, and Christmas at the Henry Ford turing classical and traditional Restaurant Specials to: Keely The cost is \$35 per person, call cranberry and orange steamed Estate on the campus of The sounds of Christmas, will be pre-Wygonik, Taste/Entertainment (313) 462-4417 for reservations. pudding with apricot-cinnamon University of Michigan-sented 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Festivities commence as the creme glaze. Throughout the Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Madrigal Singers, under the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Dearborn. For reservations/infordirection of conductor Steve Neighbors All provide music on mation, call (313) 593-5590. SeGraves, enter the hall in costume to present the Wassail and toast the season. Diners will then partake of the prime rib menu's many courses, each presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony. The bill of fare includes assorted breads and rolls, mixed greens with dried fruits and nuts, celeraic and potato gratin, glazed carrots

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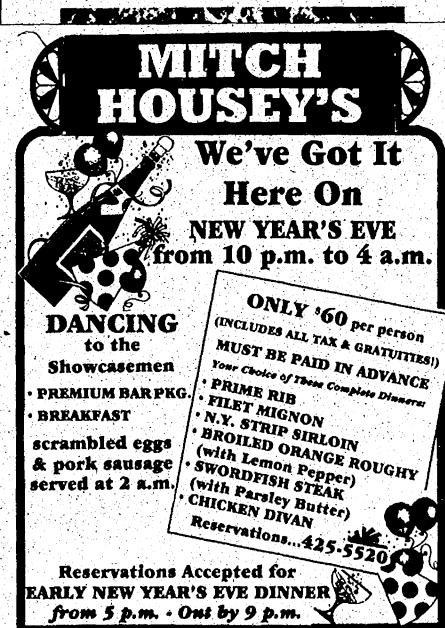
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MEDICAL

It's cold out there

Oakwood Rehabilitation Centers offer several tips for coping with the bone-chilling weather of Michigan winters.

Injuries caused by cold temperatures are more likely to occur when there is a combination of cold and brisk, high winds. Use multiple lavers of clothing to help trap air and insulate the body from the cold. And don't forget your hat - about 30 percent of the body's heat loss can be lost from the surface area of the head.

Cover areas such as the nose, ears, cheeks, fingers and toes because these are farthest away from large muscle groups and deep organs that have a greater blood supply. Tight-fitting shoes or gloves will increase the risk of frostbite because of decreased circulation.

Remember: alcohol does not help you warm up, it dehydrates you and causes loss of heat and decreases your senses.

To show just how cold it can get: A 25 mph wind reduces a temperature of 25 degrees Fahrenheit to -5 degrees and a 20 mph wind takes the temperature to zero.

Take five

Experts recommend that people learn to "take five" when it comes to eating healthy — that's five servings of vegetables and fruit, that is.

They're easy to fix and serve, there are many choices, they're the original fast food, they taste great and they're good for you, according to the National Cancer Institute.

One serving can include: one medium fruit, or half a cup of small or cut-up fruit; 3/4 cup of 100 percent fruit juice; 1/4 cup of dried fruit; 1/2 a cup of raw or cooked vegetables; 1 cup of raw leafy vegetables such as lettuce and spinach; and 1/2 cup of cooked beans or peas such as lentils, pinto beans and kidney beans.

Trampoline trouble

Americans are jumping on the new home trampoline trend.

But before you let your children hop on board, consider that more than 40,000 children were treated in emergency rooms across the country in 1994 alone for trampoline-related injuries. Dr. Jay Berkelhamer, chairman of pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital, warns that trampolines can be dangerous when exuberant children lose control and land off-balance on the mat, springs, edge or ground.

In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that trampolines not be used in homes or schools.

If you do allow your children to use trampolines, Berkelhamer suggests allowing only one child on at a time and always having an adult spotter supervise.

New facility opens

Sinai Health System has opened a new Family Practice Center at 15400 W. McNichols Road at the corner of Greenfield. The new facility boasts 15 exam rooms and two procedure rooms and will have four attending physicians trained in the areas of obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, occupational preventive health and internal medicine.

Patients will also have access to a clinical psychologist, certified occupational health nurse and other specialized nursing staff members. Call (313) 493-6510 for information.

Don't forget breakfast

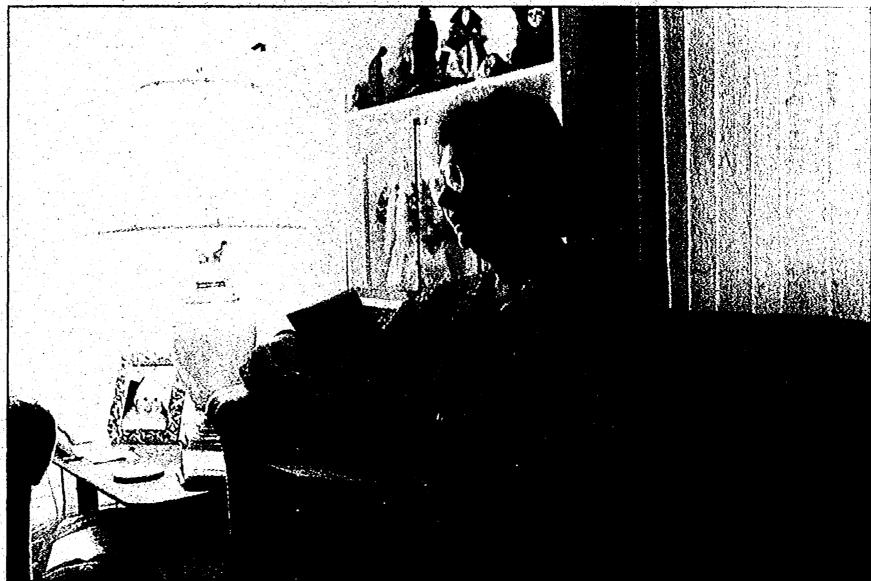
New information reveals that 52 million Americans will miss the most important meal of the day this coming holiday season — and it's not the one with richly buttered and sauced foods like biscuits, stuffing, gravy and candied sweet potatoes.

They will make the mistake of skipping breakfast during the holidays in an attempt to "save up" for the traditional holiday feast. Breakfast takes on even greater importance on those days when people tend to overindulge.

"Skipping meals is not the answer to avoiding extra pounds during the holiday season," said Donna Shields, registered dietitian and nutritionist. "Our metabolism seems to work more efficiently if we eat smaller, more frequent meals, as opposed to the 'skip-and-binge' syn-

She recommends a bowl of whole grain cereal with half a grapefruit or drinking a large glass of grapefruit juice mid-morning as a healthy way to curb appetite. "Grapefruit juice is also a quick 'pick-me-up' when you're too busy to sit down to a meal," she added.

Items for Medical Briefs are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be typed or legibly written and sent to: Medical Briefs, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150 or faxed to (313) 591-7279.



Sharing Information: Retired Livonia nurse Olga Cameron is always prepared to share information about breast cancer as a volunteer with the Karmanos Cancer Institute. She also hosts classes showing women how to do breast self-exams.

19~YEAR BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR

lga Cameron is offering something as precious as gold, but at no charge. The retired Livonia nurse and

19-year breast cancer survivor is sharing the wealth of knowledge from years of experience both with developing the disease and learning to live with it. It's the kind of information, she said,

which can save lives.
As a volunteer speaker with the Karmanos Cancer Institute, formed in 1994 to integrate the Michigan Cancer Foundation, the Meyer L. Prentis Comprehensive Cancer Center and the cancer programs at the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State University, Cameron has the opportunity to touch the lives of dozens of women each year.

