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Drive to raise funds lagging

The Salvation Army in Westland has raised \$51,390 for its holiday fund-raiser, barely surpassing the halfway mark of its \$100,000 goal, Capt. Mark Welsh announced Friday.

The next few days "will be the key to our success - who we are able to help in 1997," he said:

The Salvation Army has lost \$25,000 in revenue during the last two years after being ousted from some sites where bell-ringers used to accept donations in kettles, Welsh said.

But he remains hopeful that the organization will be able to reach its \$100,000 goal to help lowincome families at Christmas and throughout the

The Westland-based Salvation Army is focusing its fund drive on Westland, Wayne and Romulus communities that it serves.

"I certainly do believe the communities of Wayne, Westland and Romulus will show their generosity by their giving in the red kettles throughout the cities or by sending contributions,"

Welsh said. The organization's recipients are getting a boost from Westland Center this month through a campaign targeted at supplying new cotton blankets for needy families.

Through Dec. 24, shoppers who visit the customer service center in the east court, present at least \$150 in mall receipts and ask to be included in the "share the warmth" program, a cotton blanket will be donated to a local shelter run by the Salvation Army in the name of the shopper.

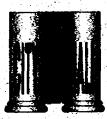
Lt. Col. William Speck, commander of the Salvation Army's eastern Michigan region, is pleased with the initiative this program demonstrates.

"During the holiday season, the Salvation Army will touch tens of thousands of lives in metropolitan Detroit," he said. "As always, we will serve meals, provide shelter and supply gifts to people who might otherwise receive nothing.

This year, through the generosity of the mall, the Salvation Army will e able to share even more warmth with those who need it most."

Donations may be sent to the Salvation Army, S. 2800 Venoy, Westland 48186. For information, call **722-866**0.

Raises' legality questioned



A pay plan for appointed city officials in Westland continues to fuel a heated disagreement among officials, with one council member questioning the plan's legality.

By DARRELL CLEM

A Westland City Council member suggested Monday that his colleagues may have acted illegally by approving a salary plan for appointed city officials that included longevity pay for Mayor Robert Thomas.

Councilman Glenn Anderson said

he will seek a state Attorney General's opinion on whether the council had authority to approve longevity pay for an elected official.

Under the pay plan adopted Nov. 18, Thomas's \$77,084 salary will be boosted by a \$100 bonus for every year he has worked for the city.

Next year, alone, he will receive. \$2,700 in longevity pay. Thomas, a former hourly worker in the public

services department, will reach his 27th year with the city next year, serving as mayor since 1990.

Anderson noted Monday that the council's Nov. 18 decision marked "the first time in the history of the city" that longevity pay was approved for an elected official.

In approving the measure, the council differed from past practice of acting on recommendations from the Local Officers Compensation Commission on mayoral pay issues.

Typically, the LOCC issues mayoral-pay recommendations that require a council vote. But the LOCC wasn't involved in suggesting

longevity pay for Thomas.

On Nov. 18, Thomas defended his council-approved request for longevi-

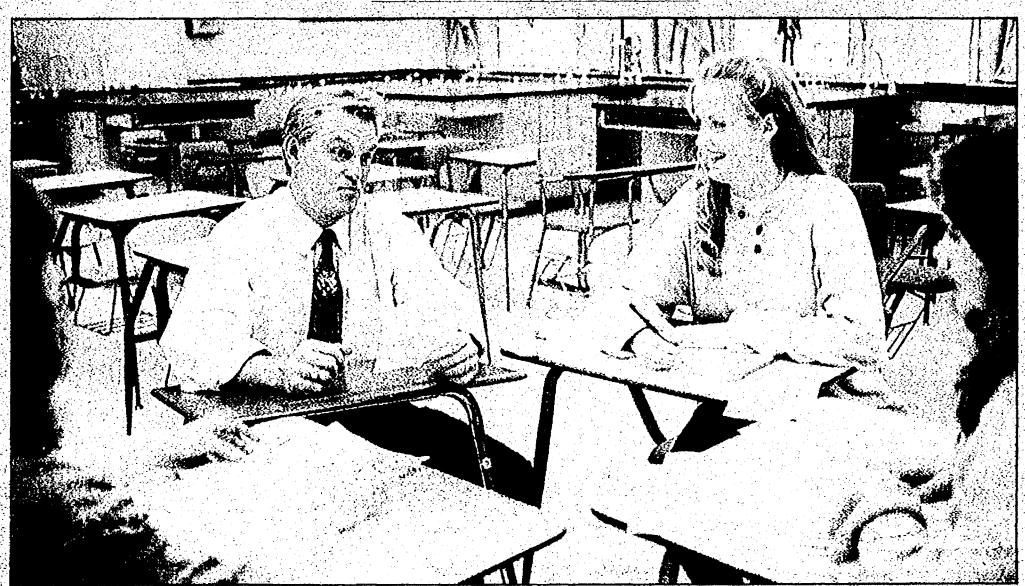
"I think I'm entitled to that," he said, noting that all other full-time city employees receive longevity pay.

Anderson noted during Monday's council meeting that he plans to seek the Attorney General's opinion after receiving a letter from former Councilman Kenneth Mehl, who inquired about the issue.

Mehl is a longtime critic of Thomas. However, Anderson and

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Glenn teacher in driver's seat



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHABON LEMIEUX

Class act: Bill Foder meets with John Glenn High School ecology club officers Mary Crofts, Amy Kinney and Kelly McMurdie, above. A science teacher and head of the school's plantarium, Foder has another life outside of school. He is a championship race car driver and has the trophy to prove it. In recent years, he has also been involved in the three-year-old campaign to save the Sassafras nature preserve for educational and environmental purposes. For more on the Glenn teacher, turn to the story and photo on Page A4,



Paramedic services will be expanded soon

BY DARRELL CLEM

A highly touted Advanced Life Support program that city officials say is certain to save lives has won sweeping approval from the Westland City Council.

"I think this is long overdue in our community," Councilwoman Sharon Scott said, just before the council approved the ALS program in a 7-0 vote Monday night.

"I'm convinced we'll save lives,"

Citing an example, Scott noted that senior citizens with heart problems are among those who will have a better chance of survival with the

long-awaited ALS system in place. Fire officials plan to launch the program in late January or early February, when fully trained paramedics will begin responding to medical emergencies from two of the

city's fire stations.

"This is an extremely important public safety issue," council President Sandra Cicirelli said Monday.

On Tuesday, fire Chief Michael Reddy estimated that annual costs will be \$63,000. But the program is expected to become self-funding because patients will be billed about \$400 for an ALS response, compared to \$100 that they now pay for a med-

Despite the higher costs, most residents are expected to have most of their bills paid by insurance companies, Medicaid or Medicare, Reddy. has said.

The ALS program has been scaled back from earlier plans to staff all four Westland fire stations with paramedics, whose training surpass. es that of an emergency medical technician by 600 hours.

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Elmo on raffle block

The popular Tickle Me Elmo will be the prize of a raffle contest which will raise money for the Salvation Army. The raffle tickets, \$1 each, are available at Fantastic Sam's styling salons, located at the Arbor Drugs Plaza, on the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road; in the Cady Plaza, on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, and the corner of Warren Road at Venoy.

All of the proceeds will be donated to the Salvation Army, a raffle spokesman said.

Sweepstakes winner

A Westland woman won a \$10,000 savings bond recently which she said will be used to

The winner is Cleo Williams, 38, who won the

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bond in a "From Diapers to Diplomas" sweepstakes sponsored by Evenflo and Service Merchandise.

Williams' name was picked randomly by an independent judging firm, said Shelly Bacote, a contest spokeswoman. She received the bond last Friday in a ceremony held at the Westland Service Merchandise store on Nankin Boulevard, north of Warren Road,

Musician performs

Julie White, a Westland student at Albion College, has performed with the school's jazz ensemble numerous time this year.

A junior majoring in biology and English, White is the daughter of James and Patricia White of Westland and a graduate of Churchill High School.

Edison honorees

Jui Jay Chon of Westland, a professional opportunity program participant, was one of 39 Detroit Edison Co. employees honored for their volunteer education-related activities. Chon, along with Shaf Began of Dearborn Heights, was honored by the utility for creating the MP Tutoring math program for the Roseville Community Schools. That district received \$2,000 award from Edison.

Historical museum shows off decorations



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Historical decorations: James Bailey, 10, and his mother Sherrye take a look at the homemade ornaments on the Christmas tree at the Westland Historical Museum. which unveiled its Christmas decorations Monday night for city officials, the Westland Historical Commission and Friends of the Museum. James is a Junior Friend of the Museum. Richard LeBlanc, a city council member and a historical commissioner, admires a antique fire truck in the museum at 857 N. Wayne Road, between Cherry Hill and Marquette.

Yule concert set

tune by attending the Livonia free Civic Chorus' 32nd annual holiday concert, "Light the Candles ... Trim the Tree!," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22.

The concert will be in the Clarenceville auditorium on

If the holiday hustle-bustle Middlebelt just south of Eight has got you down, change your Mile in Livonia. Admission is

The concert offers something for everyone, said director Jim Whitten, blending both new and traditional music with specialty numbers and even a surprise visit from Santa himself.

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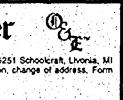
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City's finances among the best

By DARRELL CLEM STAFF WRITER

Westland ranks in the top 10 percent of local governments nationwide for city officials' efficient use of financial resources, a new study shows.

Of 8,332 U.S. cities and counties studied, Westland is among only 840 cited as a "high performance government" in an independent study by Municipal Analysis Services Inc. (MASI) of Austin, Texas.

"Westland city managers are doing one of the best jobs with the resources they have," MASI president Greg Michels said.

Westland officials didn't ask or volunteer to become part of the study. Rather, MASI collects its own data from state agencies, Michels said.

"We don't deal with the cities directly," he said Monday during a telephone interview from his Austin office.

Westland qualified as a "high performance government" based on diversified revenues; high employee productivity; controlled expenses; careful use of outside aid; reasonable revenue levels; and using and controlling debt.

"We did this study to find cities and counties that use their financial resources more than others," Michels said. "The result is an objective set of governments that are financially reasonable within their peer groups."

Westland Finance Director Michael Gorman hadn't heard

about the study until he was contacted Monday by the Observer.

"I think it's a perfect example of how the administration and city council have gotten together to give the best services they can to the citizens, with the money that we have," he said.

MASI assigns a score to cities based on financial data collected during the study. Governments are labeled high performance for a score of 59 or higher.

Westland scored 61.

The city ranked higher than several nearby communities that fell short of the 59 score needed for a high performance ranking.

Other area governments and scores named in a press release include Garden City and Canton (57 each); Livonia and Ypsilanti Township (55 each); Dearborn Heights and Washtenaw County (53 each); Ann Arbor and Lincoln Park (52 each); Taylor (48); Dearborn and Monroe County. (45 each).

MASI's findings are published in reports specific for each state. Westland's ranking appears in "Governments of Michigan 1996," which includes a 650-item comparison of Westland with other governments.

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Thomas are former allies whose tions of contracts that he previrelationship has deteriorated because of differences on recent issues, most recently the pay plan.

Angerson also continued to raise concerns about whether the city can afford other portions of the pay plan, which mostly pertains to directors and department heads appointed by

Many city officials could

receive double-digit salary increases over the next two years under the pay plan that will cost the city \$230,789, Personnel Director Kent Herbert has said in response to questions from the Observer.

On Monday, Anderson voiced worries that the cumulative effect of the contract in coming years will add a burdensome debt to the city, which currently has a general fund balance of \$1.4 million.

Thomas said later that Anderson didn't seem concerned about the long-term financial implica- cities.

ously supported for police and fire department employees contracts that Thomas said cost much more than his appointees' Also Monday, Councilman

Charles "Trav" Griffin again defended the pay plan and noted that the council already has budgeted money for it. Griffin said the city can afford

to give the raises and still maintain its fund balance.

Councilman Charles Pickering also has strongly defended the plan, approved in a 6-1 council vote with Anderson casting the lone dissenting vote.

Griffin, Pickering and others say the council approved the raises to make salaries of mayoral appointees similar to those of their counterparts in other

Supporters also say the latest pay hikes came in the wake of previous salary increases that didn't keep pace with other

Plan from page A1

certain drugs and perform other procedures that EMTs cannot.

Hopes for a citywide ALS system had to be scrapped after Westland voters in August rejected a 1.5-mill tax increase to pay for the program - part of Mayor Robert Thomas' Project The council approved a limited

ALS program after city administration officials and the Westland Firefighters Association Local 1279 reached a contractual agreement. "It was a very good contract

negotiated over a long period of time," Reddy said Monday night.

The contract deals with such issues as staffing and wage: issues. Firefighters now making \$16.32 an hour, for example, will Newburgh and Palmer.

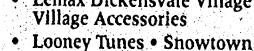
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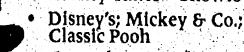
> Moreover, paramedics will receive a \$2,000 bonus effective Jan. 1, compared to only \$400 for an EMT. Other bonuses are \$1,500 for an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) specialist and \$1,000 for an EMT with expertise using a defibrillator.

Initially, the 24-hour ALS program will operate out of fire station No. 1 (Ford Road and Carlson) and No. 3 (Palmer west of Merriman).

Reddy is hopeful that new revenues from the ALS program, along with other efforts, will eventually allow the city to place ALS units at the other two fire stations, located near Ann Arbor Trail and Merriman and near

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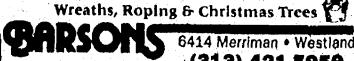
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Successful shift: Bell ringer Kelly Baker, 10, watches as Gloria Underwood and her children Kayla, 4 and David, 3, put money into the kettle. Gloria said that the kids really enjoy doing this.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Young donor:

Samantha Brock,

A family affair: The Millers are Dan, father; Diane, mother; Kenny and Katy; and Buffy, the family dog.



nearly 3, of Garden City; helps ring the Salvation Army bell for Donna Dalton at the Farmer Jack Supermarket on Ford and Wildwood.

Salvation Army rings bell with volunteers

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY

Come rain, sleet and snow, they stand their ground in the name of volunteerism.

The Salvation Army's red kettle campaign would be nothing without the masses who donate their time to stand behind the kettles, ringing the bell to attract people's attention. Some local volunteers however, use that time as quality family time.

John Baker stood outside Target on Ford Road in Canton Township for two hours with children Kelly, 10, and Andy, 16, Monday night. For the elder Baker and his son, it was their third year out.

"We did this for Boy Scouts," John explained. Now, Andy is getting credit toward his community activism requirement at Catholic Central High School. Yet, even without the school requirement, Andy would still be out there.

"I think it's a good cause," he said, "and I think more people should do it."

The Canton trio feel so strongly about the cause that they have donated 14 hours of time over six days.

"We just wanted to do something, especially at this time of the year, to help people out," said John. "And we wanted to do

something as a family."
Although Kelly has not been involved as long as her dad and brother, she is just as committed.

"I think it's fun to come out here and raise money for people in need," she said, adding that she will do it again next year.

Everyone's involved

Dan Miller and his children, Kenny and Katy, have been ringing the bell for years. This year, however, they got Mom to join the team outside the Little Professor on Main Street in Ply-

"My wife (Diane, 35) and Katy (9) are going to ring this Saturday from 10-12 p.m.," said Dan, 37, "until Kenny (11) and I get back from basketball. We will ring from 12-2 p.m."

This Plymouth Township family was introduced to bell ringing at the request of Kenny, then 8 years old. The question came after the family had passed a bell ringer while Christmas shopping.

"I just wanted to get involved and see what it was about," said Kenny, a student at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth Township. He explained why he continues to brave the cold yearafter year. "It just feels good to please little kids and the needy. I plan to do this for at least five more years."

Katy, also a Bird student, started ringing two years ago.

"He (my dad) asked me if I wanted to try, and I said 'Sure.'," she said. That commitment has brought her out ringing two times already this year, with three more shifts already sched-

"There are a lot of needy people out there, and if we can help, even one family, then it's well worth it," said Dan, when asked why he felt it was important to volunteer. "I also feel very strongly about the Salvation

The Millers will also ring at the Plymouth Township Kmart, Ann Arbor and Haggerty, from 6-9 p.m. today and again Mon-



STAFF PHOTO BY JON JACOFELD Father-daughter team:

George and Sarah Empey will ring the bell this year.

New recruits

This will be the first year for bell ringers and Livonia residents George Empey, 50, and daughter Sarah, 14. Why the Salvation Army?

"The Salvation Army itself has always impressed me," said George. "I can't think of any two things that I haven't heard bad things about, whether they are true or not. But the Salvation Army has never had anything bad said about them; and they

Christian standard, and they stick with it." Empey has financially supported the Salvation Army for years, but his first bell ringing experience will come at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, outside the Target store in Farmington

also have a high standard. It's a

Hills, on Grand River. They will repeat the six-hour shift at 10 a.m. Dec. 23. Sarah expressed her happiness with the opportunity to support the Salvation Army saying she was introduced to the idea through her father, but added "I

like doing that stuff also." In

fact, this is not the first time the father and daughter have teamed up to do something for others.

"We have looked for areas to contribute (for years,)" said Empey. "And I don't know who thought of it, but Sarah and I were going to make cookies and take them up to the bell ringers." As it turned out, the cookies were made, but the pair ran out of time before delivering them. "So, we had to eat them,"

he said. Yet Sarah got another opportunity to donate her cookies. A student at Franklin Road Christian School in Southfield, Sarah joined her classmates in making cookies for area nursing homes.

"I think it's important that instead of just taking from society, people give back," George said, and offered these words to anyone considering volunteer work. "Everyone is so pinched for time, and I'm just as pinched as anybody being both mom and dad, but when we take time to stop and think about how fortunate we are...God has blessed us so much. How many ways can you show God that you are pleased with all the blessings you have. I consider this an honor."

When asked about her friends and whether Sarah's volunteerism may encourage others to act, she responded, "I know a lot of people that are already volunteering."

The Empeys are looking forward to their two days spent together, and George Empey is looking forward to many years of the same.

"I hope this is just one of the many (volunteer) things we do," he said.

Dedicated volunteers

Anna Stidham had no hesitation about being a Salvation Army bell ringer to help the social service agency raise money at major retail sites. "The Salvation Army helped

me and my family before when it paid my heating bill," explained Stidham, 41, of Wayne. "They didn't ask me for money,

but they did say I could 'give back' to them by helping out as a bell ringer." Stidham told of the connection

with the Westland-Wayne Salvation Army Corps while standing near the entrance of the Westland Target store on Warren Road west of Wayne Road in a light rain.

In her first year as a bell ringer, Stidham said that "business has been pretty good," with the typical day's donations being about \$200.

Turned employee



Faithful volunteer: Karen

Dorony at her desk at the

Salvation Army office.

Karen Dorony and husband Ed, Redford Township residents for 24 years, have volunteered for the Salvation Army for 6 years. Also working for 6 years has been their daughter, Julie, a junior at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Karen was hired in October part-time as the Christmas/Fall Program coordinator. In that capacity, she will interview the clients for people seeking Christmas wishes and during the fall, oversees the heat and warmth

program. Yet she will continue to do vol-

unteer work in her free time. "Yes," she said without hesitation when asked the question about continued volunteerism.

place to work and to volunteer."

Volunteerism for her husband can mean anything. "He does everything they ask him to," said Karen. "He wraps presents, runs

errands...' About her daughter, "she works with the children, works in the food pantry, was a counselor for the day camp, and she cleans up around here when they

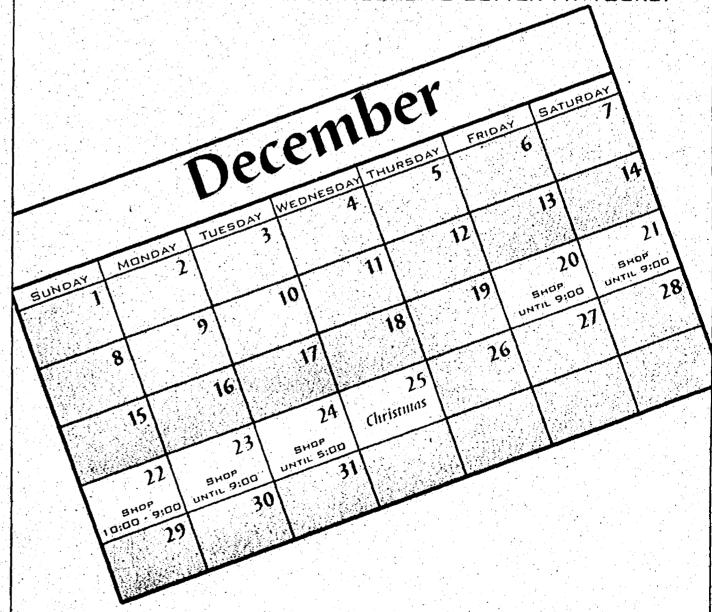
ask her to." Karen was introduced to Salvation Army by her grandparents, who "were officers of the corps." She decided to start volunteering when someone in her church membership asked if she could help with one program.