She is also a Reach to Recovery volunteer, a one-on-one cancer counseling program through the American Cancer Society.

"Having been a breast cancer survivor and it's been 19 years, I found I had something to give back," said Cameron, who worked 31 years for Grace Hospital. "My mission is to have you take care of your own health care."

She will visit any group, anywhere in the area, to teach women how to do a breast selfexam and to share information about breast anatomy and cancer screening.

The National Cancer Institute recommends a set of simple guidelines for women's breast health. If all women followed these guidelines, breast cancer. mortality would drop by 30 percent, according to information from Karmanos. With early detection, such cancers are 90 percent curable.

The guidelines stress that:

All women should practice monthly breast self-examinations, beginning at the onset of menstruation. Annual breast exams by a health care professional should also been done. Self-exams should be done the week after a woman's period, or for those without a regular cycle, on a monthly basis at a time she can remember.

■ Women over the age of 40 should receive a screening mammogram every one to two years.

■ Women over the age of 50 should receive an annual screening mammogram.

A mammogram can detect the presence of small breast cancers up to two years before they can be felt; 80 percent of breast. lumps are non-cancerous. Any woman with a family history of breast cancer should consult her physician and follow his or her screening recommendations.

Cameron said some women avoid getting mammograms

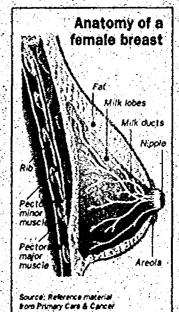
role model for women

STORY BY CASEY HANS . STAFF WRITER

About breast cancer . . .

- The lifetime probability of breast cancer among American women is about one in eight -a probability which increases with age. At age 40, the chances are one in 217; by age 50, one in 50; by age 60, one in 24; and by age 85.
- In 1996, 180,000 American women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. That's 493 per day, 21 per hour, or one new diagnosis every three minutes. The good news, is that 80 percent of lumps found through screening are benign, or non-cancerous.
- In 1996, 46,000 American women will die of breast cancer. More than 7,000 Michigan women will be diagnosed with the disease; 2,000 will die of breast cancer this
- All women are at risk for breast cancer; the two main factors are: being a woman and growing older. Other high-risk factors include: family history, having your first child after age 30 or never carrying a child to full-term, beginning menstruation before age 12 and/or menopause after age 50, and being overweight.

For information about breast cancer screening and programs in the Detroit Medical Center community, call 1-800 Karmanos or for information about cancer facts call the Cancer Information Service of Indiana and Michigan at 1-800-4-CAN-CER. Both numbers are toll-free. Information provided by the Karmanos Cancer Institute



know" if there is a problem, or because they experience pain. "The attitude of 'I don't really want to know, so I'm not going to do it' - that really disturbs me, especially from educated people," she said. "You have to know your own body and pick up on changes. It's better you find it

She said it is important that technicians get a good picture on the film, which means compressing the breast fully, which may cause some discomfort for a brief time. Cameron likens good breast health and screening tests to going to the dentist. "Most people don't like the dentist, but they go," she said. "It is a health

when it's little so you can avoid

bigger problems."

maintenance thing." Others, especially older women, are uncomfortable touch-

because "they don't want to ing their bodies, so don't do monthly self exams, she said.

Cameron's own cancer was a unique type which wasn't detected by a mammogram. Her cancer was inside the breast lobes, where it was discovered first by a breast self-exam, then a visit to the doctor. She also experienced pain, which very often is not the case with breast cancers. She said her tumor was attached to a chest muscle, which caused movement to be painful.

"I was upset. The fact that I was a nurse went out the window," she said, adding that her nurse co-workers were concerned upon learning of the diagnoses. "But I didn't show I was upset." My family took their cues from me - I wasn't upset, they said, so they weren't.

In fact, she was terribly upset at her diagnosis: "I thought I was and friends together."

going to die," she said.

That was 19 years ago, and now Cameron lives with lymphodema - the swelling of the arm common in women whose breast-area lymph nodes are removed during surgery or affected by radiation or other treatment. The lymph system removes fluids and other impurities in the body. She is using a new treatment which includes wrapping the arm, exercise and superficial massage which sends the fluids to other parts of the body so they can be expelled. The program is currently not covered by insurance, but is very effective, she said.

Jane Hoey, assistant director of Breast Cancer Outreach and Education for the Karmanos Cancer Institute, said society has come a long way since she joined the organization 16 years ago.

"In those days, all we talked about were symptoms," she said. "That's all we knew. Now we talk about prevention." She said good education has debunked many of the cancer myths such as "surgery spreads cancer," "cancer is contagious," "mammograms give too much radiation," and that "if I don't have a family history, I won't get it."

The biggest issue today is to help women overcome their fear of cancer - and the screening process. There is a fear of what they might find, and a fear of the actual mammogram procedure, she said.

"One of the most important things is to have role models and to be positive about it," she said. That's why it helps to have women like Olga Cameron in a position to share their experiences and to show that women can survive the disease, she said. There are between 75-100 people trained for the Karmanos speakers' bureau, ready to provide information to any group, any time.

Another issue is to keep the issue front and center. Although most women today have had at least one screening mammogram, at least half have not continued the screening process, Hoey said. "We need to stress that it's more painful to get breast cancer and have surgery than it is to have an annual mammogram," she said.

One of the ways Karmanos keeps the word out is through the annual Race for the Cure, held at the Detroit Zoo in the spring; the 1997 race is scheduled for April 19. Last year, some 13,500 participated in the event, which celebrates breast cancer survival and encourages women to network. "It's a real happening - it's the kind of thing that brings mothers and daughters

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kidney problems or diabetes. If you have conditions that can increase your risk of muscle breakdown, which in turn can cause kidney damage, your doctor should temporarily withhold or stop 2000R. Such conditions include severe intertion, low blood pressure, major surgery, trauma, severe metabolic, endocrine and electrolyte disorders, and uncontrolled seizures. Discuss this with your doctor, who can explain these conditions

Because there are risks in combining therapy with ZOCOR with lipid-lowering doses of nicolinic acid (niacin) or with drugs that suppress the immune system, your doctor should carefully weigh the potential benefits and risks. He or she should also carefully monitor patients for any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness, particularly during the initial months of therapy and if the dose of either drug is increased. Your doctor may also monitor the level of certain muscle enzymes in your body, but there is no assurance that such monitoring will prevent the occurrence of severe muscle disease.

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He will in his new position oversee outpatient services offered in the Diagnostic Services Center. He earned a BA in economics and management from Albion College and a master's degree in hospital and health administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Ankle sprains

- Dr. Tony Bouffard, M.D., a Henry Ford Hospital radiologist, recently presented a study on high ankle sprains at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America in Chicago, Ill. The study was co-authored by athletic medicine specialist Dr. Henry T. Goitz, M.D., and radiologist Marnix van Holsbeeck, M.D., both of Henry Ford.

Bouffard said high ankle sprains differ from the classic ankle sprain in that there usually is minimal swelling, tenderness and pain but it takes longer to heal. The Henry Ford researchers concluded that ultrasound can help diagnose high ankle sprains.

High ankle sprains occur when a person plants down on the inside of the foot and pushes, causing a twist in the upper part of the ankle where it meets the mid-calf. Often, it is made worse of someone falls on top of the leg. They are usually not seen in regular X-rays.

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MedHealth

Dennis A. Christen will serve as executive vice president of the Wellness Centers of MedHealth Systems Corporation, a medical, rehabilitation and wellness services company based in Plymouth.

Christen will oversee development of all programs and services at centers currently operating in Plymouth and Riverview as well as plans for future centers. He graduated from the University of Chicago and earned a master's degree in health care administration from Ohio State University.

Cosmetic surgeon

Dr. Lawrence Castleman, M.D., has assembled a practice

under one medical group which allows the staff the ability to use the latest technology to help patients maintain or improve their health and appearance. The Michigan LaserGraft Center in Troy and Southgate offers treatment for many conditions, including laser treatment for spider veins and to transplant hair on thinning or receding hairlines. Castleman is also a pioneer in the use of the dfug Redux in treating obesity.

New procedure

A new corrective procedure to improve eyesight called Lasik combines the use of the Excimer laser procedure and Lamellar corneal surgery. Dr. Donald Fiander of the LaserGraft Center in Southgate and Troy is one of the first doctors in the U.S. to use the new technique. It offers the potential to be effective for individuals with nearly all ranges of nearsightedness and farsightedness.

Doctor travels

Dr. Lawrence Morawa, M.D., of Oakwood Healthcare System

recently traveled abroad to demonstrate his knee surgery technique to other physicians. The procedure is known as Total Knee Replacement and has been used for many years to alleviate arthritic suffering. The orthopedic surgeon visited three cities and performed eight TKR surgeries in Australia. He spent four days in Japan where he demonstrated and taught the TKR technique to Japanese physicians. He performed two surgeries in Japan.

Symposium attended

Steven M. Lewin, D.O. of Plymouth, recently returned from the annual Osteopathic College of Radiology meeting in San Diego, Calif. The symposium covered new methods of detecting vascular disease, bony fractures and other radiological procedures. Dr. Lewin is an associate of Dr. Robert Gordon, at the Family and Sports Medical Center in Plymouth, where he practices both radiology, family and sports medicine.

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the hospital auditorium, near the Five Mile entrance. For information, call (313) 655-2922 (800) 494-1650.

THURS, DEC. 12

MENOPAUSE

Sandra Plumer, director of Botsford Hospital's Geropsychiatric Unit, provides an overview of the emotion changes women can expect during the years preceding menopause at 7 p.m. in Botsford's Health Development will address a Diabetes Support Network, 39750 Grand River Group meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Ave., Novi. Cost is \$5 and regisat St. Mary's Hospital. There is tration is required. For more no fee and registration is not information and registration, required. The group will meet in call (810) 477-6100.

SAT, DEC. 14

CHILDBIRTH CLASS

A prepared childbirth class, Saturday workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Rooms A-B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 for information.

WED, DEC. 18

HOLIDAY CHEER

The MCF Circle of Fellows will meet 6:30 p.m. for a holiday party to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. "Holiday Cheer" will be hosted by Heidi's Salons owners Heidi and Michael Stein in their

Bloomfield Hills home. It will include cocktails and a dinner buffet featuring several Lebanese delicacies. Proceeds will support research, treatment, education and outreach programs. For reservations or information, call DeMarco Willis. (800) 527-6266.

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ALZHEIMER'S

An Alzheimer's Support Group meeting will be 10 a.m. to noon at the Livonia Civic Senior Center. 32000 Civic Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads in Livonia. The meeting is free and will feature conversation. For information, call (810) 557-8277.

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Online crocheters warm up to charity groups



ners there is a group of people who enjoy doing crochet and are involved in various charitable projects using their crochet skills.

Users can find out about Crochet Partners without joining the E-mail dis-

cussion group by visiting the group's Web site at http://www.nas.com/~shefog/crochet/CP.html.

Some partners do crocheting for Habitat for Humanity. Thereis a pattern for a door hanging available at a Web site that partners can download and follow. The group asks people to make the pattern and donate it to their local Habitat for Humanity. The finished product is then hung on the door of new homes built by Habitat just before the new owners move in.

One of the major charities the

Crochet Part- ject Linus. It's called Project ject because many people could Linus epitomizes the love of blankets.

> Project Linus started on Christmas Eve 1995 when an article appeared in Parade Magazine, "Joy to the World," by Eddie Adams. The article mentioned a small child going through intensive chemotherapy who got through the treatments with help of a security blanket. After reading the article, Karen Loucks-Baker decided to provide homemade security blankets to Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center in Denver and Project Linus was born.

> There is one Project Linus coordinator who tells participants what color scheme the current afghan is. Then several people make granny squares and mail them to the coordinator who then sews them all together and donates them to Warm-up America, which in turn donates them to the homeless.

But most of Linus projects involve afghans for children. Linus is really quite a neat pro-

Linus because Peanuts character not afford the time or money to donate an entire handmade afghan, but they can afford to do several granny squares.

I received an E-mail form Karen Loucks-Baker who is the founder and national coordinator of Project Linus. Loucks-Baker tells me that the project now has about 70 chapters which have delivered more than 2,500 security blankets to seriously ill children nationally.

Right now, there are two Project Linus chapters in Michigan, one in Ann Arbor and the other in Grand Rapids with the possibility of a third chapter starting in Ovid, Mich.

The Project Linus coordinator for Michigan is Amie Flexner of Ann Arbor. Onliners who are interested can contact Amie via E-mail at kittycat@phoenix.org. Users also can learn more about Project Linus by visiting its national Web site at http://members.aol.com/blankets or by sending an E-mail inquiry to Prictlinus@aol.com

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dote about a man in Reed City, Mich., who had read an article in Annies Attic's newsletter about Project Linus, The gentleman from Reed City has a neck injury which has affected the feeling and use of his arms for the last few years. To keep his arms form atrophying, he has crocheted afghans upon afghans, and given most of them away.

After learning about Project Linus, the Reed City resident donated several blankets which passed them on to the children at Mott's Children's Center. So it looks like Michigan's fourth Project Linus chapter might be in Reed City.

Another charity the Crochet Partners are involved in is Caps for Kids. This is a project where partners make caps for kids whose parents can't afford them — a contribution that is especially important during these winter months. (I am told there also is a group which does blankets for homeless animals, but I'm feeling a tug on my leg with that one.)

Another partner is heavily tion. involved in Navy Relief and has http://mel.lib.mi:us/social/SOC-

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recruited others to her cause. Anyone who contacts their local Naval office will be given enough yarn to make a baby layette. The volunteer then makes the layette and donates it to the U.S. Navy. The layettes are given to young servicemen and servicewomen who are having a child and may not be able to afford much.

I think Crochet Partners is a neat group which is doing a lot of good using the Internet. So I've included a link to the group in the "fun places to go" area of my home page http://oeonline.com/~emoryd/arc hive.html.

MEL charities help

The Crochet Partners, of course, is not the only group on the Internet supporting charity. Donna Wair, the librarian at Vanderbilt University, recommends onliners take a look at the Social Issues & Social Services section in the Michigan Electronic Library which can all be found in the Non-Profits section of the Social Issues collec-Go

The Michigan Comnet at this site has a listing of local charities and items they need for the poor during the holidays. When you reach Michigan Comnet, connect as a guest and click the "You Can Make The Difference" button.

The MEL charity page links to groups which provide information on charities to help individuals make informed decisions when making charitable donations. Among the links are those to: Council of Michigan Foundations: National Charities Information Bureau; Guide Star Navigating the Charitable Universe; the National Center for Non-Profit Boards; and the Philanthropic Advisory Service provided by the Better Business Bureau among several others.