Staff writer Leonard Poger "The Salvation Army is a good contributed to this story.

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Volunteer bell ringers are still needed

Salvation Army branches before finding one that pation. "We never have enough of those." needed additional help. Imagine his surprise when told about a group in his own backyard that was having difficulty attracting bell

Participation for the Wayne-Westland branch out there in the cold and rainy weather. is so low that they had to hire bell ringers to generate any money for the Salvation Army's

"We could use more volunteer bell ringers," Eve,

George Empey of Livonia called two or three said Capt. Sue Welsh, when asked about partici-

For \$6 an hour, more than 100 people applied to staff the 15 spots throughout Wayne and Westland. Yet, Welsh is finding that even money may not provide enough incentive to keep people

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer bell ringer should contact Welsh at (313) 722-• 3660. Volunteers are needed until Christmas



Behind the wheel: Bill Foder drives a 1990 Pontiac Formula Firebird during a test drive at the International Hot Rod Association track in Norwalk, Ohio He is a science teacher at John Glenn High School and director of the planetarium.

Oakwood opens clinic

Oakwood Healthcare System recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark Monday's opening of its new center, on the southeast corner of Central City Parkway and Warren Road.

The primary care center offers programs and services for the entire family.

An Oakwood spokeswoman said the facility

An Oakwood spokeswoman said the facility will be unique in that it will meet the comprehensive needs of women.

Programs will include parenting skills, prenatal education, breast health, weight management, and massage therapy.

A mammography unit and a bone densitometer, used to detect the likelihood of developing osteoporosis, will both be at the center.

"Through Oakwood's comprehensive research of the greater Westland area," said Carla O'Malley, senior vice president of Oakwood's Acute Care Services, "we identified the needs of the community and built a healthcare center that Garden City.

would match those needs."

"A team of experienced and caring physicians and healthcare professionals will make a significant difference in the manner in which healthcare is provided," said O'Malley. "Additionally, the center will house a women's health resource library and offer women's educational programs."

Dr. Irene C. Metro will be the primary care physician at the center.

Metro joins Oakwood from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in North Carolina where she received advanced training in nephrology, which focuses on kidney disease, hypertension and diabetes.

For information about the Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland, persons may call 414-9000.

Oakwood maintains clinics in Westland and Garden City.

John Glenn High teacher captures championship

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

While Bill Foder, John Glenn High School science teacher and planetarium director, has his eyes on the stars much of the time, he also keeps his head under the hood of a car.

Foder, who has taught astronomy, ecology and geology at John Glenn since 1977, has been designing and building racing engines for the past 25 years. In fact, he built the engine for the 1996 NHRA Super Stock World Champion.

"It was like winning an Oscar. It's a once in a lifetime achievement," he said, adding that credit must be shared with his "crew," which includes the car's owner Phil Monteath of New York and driver Peter Biando.

The National Hot Rod Association is the world's largest racing organization.

Champions are selected on the basis of points accumulated over the racing season, which runs from February to November.

In a race, round-after-round elimination produces the winner. "You could win or lose a race by one hundredth of a second," said Foder.

When it comes to basic engine design, Foder said: "It's very hard to beat your good old American V8. It's still the best engine for performance. Americans are the world leaders in most forms of race engine technology."

Besides designing engines, Foder loves to race. He grew up in the Appalachian region of West Virginia, where his father owned several gas stations.

"My dad always had fast cars. I was always around performance cars," he said.

During a race, Foder, who has raced all over the

United States and has held several records with the NHRA, IHRA and AHRA, accelerates so hard, his car lifts off the starting line. "You can feel yourself going up. You have to

climb and let it go through its arc and land without losing any forward momentum. The key is to bring the car down at its full speed. It's important to land with the wheels perfectly straight."

So how fast does Foder do the quarter mile?

"The low 10-second to mid-nine-second range," he said, adding that it's not speed but rather the elapse time (the quickness of the driver's reaction) that wins a race.

"The addresslip starts in the burn out area.

"The adrenalin starts in the burn-out area, when the back tires are spinning and the front tires are locked."

PEOPLE

If fear is part of racing, Foder internalizes it.

"Fear crosses my mind right before or right after a race, when I'm bringing the vehicle to a stop. Ifyou thought about it while racing, you'd lose. You' only have time to react. You're looking at the gauges. You're shifting."

Foder has melded his educational background (he has degrees in science, biology, geology and physics) with his racing skills.

"What gives me the edge is my degree in physics."
We apply the physics to the engines, especially the cylinder heads. They are extremely important to the performance of the engine."

Foder, a widower who is raising his two children, stressed the importance education plays in today's professional racing scene, especially among the pit crew.

"We don't have grease monkeys. My crew members are all college-degreed engineers," he said.

A black belt in karate, Foder, 46, keeps himself in top physical condition. He doesn't drink or smoke and works out regularly. He also keeps busy sponsoring extracurricular activities for his students.

In addition to organizing a student Christmas caroling group (he plays the guitar), Foder took his ecology club down to Channel 56 Dec. 14 for a day of volunteer phone answering.

He's proud of his students' generosity, especially members of his second-hour astronomy class, who brought in 750 pounds of canned goods for the needy, the most in the school.

What do Foder's students think of his involvement in racing?

"The students love the fact that I do this. They, think it's unique that their science teacher just doesn't have his nose in the books. He takes his physics out into the world and competes with it."

Besides his racing and teaching, Foder was involved for the past three years in the ongoing campaign to save the Sassafras Trails nature preserve on Palmer near Wildwood. He joined the Friends of Sassafras inthe group's campaign to convince the Wayne-Westland school board to avoid selling the property. The group and board got help from the state legislature in getting state funds for the nature preserve.

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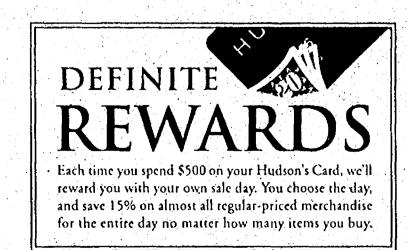
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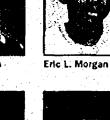


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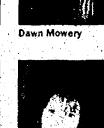


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Tommy Nichol



Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas. My name is Alexandria Allright. I am very excited about Christmas this year. I can't wait until you come to my house. I will leave you some milk and cookies and a carrot for Rudolph. I would like a doll, dress, stickers and some fancy shoes with bows. Please bring an Elmo or a doll for my sister Olivia. Please bring new shoes for Mommy and an exercise bike for Daddy. I love you Santa. See you soon. Don't eat to many cookies you might get a tummy ache.

Olivia and Alexandria Allright P.S. Say hi to Mrs. Claus and all the elves!!

Dear Santa Claus,

Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with sister and brother 3 times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so

- here's what I want: Computer
- Big Bad Beetleborgs
- Might Ducks
- Buss Lightyear
- cool tools • stuffed Santa Clause
- Stuffed Mrs. Clause books
- Art Supplies
- Love, Justin Blazer

Dear Santa Claus.

Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my friend, sister, brother 3 times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want:

- The Land Before Time my size Dancing Barbie
- a computer
- a camera
- Lil' makin' faces
- Baby alive • Bathtime cabbage
- Baby Headstand Surprise
- Baby Tumbles • Barbie Dreamhouse

Shawna Blazer

Dear Santa, I wish you could bring me a Dalmation tent and sleeping bag with Dalmation "Wettin' wizzer" dog. I would like a "cozy cottage" portable dollhouse, Space Jam things, toy dragon, toy unicorn, Toy Story dinosaur, "My Come Here Puppy," Little Tikes roller coaster, "Playtime Newborns" by Tyco, and much much more. I would like to have "Baby Go Bye-Bye," "My Little Kitty" jewelry box, Check-up Charlie game, Fisher Price doll castle. And...the following Barbie toys: Pet doctor Barbie, Shopping fun Barbie and Kellie dolls, Barbie mini-van, and Barbie Fashion Designer for CD Rom. Thank-you Santa. Oh yeah, my baby brother wants baby toys,

Cara Braun, Age 5

Dear Santa. I wood like to have Blue Beetleborg, Wolverine Fighter, Kandy, YoYo, and a Sega, new pencils - please.

Dakota Broadrick. 4 1/2 years. I been real, real very good. Thank you.

Dear Santa,

- I wood like to Spiderman fighter
- Batman.
- map krayons
- stuffd panda • 101 Dalmations
- video

Travis Broadrick, 6 years old

Dear Santa, Here is my list: • remote control car race track Thank you,

Shawn Calvey Dear Santa Claus,

My list of toys for Christmas is...(Here's my I circled the ones I reley want

- Ocean Frenids Barbie • Kichen little
- Baby Cradle Magan
- A collettable Barbie • Barbie travel house
- Pound Puppys
- A seaga game, Alladen game
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• Pinoceyo & Hunch Back of Noter-Dame &

Brian Rumao

- Homer Boun two · A journal that is hard cavered
- · Don't wake Daddy. • A TV. Please could I have a TV Thank you,

Corinne Clark, Age 9

- Dear Santa Clause;
- I want a Baby go bye-bye

Sand Art

- Cabbage Patch Snack Time Kids Snoopy Sno-Cone Machine
- Ocean Magic Barbie
- Veterinarian Barbie · Don't Wake Daddy
- Tiger Deluxe Talkgirl
- Hair Ties • Dress-up clothes
- · Clothes pants, shirts, sweater • Make-up
- Stationary
- Books
- Thank-you. Love,

Holly Clark

My name is Nicole and I am 5 years old. I am in Ms. Karinen's class at Lathers School. For Christmas could I please have Ocean Friends Barbie and Keiko? Thank you for all the toys always and thank for the snowy footprints. My sister Olivia is two years told. Could you please bring her a little teddy bear.

I love you! Nicole DeSanto

Dear Santa, My name is Joey Garrett. I am 5 years old. I am doing good in Kindergarten this year. I am trying very hard to be a good boy. Could you please bring me a couple of presents for Christmas? Some of the things I

- Hot Wheels Garage
- Nightmare Alley
- The Haunted Highway

• Erector Set • K'Nex Set

But anything would be just fine. My sister, Lisa, and I will leave some cookies and milk out for you. We do hope that you and Mrs. Claus have agood Christmas.

Joey Garrett

Dear Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus, You ready for Christmas? I am not. We still have to finish decorating our house. I have been very very good. It would make me very happy if you would get me a few of these things. A pink Ranger costume, a bean bag stuffed animal, a Babysitters Little Sister book, Haunted Highway, Easy Bake Oven, a puppy poster, and a few surprises.

Lisa Garrett, Age 8 Dear Santa, Please bring me one puppy, one Baby Gobaby, a procelain doll, a Space Jam poster, and

Dear Santa,

a bike. Thank you.

Katie Holloway

Don't forget to come to our house at Christmas time. My favorite thing I want for Christmas is a stuffed mommy tiger and baby tiger. I like you Santa and I like your reindeer. I like Rudolf the best. It must be hard work to deliver everyones presents. I'll. have cookies and milk with sprinkles on them for you. Santa your the best.

Donna Hooker Dear Santa, How are you

Love,

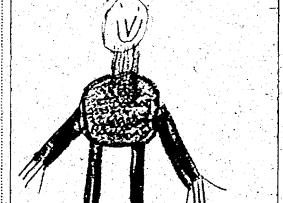
What I want for Christmas is • Nintendo 64 • Sega Sadrn Sonec 3D Blast • a TV

Carl Kirby Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a plastic snowboard for practice intil I get a real one. New airwalks, closes from Pacific-sun-wear.

Please thank you. From, Perry Kirby

Dear Santa,

This year I have been a good boy for my mommy and daddy. I put away my toys and brush my teeth every night. I would like another train because trains are my favorite. I would also like the dominos set so I can knock them down. I will have milk and cookies ready for you and your reindeer. Bye Santa, Jake Lendrum, 4 years old



Dear Santa,

I'm really looking forward to Christmas. I hope I get some things I wanted. Merry Christmas. Here is my Christmas list.

- JC PENNEY Baby go Bye Bye
- Jumbo pooh. • Dog wach (brown dachshund)
- Large cherub-print jewelry box Cloths • Suprises suprises

SURPRISES! From Lindsey Martel

Ring Set

Dear Santa, I would like to say to you Have a Merry Christmas and a very good New year. I would like for you to bring to the children of

the world peace and good will. I would like also for you to bring to me if you can a Scotty Pipen jersey and a Grant Hill

Thank you very much. Love,

Danny Morgan

Dear Santa, I would like a game for Sega. The game is called Spider-Man and Vemon. I wish the poor people will get a lot of toys. Thank you, Santa.

I would like nothing for Christmas this year. But I would like all the people who don't

Dear Santa,

Darrell J. Morgan

have homes to be blessed by you. Your friend, Eric L. Morgan Dear Santa, My name is Dawn Mowery. I live in Garden

City and go to FarmingtonSchool. Here is a few things I would like for Christmas.

- Easy Bake Oven the movie toy story
- watch
- camera • and clothes

Love, Dawn Mowery

Hello Santa Claus My name is Emberley Neidhardt. I'm Landyn's sister. My Christmas list is: My Size Dancing Barbie, a turtle, turtle supplies, Pet Doctor Theresa, Ocean Friends, Barbie Theresa, small boom box with a CD player, Barbie Dream House, Barbie Traveling house, rock and crystal mining set, Spinning for Spots, some CDs, electric piano, Trouble game, Metal Molder

I will leave some Christmas cookies for you and carrots too. Emberley Neidhardt, 7 years old

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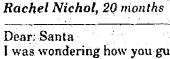
My name is Landyn. For Christmas I want a tent. Big Bird like my sister's. I want a robot computer and balloons and a kite, a dalmation dog with a tail what wiggles and you it mouth and it talks a picture frame for pictures, Mr. Bucket, Chicken Limbo, Dizzy Dryer, a dalmation sleeping bag, Matchbox Super City. I will leave you a cookie and some carrots for you reindeer. Landyn Neidhardt, 4 years old

How are your elves? I wonder what you will

get me for Christmas! How is Mrs. Claus? I

would like for Christmas is Little Bo Peep and the Alien from Toy Story and Godzilla. Thank-you Santa Claus.

Christopher Nichol, Age 7 Dear Santa, I've been good all year, I would like for Christmas a Pattie Cake doll and lots of Barbies. Thank-you Santa.



I was wondering how you guys are doing in the North Pole? And I was curious if you could please bring any thing. And could you bring whole new stuff for my school. (Douglas School.) Love,

Tommy Nichol, Age 10

Dear Santa Claus. Guess what Santa? I made the honor roll again this year at St. Raphael School. I have been really good lately Santa. Did you remember that I love G.I. Joe's? This year, if you could bring some of these G.I. Joe toys I would love it! The G.I. Joe train, the G.I. Joe. main headquarters, the G.I. Joe hovercraft, the G.I. Joe helicopter (tomahawk), the G.I. Joe mobile command center and Cobra missile command center or terror dome. As usual, cookies, milk and carrots will be on the kitchen table for you the the reindeer. Don't forget, smack a big wet one on my

Mom. From. Dominic Noonan, 11 years old

Hi Santa. I have been a good girl all year. I would like a baby doll stroller for Christ-

There will be some cookies and milk for you

on the kitchen table. Angelina Perez P.S. I have enclosed two pictures of me. My

dance picture and my school picture.

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! I have tried my best to be nice all I would like a computer for Christmas. Wake me up and I will make you some hot

Christopher Perez

I love you

From.

chocolate.

Dear Santa, I would really like a go-cart for Christmas. I will try not to tease my brother or sister I will also do all my homework when it is

Hope to see you soon! David Perez, Jr.

Dear Santa, I love you, I want for Christmas is twin dolls and a dog.



Can you wake me up Christmas so I can see

Dear Santa, Please get me a basketball net a computer a hockey net and a trampoline. My dog Louger wants a ball and a few bones. Louger Rollins is 3 years old. I love U, U, U.

Dear Santa. I like Christmas because its fun. All I want for Christmas is a Sega Saturn and a game to go with it. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brian Rumao, 4th Grade, Age 9

Jessica Lynn Rollins

Dear Santa, How are you? I hope you're feeling good. For Christmas, what I'd really like is a Sony Playstation. I'd also like a CD player because I listen to music a lot. I'd really, really like a computer game called The need for Speed SE. It's this really cool racing game and has very awesome graphics. Of course, I don't really need all of these. I'm happy that I have a roof over my head and food to share with my family. Sincerely. Justin Rumao, 6th Grade, Age 11

Dear Santa. I would like a BIG Barney that talks, a truck (mommy says plastic), and a toolbench so I can help Daddy fix things in our new house. I like the doggies that they have in the stores,

Love, Mikey Ryan

Dear Santa, My name is Michael Sandilands. I am five years old. I go to Henry Ruff School in Garden City. I am in kindergartern. My teacher's name is Mrs. King. I think I have been pretty good this year.

Here is what I would like for Christmas if you can fit it all on your sleigh. I want a Power Rangers, Savin Ken, Leggo's, Air Hockey Game, and Zeo Ranger V Cannon. I will be good now till Christmas and I will leave you some cookies and milk and the reindeer some food too! Love, your pal, Michael Sandilands

Dear Santa, My name is Steven Sandilands. I am five years old. I go to Henry Ruff School in Garden City. I am in kindergarten. My teacher's name is Mrs. Laderach.

I think I have been pretty good this year. Here is what I would like for Christmas if you can fit it all on your sleigh. I want Savin Ken, Power Rangers, Air Hockey Game, Leggo's, Zeo Ranger V Cannon. I will be good now till Christmas and I will leave you some cookies and milk and the reinder some food too!

Love, your friend, Steven Sandilands Dear Santa Claus. Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my sister and brother 3 times. I think I've been so good

- this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so here's what I want: Buzz Lightyear
- Computer • Turbo Man • RC Car
- Cool Tools Flashlight Woody
- Rex • Piggy Bank Pig

• Buzz Lightyear Spaceship

D. J. Silcox

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? I would like • Intergalactic Buzz Lightyear Micro Machines Night Attack

• Gooey Louie Thanks you. Love, Chad Michael Todd

Thank you, Love,

Dear Santa,

How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I would like to get for Christmas: • Easy Bake Oven • 101 Dalmatian's Wettin Wizzer Magic Cradle Megan

Christa Anne Todd Dear Santa Claus, Mommy and Daddy say I've been very good this year and I agree. I took out the trash when they asked me. I didn't beg Mom to buy me candy at the grocery store (too much). And best of all, I only argued with my sister and brother 3 times. I think I've been so good this year that I deserve a whole lot of toys, so

• computer • Buzz Lightyear • Big Bad Beetleborgs

• computer games Nintendo games Love,

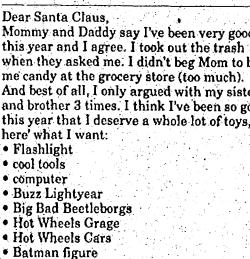
Spiderman or X-Ma

Dakota Young

Dear Santa. I have been a very good boy. I help my mom and dad a lot. I would like for you to bring me please: A Spiderman or X-Man van, anything to do with Toy Story, Socker Boppers, Spiderman Sega game, and Nintendo 64. Thank you. Cory Whitteaker







Officials: Prop A hurts area schools

districts.

Hailer said.

price inflation.

property.

Hailer, a partner in the account-

ing firm of Plante & Moran,

which audits 84 public school

\$5,000 and \$6,500 are just bare-

ly keeping up, or not. If their

enrollment declines, it's a double

And districts that spent more

percentage revenue increases

are small. They are spending

their fund balances (working

Proposal A, approved by state

voters in March of 1994, slashed

local property taxes and capped

assessment increases at 5 per-

cent or the rate of consumer

It effectively blocked individu-

al districts from asking local vot-

ers to sweeten the property tax

pot beyond six mills for homes

and 24 mills for non-homestead

taxes from 4 percent to 6 and

substituted a virtual state

takeover of school funding. The

Proposal A raised the sales-use

capital) or making cuts now,

whammy," Hailer said.

"Districts that were between

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Proposal A rescued outstate school districts financially, but suburban officials say their fiscal picture deteriorates each year.

Reason: Revenues have been rising 2.7 percent a year, said Randy Liepa, assistant superintendent for business of Livonia public schools, but costs are rising faster and at a compound

"If you don't think you have a problem in school financing, then you have two problems," said one school official in the audience of leaders from 10 school districts in western Wayne County.

"We're all moving toward that brick wall. We'll all hit that brick wall at different times," concluded Michael Wilmot, Garden City school superintendent and president of MAISL, the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation. It met Dec. 11 in Westland.

That wall, said Liepa, consists of these annual cost increases:

Retirement _ rising at 5.3 percent. The state has shifted the employer's share to local districts.

■ Special education - rising at 6 percent.

■ Health care - rising at 4.6

Meanwhile, teacher "step" increases plus contract increases

will run another 4 percent a year.

MAISL's 10 members include Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Redford Union and Wayne-Westland, plus Dearborn, Inkster, Romulus, Taylor and Westwood.