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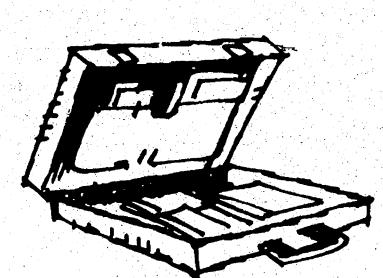
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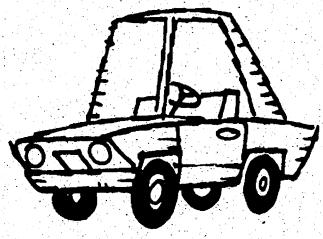
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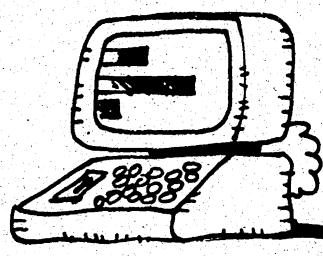
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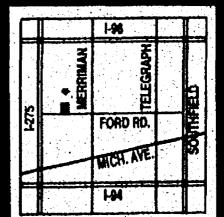


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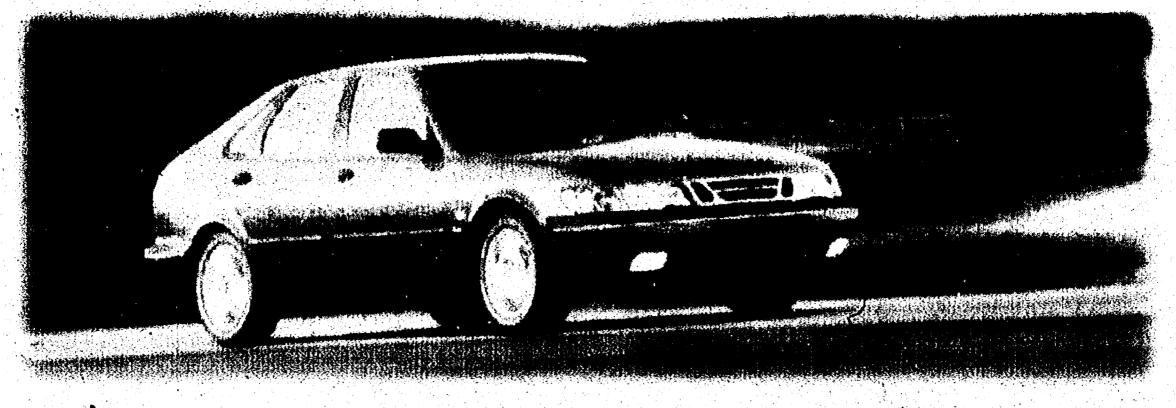


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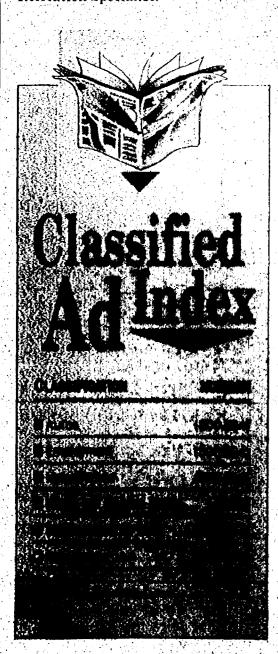
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attended the National Conference of Realtors in New Orleans with other top sales producers from Michael Judge around the

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Building president: Scott R. Jacobson will lead the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, one of the largest of its kind in the nation, next year.

Jacobson to take helm at BIA

By Doug Funke

The good times continue to roll for

residential builders here. But that doesn't mean that Scott R.

Jacobson, incoming president of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan, is about to let it rest on its laurels.

Jacobson, 42, a Birmingham resident, sees several major issues facing his membership of 1,900 builders, subcontractors, suppliers and providers of ancillary services.

"A current problem is manpower,

finding qualified trades to get work done," Jacobson said. "Demand is high for housing, and lack of available tradesmen is affecting work. Our deliveries are behind a month, a month and a half, in our larger projects.

"We have to band together so we can attract young people to get involved with the building industry," he said. "We're working now at putting together a training program starting with roughing carpenters." Builders have other concerns.

"Obviously, we have to deal with communities and their regulations," Jacobson said, "In some areas, we have problems getting building permits on a timely basis.

"And the Michigan Energy Code is something we're dealing with," he added. "The big concern builders have

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Scott Jacobson

is how it impacts cost. The consumer a charge out of seeing a raw piece of eventually pays that cost. We just land and, two or three years later, see don't want it to become too restric-

"I want to get involved educating builders, help them understand this is a business," Jacobson said. "We plan to be more involved this year with business and financial seminars for members."

president as an expediter, serving as a sounding board for members and spokesman for their concerns.

Jacobson, whose father, Ted, served as president of the association in 1964, always figured he'd end up as a builder himself.

"I prided myself on being the fastest laborer he ever had," Scott Jacobson said. "I was sweeping floors when I was 14. I thought it was exciting see-

ing product produced. "I went through Michigan State in its residential construction program, worked for my father a couple of years. It was a good experience. In 1979, I started my own company."

Jacobson has been selected as both Builder of the Year and Young Builder. of the Year by the association.

a community built and know we've been involved in this," he said.

Jacobson, who's currently building in 14 communities, expects to deliver more than 200 houses this year.

"There's a substantial demand for housing now," he said. "People are working. Interest rates are favorable. Jacobson also sees his role of BIA Builders will go where there's water, sewers and property to be developed. Builders will move out as demand is there."

And the general reputation of builders?

"Hopefully, builders are perceived in a positive light," Jacobson said. "I think all builders try hard to produce product that is good. Some don't succeed. It's important that they continually educate themselves, look at new things taking place in the industry.

"I'm learning something every day," he said. "I think it's important for builders to find ways to get better at

what they do, as in any business." Good things come with membership in BIA, Jacobson said.

"There's a lot of camaraderie, a lot of networking that takes place. A lot "I enjoy creating communities. I get of business I've done has come about president."

through people I've met in the building association. Most builders I know are friendly. Certainly, they share information," he said.

Jacobson enjoys exercising in his basement studio and spending time with son, Maxwell, and fiancee, Roslyn, when he's not tending to busi-

Ted Jacobson, still active as a developer, said he's delighted to see his son attain the same top leadership position in the association he once held.

"He's full of energy. He loves building. He's very interested in design and ethics of dealing with customers and satisfying customers," Ted Jacob-

"Once he got started, there was no stopping him," the father continued. "He had the drive and feel. He really works at the business."

Gary Shapiro, a developer/builder, knows Scott Jacobson as a friend and business partner.

"He's a class guy," Shapiro said. "He's got great integrity. He's conscientious, he's creative and he understands the business, He's always a great reflection on all communities he builds in.

"It's a small town, and what's good for one is good for another," Shapiro said of BIA members. "Scott understands that. The association couldn't have picked a better person to be

Property owner defeats the state in court battle



landowner was successful in prevailing against the state for compensation concerning the deprivation of the owner's right to use the property in the context of a restaurant. Do you have any information that can enlighten me on that?

A. In a landmark decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals, a landowner's property was deemed unlawfully "taken" where the state refused to allow a restaurant to be built on the property because it was

part of a wetland. The landowner, who had sued after the Department of Natural Resources denied the building permit, was granted more than \$5 million in just compensation damages.

The court indicated that the regulation that the est in the state constitution and the legislative decla- ous items with which they should be bothered and, in

Q. I have read recently that a ration in the Wetland Protection Act and the Michigan Environmental Protection Act do not constitute background principals of nuisance and property law sufficient to prohibit the use of the restaurant owner's land without just compensation.

This is indeed a landmark case that may open the floodgates regarding deprivation of development around wetlands.

Q. I am a member of a board who is upset with a decision by a circuit court judge on pet enforcement who obviously had no compassion for condominium associations, nor an appreciation for the legal fees and costs which we have to incur in enforcing our restrictions.

How can we make judges appreciate the seriousness of problems in community associations more effectively, particularly in the area of parking and pet restrictions?

DNR relied on in refusing to grant their permit condominium restrictions in your case. While this is denied the landowner all "economically beneficial or not the case with respect to all judges, obviously, productive use of the land". The court was basically some judges have a notion that rules, regulations and saying that the generalized invocation of public inter- restrictions in community associations are not seri-

some instances, judges feel that the enforcement of some restrictions is like the tickets issued by a municipality, sometimes failing to recognize the need to protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants.

Moreover, some judges are sometimes insensitive to the need of the association to retain counsel and to sometimes vigorously enforce the restrictions and rules and regulations, thereby resulting in the incurrence of substantial legal fees and costs which the condominium statute provides for by way of reimbursement to the association.

Obviously, if your attorney cannot convince the court of the merits of your case, you and your membership have recourse through the electoral process and/or can appeal the decision.

Robert M. Meisner is an Oakland County area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. You are invited to submit topics that you would like to A. The judge obviously did not take seriously the see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI

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With Old Man Winter fast approaching and people moving indoors for weekend activities. now is a good time to consider a few easy and affordable ways to spruce up the home. And, with a little creativity and the right tools, a do-it-yourselfer can completely alter the way a room looks without s endin a lot of money.

1. With the right color paint and proper tools, a homeowner can improve the appearance of a room for as little as \$20.

2. Sponge or rag painting is a great way to change the appearance of the walls, adding texture and detail to an otherwise flat Veach. surface. "Similar effects can be created with cloth and even plas- room cabinets does not necessaritic bags," says Doreen Veach, an ly mean installing brand new interior design expert with The cabinets. A homeowner can Home Depot. "All three tech- change the appearance of cabiniques are eas to learn and fun nets with self-adhesive enamel to apply."

3. Wallpapering a room is no longer a job for a professional. With the creation of self-adhesive wall paper, offered in numerous colors and styles, the do-ityourselfer simply needs to wet the back of the a er and han it with a rolling brush.

4. If wallpapering an entire ciling are economical and easy to

do - with a few basic tools.

5. New carpeting or area rugs soften a room and give it a fresh look. More colors, textures, designs and sizes are available than ever before.

6. Installing a new light fixture in a hallway or above the kitchen table can change the lighting and overall feel of a room.

7. Window treatments, such as custom-order blinds or curtains, can really dress up a window. "Scarf valances, the yards of fabric you see draped around curtain rods, can also turn a formal room into a comfortable and romantic living space," says

8. Changing kitchen or baththat can be easil a lied over most cabinetry.

9. Although a bit more expensive, installing new windows or replacing doors can dramatically change the feel of a room.

10. New ceramic tile or flooring in a foyer, bathroom or kitchen can improve the look of a home and is less expensive than most room is out of the question, add a people think. A homeowner can wallpaper border or stencil a desi purchase flooring for a reasonn on a wall. Bordering and sten- able price and successfully install it.

National home sales declined in October

BY JOHN D MCCLAIN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - New home sales plunged 8.7 percent in October to the lowest level in seven months. Each of the nation's regions shared in the loss, the second straight, which was seen as fresh evidence of a moderating economy.

Sales of single-family homes totaled a seasonally adjusted. 714,000 annual rate, down from 782,000 in September and the lowest since a 713,000 rate last March, the Commerce Department said today.

The drop was the largest since sales plummeted 9.1 percent, also last March. And, the report showed, sales in September were much weaker than the initial 816,000 estimate a month ago,

Still, sales in October remained above 700,000 for a 10th straight month, the longest stretch since a 36-month period between October 1976 and September 1979. So far this year, sales are 13.5 percent above those of the first 10 months of last year.

Many analysts had expected sales to drop to a 775,000 rate after reaching a 10-year high in August. Analysts said the 819,000 annual rate then could not be sustained.

Existing home sales also dropped in October, the fifth straight decline, and anecdotal evidence suggests new home sales may have fallen in Novem-

The National Association of Home Builders said a membership survey showed a four-point drop in its Housing Market Index last month. All three components fell, including November sales, prospective buyer traffic and future sales expectations.

Association President Randy Smith said the decline was consistent with the general economic and housing slowdown that was expected during the second half of the year.

"The very strong level of housing activity achieved in the first half of the year simply could not be sustained," he explained.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of new homes for sale was 336,000 at the end of September, representing a supply of 5.6 months at the current sales rate.

The median price of a new home rose to \$140,000 from \$138,100 in September and \$135,200 in October 1995. The median is the midpoint, meaning half of the homes cost more and half less.

Regionally, sales slumped 32.3 percent in the Northeast to a 67,000 annual rate. The drop was the steepest since they plunged 33.6 percent in May 1993 and the level is the lowest since 56,000 last May.

Sales fell 11.3 percent in the Midwest to 110,000, lowest since 108,000 in February 1995. The decline was the biggest since a 24,4 percent drop last Septem-

They were off 8.9 percent in the West to 195,000, lowest since 187,000 last December. It was the largest decrease since sales fell 14 percent last May.

Sales also slid in the South, down 0.6 percent to a 342,000 rate, smallest since 324,000 June. The drop was the largest since sales fell 5.5 percent last September.

Lenders adapt to today's larger-sized mortgages

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has been developing for some time now is that the average size of mortgages has been increasing every year.

Because this, lenders have changed how they estabinterest lish rates for differ-

ent loan amounts and how they set their approval guidelines for higher mortgage loans.

When lenders decide on what interest rate to charge, they all have their own philosophy. Some lenders charge the same rates on "conforming mortgages" (generally loan sizes of less than \$214,600) as they would charge on "non-conforming mortgages" (usually from \$214,600 to \$1 mil-

Other lenders charge higher rates for loans over the conforming loan size. Most all lenders will charge a higher rate on loan amounts of more than \$500,000.

The competition for the larger loans has gotten much stronger in recent years. Therefore, the interest rates have gotten much

This is particularly true for loans between \$200,000 and \$500,000 because there are many more loans of this size today than even five years ago. In addition, the approval process has been simplified for higher loan sizes because the demand for them has increased, making them more common.

Because of this, lenders now have a much larger database of "jumbo" loans, which makes it easier for them to judge the performance of such loans. With this data, they can feel more comfortable relaxing some of the stringent requirements of the past.

Buying a existing home

I have been getting questions lately on what criteria lenders use when approving loans. There are several factors, but one of the most important is the "ratios" they use.

When buying a home with an FHA mortgage, the lender will allow 41 percent of your total A trend that gross family income to be used for the monthly total of revolving

debts and monthly house pay-

If you have no debts, FHA allows a maximum of 29 percent of gross income for the house payment, including property taxes, homeowners insurance, mortgage insurance (if applicable) and condo association dues (if applicable).

For VA, the lenders allow up to 41 percent for both debts and house payments. Even if you have no debts, they still allow the 40 percent maximum.

When buying a home with conventional financing, the ratios depend on the downpayment. With a downpayment of less than 20 percent, the lenders generally allow 35 to 38 percent of total documented gross family income for combined monthly revolving debts and monthly house payments and 28 to 30 percent if you do not have any

With more than 20 percent down, the lenders get more flexible if the loan makes sense. Generally, you can see lenders go as high as 40 percent or sometimes even higher, depending on the circumstances.

As always, there are exceptions to these ratios, but you can use this as a guide. If you feel you have a unique situation that may warrant higher ratios, explain it to the lenders.