They put together a budget for a typical school district and projected what would happen over seven years, based on their experience. The hypothetical district's \$71 million revenues rose to nearly 86 million, but its costs rose to \$94 million and its accumulated fund balance to \$18 mil-

Net result: a negative fund balance of more than \$26 million, "because revenues are capped," said Liepa. Without a fix from Lansing, suburban schools will have no option but to cut budgets, beginning with buses and teacher salaries.

"You as board members didn't get elected to hack up the program, but that's the reality." said Joel Carr, assistant superintendent in Romulus.

How did it happen? Proposal A sought to smooth out the disparities in school funding, which ranged from less than \$4,000 to more than \$10,000 per pupil.

"Districts below \$5,000 per for non-industrial districts in mid-Michigan, pupil are getting double the increases of others," said Fred

Among the losers: Ann Arbor's 2.2 percent; Romulus' and Dearborn's 2.5 percent.

Among big winners: Gwinn's first year revenues rose 13.7 percent; Onaway's, 28.1 percent.

"It's put us all in the borrowing business," said Steve Ezikian, Redford Union's director of business and finance.

Gerald Dunn, MAISL's executhan \$6,500 per pupil find "their tive director, noted that Gov. John Engler boasts of cutting state taxes, "but those 21 tax cuts took away \$3,5 billion from the state's base."

The situation is worsened by growing numbers of "special education" pupils, who require \$24,000 a year to educate versus \$5,000 for others.

"Children who in the past wouldn't have lived, or would have been in institutions, are now in special education," said Patricia Brand, Wayne-Westland assistant superintendent.

It has worsened still more as former private schools, now doing business as "public school academies" with state money, compete for general students and shirk those in special educacombined effect was a windfall tion, Dunn said.

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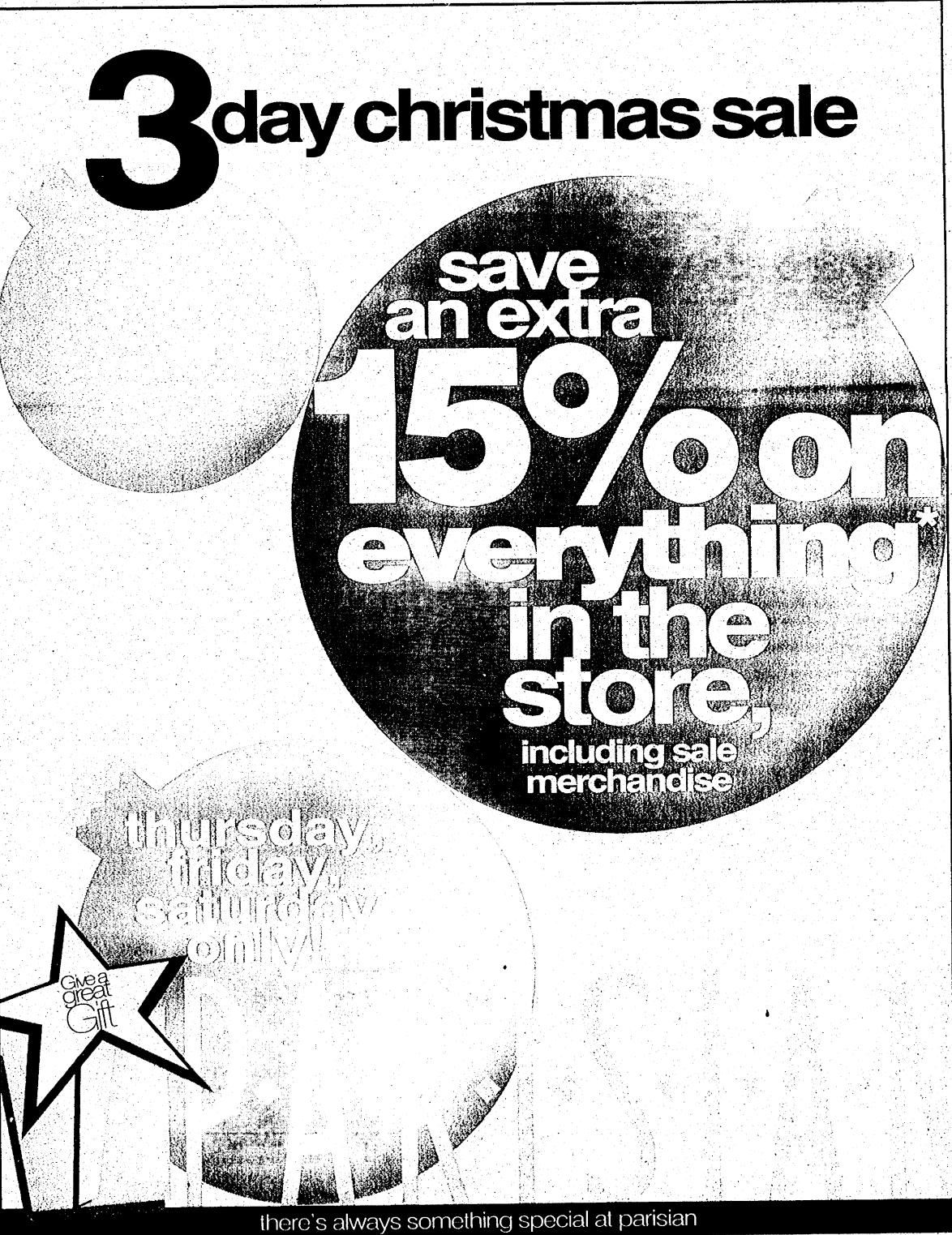
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Help provided for grieving pet owners

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

Your pets never question you. They don't talk too much and are always glad to see you.

Some will tell you sincerely they've preferred the company of a particular dog or cat to most people they've known. So when the pet dies, grief can be

Plymouth's First Presbyterian Church has been home for eight years to a pet loss support group, the first formed in Michigan.

"We started it just as a six-month pilot program, through the Southeast Michigan Veterinary Medicine Association," said Kathy-Diehl, an Ann Arbor psychologist with a background in grief counseling who heads the group.

"I've been through pet loss myself. Just because you facilitate a group doesn't give you any edge," she said.

The group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the church at Main and Church streets.

"People who are strongly attached to their pets have feelings of grief very similar to losing any family member," Diehl said. "Our society seems to always be in a hurry. We try to rush people through the grieving process.'

"A lot of people feel it's just a dog, just a cat, you can get another one. But people don't say it's just a husband or just a wife - get another one. The intensity of grief seems to be correlated to the intensity of the relationship," she said. "Some people will say I didn't feel this bad when my brother

Four to eight people show up for each meeting. The group is free.

How do those attending help each other? "It's not a therapy group. It's a group that offers support and understanding, they'll say, 'I've felt that way.

too, they will help each other," Diehl said. "They will say this is the process I went through,

and that they're not unusual or weird." Diehl said it's typical for grieving pet owners to express guilt. "Sometimes accidents happen. They say I wonder if I had gotten a second opinion, or I wonder if I euthanized too soon. It seems to be a real relief for people to share those things," shesaid. "It's real relief to hear you did do a good job with the information you had."

Some people who come mourn birds or horses that have died, but most mourn dogs or cats. Diehl is the group facilitator, and she often has a local veterinarian on hand to answer medical questions.

It's typical for those attending to do so for a few weeks. But Diehl said a few have attended for several months. "The people who tend to get a lot of benefit from the group live alone, or have children grown and out of the household," Diehl said.

"We tell them it's OK to grieve. Sometimes that's all they really need to hear. I tell them it is a legitimate sadness, pets fulfill a lot or roles in life - a family member, confidant, court jester. For some people the healing process is facilitated by talking about it."

"Everybody who comes to the group had a pet that was the most outstanding, smartest, most wonderful, most talented, everyone has some wonderful and memorable stories," Diehl said.

"One retired woman who came to the group for a while felt she owed her life to her dog. She was assaulted in her carport. The dog was in the house, and while she was being assaulted her dog was going crazy, the neighbors called the police," Diehl recalled. "She felt her life had been saved."

For more information on the group, call 397-

MY FRIEND, MY PAL

A friend: Dealing with the death of a pet isn't easy. That's why an eight-year-old group was formed to deal with the loss of pets. The support group meets in the Plymouth First Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. on the seound and fourth Mondays of each month.

2 malls continue yule programs

Westland Center and Wonderland Malls are continuing their

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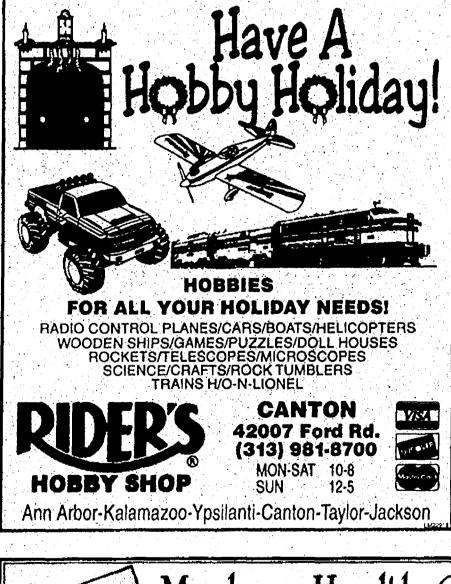
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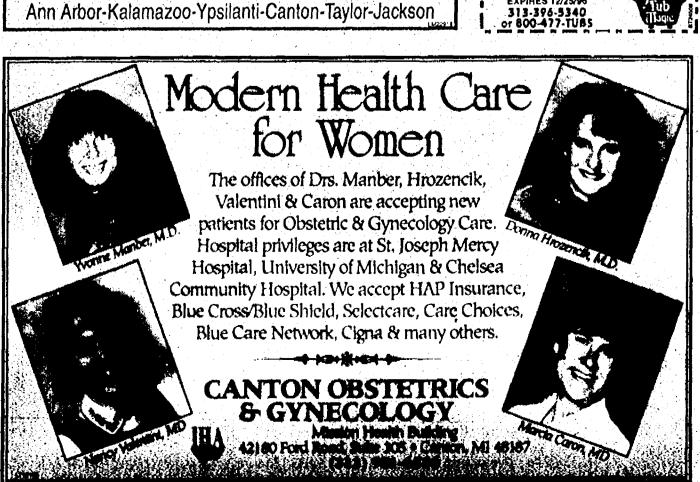
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• Through Dec. 24 - Wonderland Mall has paired with Metropolitan YMCA to collect new toys, children's clothing, and non-perishable food items.









Angela Hospice is offering workshops

"Growing through Grief," an eight-week workshop for children dealing with death and for the adult who care for them, is being offered by the "My Nest is Best" pediatric program of Angela Hospice, Livonia.

The workshop is for ages 5-18. who are dealing with death. The



evening workshops will be guided by a specialized team including a psychologist, social worker, and nurse.

8 p.m. on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to March 4. Interested persons should sign up before Dec. 19 by calling 464-

The workshops will be 6:30 to

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Deputies to reward courteous drivers

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW STAFF WRITER

If an officer from the Wayne County Sheriff's Department pulls you over during the next week, you may receive an unexpected holiday gift instead of a

The department has brought back its "Courteous Driver Program," which rewards motorists who show extra respect for others on the road.

Here's how the program, which began in 1988, works: If an officer sees an especially courteous driver while on his or her regular patrol, then the officer pulls the motorist over like a usual traffic stop.

After obtaining the driver's license and registration, the officer goes back to the patrol car and returns with either a pair of tickets to a Detroit Vipers' hockey game or a \$10 gift certificate to Meijer.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert Ficano said the department started the program to reach out to the community and show drivers that their encounters with officers won't always be

"Especially during the holiday season, we want to make sure people stay focused," he said. "There's a lot more drivers on the road."

Wayne County Officer Harold Stockton said he rewards drivers who have their children wearing safety belts, use their

traffic signal when it may not be necessary or show any form of extra respect for others.

"We try to give them to people who deserve it," he said. "Sometimes a person needs to know they're appreciated," said Stock-

The program has helped boost relations between the department and the community, he

"These are the kind of tickets I like to give out," Stockton said.

During a patrol, Stockton noticed a driver who had signaled well and was driving the speed limit — so he flipped on his lights and pulled him over.

Stockton approached the vehicle, asked for the man's license and returned to his car.

"He still doesn't know why I pulled him over," Stockton said, laughing.

Stockton returned to the confused driver, explained why he pulled him over, handed him and a passenger two Vipers' tickets and exchanged a handshake with each man.

Tom Cunningham, the driver and a Trenton resident, said he thinks the program is a good idea, although he was at first puzzled why Stockton pulled

"It's quite a surprise," he said. "We were trying to figure out what we did wrong and were coming up empty."

Workshop tells how to apply for Habitat housing program

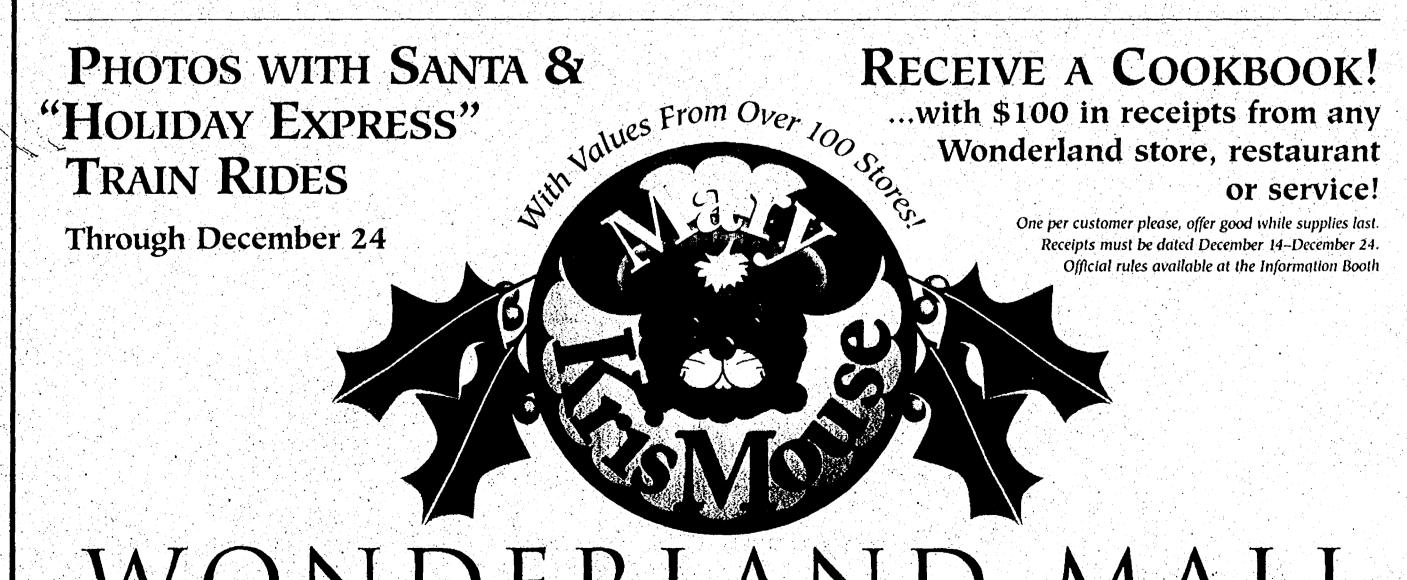
affiliate of Habitat for Humanity continues its effort to eliminate residents of western Wayne poverty housing by sponsoring a County interested in becoming a workshop for individuals inter- partnership owner are welcome. ested in applying for Habitat

This workshop will be held at Renee Schultz at (313) 432-7700. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the

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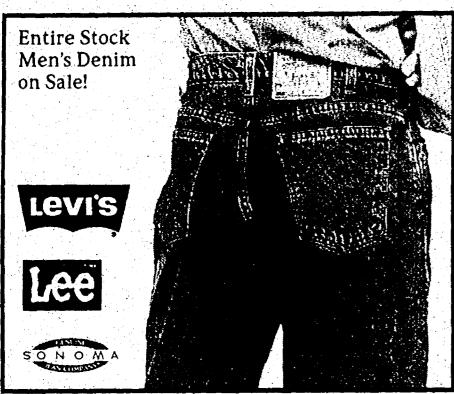


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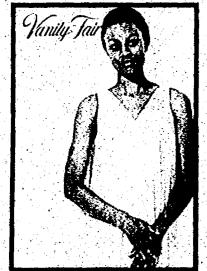
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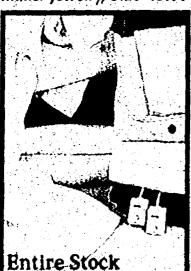
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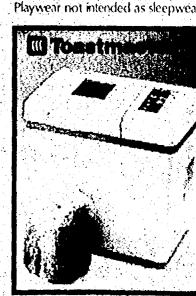


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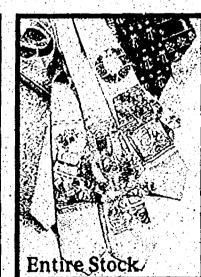
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Residents to serve on county EDC

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Two Northville residents were selected to the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation to help oversee the development of a county-owned 926acre site in Northville Township.

On Dec. 5, Wayne County commissioners approved William James and George Zeleznik to the EDC to serve only with respect to that project's development.

The land will be transferred to the EDC for sale to developers. The site once housed the Wayne County Child Development Center and the Plymouth State Training School.

County commissioners also approved the boundaries of the project plan on Dec. 5 after a public hearing at which no one commented on the plan. The land is bounded by Five Mile Road, Six Mile Road, Beck Road and Hines Park.

James is the president of Bill James Plumbing and Heating of Madison Heights, a plumbing and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracting company, with experience in institutional projects, construction, maintenance and repairs.

Zeleznik is a real estate specialist with Axiom Real Estate Management. He supervised the real estate department of a multi-billion dollar corporation, which included negotiation, acquisition, construction, leasing, maintenance and property disposition.

Zeleznik also managed a large real estate portfolio that included industrial and commercial property, and office and retail.

Today nearly 60 buildings sit empty at the site. The county solicited proposals this month to demolish the vacant buildings.

The commission's action followed the Northville Township Board of trustees conditional approval of Wayne County's Planned Unit Development (PUD) to house new development.

A PUD is a zoning classification that gives land owners/developers greater flexibility in terms of land use while providing the township a detailed role in the planning process. The land was zoned single-family residential.

The plans call for 308 acres of single-family detached residential development; 26 acres devoted to an adult-lifestyle community; 110 acres for Optical Imaging Systems, Inc., including the firm's existing 30acre facility; 40 acres for apartments; 14 acres for commercial; 13 acres for senior housing; and 206 acres for a golf course. In addition, 45 acres will be devoted to recreation and open space for the township.

The land is the largest parcel of undeveloped property under single ownership in the county.

Northville attached several conditions to its approval. They

The PUD must be consistent with the conceptual plan submitted by Wayne County, a PUD subcommittee report and a memo regarding sewage capaci-

■ The proposal must be consistent with what the township board considers what is "mutually beneficial" for township and

county residents. ■ Wayne County will transfer ownership to the county's Economic Development Corporation except for property currently occupied by Optical Imaging Systems. Northville Township's attorney and corporation counsel must be satisfied with the transfer to EDC, according to the resolution. If the transfer is unsatisfactory, the township can abandon it.

■ 45 acres of land will be conveyed to the township.

the county also will return property tax revenue currently received by the township for property transferred to the

The county expects to use \$20 million in proceeds from the land sale for the new Lions Stadium downtown after deducting "net of any out-of-pocket costs of the county and payments made to the state," according to a recent memo of understanding approved by the commission's committee on economic development.

Proceeds are also earmarked for the county's 21st Century Fund, which is devoted to revitalizing communities.

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> Three of the program courses are being offered in the winter 1997 term. Classes begin the week of Jan. 6.