You may be surprised how understanding they can be. After all, they want loans, and good lenders have creative ways to approve loans they really want to

Buying a newly built

When you are 60 days away from completion of your dream home, it's time to start comparing mortgage rates with different lenders. You have time to apply and be approved for the mortgage when you're 30-60 days from completion.

If you already applied for your mortgage and have been approved but not closed, you, too, may want to continue shopping as long as you have not spent with the lender.

Gaining a better rate or closing cost with another lender may more than make up for losing an application fee.

Lenders will always be more aggressive for your business when you are close to closing on your mortgage. You are now more of a reality to them. Use it to your bargaining advantage.

If you are not required by your purchase agreement to apply for your mortgage right away, why not wait? At the point of 60 days before completion, you still will have plenty of time to apply and lock in a mortgage, and you may save an application fee.

Refinancing

Everyone is looking to make the best use of their money. right? You may consider asking your financial planner if you should refinance for the purposes of taking equity out of your home

and investing it. You may find that in today's low mortgage rate environment, you can earn more on investments than you're paying in inter-

I am not an expert on investments, so please talk to a financial planner. If you want a referral, call me, and I will be glad to give you a name of someone you can talk

I can comment here that lenders generally will lend up to 75 percent of the appraised value (not assessed value) of your home, and some lenders will go up to 80 percent but may charge private mortgage insurance for what they call a "cash-out refinance.'

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> Call me if you would like further explanations or see my previous column dated Sept. 26, 1996 under the refinance heading for more information.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a senior loan officer. For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbx04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles online at http://oeonline.com/ ~emoryd/mully



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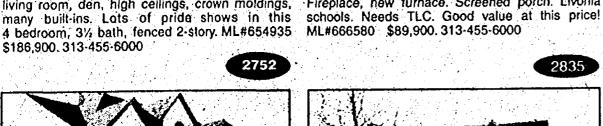
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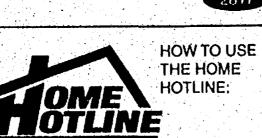
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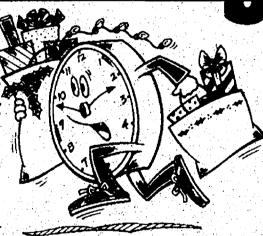
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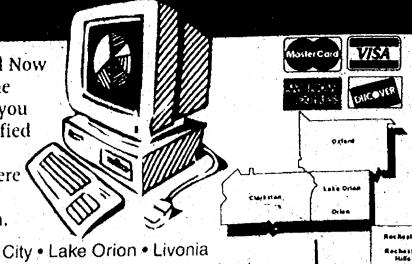
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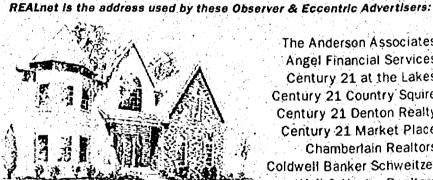
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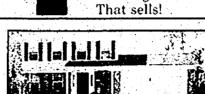
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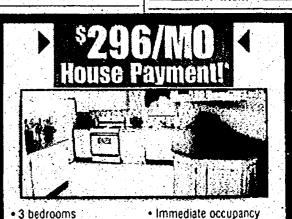
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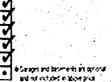
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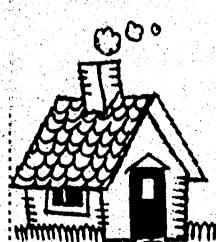
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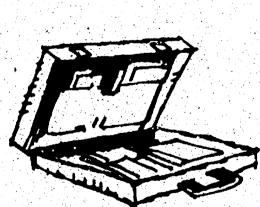
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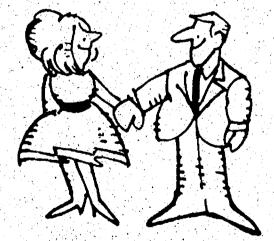
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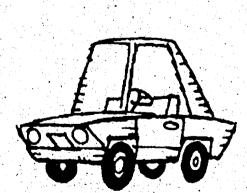
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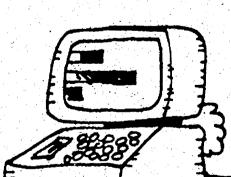
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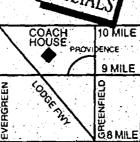
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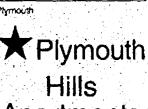
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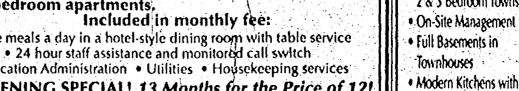


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Standard features also include basement, first-floor laundry and ceiling lights in bedrooms.

\$113,990.

"A floor plan that really appeals to the young buyer, Canton location and probably the best buy for the dollar, I think, anywhere in the area - that will bring in young, first-time buyers," said Robert D. Kime, the Plymouth-based builder.

"Ninety percent of the people (purchasers) are single people, people who live in an apartment who want to move up, middleaged people coming out of divorces," said Greg Kime, sales manager and the builder's son.

"We get some people who downsize to this home here," added Rob Stano, sales consultant, pointing to one of the mod-

"Floor plans are very functional for peoples' everyday needs," Greg Kime said:

"It's pretty much a turn-key package," Robert Kime said. "Everything you need is there."

. Two floor plans are available. The ranch with loft, 1,100 square feet, features a great room with sloped ceiling; kitchen/nook with bay window and an opening in the wall facing the foyer; bedroom; and bath

The upstairs loft, 17-by-11 feet, can be used as a media room, exercise room, office or guest sleeping area.

Base price is \$105,990. The loft can be upgraded to a formal bedroom with bath and walk-in closet for an additional \$4,000.

The townhouse, 1,200 square feet, is a bit more compartmen-

The first floor features a halfbath, great room, dining room and kitchen with the sink and Hunter's Grove in Canton

opening in the wall oriented toward the dining room.

Two upstairs bedrooms, one with two smallish wall closets, the other with a walk-in closet, share a jack-and-jill bath.

But this is no ordinary bath. It features a separate tub and shower plus a dual-sink vanity with a sitting make-up/dressing

"In townhouses, the bathroom probably is the big feature," Stano said. "The bath you see in there you probably see in a \$200,000 house rather than one starting in the low \$100,000s."

"This is totally original," Robert Kime said. "We've done a lot of playing around with this."

Exterior materials include brick, aluminum siding and wood siding.

Upgrades include fireplace (\$2,950), cedar deck (\$2,950) and jet tub (\$1,000-\$1,700). Lot premium near a pond on site is

When entirely built, the development will have 214 units, four or six to a building.

Hunter's Grove, within the Wayne/Westland school district boundaries, is served by city water and sewers. There will be no sidewalks in the sub.

The property tax is now \$33.49 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of market value. That means the owners of a \$110,000 condo in Hunter's Grove will pay about \$1,850 the first year.

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nance fee includes water. "We're four miles away from I-275 that will take you north, south, east and west from here," Stano said. "We're probably 15 minutes away from metro airport. We're 15 minutes from Ann Arbor, 15 minutes from Dear-



Hunter's Grove: Buyers in this Canton condominium development have a choice of a ranch model with one bedroom downstairs and a loft, or townhouse with two bedrooms upstairs.

born."

The sub is just two miles from Summit on the Park, Canton's municipal recreation complex, a lot more. The bathroom is just Stano added.