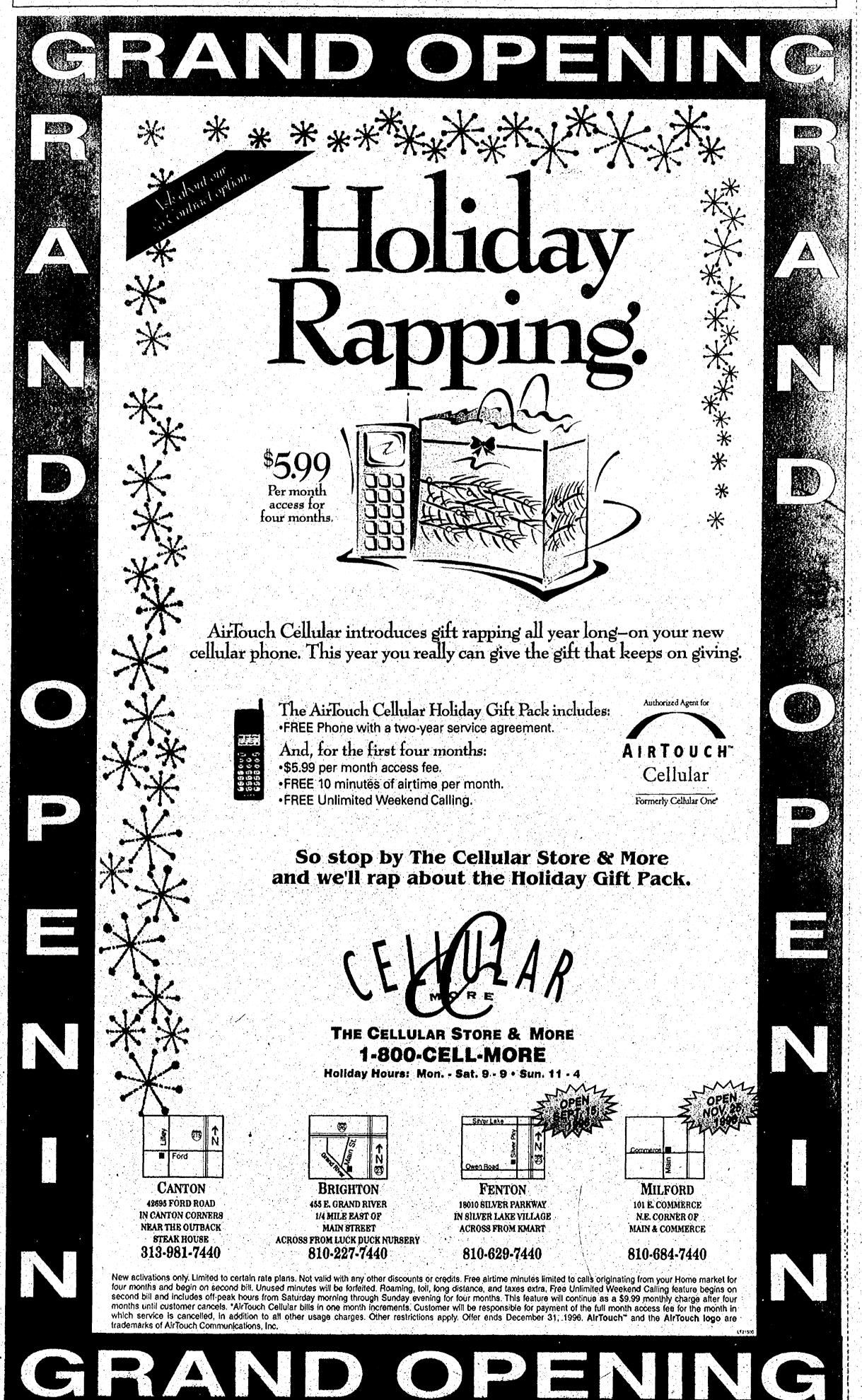
Promotional Mix: Professional Selling will be offered on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. from Jan. 9 through March 20. Promotional Mix: Theory and Practice of Teleselling, also on

will begin on April 3 and continue through Ap.il 24. Principles of Marketing will be offered on Mondays from 7 to 10. p.m. and also as a telecourse on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. beginning the week of Jan.

Students may register in-person at Madonna University through Friday, Jan. 3. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on

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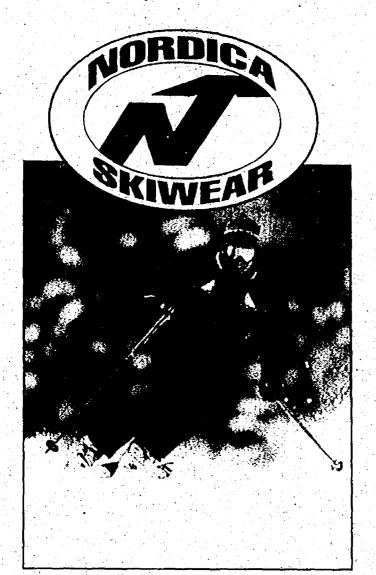
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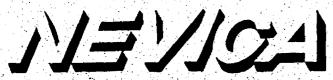


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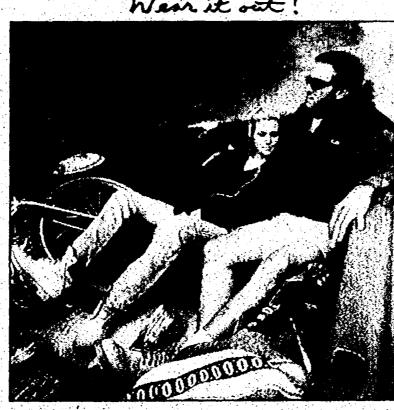
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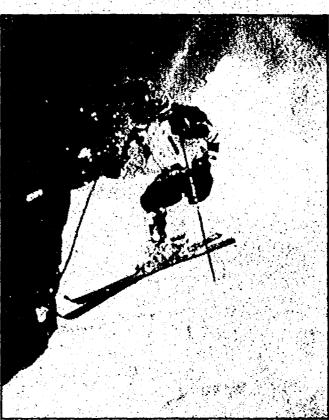




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Improvements funded for Metroparks

BY TIM RICHARD STAFF WRITER

Nine million visitors will see big capital improvements at some of the newer Huron-Clinton Metroparks in 1997.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board gave 7-0 approval Dec. 12 to a \$42 million budget - same as the current year. It will put a hefty \$10.9 million into capi-

tal, up 6 percent to 26 percent of the total. Biggest project: The family aquatic center at Indian Springs Metropark in White Lake and Springfield townships in northwestern

Oakland County. The multi-year, \$10 million project will consume \$3.2 million in 1997 alone. Target opening date is May of 1999, said controller David L. Wahl. Work in 1998 will consist of completing the pool deck, shade

tion, fencing, bridge work, and paving the road and parking lot. "Once this project is under construction, the capital improvement area should return to a more normal level over the next few

structures, rock work, landscaping, irriga-

years," said Wahl's budget message. Other 1997 capital projects:

 Lake Erie Metropark, at the mouth of the Huron River in southern Wayne County - \$500,000 for a shoreline trail and \$550,000 for marina dock utility renovations. The marina is proving one of the most popular facilities in the metropark system, said spokesman Dave Moilanen.

• Metro Beach on Lake St. Clair - \$1 million for a west boat launch. Environmental groups have fought the project, saying it will harm marshlands. Final approval is up to the Department of Natural Resources.

• Huron Meadows south of Brighton in Livingston County - \$200,000 for a share of Maltby Lake Road costs.

 Kensington, oldest and most popular of the 13 metroparks on I-96 west of Milford -\$46,000 for a pesticide loading and storage Target opening date is May of 1999, said controller David L. Wahl.

building.

• Stony Creek, north of Rochester -\$36,000 for a salt storage building.

Prices same

Vehicle admissions will remain unchanged in 1997: \$15 regular for the season, \$8 for seniors (62 or older), \$3 on weekends and holidays, \$2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Boat launching fees also will be unchanged: \$18 regular for the season, \$9 for seniors, \$4 on weekends and holidays, \$3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Corporate discounts of 20 percent are available for purchasing 50 or more. Passes for 1997 went on sale Dec. 1.

Most popular of the 13 parks, judging from anticipated operating revenue, are Kensington, \$2.2 million; Metro Beach, \$1.7 million; and Lake Erie, \$1.5 million.

They are followed by the three small parks northeast of Ann Arbor - Dexter, Delhi and Hudson Mills, at \$950,000; Willow and Oakwoods on the lower Huron River, \$932,500; Stony Creek, \$930,000.

Huron Meadows, with its golf course, will bring in \$864,000, followed by Indian Springs at \$816,000; Lower Huron, \$328,000; and Wolcott Mill in northern Macomb County, \$68,100.

A new director will take over Jan. 11 when William P. Sherman retires after 40 years with the system. Frank L. Sudek was promoted from deputy director.

Budget, jobs flat

Wahl said the 1997 operating budget will be almost identical to 1996's. Some \$21.2 million, about half the general fund budget, will come from a property tax rate of 0.2236 mills - about \$11 on a house worth \$102,000 on the market. Voters approved 0.25 mills in 1940, but it has been pared down by the state tax limitation amendment.

Property tax revenues will be up 5 percent - 2.8 percent due to inflation in assessments, 2.2 percent due to new construction, much of it in Livingston County.

Vehicle admissions and other operating revenues produce about one-fourth of all operating funds: \$10.3 million, up 3.5 per-

Wahl said admission estimates are affected by weather and, in the case of Metro Beach, by 1994's pollution spills.

"Metro Beach should experience a 5 percent (\$70,000) growth in revenue as we move further away from 1994," he said. Lake Erie golf revenues grew at a solid 8 percent, but pool revenues there declined 6 percent in

Not shown in the general fund budget are about \$2 million from oil and gas royalties from Kensington Metropark. Segregated into a separate budget, they will be used for supplemental major maintenance items, notably Metro Beach's water system.

Employment will remain virtually flat: 187 full-time and 743 part-time or seasonal workers. Major operating cost hikes will be an expected 10 percent rate increase in health care and 12 percent more for pensions, Wahl said.

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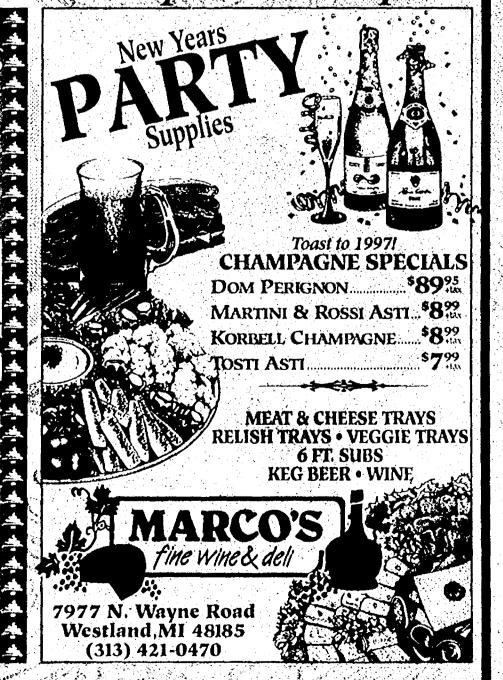
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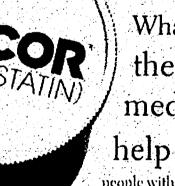
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Lawmakers look ahead

Road funding, gas tax to top '97 agenda

BY ZACHARY GORCHOW STAFF WRITER

After concluding a busy-legislative session, two area state senators returned to their districts this week to address issues that will shape the Legislature next year.

Speaking at the William P. Faust Library in Westland, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, and Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, agreed that the method of funding road improvements will be the top issue facing lawmakers when they return to Lansing Jan. 8.

Bennett represents a district that includes part of Canton Township, Westland and Wayne. Cleake's district includes Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Redford and part of Canton Town-

Geake said he believes the Legislature could approve a gas tax hike next year, despite the partisan split resulting from the GOP losing control of the House to Democrats.

"I think (it could pass) because the No. 1 issue for everybody is road improvements," he said.

The roadblock to raising the gas tax last year was a disagreement on how much of the money would go to the state compared to cities and counties, Geake

There are two courses of action: blame the taxpayer for not paying enough money (to maintain roads), or recognizing that the system (of financing road maintenance) has problems.

Sen. Loren Bennett R-Canton

said. Gov. John Engler wanted most of the money to go to the

Geake said he disagreed with Engler on giving funding priority to the state.

"It would be wrong to give it all to the state," he said. "There's been a heavy increase in usage of our roads.'

Bennett said he wants to explore every option before raising the gas tax.

"There are two courses of action: blame the taxpayer for not paying enough money (to maintain roads), or recognizing that the system (of financing road maintenance) has problems," he said.

But Rep. Thomas Kelly, D-Wayne, said a third alternative exists. He advocates preventing other state departments from dipping into the Department of Transportation's budget for funds. The Department of State takes the most money of any

agency — \$86 million.

Kelly said ending this transfer of money would be the equivalent of raising the gas tax by 1.5 cents. He brought the proposal to the full House last week, but House leaders - who opposed the provision — killed it after it became clear that the measure had enough support for it to

"We need to find in state government where money is being taken away (from transportation)," he said.

Kelly said he plans to propose the measure again when the House returns in January. He said its chances of passing will imprové.

"It would be appealing to both sides of the aisle because it doesn't raise taxes," he said.

But Bennett said his plan is to examine the current system for inefficiencies to avoid raising the gas tax.

"It has been consistent from

my 1994 campaign that I have to be assured that the money that's being collected for roads is actually going to the roads," he said. "Once we've made an assessment of the current situation, then and only then - can we look at raising the gas tax."

Bennett said he wants to undertake such an assessment in cooperation with Wayne County officials.

"I'm perplexed by Wayne County's reluctance to look at (auditing the system)," he said.

But John Roach, Wayne County Public Services spokesman, said the Department of Transportation and outside firms already perform thorough audits of the county's road expendi-

"We feel that Sen. Bennett's audit is unnecessary and a duplicative effort." he said.

Roach said past attorney general rulings on audits like the ones recommended by Bennett have shown them to be unconstitutional.

"In 1984, a senator by the name of John Engler requested in opposition to the audit - the attorney general's opinion in order to block it," he said.

Roach said if the attorney general deems such an audit constitutional, the county would have "no problem with it."

Cow skull is special gift for S'craft prof

BY RENEE SKOGLUND STAFF WRITER

Most teachers get apples. Schoolcraft College anthropology teacher Josselyn Moore got a "new" cow skull.

Moore regularly passes around a variety of skeletal material in her classroom. She used a cow skull to show the class the teeth of a herbivore, a plant-eating animal.

However, after 15 years, the bovine specimen had seen better days.

"The teeth fell out. It got some wear and tear in the classroom. It's hard to know what to do with a retired cow skull," Moore said.

Trish Green of Livonia, a student in Moore's class, remembered an old cow skull that set on a bench alongside a trail on her mother's 1,000-acre cattle ranch near Orlando, Fla. She decided to give her mother, Kathy Stokes, a call.

"I told her Mrs. Moore would enjoy something like that, especially if it had good teeth."

Stokes assured her daughter the skull's teeth were in excellent condition and took the head to her local Mailboxes

Etc., where it was packed in bubble wrap and peanuts.

The mailing clerk asked Green's mother how much insurance the skull needed.

"They thought it was like

this primitive artifact worth fortunes," said Green.

The cow skull was on its way to a new home.

"When Trish came to my office with this big box, I asked her if it was her term paper," said Moore.

Moore determined the cow had been quite young when it met its demise, probably between one and two years old. The head shape was small and the teeth were pointed, not flat and ground down from years of chewing its cud.

The cow skull, as yet unnamed, has taken its place alongside Moore's other classroom skulls, which include a pig, cat, dog, even a human. Moore, who said she's been teaching anthropology "since dirt," was delighted with Green's gift.

"It's the nicest thing I ever received from a student. No apples, it's just body parts I

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Women who are or may become pregnant: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the elus Women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely that they will become pregnant. Il a noman does become pregnant while on 2000R, she should stop taking the drug and talk to ner doctor at once

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mai levels when therapy with ZOCOR was stopped Your doctor should perform routine blood lesis to check these enzymes before and during treatment with 2000R. The tests should occur at 6 weeks and 12 weeks after you begin taking ZOCOR, and about every 6 months thereafter. If your enzyme levels increase. your doctor should order more frequent tests. If your fiver enzyma levels remain unusually high, your doctor should discontinue your medication.

Tell your doctor about any liver disease you may have had in. ine past and about how much alcohol you consume ZOCOR should be used with caution in patients who consume large

Muscle: Tell your doctor right away if you experience any muscle pain, lenderness, or weakness at any time during treatment with ZOCOR, particularly it you have a fever or if you are generally not feeling well, so your doctor can decide it 2000R should be stopped. Some patients may have muscle pain or weakness while taking ZOCOR, Rarely, this can include muscle breakdown resulting in kidney damage. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients taking certain other drugs along with 2000R, such as the lipid-lowering drug Lopid (gemfibrozii), a fibrate; lipid-lowering doses of nicotinic acid (niacin); the antihiotic erythromycin; antifungal drugs that are azole derivatives, such as itraconazole; or drugs that suppress the Immune Sandimmune": [cyclosporine]): Therapy with ZOCOR should be temporarily interrupted if you are going to take an azola derivative antifungal medication, such as Itraconazole. Patients using 2000R along with any of these other drugs should be carefully monitored by their physician. The risk of muscle breakdown is greater in patients with 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 ZOCOR. Such conditions include severa infection, low blood pressure, major surgery, trauma; severe metabolic, endocrine and electrolyte disorders, and uncontrolled selzures. Discuss this with your doctor, who can explain these conditions

Because there are risks in combining therapy with ZOCOR with ligid-lowering doses of nicolinic acid (nlacin) or with drugs that suppress the immune system, your doctor should escelully 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 therepy 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.

Before starting treatment with ZOCOR, try to lower your cho-testerol by other methods such as diet, exercise, and weight foss. Ask your doctor about how best to do this. Any other medical problems that can cause high cho

ZOCOR is less effective in patients with the rare disorder. known as homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia.

Dring Interactions: Because of possible serious drug inter-ACTIONS IN IS INVOCABLE TO THE ACTION OF A are taking including those obtained without a prescription. All rights reserved.

ZOCOR (simvastatin) can interact with Lopid injacin erythromycin, certain antifungal drugs, and drugs that suppress the immune system (called immunosuppressive drugs such as Sand-mmone) (See WARNINGS: Muscle.) Some patients taking troid-lowering agents similar to ZOCOR

and coumarin anticoagutants (a type of blood thinner) have experienced bleeding and/or increased blood clotting time. Patients taking these med cines should have their blood tested before starting therapy with ZOEOR and should con-

Endocrine (Hormone) Function: ZOCOR and other drugs in this class may affect the production of certain hormones. Caution should be exércised if a drug used to lower cholesterol levels is administered to patients also receiving other drugs (e.g.: ketoconazole spironofactorie cimelidine) that may decrease the levels of activity of hormones. If you are taking any such drugs, fell your doctor.

Central Nervous System Toxicity: Cancer, Mutations, impairment of Fertility: Like most prescription drugs, ZOCOR was required to be tested on animals before it. was marketed for human use. Often these tests were designed to achieve higher drug concentrations than humans achieve damage to the nerves in the central nervous system. In studies of mice with high doses of ZOCOR. The likelihood of certain types of cancerous turnors increased. No evidence of mutations of or damage to genetic material has been seen. In one study with 2000R, there was decreased fertility in materials Pregnancy: Pregnant women should not take ZOCOR because it may harm the fetus

Safety in pregnancy has not been established. There have been no reports of birth defects in the children of patients taking ZOCOR. However, in studies with tipid-lowering abents similar to ZOCOR, there have been rare reports of birth defects of the skeleton and digestive system. Therefore women of childbearing age should not take ZOCOR unless it is highly unlikely they will become pregnant. If a woman does become pregnant while taking ZOCOR, she should stop taking the drug and talk to her doctor at once. The active ingredient of ZOCOR did not cause birth defects in. rats at 6 times the human dose or in rabbits at 4 times the

Nursing Mothers: Drugs taken by nursing mothers may be present in their breast mick. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in flursing triants a woman taking ZOCOR should not breast-leed (See WHEN ZOCOR SHOULD

Pediatric Use: 2000R is not recommended for children of patients under 20 years of age

Most patients tolerate treatment with 2000B well; however, tke all prescription drugs. ZOCOR can cause side effects, and some of them can be serious. Side effects that do occur are usually mild and short-fixed. Only your doctor can weigh the risks versus the benefits of any prescription drug. In clinical studies with 2000R less than 1.5% of patients dropped out of the studies because of side effects. In a large, long-term study patients taking ZOCOR experienced similar side effects to those patients taking placebo (sugar pills). Some of the side effects that have been reported with 2000R or related drugs are listed below. This list is not complete. Be sure to ask your doctor about side effects before taking ZOCOR and to discuss any side effects that occur-

Digestive System: Constipation, diarrhea upset stomach. gas, hearthurn, stomach pain/cramps, anorexia. loss of appetite, nausea, infiammation of the pancreas, hepatitis. jaundice, fatty changes in the liver, and, rarely, severe liver , damage and failure, cirrhosis, and fiver cancer

Muscle, Skeletal: Muscle cramps, aches, pain, and weakness; joint pain; muscle breakdown

Nervous System; Dizziness, headache, insomnia, lingling. memory loss, damage to nerves causing weakness and/or loss of sensation and/or abnormal sensations, anxiety. depression, tremor, loss of balance, psychic disturbances. Skin: Rash, itching, bair loss, dryness, nodüles, dis-

Eye/Senses: Blurred vision, altered taste sensation. progression of calaracts, eye muscle weakness

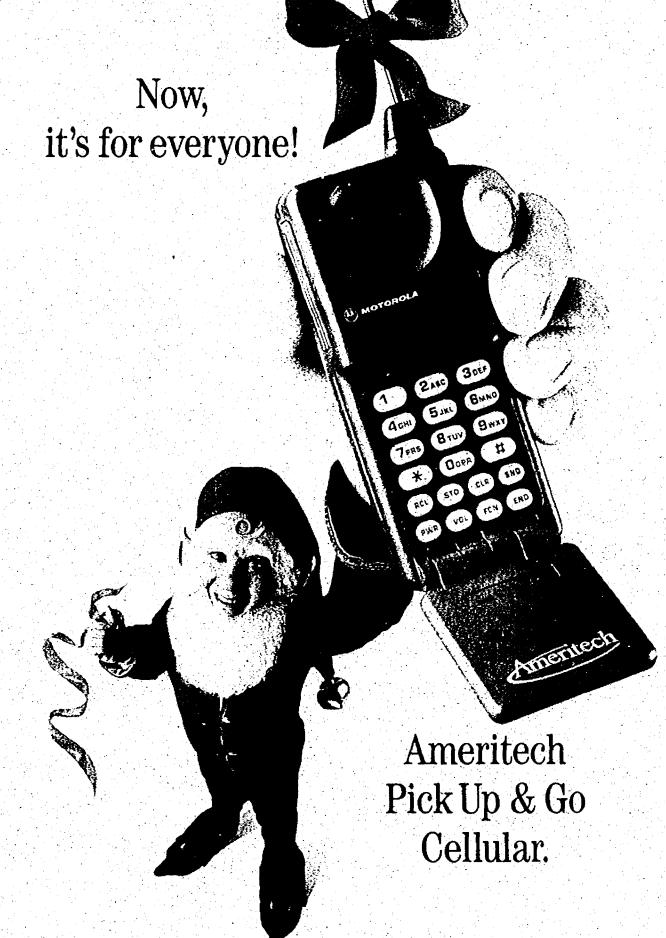
Hypersensitivity (Allergic) Reactions: On rare occasions, a wide variety of symptoms have been reported to occur either alone or together in groups (referred to as a symdrome) that appeared to be based on allergic-type reactions which may rarely be tatal. These have included one or more of the following: a severe generalized reaction that may include: shortness of breath, wheezing, digestive symptoms, and low blood pressure and even shock, an allergic reaction with swelling of the face, lips, longue and/or threat with difficulty swallowing or breathing, symptoms mimicking lupus (a disorder in which a person's immune system may attack parts of his or her own body); severe muscle and blood vessel inflammation, bruises, various disorders of blood cells (that could result in anemia, infection, or blood clotting problems) or abnormal blood tests; inflamed or painful joints; hives; latique and weakness; sensitivity to sunlight; lever, chills; flushing: difficulty breathing, and severe skin disorders that vary from rash to a serious burn-tike shedding of skin all over the body, including mucous membranes such as the lining

Other: Loss of sexual desire, breast enlargement, impotence Laboratory Tests: Liver function lest abnormalities including elevated alkaline phosphalase and bilirubin; thyroid func-

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Help needed

Salvation Army seeks aid

loo many times, residents think of Christmas primarily as a season for buying gifts for family members, co-workers and close friends.

But the commercial aspect of the season isn't lost on the Westland Salvation Army staff and its growing number of volunteers.

The season means that people should help others in need.

That's the driving spirit behind the group formerly seven years ago with a new community service opened two years ago.

While the organization has performed many little and large personal miracles in the past seven holiday seasons, it still needs help from the rest of the community.

The Salvation Army ran into a road block last winter when it didn't have access to the Westland Center entrances.

Despite that hurdle, the group still managed to draw within \$4,000 of its goal last

This year, the Salvation 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 Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh.

He pointed out that schools, businesses and community organizations can help with 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 48186.

In another Salvation Army announcement, officials noted that Toys R Us, 34800 Warren Road, is helping to ensure that children have a merrier Christmas by placing an "angel

nyone who believes in Christmas is a per-

After all, it takes a tremendous amount of

faith to believe that a very old woman, Eliza-

beth, would give birth to a baby. And it takes

far more faith than that to believe in the mira-

cle of Immaculate Conception. A baby, born of

While these miracles seem far-fetched to

grasp than the collapse of the Berlin Wall, the

East? Before any of these miraculous-type his-

end of the Cold War, or peace in the Middle

torical events occurred, most rational people

would have answered "impossible" when

asked about the likelihood of occurrence.

It is much easier now to believe in the

Immaculate Conception and end of the Cold

War. After the fact, miracles such as these are easier to believe in once they are recorded.

But faith also allows us to believe in miracles

A woman of faith once prayed for the type

occur before it does. But Christian faith allows

So people of faith who can believe in mira-

cles can also believe in future miracles. And

just as one woman can step into the waters of

of faith that would allow her to step into the

waters before the Red Sea parts. A greater

faith is required to act as if a miracle will

a virgin conceived by the Holy Spirit?

non-believers, are they any more hard to

son of faith who believes in miracles.

Miracles always in season

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 ways.

This Friday, 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 seniors.

Throughout the month, volunteers will visit local nursing homes in Westland and Wayne to give residents a holiday gift.

Two businesses have come to the organization's help in recent weeks to help bring the holiday spirit to needy families, especially children.

One is Fantastic Sam's styling salons which are sponsoring a raffle to help the Salvation

The big prize is the hard-to-find Tickle Me Elmo doll. Raffle tickets are available at the three local salons: Warren Road at Venoy; on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill and the corner of Wayne Road and Glenwood.

Westland Center is cooperating in the "Share the Warmth" program which provides a new cotton blanket to a family in the name of mall shoppers who buy \$150 or more from its businesses.

Salvation Army officials are seeking "partners" to help. Interested persons may call 722-3660 or fax the organization at 722-5115.

The Observer, the Salvation Army and hundreds of needy families hope you will respond.

the Red Sea before it parts, so can all of us

order our actions as if a future miracle will

arrive in America that racism no longer

will step into the waters in 1997.

by compassion than by despair?

believes He can?

Can we believe, for instance, the day will

exists? If we can, then our words and actions

today should reflect that future miracle. We

Can we believe that poverty will be abol-

ployed? Would our steps today be guided more

The skeptics among us will, of course, argue

ished and we no longer will have malnour-

that an end to poverty or racism will never

happen. But skeptics don't believe in miracles.

And they didn't believe the Berlin Wall would

fall or the Cold War melt. The skeptics were

What we believe in has the possibility of

happening. What we believe is impossible will

never occur. Will God produce a miracle if not

The faith and miracles of Christmas are for

escape by living our lives with expectations of

improvement, and by doing what we do best.

a single person ever prays for it or if no one

many of us a reminder that we are not

That's what the carpenter did.

trapped in our present condition. We can

ished babies, the homeless, or the unem-

Lighting up the season



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Hollday hope: A grouping of community-sponsored trees lights up downtown Plymouth during the holiday season, offering a message of seasonal greeting.

LETTERS

Raises criticized

What are the real costs of the recent salary increases?

The elected officials in the city of Westland do not know the meaning of savings or costcutting measures. As a former city council member who served 12 years, I was shocked at the approval of the appointed officials' salary and benefit package which somehow also included additional compensation for the

At the Nov. 19 meeting, the council approved the mayor's recommended pay raises and increased retirement benefits for 21 employees all of whom are appointed by the mayor. I commend Councilman Glenn Anderson for his stance on this issue and his "no"

This pay plan has ramifications that taxpayers have no knowledge of and no attempt was made to explain it to us. The raises in salaries over a two-year period for 21 employees will be \$230,789 (Observer, Nov. 21). That's an average increase of \$10,989 per person over two years or \$5,494 per year. The actual salary increase will range from \$3,500 to \$8,031 per year. It will take the general operating millage collected on 675 homes valued at \$100,000 to pay for these increases in salary alone.

In addition to this there was also an increase of the pension factor for the appointed officials, city council and the mayor.

An employee at the top level salary of \$70,383 who retires with 25 years of service will receive a pension of \$51,018 per year for rest of his or her life. At the lower level of \$57,011 salary and 25 years service, that pension would be \$41,657 per year for life. Both of these examples would also receive full paid medical and life insurance benefits for life.

With the adoption of this pay plan all city officials whether elected or appointed have quietly lined their own pockets. For instance, with Council member Trav Griffin (a former mayor) voting for this increase he will see his own pension increase from approximately \$31,500 per year to \$35,280 per year. Not bad for only four (4) full-time years with the city.

Mayor Robert Thomas will receive a pension increase of 8.1 percent per year. With 27 years of service he can retire with approximately \$62,055 per year, an increase of over-\$6,600 per year all by the council's action. The council also included Mayor Thomas to receive longevity pay of \$100 per year of service.

Never in the 30-plus years of Westland being a city has an elected official received this benefit. By the way, this \$2,700 longevity pay also becomes part of his pension and will be over \$2,000 per year.

This is what we the taxpayers will be paying for with this new pay plan, today, tomorrow, next year and for many years after these elected and appointed officials are gone.

When you compare this pay plan to other government agencies and the private sector you discover how far out of line this really is

State of Michigan employees received 2 percent per year, Wayne County 3 to 3 1/2 percent per year, auto workers 3 percent per year and the state compensation commission just recommended 2 1/2 percent increases for the state's elected officials.

The mayor and council have vastly exceeded what's going on in the real world. They have forgotten that the median income of this city is around \$32,000 per household and the average worker retires with a minimum of 25 years service on a pension from \$18,000 to \$25,000 per year.

Instead of going on television with set-up questions at meetings and fireside chats and painting a very rosy picture of Westland, why not tell the true financial picture of Westland? It's not as rosy as it's made out to be. The city's own financial consultants are indicating a rocky financial road ahead. The mayor and city council should be financially responsible to the citizens, something they have failed to do for the past few years.

Kenneth Mehl

Bennett praised

commend state Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, for requesting an audit of the Wayne County Road Department.

I have watched our roads deteriorate while the road department rakes in \$55 million of our tax dollars each year.

It wasn't making any sense to me, but now that Wayne County officials are sitting on the books, it's becoming very clear.

I hope Bennett's persistence can outlast their small tactics. Although the longer they

stall, the better the story will be! Ida Shelly

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

before they happen.

for this kind of faith.

Have you finished your Christmas shopping?

We asked this question at an area post office.



Yes, I think so. Lorrayne Mulder





about things not being in the stores."

Keith Pappette



'Well, yes and no. Some gifts will be for after the holidays."

Kris Kitanovski



"Yup. It was an easy year. I started the end of last Christmas. Most of it last summer."

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POINTS OF VIEW

Here comes Santa, in maroon, ivory

was the month before Christmas,

and stretched through the mall, the line to see Santa had slowed to a crawl. The kids all rehearsed with reverent glee, the lists they'd present when perched on his knee. The parents were stuck in the lengthening queue with their fists full of Visas and MasterCards, too. Store owners feared that profits would drop unless all the parents could be set free to shop. So, out at a mall that they call "the Collection,"

they've taken Kriss Kringle in a whole new direction. The plan they've devised makes me feel sick; you need an appointment to visit Saint Nick. If that's not enough to bring hoots and hollers, the cost of his palace tops one million dollars. His elves are replaced with Ladies and Lords -I think that these yuppies are out of their gourds. In a maroon velvet suit with ivory fur trim, this upscale Santa looks rich, tan and slim. Now the reindeer and sleigh make his image seem shoddy.



GARY BELANGER

so he'll spend Christmas Eve in his new Maserati. As he streaks down the street, flinging toys as he does, he'll sneer at the poor folks as he looks down his nose. You'll hear him exclaim as he blows by in a flash "Merry Christmas for sale;

we take checks, charge or cash."
With all due respect to Clement
Moore, I offer this variation on his
classic Christmas poem as my commentary on Jolly Old St. Nick's latest
makeover. It seems, at least in the
eyes of some local merchants, that the
old dude needed to be a '90s kind of
guy, so they fixed him up with some
new duds and a Day Planner. Now,
instead of kids waiting in line in
breathless anticipation to see Santa,
they can fit him in between the soccer
practices, ballet rehearsals and trips
to the therapist.

I'm uneasy about where this could lead. Will kids forego the personal visits and just have the nanny E-mail their lists and letters over to some virtual reality Cyber-Claus? Will

adults start making reservations for "Cappuccino with Kringe"? How long will it be before Santa sells of the place at the North Pole in favor of a condo in Boca Raton? I'd like to ask Santa himself, but his answering service tells me he's booked solid through the end of the year.

I'll admit I am probably bugged by this much more than I should be, but these people are messing with one of our greatest holiday traditions. Santa represents hope for us all; he is an icon of democracy and equality. More than a giver of gifts, Santa stands as a symbol of faith and belief. And, lately, it seems, that stuff is harder to find than a Tickle-Me-Elmo.

Gary Belanger is a Redford Township resident and a real estate broker.

When did materialism replace spiritualism?

heers to all! This is the time of year I enjoy digging in my heels to withstand the jolly onslaught of merchandising and revive the simplest joys.

As a churchgoing child I found myself wrestling with principles and practices often blurred by overzealous materialism. I understood that Christmas celebrated the birth of Jesus and that we were guests, so to speak, in rejoicing.

When did the gifts of gold, frankincense of myrrh for the child turn into gold, appliances and fur for us?

Santa represented kindness, decency and generosity of common folk for one another, not a salesman taking an order for mere things.

Then again, Santa was also a rather mystic and supernatural figure who tended to provoke the imagination, so it is that I remember being carried back to bed after falling asleep while watching for our chubby chum at the front window of our tenement.

the front window of our tenemen I hardly expected that Santa would be slamming his sleigh down on the snowy roofs of any triple-deckers, and if he did I would have to contend with the gruesome problem of our mantelpiece without a fireplace.

What good would cookies and milk do? I could only imagine some horror like the poor sealed-up soul in Poe's "Cask of Amontillado."

In fact, when it came down to having the gall to ask for something, there was nothing I wanted less than to be made to sit on the lap of some fire-breathing grimy dime store Santa.

I'm sure I was not the only child who feared losing their grip on whatever shreds of dignity spirituality still held for them to tantalizing toy technology.

I felt it was a given that as children we might receive what we needed and only prayed it would not be too ugly.

Socks and underwear with working elastic would be a thrill, and a pretty hair ribbon was a delight.



DOROTHY MATSU

Then you prayed no one would light up a stogic and cause an explosion when the air was full of chintzy colognes and were grateful for a leathery wing off that turkey.

As one got older, the downside of gift giving became quickly apparent. I recall one Christmas when my younger sister should have made the transition from childish brilliance to creative youngster, but somehow fell prey to a plague of rather elderly matching hats and scarves that would've made the Magi roll their eyes.

Dark clouds of the biblical sort scudded across the skies as she rocketed with great wailing and gnashing of teeth from the room of astonished rabble rousers who foolishly thought she was too young to known when she was getting the shaft.

Needless to say, the following
Christmas would bear gifts more
befitting of her artistic temperament.
As a young adult it often seemed
wishes became demands and faith
was saddled with expectations.

Suddenly tokens of affection were the wrong size, color, make and model.

Receipts were shamelessly expected and personal efforts were reduced to cash returns.

I came to admire cultures where one traditionally opened gifts in private for fear the giver would detect even the slightest hint of disappointment, thus offending them.

· Christmas is often a guilt trip without end for folks with children and I wonder what is left to give in a society where competitive parenting encourages not only seeing that your kids have every single thing necessary to fit in with others, but if there is anyway to one-up the rest it shall be done.

When I see a child tooling about the block in a fabulous, motorized reproduction of some spiffy vehicle with a weary and somewhat deprived looking parent in its wake, I can't help but wonder what pleasant perspectives they might share in the

As adults we are repeatedly treated to the desperate anthem "I gave that kid everything" from parents with kids who could care less.

It seems increasingly crucial that we keep in mind the babe in the manger, to give what we can when we can with no expectations other than what should be our greatest hope – Peace on Earth.

Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth resident and a frequent guest columnist.

Thanks, state school board, for creating column fodder

And, as someone who depends on the passage of events to fuel this periodic column, I would not want this holiday season to pass without expressing my thanks to the State Board of Education and its ideological majority. Seldom does a slow news week pass without a gift of a noteworthy event being brightly wrapped and brought forth by the State Board.

As evidence, I offer last week's discussion – at a cost to the public of \$150,000 – by the board to "develop a market-based model on schooling for the State of Michigan."

Authored by William B. Allen, a political scientist who is dean of James Madison College at Michigan State University, and Eugenia Toma, an economist at the University of Kentucky, the report bears an uncanny resemblance to a plan floated by board President Clark Durant in mid-1995:

Schools should be organized entirely by market forces. Government's role in schools should be restructured from "providing the mechanisms of education to providing the funds to sustain consumer choice." That is, government should not operate K-12 schools, but only finance them with per-pupil grants, which would currently amount to \$5,500 or more.

Ownership of the schools would be transferred from government to "all residents of the state of Michigan," with one share in each school in a district given to each resident, with shares also given to teachers and administrators. Shares could be publicly traded.

Governance of schools would be determined by the owners of each school. A majority ("a true majority, not a plurality," the report insists) of shareholders could turn out elected school boards and replace them by a new board, "determined solely by the shareholders of that school."

Experience suggests that ideologically-driven institutions — Maoist China, Stalinist Russia, the market-infatuated State Board of Education — tend at the end of their days to become more and more ideological and less and less in touch with reality. I suppose it does some slight historic violence to the Great Cultural Revolution and the Gulag to compare them with "A New Framework for Public Education in Michigan," but on reflection the comparison seems apt.

For years, Durant and his buddles have set forth to anybody who would listen the assertion public schools are bad because they are a government-created monopoly, for which the only remedy is a big dose of market-based competition. This analysis may or may not be on point,



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but when they pay \$150,000 of taxpayer money for a report that blithely confuses private ownership (of school shares) with public stewardship (of schools, for the benefit of all children), they are committing what amounts to business fraud.

Of course, it's fun to try to see what happens if you extend a suggestive analogy to a new and different field, as this report does. But to confuse verbal funning with actual policy formulation is merely embarrassing.

A statement by Wendy Wagenheim, a Birmingham resident representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, pointed out that Allen and Toma had a "pre-determined conclusion" and a "blind faith" that market-driven schools had some "magic" to educate kids better than government-run schools.

She's got it right. Consider those countries with the best school systems, as determined by recent international testing. Singapore, Japan, France, Germany all are outstanding, and all feature schools that are run (and, sorry, owned) by national ministries of education, driven by national curriculum and examination standards and not in the slightest subject to the forces of the free market.

We may not want to adopt wholesale the educational systems of any of these countries. But taken together, their overall quality offers conclusive evidence that "free-market forces" alone have relatively little to do with school quality, other than providing a sounding board for ideological infatuation.

During his tenure as president of the State Board of Education, Clark Durant has saved my butt on many a slow news day. I should be sorry his right-wing majority on the board will end in January. But, believe me, I'm not that silly.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext. 1880.

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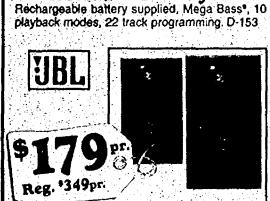
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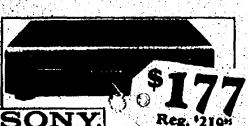
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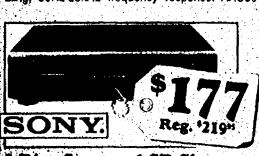
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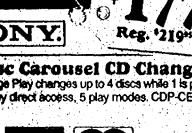
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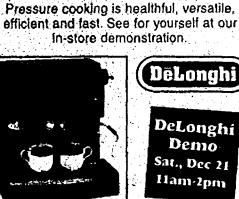


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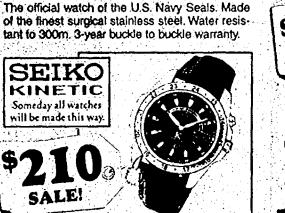


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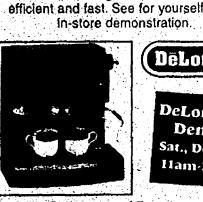
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KAREN MEIER

Doing things that'll matter

reader recently wrote and said that while she was shopping in Minnesota's Mall of America, she spotted a poster in a little shop which said something like: "One hundred years from now, very little of all you do will really matter ... except for the time you've spent with children."

The reader, a retired teacher and grandmother, believed these words had quite a bit of truth to them. For her, the words on that poster were more like fact; for me, they're still theory. I hope (I pray) that the words'll ring true, like the poster said, in 100 years, in 2096. I hope that.

But to KNOW that, it'd have to be a lot closer to 2096 than it is today. In the meantime, I can only do what I THINK is right. "Thinking" is a process, ongoing. "Knowing" is at the end of that process. So right now, I can only "think" that what I'm doing for and with my children is OK. I'm working on the knowing part.

Now I "think," I don't "know" this, but I think time spent with children is time well-spent. There may not be a ton of thank you's in this

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Oh, say have you heard ...







See and say: A story from Linda Day is an experience for the senses. With gestures, facial expressions and tonal inflections, she entertains her audience with the Japanese folktale, "The Snow Maiden."

Tales to warm holiday spirit



■ The moaning of the wind could be heard in her voice, so could the know-itallness of a youngster. And so it should be, since Linda Day has made a name for herself as a storyteller.