Eric Thornton bought a townhouse unit in Hunter's Grove. "Basically, I was looking for tub."

something I could get into on the ground floor just as they started building," he said. "It's pretty close to where I work. The price was pretty good. I felt these things are going to boom; prices will go up as they keep building, and I just jumped

"My older brother

had a condo in Westland, and it loft, then finished the loft into a investment, it made sense. was really nice," Thornton said. "I looked at this one and liked it awesome. The one-car attached low-maintenance," he said. car was definitely a bonus. I got

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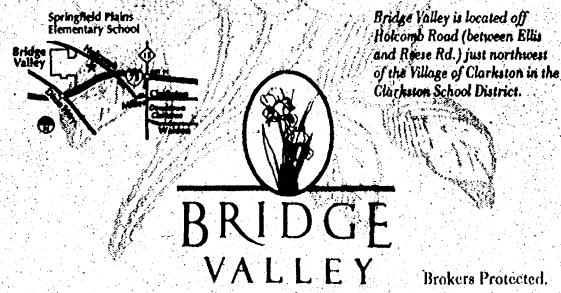
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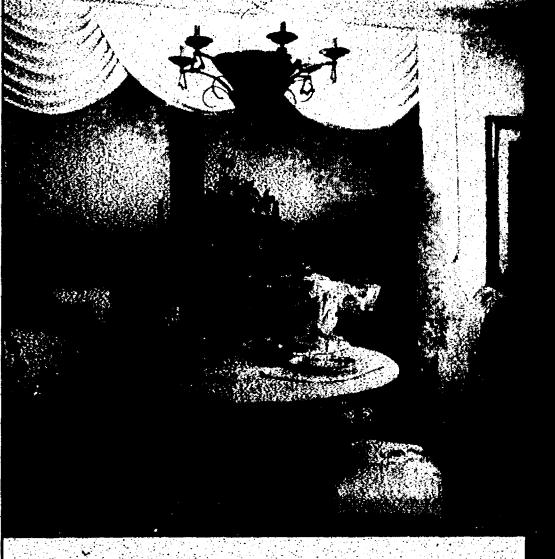
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One project from start to finish: Week one



Some readers have asked me to follow a project from the beginning to illustrate the entire process with its inherent ups and downs. I thought it was a great idea, so in addition to discussing a series of ever-changing topics related to architecture and construction we will fol-

low the design and construction of a "custom" home that is on the boards at my office. Seeing as schematic design began in mid September, the next two articles will get us up to speed on the project and from then on I will write about the project once a month.

The project began with a phone call asking me whether I knew of any lots for sale in a certain area. I contacted a favorite real estate agent, and a computer search was made of the area. Three lots were looked at, and two were shown to the client, who made an offer on one of the lots.

The lot is heavily wooded with oaks. cherries and elms and has a 15-foot rise toward the center, with a western-facing front yard. North facing would be better, thereby allowing the rear face to receive southern light, which is easy to control with over-

> hangs but will simultaneously allow for

passive solar heating. The lot is gorgeous and, with the exception of its orientation, is an ideal lot with plenty of space to create privacy and try some unconventional tricks that have been up my sleeve for some time.

The offer was accepted, and I thought this was too easy to be true. However, the offer was contingent upon satisfactory results of its perktest, as all offers to buy raw land should be, and this took nearly six weeks to clear.

In the end, a back hoe, which can only dig 15 feet below the surface. could not find the critical 3 feet of sand. It had to be replaced with a well drilling rig, which did find sand at 18-

This meant that a more-expensive septic system was required (\$15,000-\$18,000), and the buyer reduced his offer by \$ 10,000, which the seller agreed to. Things got a little shaky there, and I was wondering if anything was going to be built, but everyone was patient, and things worked out just fine.

With the closing complete, the contract was signed, and I immediately began work on the project. The program for the house was relatively simple: 2-1/2 baths, three bedrooms, dining, country kitchen (which equals kitchen plus gathering space for a few chairs and a small table) and listening/living room.

The client is a single professional on the verge of retirement, and so the master suite was situated on the first floor to diminish the need to go up and down. The master suite is deluxe and includes a private exterior terrace that the bedroom and bath open up to. Listening to music and reading are important activities that have lead to the making of the listening room, which has been designed using ideal proportions derived from current acoustical research.

Due to these proportions, the floor of the listening room had to be raised in order to get its ceiling (14 foot) to align with the remaining portion of the second floor - the stairs that one takes to get to this area use 6-inch risers, which are very easy to climb.

Cooking is another major social activity for this homeowner, and the kitchen is the major public space of the house. Visible upon arriving at the house, this area uses an exposed structure, large amounts of eastern and western glazing and 10-foot ceil-

In addition to these programmatic concerns, this client turned out to be a big fan of modern architecture and design in general. In addition, the client has come to appreciate the virtues of well made and designed objects, and the house is to be conceived of in those terms. I can respond to that!

Most homes regardless of size have certain unchangeable room relationships - this house at 3,500 square feet is no exception. The primary formmaking relationship is that of garage to kitchen to dining.

Secondary relationships include fover to front hall closet to main stairs and kitchen to pantry with laundry tossed in the same zone as well.

Due to my desire to collect some southern light, the house has an overall plan shape that resembles an "L" with the short leg of the court facing south. The L shape is clearly visible in the early schematic sketches and has remained with the project to this day.

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Federal legislation was passed to protect families from exposure to lead from paint, dust and soil. Approximately three-quarters of the nation's housing stock built before 1978 (about 64 million dwellings) contains some leadbased paint. When properly maintained and managed, this paint poses little risk. However, 1.7 million children have blood-levels above safe limits, mostly due to exposure to leadbased paint hazards, according to the

National Assopciation of Realtors.

Lead poisoning can cause permanent damage to the brain and many other organs and causes reduced intelligence and behavioral problems. Lead can also cause abnormal fetal development in pregnant women.

In addition to the disclosure requirement, other requirements include

• Sellers and landlords must give buyers/renters the pamphlet, developed by the EPA, HUD and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), titled Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home

• Home buyers will get a 10-day period to conduct a lead-based paint inspection or risk assessment at their own expense. The rule gives the two parties flexibility to negotiate key

terms of the evaluation.

 Sales contracts and leasing agreements must include certain notification and disclosure language, and

· Sellers, lessors and real estate agents share responsibility for ensuring compliance.

The law does not require any lead paint testing, removal or abatement, nor does it invalidate leasing and sales contracts. Its intent is to inform the public of lead-based paint risks and gives them an opportunity to have an inspection. If a buyer, seller or landlord chooses to have a lead inspection, it is recommended, but not required, that the inspector be EPA certified. This gives the public a yardstick by which to measure the qualifications of those performing the inspection. The state of

Michigan does not have a certification program in place, however, certification obtained from other certifying states is recognized in Michigan,

Over the past six months, the Michigan Association of Realtors and its 51 local associations have been training and educating the more than 24,500 Realtors in the state on this new legislation and the role and responsibility the real estate agent has to sellers/buyers and landlords/ tenants regarding lead-based paint disclosure.

For additional information, contact the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD, the Michigan Association of Realtors at 1-800-454-7842, or your local Realtor.

Cleaning gutters may literally break your back

Every fall, homeowners lug out their ladders to remove a season's worth of leaves, pine needles and debris from their rain gutters. According to a report prepared by Rincon Industries, one person dies everyday as the result of a ladder fall; ten thousand more check into emergency rooms with disabling injuries. Studies show that most of these accidents occur because proper safety precautions were not followed. "Ladders are so commonplace," says Paul Zondlak of Rincon Industries, "that most people don't even realize the hazards involved, let alone receive

any training in safety precautions." How serious is the potential for falls? Serious enough that the Department of Consumer and Industry Services has expanded their all protection rules. According to a 64-page booklet produced by the Construction Safety Standards Commission, all employers must

provide a guardrail system, safety net, or harness for any employee working 6 feet above a lower level:

In addition, employers are required to provide training for every employee who might be exposed to fall hazards. This recognizing hazards, and training in the procedures required to minimize these hazards.