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

When Linda Day speaks, people listen. They listen, hanging on her every word, and they watch. Her words and her gestures tell a story and with good reason.

The Livonia resident is an experienced storyteller.

Listeners shiver as she speaks about the terrible winter storm that trapped two wood cutters in a cabin in her version of Rafe Martin's adaptation of the Japanese folk tale, "The Snow Maiden."

They chuckle at the young child who points out to the wood carver that the figures in the family's original nativity set had more personality than what he was carving in her presentation of Susan Wojciechowski's "The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomy."

The guest for the Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center holiday luncheon, Day captivated her audience with her mastery of the spoken word.

Jonathan Toomy was "always gloomy and griped about everything," and that description that earned him the moniker of Mr. Gloomy, Day told the audience. A wood carver, "some say the best in

the valley," he had the appearance set of figurines, telling the widow of an old man.

"His shoulders bent over like he

was carrying the weight of the world," she said. "You couldn't see his blue eyes or his dimpled chin which was covered by a scraggly beard."

Jonathan hadn't always gloomy. He once had been full of life and love, but an illness came to his village and claimed his wife and baby.

"He loaded anything of value into a cart and walked until the tears stopped flowing," Day said somberly.

One December evening, there came a knock at the door. It was the Widow McDowell and her son, Thomas. Her grandfather had carved a set of Christmas figurines when she was a child and they had become lost during her move to the

Jonathan agreed to make a new

they "will be ready when they're ready."

"I'd like them by Christmas; we've never had Christmas without them." said Day, taking on the gentle voice of the widow.

A few days later, there was a knock at the door. It was the Widow McDowell and Thomas who stopped by to see if Thomas could sit and watch Jonathan carve. Thomas, it seems, wanted to be a wood carver.

"I'll be quiet," said Day, conjuring up the voice of young Thomas.

His mother sat in a chair by the fire and soon began humming a song of the season while Thomas watched Jonathan work. It soon became apparent what he was carving.

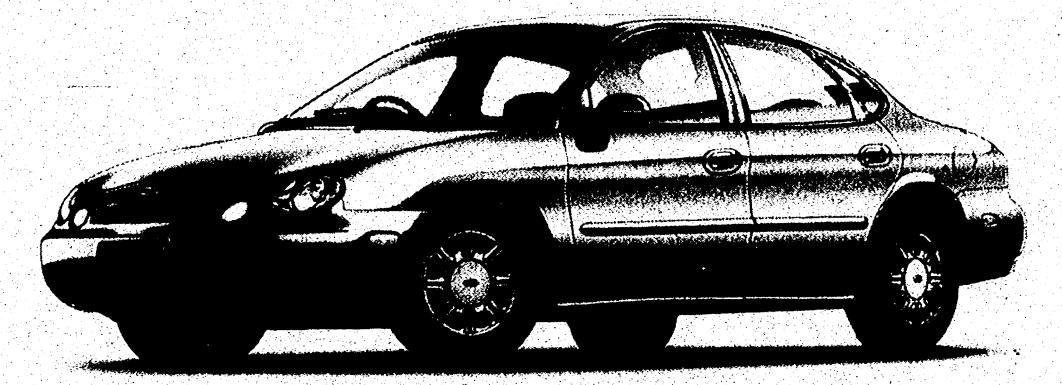
'Are those my sheep?' " Thomas asked. You're not carving them

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right,' " Day said in a child's voice. " 'All my sheep had curly wool coats and smiles on their faces because they knew they were going to be with the baby

The Widow and McDowell and Thomas would visit Jonathan every few days, bringing some food with them. Thomas would watch Jonathan carve, each time asking if that was a piece of his set and pointing out how they should look.

The cow "had a proud look on his face, because the baby Jesus chose his barnyard to be born in," and the angel "should have an important look because it got to tell everyone about the baby Jesus," Thomas would tell Jonathan.

Each time after they left, Jonathan would carve late into the night until his eyes drew

On one visit Thomas asked: "Is it time for me to learn? I will be very careful. I will only do what you show me."

Jonathan drew the shape a robin on a block of wood and Thomas set about carving

"His little tongue stuck out and went back and forth, back and forth, with every click of the knife," Day said.

Again the family visited the wood carver, and not waiting for Thomas to speak up, Jonathan asked: "Before I begin, just tell me what I'm doing wrong."

"Joseph should have a caring look and the Wise Men have beautiful clothes," Thomas said. "They wore their very best clothes because they knew they were meeting the baby Jesus."

They came again, bringing gifts for the wood carver, and again Thomas expounded on how his figures should look.

"The baby Jesus lays in the crib with hands reaching out for his mother, he loves his mother very much," Thomas said. "He's the baby Jesus, you know."

After the family left, Jonathan drew sketch after sketch. Then he went to the chest where he III 'The baby Jesus lays in the crib with hands reaching out for his mother, he loves his mother very much,' Thomas said. 'He's the baby Jesus, vou know.'

took out a charcoal sketch of a could see his blue eyes. They woman with a baby reaching up.

"And the tears flowed," Day said. "Then he took it to his work bench and carved and carved."

The next day there was a knock at the widow's door, there stood Jonathan Toomy with a box full of the figurines. There were "curly sheep, a proud cow, , a very important angel, three Wise Men with robes of fur, each one different, Joseph with a protective look and the baby Jesus and his mother," Day said.

"That day he went to Christmas service with the Widow McDowell and Thomas," Day said. "As he walked across the square, he threw his hat into the air and laughed. When he did, he tipped his head back and you

were as clear as an August day.

"And from that day on, he wasn't called Mr. Gloomy anymore."

In "The Snow Maiden," a poor wood carver encounters the Snow Maiden after being caught in the forest during terrible winter storm. Huddled in a fisherman's cabin, he watched as the maiden breathed the life out of his elderly companion.

"She leaned over the old man and smiled; she looked at him and breathed on him," Day said. "She circled around his body and breathed and breathed and breathed until he was dead. The young wood cutter know what would happen to him, so he closed his eyes and a tear rolled down his cheek."

Turning to the young man, she realized he was alive and had seen what she had done.

"You are alive, you are young and handsome," Day intoned, her voice conveying both the young woman's beauty and chilling effect on people. "I will let you live, but you must never tell anyone or I will come and do the same to you."

The wood cutter recovered from his encounter with the Snow Maiden and met a young woman who ventured into the forest on her way to her uncle's house. Cautioned her not to travel there after dark, she stayed with him and his mother.

"It was like someone he had meet before," Day said. "They talked all night long, they talked all day long. She stayed and they feel in love."

They married and had children. The children grew up, the wood cutter and his mother aged, but his wife retained her beauty; she looked the same as the day they met.

"There, for a moment, your face reminded me of someone I met long ago," the wood cutter told his wife one evening. "It is as if I have seen you long ago."

The wife begged her husband to tell her about the woman and he did. He told her of the maiden and how she had breathed on

the old man until he was dead.

"The wife turned to him; I told you never to tell anyone and you told me,' "Day said. "'Now I must do what I should have done years ago in the forest.' Just then the children cried. Because of the children I will let you live. If you harm a hair on their head, I will do what I should have done long ago."

Then the Snow Maiden floated out the door never to be seen again. The wood cutter lived out his days and died peacefully.

"So, when you hear the moan of the wind in the trees, remember the Snow Maiden," Day said.

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endeavor, or a ton of money, or a ton of instant self-fulfillment and self-actualization, or a ton of approval by the general public, but when all is said and done and the time draws near, though your pockets may be empty, and your hair gray, wealth and beauty abide. There'll probably be no tangible, easily substantiated evidence of this wealth and beauty, but inside it'll be there.

At least, that's what I THINK. And I "think" time spent with children, doing for them, helping them along their way until they are, indeed, on their way, and to give not just things to those who count on you, but yourself ... that can't be for nothing.

One hundred years hence, I hope that time spent will have mattered in a solid, even if unnoticed, sort of way.

I-beam in the basement of a much time should be spent and house. Nobody sees the I-beam much, nobody stands in awe of an I-beam, I doubt that the iron ore in the ground aspires to be what is right in my heart and

an I-beam in a house, but if the I-beam isn't there, the house might be wobbly and the floor might cave in.

The unglamorous I-beam can't be dismissed because of its lack of glamour, it helps hold the structure up. Yes, it's tucked away in the basement, the Ibeam is out of sight, but it's not out of style.

And when I hear in church on these Sunday mornings of Advent, of those miraculous events far away and long ago with the giving of gifts and giving of self and giving of time to a child, it makes my thoughts on the subject become even clearer.

So here in the late 20th century what kind of time is good time? How much of it is enough?

I think about this. And I haven't yet figured out where to Giving of myself and my time find the answer, who it is that can tell me once and for all how what it should be spent on.

So in the absence of the "answer," I figure I'd better do keep my eyes open as I journey

And when I goof, not IF I goof, but WHEN, I just hope I have my eyes open enough to see the goof and then do something to make it right.

I worry about giving of myself equally and sufficiently to my five children. I don't want any of them to feel shortchanged or to actually be shortchanged.

That's what I don't want. Do I actually get that? Sometimes. Just sometimes. That's not good. enough. At least that's how I'm thinking right now.

My children need more. I don't know how to provide more time with each one of the five. It's a dilemma. I just wish there were some way to add hours on to the already 24 assigned to a day.

From 12-year-old Tony to 10month-old Steven, each of my children believes his or her middle name is "JustAMinute." As in, "Joe, JustAMinute, I'm feeding the baby."

I wish I had more time to

make up for all those "JustAMinutes." Who do I call to get extensions on days - 28 hours instead of 24, maybe 30? I bet it would help, a little. Maybe.

Anyway. Spending time with the children. Giving of yourself to the children. These things must have worth. These things seemed to have worth 2000 years ago. I hope they still do now. And 100 years from now.

So with that, I wish a Merry Christmas to you all. And may the gift of time be one that is opened in your home on Christmas Day and be given again and again long after.

Here's to children, here's to time, here's to 2096 - when I think it will all still matter a lot!

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.

How to succeed at quitting smoking

making this the year you quit?

One-third of American women sis. continue to smoke despite the well-publicized hazards. Women who smoke cut their life short by 10 years and are twice as prone to heart disease and cervical cancer and 12 times as prone to lung cancer as women who don't

If you are a smoker, how about smoke. They also have higher nearly that of nonsmokers risks of infertility and osteoporo-

addicted to nicotine or fear they'll gain weight, if they quit. Although it's not easy, it is possible to break free of smoking and regain heart and lung power and reduce life-shortening risks to without increasing dress sizes.

become a successful ex-smoker. Here are some tips:

•Enlist support. Your physician can advise you on techniques that may help control weight gain and withdrawal symptoms, such as biofeedback, hypnosis, nicotine chewing gum or skin patches. Or contact a support group through the local chapters of the American Lung Association or American Cancer Society.

•Try several techniques. If quitting cold turkey seems too drastic, try approaching a target "quit" date gradually. Over time, smoke fewer cigarettes and less of each one, delay lighting the cigarette by an hour, and so on.

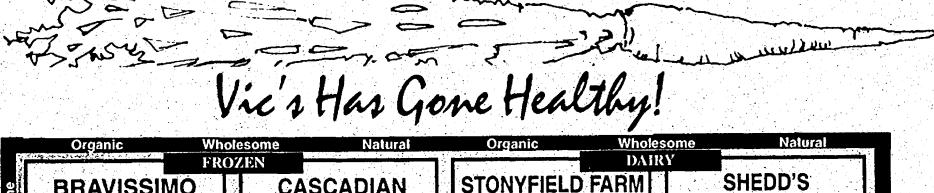
•Use distraction tactics. Resist urges to smoke by putting something in your mouth, such as sugarless gum, keeping your hands busy, exercising or taking

several slow deep breaths. Urges often pass in five minutes. It often takes more than one *Avoid reminders. On your quit Women smokers may be try and several methods to date, remove ashtrays and lighters, clean your clothes to destroy the cigarette smell, and spend time in smoke-free places, such as a movie theater or a library. · Move your body. On average,

most women gain five pounds after quitting, but the weight usually disappears after the first year. Even before you quit, it helps to do aerobic exercises, such as brisk walking. These activities burn fat, control ease withdrawal hunger and symptoms like irritability that often occur in the first two weeks after quitting.

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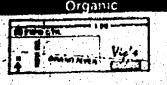
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Lila Hegazi and Arthur Shaw were married Aug. 18 at Pine-Trace Golf Club in Rochester.

The bride is the daughter of Selma Hegazi of Plymouth and the late Yousef Hegazi. The groom is the son of Lottie Shaw of Rochester and the late Arthur Shaw.

The bride is a sales executive with American Medical Systems. The groom is owner of A.F. Shaw and Associates Realtors in Bloomfield Hills.

A December honeymoon is planned for the French Polynesian Islands. They now reside in their new home in Commerce Lake Township.

Kirn-Petrangel

Gina Kay Petrangel and Richard Anthony Kirn were married on Oct. 5 at the First United Methodist Church in Farmington. The Rev. Wayne Large officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Leo and Madge Petrangel of Allen Park. The groom is the son of Mary Kirn of Garden City and the late Robert Kirn.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Allen Park High School and a 1993 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She is employed as a social worker by the State of Michigan.

The groom is a 1982 graduate of Garden City West High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1986 to 1990 and received his master of science degree in manufacturing technology from Eastern Michigan University, He is employed as a product engineer by the Ford Motor Co.

The bride asked Karen Petrangel to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Rachel Morrison, Lariann Kirn and Denise Hionis. Junior brides-

Liptow-Schuette

Robert and Donna Holycros of Livonia and Donald Liptow of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Tammy M., to Dean J. Schuette Jr., the son of Dean Sr. and Esther Schuette of Horton.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Western Michigan University where she received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. She is employed by Jackson County.

Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Western Michigan University, where he received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is employed by the city of Jackson.

An August wedding is





maids were Jennifer Kirn and Amanda Fannin. Kelsie Neumann was the flower girl.

The groom asked Robert Kirn to serve as best man with groomsmen Nick Butkevich, Bill Cynecki and John Yelinek. Junior groomsman was Robby Kirn. Ushers were Robert Petrangel and Steve Pliska.

The couple received guests at St. Clement Hall in Dearborn before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Garden City.



planned for St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church in Jackson.

Foppe-Stroup

Roger and Margaret Foppe of Breese, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Holly Marie, to Craig Gerald Stroup, the son of Gerald and Valerie Stroup of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Mater Dei High School in Breese and a 1993 graduate of Parks College of St. Louis University with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering. She is employed as an aircrast integration engineer at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in St. Louis, Mo.

Her fiance is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Churchill and a 1993 graduate of Parker College of St. Louis University with a bachelor of science degree in aviation science/professional pilot. He is employed as a flight support

Paxson-Rutherford

Susan Rutherford and Scott Paxson were married Aug. 10 at Heights Free Parkway Methodist Church in Redford. Pastor Donald Stanton officiat-

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Linda Rutherford, and the groom is the son of Al and Judy Paxson of Canton.

The bride asked Erin Rutherford to serve as matron of honor. Amy Newton was flower girl.

The groom asked Garrett Biesiadecki to serve as best man, with ushers Scott Rutherford and Spencer Rutherford. Cody Rutherford was ring bear-

The couple received guests at a reception at Metro Hall in Red-

Williams-Fritz

Jennifer Fritz and Patrick Williams were married Sept. 28 at Holy Name Catholic Church in Cleveland, Ohio. The Rev. John Dalton officiated.

The bride is the daughter of David and Diane Fritz of Maple Heights, Ohio. The groom is the son of Harry and Arlene Williams of Hubbard Lake Mich.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Maple Heights High School and a 1993 graduate of Ohio University. She is employed by Cooker Restaurant Corp.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed as a general manager by Cooker Restaurant Corp.

The bride asked Crystal Hayduk to serve as maid of honor with attendants Kristen Fritz, Margaret Fritz, Karen Fritz, Jackie Williams, Kathleen Blasko, Antonette Toth, Michele Brodecki, Laura Yule and Jennifer O'Malley.



specialist at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace in St. Louis, and as a multi-engine, instrument-certified flight instructor.

A June wedding is planned for St. Augustine Catholic Church in Breese.

Tarditi-Mailley Carlo and Josephine Tarditi of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Ann, to Timothy Mailley, the

of Livonia.



ford before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. They are making their home in Plymouth.



The groom asked Dan Williams to serve as best man with groomsmen Brian Fritz, Bevan Flavin, Tim Fritz, Steven Bixby, Mark Decker, David DeMarco, Rich Moore, Rob Bixby and Michael O'Malley.

The couple received guests at the Tanglewood Country Club in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba. They are making their home in Rocky River, Ohio.

Szymula-Hunt

Amanda Pauline Szymula and Louis Andrew Hunt were married Nov. 2 at Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia. Pastor Don Lintelman and Rev. Neil Emon officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Karen Szymula of Livonia. The groom is the son of Lou and Mary Hunt of Grandville.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School and a 1995 graduate of Michigan State University.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn and a 1994 graduate of Michigan State University.

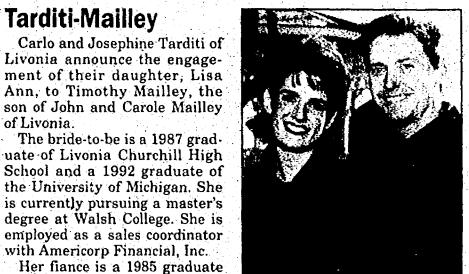
The bride asked Lynne Brach to serve as maid of honor with bridesmaids Lisa Sawers, Tracey Hoffecker, Carrie Hoffecker, Helene Darga and Laura Hunt. Jennifer Kufel served as junior bridesmaid.

The groom asked James Collins to serve as best man with



groomsmen Dave Wong, Tom DeGiacomo, Ron Szymula, Jeremy Burek and Jeff Gregus.

The couple received guests at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba and San Juan, Puerto Rico. They are making their home Grandville.



keting supervisor with American Yazaki Corporation.

An October wedding is planned for Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College in Detroit.

Poma-Humphrey

with Americorp Financial, Inc.

of Detroit Catholic Central High

School and 1989 graduate of

Central Michigan University. He

is currently pursuing a master of

business administration degree

at Wayne State University. He

is employed as an advance mar-

Laurie Anne Humphrey and Joseph Anthony Poma were: married May 25 at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery in Detroit.

The bride, the daughter of Mel and Karen Humphrey of Dearborn, is a 1993 graduate of Adrian College where she received a bachelor of arts degree in English/journalism. She is employed by The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

The groom is the son of Peter and Kathleen Poma of Plymouth. He is a 1988 graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor of arts degree in history and political science. A law clerk for Thurswell, Chayet and Weiner in Southfield, he expects to graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy law school in



The couple received guests at Laurel Manor before leaving for their honeymoon at Walt Disney World. They are making their home in Livonia.

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Preplanning can minimize grief

BY SALLY DUNNING

This is the season to be thankful and jolly, but for some, it is the season filled with stress and loneliness.

A family recently saddened by a death of a loved one must face the holiday with memories of the past and the emotions of loss. Ways of dealing with these emotions often vary among family members.

The children may move into this holiday season wanting to keep it just as it has always been. The bereaved adult, however, may wish to skip the entire thing.

Why is there such a different feeling? What can be done to give each member of the family a bit of what they need to make it through this most difficult time of year?

Children are reassured by the routines of life - stories before bedtime, the same seat at din-

before TV, and holidays which follow predictable patterns and become rituals. These things say to a child that the world is safe, consistent and that they will be

Following the death in the family, especially the death of a parent, children do not know what will stay the same and what will change. They often wonder who will care for them and if there will be enough money for toys and food.

When it comes to holidays, having things repeated as always could help them feel secure. The problem, of course, is that things are not the same and never will be again.

Adults wanting to escape the pain of loss, often report a wish to change everything about the holiday, while at the same time, their child is asking, "When are we going to get the tree?"

Before the holiday season ner, rules, such as homework begins, talk with your family

about the holiday about the plans for this year. Acknowledge that there are many things your family has always done to celebrate which may be heard to do this year.

Decide together which things are most important for the children to keep the same and plan to do them in a way that feels comfortable to you. For example, it was important to one family to eat dinner together, but, instead of their former elaborate dinner, the children decorated paper plates and served a casual meal of hamburgers and french fries.

It is important, however, for the family to plan together a "way to remember." Children love rituals involving candles. Buy a thick white candle and allow the children to decorate it in a way to memorialize the person who died.

In honor of the deceased loved one, light the candle at a family gathering. Tree ornaments are also a favorite way to remember who has died, especially when made by family members.

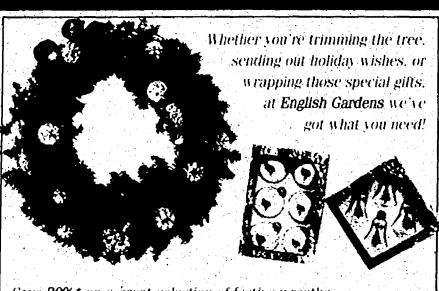
Look at old pictures and share memories. Even though this is painful, it is also healing, and, most of all, it helps the child

remember. No matter how you plan to celebrate the holidays, it will be important to talk to children ahead of time about the holiday plans. Listen carefully to what the children are saying and determine what is most meaningful to your child to include in the plans. Talk about what will be different. Adults, too, have needs and limits which must be respected.

With preplanning, holidays can be less stressful than you may imagine. From change grows new traditions and new memories.

Sally Dunning is director of Care ousel, Arbor Hospice's care for kids program.

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Brown receives grant for period costumes



Lynette Brown

For Lynette Brown, the Thanks Be To Grandmother Winifred Foundation, has helped her expand her presentation on Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

A private foundation established in 1992, encourages, through individual grants, the creativity of women 54 years. and older to develop and implement projects that empower and enrich one or more aspects of the well-being of women.

The foundation selected Brown as one of its Fall 1996 winners, awarding her \$2,000 for a custom-made, custom-fitted period costumes for use in her one-woman performance as Cady Stanton, the brilliant orator and feminist who co-founded the National Woman Suffrage Association and convened the

first Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 1949.

In anticipation of the 150th anniversary celebration of the Seneca Falls Convention in July 1998, Brown plans to expand her performance schedule through 1997 to dramatize the struggles involved in securing the vote for women.

Her grant will allow for one winter weight and one summer weight version of two costumes: a hoop-skirted dress and a bloomers-style outfit, as well as accessories and performancequality wig.

"I hope that by appearing as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the 19th century woman who paved the way for the 20th and 21st century woman, I can contribute toward keeping the women's

movement alive and thriving," said Brown who introduced the the activities to audience at a Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center-sponsored luncheon in September.

Brown is a 1948 graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism and 1983 graduate of Wayne State University with a master of arts degree in mass communications.

She has worked in print journalism, radio and television. The cable program she co-produced last year, "Martha Griffith Speaks Out," in which she appeared as interviewer, won first prize for public service programming and continues to circulate.

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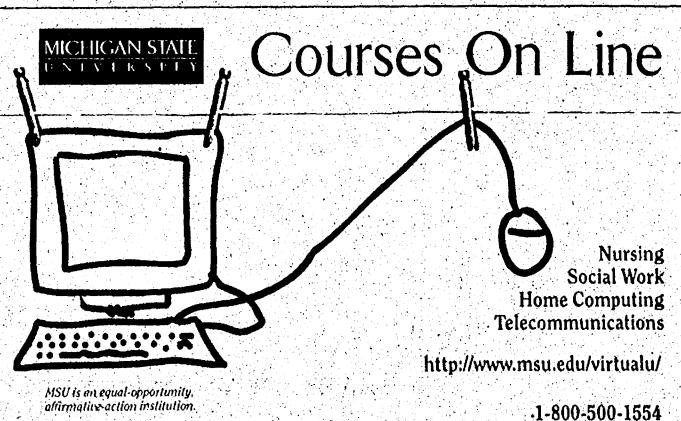
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Winning ways: Jim Burnstein gladly tells his audience at Southfield's Author's Lecture Series that not making the move to Hollywood was the best decision he has made since he ventured into screenwriting.



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Close to home

Writer brings Hollywood to Plymouth

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO

For Plymouth screenwriter Jim Burnstein, there's no place like home.

"When I first started writing anything, the question I was asked was, 'Don't you have to move out to Los Angeles in order to make it in this business?' And I said, 'Boy, I hope not,' " said Burnstein, whose screen credits include "Renaissance Man" and "Mighty Ducks 3." "Now that I've got a couple of movies made, people come up to me and say, 'So, Mr. Screenwriter now that you've made it you're gonna move out to Hollywood?'

"Do you get the feeling that people are trying to get rid of

Burnstein, who lives with wife Cynthia and three children in Plymouth, spoke about his experiences to a small audience at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Southfield as part of that city's Author's Lecture Series. He used the lecture to discuss why "I'm not going anywhere and how staying home may have been the smartest move I ever made when it comes to beating those very. very long odds at succeeding in Hollywood."

to be a source of inspiration for have to stick to the facts." Burnstein's writing. "Renaissance Man" was loosely based on his experience teaching Shake-Mount Clemens. And much of what he learned as creator of the Detroit Red Wings Hockey Fantasy Camp in 1984 shows up in

Upon graduating from the University of Michigan, Burnstein's first ambition wasn't to be a writer. Burnstein, then 21, decided to study law at the Unifirst semester, he quit law school and returned to the University of Michigan where he earned a told them that we were going to master's degree in English liter- read Shakespeare, they let me English to non-traditional students and sought positions at senior and community centers where he was turned down.

Career decisions

"Mighty Ducks 3."

"I did not want to teach people like myself at the University of Michigan who were expecting Shakespeare as a birthright, as an entitlement," he said. "So I went about my life and I was doing stories for the newspapers. I realized that journalism was

Living in Michigan has proven very, very difficult because you

His writing skills opened a door for him. Burnstein shopped around a column that he had speare to soldiers at Selfridge written. After a series of rejec-Air National Guard Base in tions, he turned his column into a half-hour TV program for the Institute for Jewish Life in Boston.

That experience gave him the writing "bug." He approached the producers of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Lou Grant" about writing episodes. That too fell through.

But he did find the ideal teachversity of Wisconsin. After the ing position - teaching Shakespeare to soldiers at Selfridge.

"When I came in there and the last place on earth they were: going to do this," he said.

While balancing teaching and advertising jobs, he decided to write a TV movie on the advice of a mentor.

"It was a new form at the time in the late 1970s. I figured any idiot can write a TV movie and I certainly qualified," he said. "I was wrong - not any idiot can write a TV movie. I wrote my first TV movie script. 'Clueless' they should have called it

because I didn't know what I was doing. Then I wrote a second one. It was a little better, but not much."

His third effort was "Learn To Fall," a story he wrote about a University of Michigan classmate who went on to clown col-

His story was so compelling because he wanted to get away from show business," Burnstein said. "He wanted to volunteer his time working with someone, so he went to a school that was just for autistic children. He works with this one child, the child nobody wanted to work with because he was so wild."

A good "accident'

Burnstein got a break as well. ature. He wanted to teach know in a hurry this really was He found an agent by accident almost after befriending the cast and crew of "Word of Honor," a TV movie starring Alex Karas, Karl Malden and Ron Silver that was filmed in Plymouth.

CBS decided to hire Burnstein to make "Learn to Fall," a TV movie with Timothy Hutton, who had just won an Academy Award for "Ordinary People."

"My name's in Variety and Hollywood Reporter," he said.

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AAUW selects Browning for Salute to Women Award

The Livonia Branch of the American Association of University Women honored Nancy Browning at its annual Salute to Women Luncheon recently.

The organization selected Browning, recently retired as building administrator of the

Bentley Center for Continuing ing the use of volunteer tutors Education, for its 1996 Salute To Woman Award.

A 20-year employee of the Livonia Public Schools, she was cited for her reaching out to initiate partnerships between businesses and schools and promotand aides in a variety of adult continuing education programs.

Although she has been retired since June, she has continued to exert her influence and interest in continuing education by serving as executive secretary of the privately funded foundation, Promoting Education Partnerships, and as an officer of the the Association of Adult Education for the State of Michigan.

Her efforts have garnered both state and national recognition in addition to the AAUW honor.









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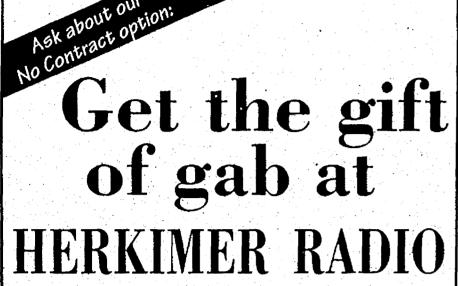
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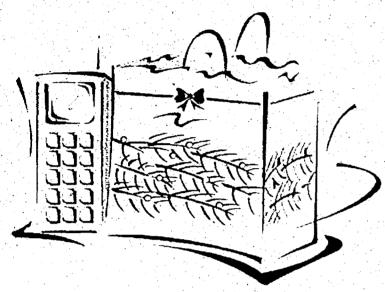
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Caution is key word for holidays

For most of us the holidays are about food, fun and family. But for some, holiday celebrations can spell disaster.

"Anyone who has had food poisoning knows what a disaster the holidays can be," says Dr. Suzanne White, medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center. "All of us need to prepare and store holiday food the proper way."

White cautions parents and grandparents to keep a close eye on their little ones.

"Kids are fast. They can get into almost anything," says White. "Make sure to put medication and vitamins up high and always keep household cleaners and chemicals out of children's reach."

happy and hazard free by follow-

ing a few safety tips: FOOD

- When preparing turkey and fresh fowl, wash the entire body cavity, remove the entrails (heart, gizzard, etc.), wrap the bird loosely and refrigerate no more than two days before cook-
- If possible, make the dressing just before cooking. If you prepare the dressing a day ahead, refrigerate it separate from the turkey. For added protection against food poisoning, cook the turkey and dressing separately.
- Refrigerate all leftovers as soon as they are still warm. Custard and cream-filled desserts can be especially dangerous if left unrefrigerated.
- · Alcohol is a danger to chil-Make sure your holidays are dren and adults. Keep all alcoholic beverages out of children's

reach. Premixed cocktails that look creamy and are flavored with fruits, chocolate and other tempting tastes could be mistaken for pop, milk or fruit drinks.

Remember, increased alcohol intake could cause dangerously low blood sugar, stupor or coma. DECORATIONS

- · Old tinsel and some colored ink on wrapping paper may contain lead. These are attractive to youngsters and should be kept out of reach.
- Ornaments can be dangerous. They can cut or choke young children. Painting or coloring on these objects, however, are not known to cause poison-
- Spun glass (angel hair) can cause irritation of the eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract.

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• Contrary to popular belief, State University.

poinsettias are NOT poisonous and normally lead to no toxic consequences.

- Mistletoe, especially the berries, can cause irritation of the skin and gastrointestinal
- tract if consumed. · Because of its sharp points, holly and other greenery, if swallowed can cause choking. It also can cause drowsiness and dizzi-

Children's Hospital of Michigan is a private, nonprofit, 245bed hospital that has been treating children for 110.

Specialists in all areas of pediatric medicine, surgery and nursing provide care for children from birth to adolescence.

Children's is a member of the Detroit Medical Center, the academic health center for Wayne

CHS to offer children's grief series

Community Hospice Services is offering its eight-week grief series, "Connections" for children 5 1/2 to 17 years of age, beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The group will meet weekly through Feb. 25. A parent group will meet separately and run concurrently, with the children's groups.

The children meet in three age-specific groups. The sessions begin at 6 p.m. with the parents and children sharing a "pot luck" dinner. The groups will meet separately 7-8:30 p.m. CHS provides the main dish for each of the eight sessions. The "Connections" series pro-

vides support for both children and parents as they cope with the loss of a loved one. Topics, such as reactions and feelings associated with loss, defenses and adjustment issues, will be

"Professionals leading the groups will help participants make sense of the many varied and conflicting feelings that arise from loss," said Yvonne Strand, CHS director of social services. "By communicating in a language children can understand, we provide an opportunity for them to explore and express their feelings.

The "Connections" program can accommodate 30 children -10 per age group. Registration is \$25 per family.

The series is held at Community Hospice Services's Westland office at 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100. For information, or to register, call Yvonne Strand at (313) 522-4244.

CHS also is seeking volunteers to support its mission. Volunteer opportunities are available in direct patient care, fund raising, marketing, bereavement Jan. 30. It will be noon-3 p.m. at

care and office assistance.

"Couples are encouraged to seek volunteer roles with us," said Doreen Vivyan, director of volunteer services.

In fact, Vivyan is looking to increase in the number of retired couples who work as a volunteer team for hospice.

"We have volunteers from every walk of life, from students, to women returning to the work place, to retirees," she said.

Persons interested in becoming volunteers need to complete an eight-week volunteer orientation class, covering patient care and comfort, spirituality, the hospice family, the hospice team and family dynamics. The class is taught by a variety of professionals that comprise a hospice

The next eight-week orientation course will begin Thursday,

the CHS Westland office, 32932 Warren Road, at the comer of Warren and Venoy.

To learn about volunteer

opportunities with Community Hospice Services or register for the orientation class, call Vivyan at (313) 522-4244. Community Hospice Services

has an immediate need to fill volunteer roles with patients in the downriver communities. A second training for prospective volunteers in the downriver community will be held in February.

Community Hospice Services was established in 1981 to offer compassionate, supportive care to those persons and their families facing an incurable illness. Serving western Wayne, southern Oakland and Eastern Washtenaw counties, CHS has provided care for over 1,000 patients and families.

Knollenberg heads Congressional Spouses Club

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Sandie, a certified health fitness instructor, is known for her television fitness show, "Sandie's Fitness Firm." She also serves as the vice-chairman of the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

During a recent orientation for new members and spouses, Sandie was one of the featured speakers, discussing family life

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Sandie is also active in other groups including the International Club, the Congressional Club and Inaugural Ball Committee, as well as the bipartisan congressional spouses organization. She also serves as co-chair of the Michigan State Society. The Republican Congressional

Spouses work for many charity causes in Washington D.C. and throughout the country. They are involved in fund-raising and charity events for groups like the Cancer Research Foundation, the March of Dimes, the American Diabetes Association, and the Race for the Cure — a cancer research fund-raising walk.

Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, serves as the second vice president of the RCS, which meets once a month while the Congress is in session.



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Violinists entertained John and Lillian Scrafin, their children, grandchildren and guests at a reception at their Garden City home in celebration of their

50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 9, 1946 at St. Hedwig Church in Detroit. She is the former Lillian Baca.

The celebration included a luncheon, cake and gifts.

He is a retired Ford Motor Co. employee and member of PLAV Post 166. They also are members of PNA Group 53 of Dearborn.



Crawford

Harry and Marie Crawford of Redford gathered with their family to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Dec. 6, 1956, at the City-County Building in Detroit. She is the former Marie Doyle.

The Crawfords have four children - Danny, Barbara Bielski, Mike and Cathy McLaren - and five grandchildren.

He is employed by Dietzel Corporation. He is an avid sports fan and enjoys collecting die cast

She enjoys crafts and sewing.



Joe and Connie Kosek of Westland are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple met on Jan. 20, 1946, at a wedding rehearsal in Detroit. He had just returned from the Philippines and she needed a ride home. They were married nine months later on Nov. 28, 1946.

They have three children, Carolyn, Beverly and Gloria, six grandchildren and one great-

grandchild. The couple moved to the then Nankin Township in 1963, when a crane marked the spot for Westland Center, the place to



Algiers Drive in was showing eat was Lum's Cafe and the the latest films.

Bee

Hughes and Mary Bee of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding on Oct. 19 at a dinner party for family and friends at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. The party was given by their children and grandchildren.

Originally from Tennessee, each moved to Michigan where they met at work. Married in Plymouth, they have lived in Garden City for more than 40

They have four children and five grandchildren - Bradley, wife Marianne and children Lisa and Christopher of Canton, Donna Majewski, husband Tom and daughters Stacy and Shelly Schwaller of Canton, David, wife Cathy and son Nicholas of Gar-



den City, and Jerry of Belleville. Both are retired. He worked at the Ford Transmission Plant in Livonia for 31 years and retired in 1985.

Szymanski

Richard and Mary Szymanski of Westland gathered with 190 guests at the American Legion Stitt Post 232 on Oct. 5 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 5, 1946, at the Polish Veteran Hall in Hamtramck. She is the former Mary Kajkowski.

The Szymanskis lived in Detroit for 43 years before moving to Westland seven years ago. They have four children - Laura Kowalyk of Highland, Paul of Livonia, Richard Jr. of Redford and James of Canton. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Retired for nine years, he worked for GM Detroit Diesel. She worked for Champion Spark Plug in Detroit for seven years.

They are active in the Tom Dooley Knights of Columbus, Polish Boosters of America and



UAW 163 Retirees. They also enjoy dancing and their grand-

In addition to the party, the Szymanskis took a 10-day "honeymoon" trip to the Canadian Rockies in June.

Flynn

Thomas and Coletta Flynn were the guests of honor at a 50th anniversary party given by their children at Roma Banquets in Garden City.

The Livonia couple, who also took a trip to Europe, exchanged vows on Nov. 28, 1946, in Cleveland, Ohio. She is the former Coletta Barrett.

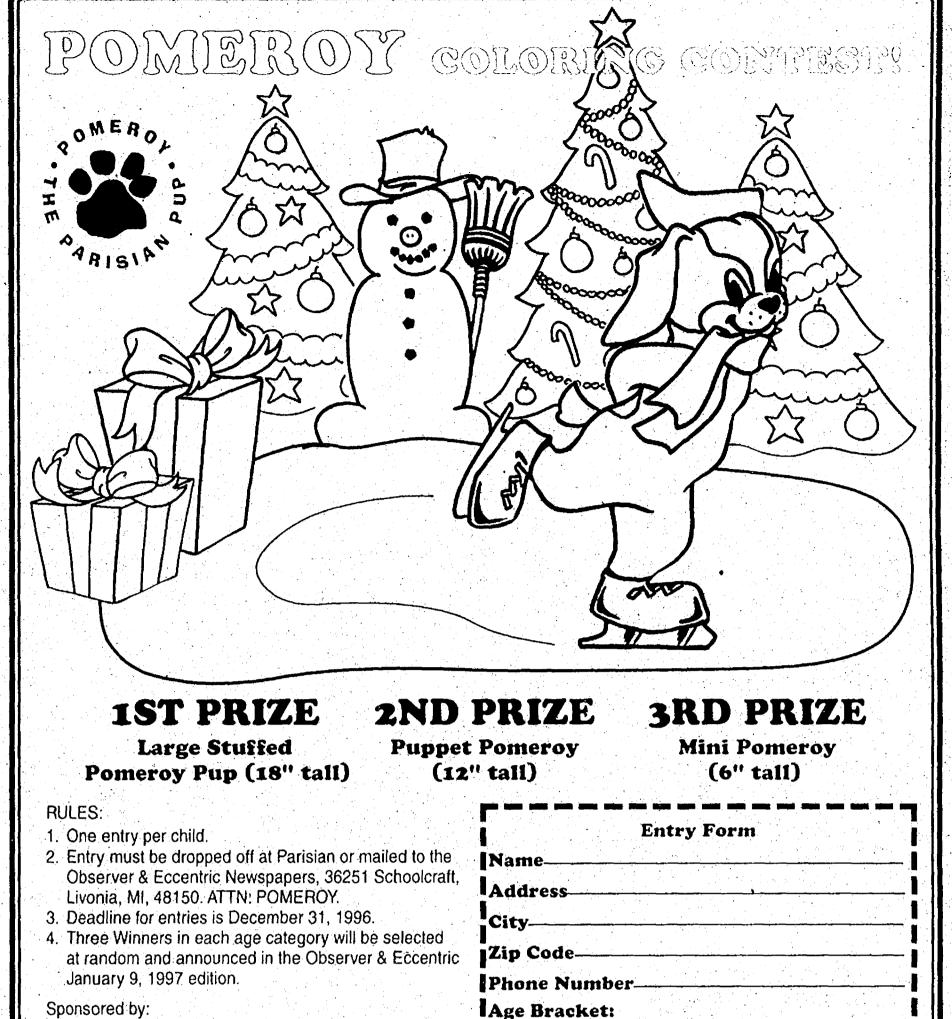
The Flynns have four children - John Flynn, Peg Vicars, Michael Flynn and Stephen Flynn - and four grandchildren.

A 33-year employee of Cadillac Motor, he retired seven years ago. She retired 12 years ago after working for the J.L. Hud-

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30 Assets: Ways to help your kids be successful

By Jacque Martin-Downs

If by magic, we could sprinkle "protection" dust on dur children, what might we want to protect them from? Do we care about premature sexual activity? Pregnancy? Drugs, alcohol, tobacco? Deviant and anti-social behavior? Suicide? School prob-

"Yes, yes, yes, all of the above," you reply. "Wouldn't it be great if I could just sprinkle the magic dust on my children every year and know that they'll not put themselves in jeopardy for any risky behaviors?"

Earth to parent: Sorry, no deal ... but there is a very simple solution that is within a parent or other adult's grasp. It is called the 30 Assets.

At Search Institute, a Minneapolis-based non-profit organization that conducts research to benefit children and and youth, studies have been conducted: involving more than 250,000 sixth-12th graders in the United

remarked, "Our goal as adults friend do? First, examine

surround children with what we call 'external' assets through the relationships and opportunities we afford them. These will help them develop the 'internal' assets - the values and skills they need to guide themselves."

What could these "magical" assets consist of?

Glad you asked. But let's hold off for a minute and tell you some alarming statistics that came from the 250,000 students surveyed.