Hazard reduction involves training in the nature of hazards; correct procedures for erecting, maintaining, disassembling, and inspecting fall protection systems; use andoperation of guardrail systems, personal fall arrest systems, safety net systems, warning line systems, safety monitoring systems, controlled access zones, and other protection to be used; and the limitations on the use of mechanical equipment.

What does this mean to the average homeowner? Zondlak suggests that if professionals require such extensive training and precautions, it

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only makes sense that the average homeowner treat the issue of safety seriously. He recommends that you play it safe and hire a professional to clean out those gutters. "It's a dirty, time-consuming job, anyway. But if you need to do it, learn and use ladder safety guidelines."

For homeowners who clean their own gutters, Zondlak offers the following advice.

■ Wear leather gloves to help protect yourself from injury or disease caused by rotting debris, insects and rodents.

■ Wear protective clothing and rubber-soled shoes. ■ Barricade traffic areas in your work site- lock, barricade or guard

doorways in which a ladder is placed. ■ Use the right ladder. It should be

■ Inspect the ladder prior to EVERY use. The ladder should be structurally sound and free of oil, grease, or other

■ When transporting the ladder, tie it down securely and carry it parallel to the ground.

Use the ladder only for the purpose for which it was designed (refer to the manufacturer's labeling and recommendations).

■ Use only non-conductive side rails around live electrical equipment.

■ Do not load ladder beyond maximum intended load. Keep the area around the top and

bottom of the ladder clear. ■ Do not move; shift, or extend the ladder while occupied. Never "walk" a

■ Do not use the top of the ladder or its top step for standing or stepping.

Do not stand on cross bracing.

■ Always face the ladder when climbing or descending.

Always maintain 3 points of contact with the ladder (2 feet/1 hand or 2 hands/1 foot).

Carry tools in a pouch around your waist; use a rope to raise or lower large items such as tool boxes or materials.

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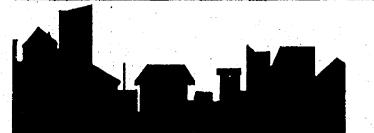
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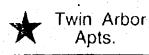
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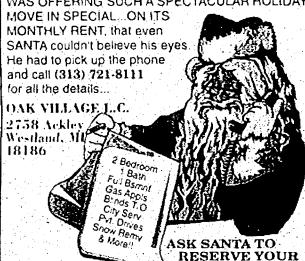
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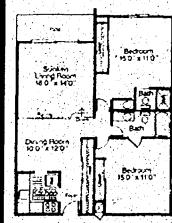
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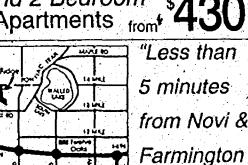
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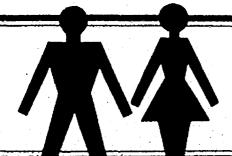
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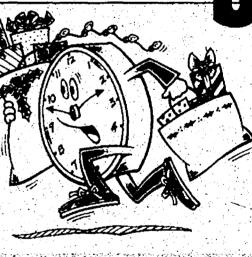
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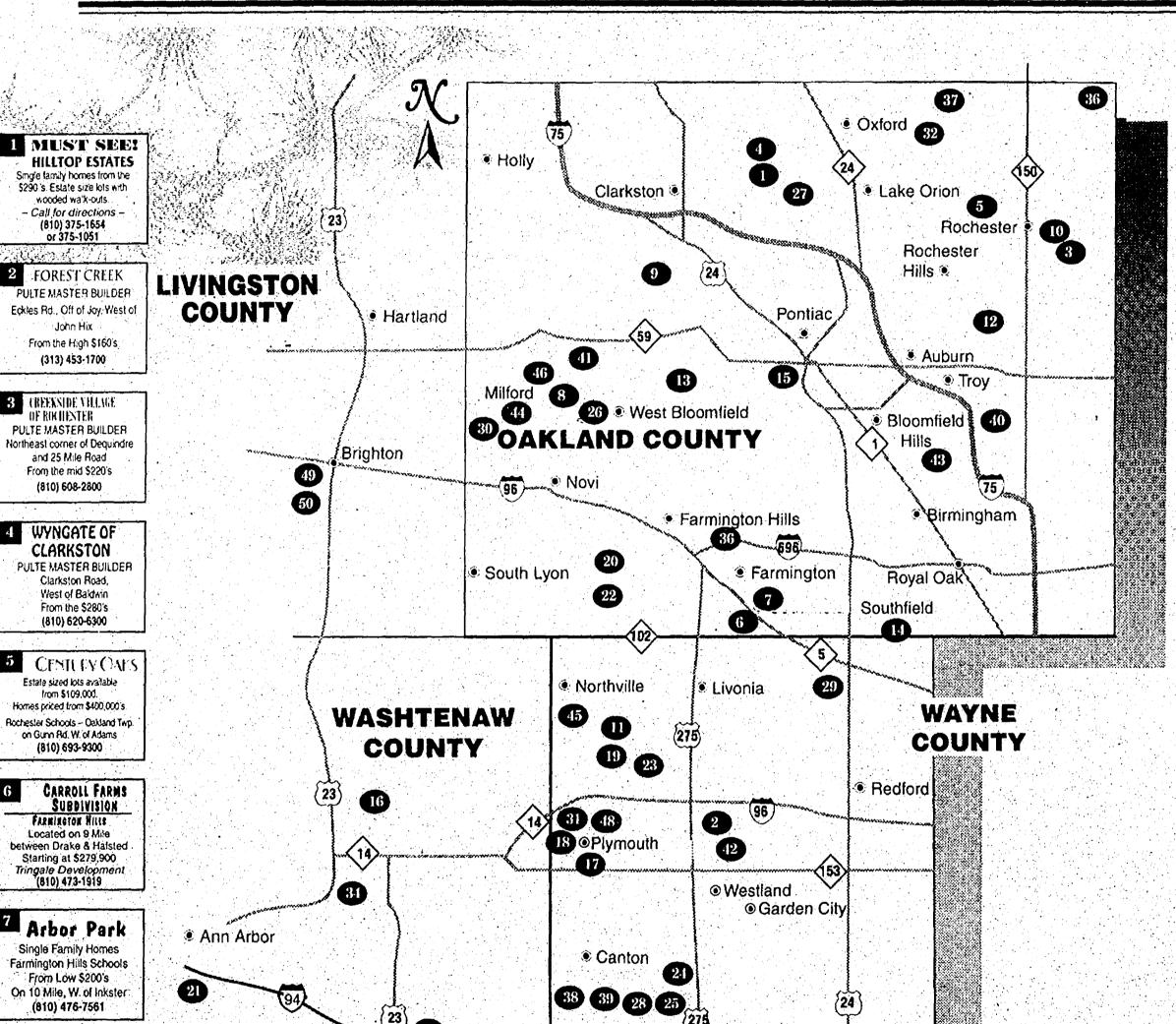
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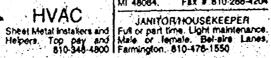
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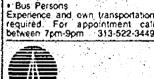
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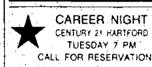
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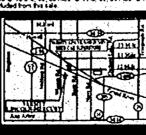
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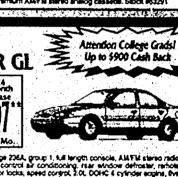




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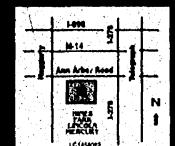
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