First of all, the institute found that if a student experiences 26 or more assets, they will be less likely to partake in high risk

Sadly, they discovered that only 4 percent of the students experienced between 26 and 30 assets. The great majority of students (62 percent) experienced 11-20 assets. And 14 percent had 0-10 assets.

Clearly, there is reason for alarm. Our kids do not have enough "magic" protectors around them. So what can you As Peter C. Scales of Search as a parent, grandparent or should be to work together to the list of the 30 assets and hon-

Our goal as adults should be to work together to surround children with what we call 'external' assets through the relationships and opportunities we afford them.'

estly assess how many your kids experience:

- 1. Family support 2. Parent(s) as social support
- 3. Parent communication 4. Other adult resources
- 5. Other adult communication
- 6. Parent involvement in
- 7. Positive school climate 8. Parental standards
- 9. Parental discipline 10. Parental monitoring
- 11. Time at home
- 12. Positive peer influence
- 13. Involved in music. 14. Involved in school activi-
- 15. Involved in community organizations/activities
- 16. Involved in religious congregation
- 17. Achievement motivation

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- 18. Educational aspiration 19. School performance
- 20. Homework 21. Values helping people
- 22. Concerned about world
- 23. Cares about other's feel-
- ings 24. Values sexual restraint
- 25. Assertiveness skills 26. Decision-making skills
- 27. Friendship-making skills
- 28. Planning skills
- 29. Self-esteem
- 30. Positive view of personal future

On a daily basis, you can help your child or someone else's child move towards experiencing many of the assets. Post the list on your refrigerator.

If you are not currently parenting, you could:

- Call up a child and tell them that you'd like him to join you as you pick up bottles on the side of
- the road, together. · Read to children at the
- Take them out for a Coke and see how they're doing.
- Initiate an interest in music by taking them to the local symphony concert.
- Have them plan what they're going to do next summer.
- Help them with their homework.
- Take them to see different friends of yours on the job.
- · Involve them in a fund rais-
- er for hunger.
- Give them a ride to a church
- youth group meeting. · Go support them at an
- extracurricular activity. • Introduce them to someone

you really like. You can see that the list of things we can do to positively

influence kids goes on and on. One friend admitted one day that he thought that his little bit of influence over a child really

will ever change.

It's your influence, my influence, the mail carrier's influence, the babysitter's influence, the security guard's influence ... all of us can make up the fabric of a child.

My colleague saw some young teens smoking in the park one day and took it upon herself to go up to them and ask them

about their smoking. She was neither threatening nor condemning as she described to them some of the rich poisons

they were inhaling. She will never know if she made a difference, but one of the

kids said as she was leaving, "My dad never told me there was rat poison in these." Maybe it's true ... we can

sprinkle our kids with these assets without ever having to search for the magic potion.

Meanwhile, for more information on building each asset, call Search Institute at (800) 888-

Jacque Martin-Downs is prevention coordinator at Hegira wouldn't make a difference, But Prevention Network, 151000 if we all think like that, nothing Hubbard Drive, Livonia.

Writer from page B5

Like I said: Jim Burnstein let his audience know that screenwriting can have its disappoints. A case in point: the abrupt end to the production plans by CBS for "Learn To Fall.



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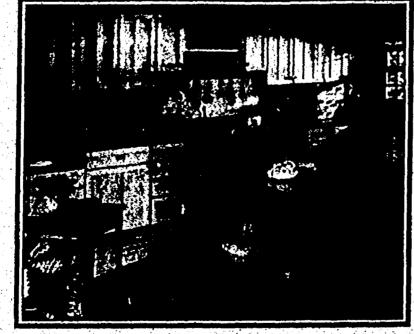
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I'm thinking 'What's so tough about this business?' I guess it'sa lie that you have to suffer." Three weeks before filming

was to start, Hutton pulled out and consequentially so did CBS. The deal was contingent upon Hutton's participation. "That's very depressing to see

that kind of thing happen in the beginning of your career," Burnstein said. "I was fed up with television. I was asked by the people at Columbia Pictures to adapt this for the stage, anything to get out of TV."

Burnstein's career moved forward, thanks to Kurt Luedtke, a Birmingham resident who wrote "Absence of Malice" and "Out of Airica. He suggested Burnstein write "a real movie" about his experiences teaching Shakespeare to soldiers.

For the next three years, 1983-1986, he wrote "Renaissance Man," which is the story of where Burnstein's teaching and writing merged.

He wrote four drafts over the three years. In the meantime, "Learn To Fall" opened at the Attic Theatre where it set a box office record for a new play. As if that wasn't enough, a new agent came into the picture: "He asked me if I was going to stay in Michigan. I said yes and he said Yeah, good. Eventually it will be an advantage. When I bring you out (to California), they're going to have to meet with you."

After endless meetings, 'Renaissance Man" came closer to hitting the big screen. Former Fox executive Sara Colleton who was responsible for "Big" and "Field of Dreams" agreed to produce it. Penny Marshall signedon to direct the film and Danny DeVito got the lead role.

10 years is going at warp speed,"

said Burnstein who has completed the screenplay for "Learn to Fall." "What a thrill it was the first day of production. The circus had come to town but my job was over."

As for the movie premiere, it was everything he thought it would be.

"It was straight from the movies; it was a grand party, the real deal," he said. "While I was sitting there watching the edited version of the movie, something dawned on me. If I didn't live in "The minute that the actor. Michigan' I wouldn't be here. says yes, something that's taken There would be no 'Renaissance

Madonna needs crafters

accepting applications from crafters for its 12th annual spring arts and crafts showcase slated for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in the campus Activities Center.

The show will feature a variety of handmade arts and crafts, including pottery, jewelry, paint-

ings, textiles and woodworking. Booth space measuring 9 feet

Madonna University is now 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.

For an application or information, call (313) 432-5603. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.



People can learn to ski - affordably

For the fifth year, ski areas across Michigan have teamed up with McDonald's restaurants to offer an exciting and affordable introduction to the sport of ski-

Lessons will be available in downhill skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding as part of Discover Michigan Skiing Jan. 6-31. Participants receive a 90minute beginner lesson, ski or snowboard rental equipment and an all-day beginner-area ski lift pass or cross-country trail

Twenty-two ski facilities are offering the package, which costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for children 7-14 years for downhill or cross-country skiing. The snowboard price is \$35, regardless of

Developed by the Michigan Ski Industries Association (MSIA), the program debuted in January 1992 and it has grown each year. Since its inception, Discover Michigan Skiing has introduced more than 38,000 people to Michigan's ski slopes and trails.

encourage people to give skiing a try," said Ken Griffin, MSIA. president and general manager of Nichols Ski & Sports in Dear-born and Waterford, who stressed that Discover Michigan Skiing is for beginners only. "Participants usually learn enough in our 90-minute lesson to enjoy the slopes or cross-country trails for the rest of the day on their own."

The lesson normally covers basic maneuvering on skis or snowboards - stopping, turning, riding the lifts, ski-slope or trail etiquette and getting up from a

To sign up, interested beginners must have a Discover Michigan Skiing Value Voucher. They are available this month at Michigan McDonald's restaurants and at participating MSIA retail ski stores and ski facilities throughout the state.

Value Vouchers also are available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to MSIA, 7164 Deer Lake Court. Clarkston 48346. The voucher lists all ski

"We developed this program to facilities involved in the pro- Boyne Highlands in Harbor gram.

> Participants choose the place they wish to visit and then must call to preregister. Ski facility personnel will give instructions on what to wear and when and where to meet.

> Griffin suggests calling as early as possible, since many lesson times fill quickly.

As a special bonus, everyone who completes the program receives a coupon valid for \$20 off the purchase of \$ 100 or more in ski-related merchandise at participating MSIA retail ski shops.

Ski facilities participating in Discover Michigan Skiing include Apple Mountain in Freeland, Bittersweet in Otsego,

Springs, Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls, Caberfae Peaks in Cadillac, Cannonsburg in Cannonsburg, Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon, Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville, Indianhead Mountain Resort in Wakefield, Marsh Ridge Resort in Gaylord, Mt. Brighton in Brighton, Mt. Holiday in Traverse City, Mt. Holly in Holly, Nubs Nob Ski Area in Harbor Springs, Pine Knob Ski Resort in Clarkston, Pine Mountain in Iron Mountain, Shanty Creek in Bellaire, Snow Snake Mountain in Harrison, Swiss Valley Ski Area in Jones, Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord and Timber Ridge Ski Area in Gobles.

Airport comes alive with songs of season

In addition to flight announcements, travelers at Wayne County's Detroit Metropolitan Airport can hear their favorite Christmas carols when the fifth annual Christmas music program gets underway.

A variety of choral groups and musicians from local high schools, churches and community organizations started spreading holiday cheer through Dec. 24. School groups from Dearborn, Detroit, Inkster, Livonia and Wayne will be caroling for the enjoyment of air travelers.

Local groups include the Churchill Choralation from Churchill High School in Livonia and the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society which performs 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Davey Terminal. Churchill performed there Tuesday and will again on Dec. 24 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The Davey Terminal groups can be heard at the Northwest Airlines' bag claim entrance near Concourse E.



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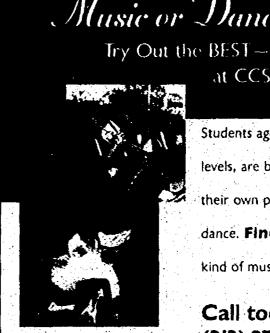
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NEW VOICES

MARJORIE and PAUL KOVARIK of Westland announce the birth of JODY LYNN Nov. 7 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins three brothers ages 2, 8, and 21. Grandparents are Margaret Pellegrino of Detroit, and Sophia Kovarik of Dearborn Heights.

ALEX and CATHERINE EALOVEGA announce the birth of ERIC STEPHEN on Sept. 18. HEATH and TYLER

MAJEWSKI of Redford announce the birth GAYPHON TYLER Oct. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Danielle, 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Majewski, all of Redford.

NICK and VICKI SCHNUR JR. of Canton announce the birth of NICHOLAS JOSEPH III Aug. 25, at Macomb Hospital Center, in Warren. He has two sisters - Breanna Victoria, 3, and Kaitlin Ivy, 20 months. Grandparents are Ray and Joan Lapworth of Warren and Nick and Betty Schnur of Center Line. Great-grandparents and Russ and Rita Johnston of Cen-

TODD and SHERI ROBIN-SON of Westland announce the birth of TY NOLAN Oct. 25 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Mike and Donna Gowin of Wayne, and Roy and Judy Robinson of Las Vegas, Nev.

FRASER and LISA HEN-**DERSON** of Canton announce the birth of ASHLEY RENEE Oct. 10 in Ann Arbor. She has a sister - Jenniser Marie, 2. Grandparents are Maria and Walter Kovaleski of Plymouth Township and Kit and Harry Henderson Englewood, Fla., for-merly of Northville Township. Great-grandparents are Walter and Ann Kovaleski of Novi and Zel Harvey of Dearborn.

MIKE and BETH STOUT of Redford announce the birth of KIERSTEN NICOLE Aug. 15, at Botsford Hospital, in Farmington Hills. She has a brother -Zachary, 2. Grandparents are Bill and Mary Stout Plymouth and Oscar and Laura DeDeckere of New Baltimore.

MICHAEL and BETHANY WAKEFIELD of Redford announce the birth of CHRIS-TIAN MICHAEL Nov. 10 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. He joins a sister, Brittany Morgan, 2 1/2. Grandparents are Walter and Norma Britt of Dewitt, and the Rev. Lynn and Lynn Wakefield of Toledo, Ohio.

DAVID and DARLENE

HOLGATE announce the birth of ELIZABETH HOLGATE Oct. 7 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. She has a brother -Ryan, 22 months. Grandparents are Arthur and Barbara Heckman of Redford and Thomas and Betty Holgate of Novi.

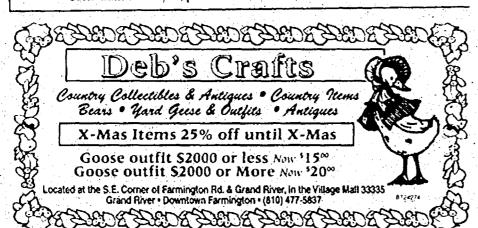
BRIAN WARZOCHA and KELLY MURPHY of Canton announce the birth of BRIAN JOSEPH DONALD WAR. ZOCHA June 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne. Grandparents are Marilyn Murphy of Westland, Harvey and Barb Murphy of Port Huron and John Warzocha of Belleville.

STEPHEN and CARLA MILLER of Redford announce the birth of MARGARET JOYCE Nov. 1. She has two brothers, Stephen and Devon. Grandparents are Carl and Marge Chiodini of St. Clair Shores and Charlie and Joyce

Miller of Livonia. SHAWN and SHELLY GAGNON of Westland announce the birth of STEPHEN EDWIN Nov. 22 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He has a sister, Sara, 3. Grandparents are Edwin and Helen Taylor of Westland, Judy Gagnon of Westland and Joe Gagnon of Northville.

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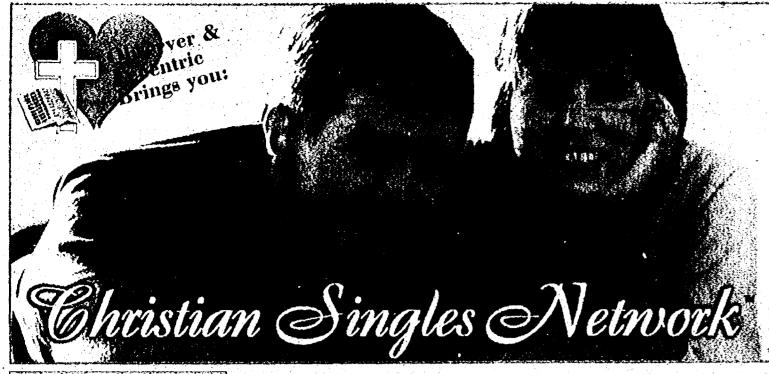
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SPEND TIME WITH HER SW mom, 33, 5'7", 295lbs., reddish brown half, blue eyes, enjoys church, music, camping, movies, fire-places, seeking SM, for relationship. Add: 1020

LET'S WALK WITH THE LORD Bom-Again DW morn, 33, 5'6', brown hairleyes, NS, professional, enjoys singing, playing guitar, seeking devoted SWCM, who is lamily-oriented.

RELIGION IS IMPORTANT Friendly SWF, 34, Lutheran, outgoing, enjoys dancing, horseback riding, seeks honest, loyal, financially/emotionally secure SM. Adf. 2468

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MEET FOR COFFEE? Warm, caring SWF, 45, teacher, Roman Catholic, enjoys outdoor walks, art, movies, theater, dining, meeting with friends, seeks smart, humorous SM.

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LOVES LAUGHTER SW mom, 46, 5'9", N/S, kind, loving, honest, outgoing, enjoys cooking, dancing, theatre, the outdoors; seeking similar SWCM, commitment minded, who

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enjoys crafts, reading, Bible studies, seeks Bom-Again, honest, faithful SM. Ad#.8883 LIKES THE OUTDOORS

SWF, 49, Protestant, outgoing, good conversational-ist, likes antiques, flea markets, seeks Christian, N/S, established, degreed, SM. Ad4.5147 LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

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Active, fun-loving SWF, 51, blonde hair, blue eyes, petite, enjoys skiing, antiques, dining, travel, quiet time together, seeks easy-going, kind hearted, loving SWM, 50-57. Ad#.9261

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SCF. Ad# 1666 CALM AND COLLECTIVE. SWM, 35, faithful to church, enjoys sports, movies,

plays, nice dining, seeks SF, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad#.2827 OPEN COMMUNICATION Happy-go-lucky SWM, 35, Lutheran, hardworking,

likes sports events, socializing, seeks understanding SF, with strong values. Ad# 6567 RELIGION GUIDES MY LIFE

Sensitive, caring SWM, 35. Lutheran, enjoys time with his kids, movies, dining out, ice-skating, seeks talkative, honest SF. Ad#,7034

DIVERSE LIFESTYLE Easygoing SWM, 35, Catholic, enjoys christian activities, athletics, the theater, seeking goal-oriented. compatible SF. Ad#.9966 TENDER-HEARTED

SWGM, 36, canng, easygoing, enjoys music, yard work, the outdoors, live theater, seeking fun-loving. young at heart SF. Ad#.1224 SEEKS A GOOD LISTENER SWM, 36, Catholic, excellent personality, good with

people, enjoys sporting events, seeks nice, honest, caring, supportive, understanding SF. Ad# 3636 DOWN-TO-EARTH SV/M. 36, 6'3", 215/bs., physically fit, attractive, easygoing, enjoys movies, summertime, romance, concerts, seeking outgoing, faithful, easygoing SF.

GET IN TOUGH Northern Italian SWM, 36, 5'10", 175/bs., blondish hair blue eyes. Catholic, N.S. social drinker, ikkes sports; water sports, carnivals, festivals, Vegas Night, dancing, seeks SF. Ad#.8782

WARM HEART Catholic SWM, 37, humorous, hobbies include movies, fishing, painting indoor & outdoor, seeks witty, caring, loving, true-hearted SF, for friendship. Ad# 2273

LIKES DOING EVERYTHING Warm, kind, sensitive SWM, 37, Catholic, enjoys Christian concerts, baseball, movies, shooting pool, walks with kids, seeks kind, warm, sensitive SF. Ad#.5858

A LONER Catholic SWM, 37, outgoing, fun to be with, enjoys collecting movies/CDs, writing, reading, singing. seeks spontaneous, loyal SF, Ad#, 1932 MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWM, 38, fun-loving, romantic, sincere. thoughtful, enjoys outdoor activities, romance, seeks stim, trim, affectionate, thoughtful SF. Ad#.1968 A CHEERFUL MATE Catholic SW dad, 38, kind-hearted, sensitive, enjoys.

baseball, videos, family fun, billiards, seeks understanding, caring SF, with children. Ad#.2323. COMMON INTERESTS? Outgoing, easy-to-get-along-with SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys camping, biking, reading, movies, working out, seeks good-humored SF, Ad#, 1977

VALUES FRIENDS SWM, 38, 6', 187lbs., warm, romantic, enjoys skiing. travel, seeks slim, attractive, physically fit, intelligent, fun-loving SF, for long-term relationship.

Ad#.8477 TRY NEW THINGS Warm, fun-loving SWM, 38, Catholic, enjoys reading, skiing, the outdoors, family, friends, romantic times, seeks intelligent, warm SF, Ad#.1515 SIMPLE THINGS IN LIFE

DWM, 38, 6', 180/bs., N/S, seeking attractive, N/S, honest, sincere D/SF, 27-40, for friendship, companionship, hopefully leading to a long-term relationship. WAITING FOR A CALL

Happy-go-lucky SWM, 38, Baptist, enjoys Christian activities, golf, basketball, seeks humorous SF. Ad# 2241 ENJOYS LIFE TOGETHER Loyal, attractive SWM, 39, 5'11', brown hair, blue/green eyes, professional, seeking cheerful SF.

serious about a relationship, triendship first. NEVER-MARRIED, CHILDLESS Happy, outgoing SWM, 39, enjoys Catholic activities, motorcycles, cuddling by a fire in the woods, walks,

seeks happy, honest, outgoing SF. Ad#.8025 LET'S HAVE A PICNIC! 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. Ad#.4712

TREAT ME RIGHT

Catholic SWM, 39, outgoing, adventurous, kind, attends Christian activities, enjoys collecting stamps, music, seeks kind, honest SF. Ad#.7890 ENJOYS SIMPLE THINGS Catholic SWM, 39, honest, friendly, romantic, enjoys

church activities, bowling, travel, movies, quiet

evenings, seeks attractive, fun, honest SIVF. SPOILS HIS GAL Baptist SBM, 39, respectful, enjoys basketball, shooting pool, bowling, movies, seeks witty, caring SF, for relationship. Ad#.4360

TLL WARM UP TO YOU!

Protestant SWM, 40, shy, enjoys reading, sports, seeking honest, hurnorous, attractive, easygoing, spontaneous SF. Ad#.1856 POSITIVE OUTLOOK Catholic SWCM, 40, curlous, enjoys biking, walks, jogging, music, movies, reading, thinking, friends,

SF, willing to share her life with another. Add, 4141 FLANNEL GUY SW dad of two, 40, 611, brown hair, green eyes, coach, likes camping, sports, romantic evenings, the outdoors, barbeques seeks SF, with similar interests

mily, seeking fit, trim, humorous, kind, articulate

UP FOR A CHALLENGE? Well-rounded SWCM, 40, enjoys daily exercise. reading, the Bible, sheater, cross-country skiing caring, empathetic, communicative SF.

THOUGHTFUL SWM, 40, Catholic, sincere, romantic, likes the out-doors, athletics, seeks intelligent, honest, family-ori-ented, slim, fit, sincere SF for long-term relationship. DON'T PLAY GAMES

Affectionate SWM, 40, easygoing, humorous, enjoys

earth, romantic SF. Adv. 1112

MARRIAGE-MINDED

Catholic SWM, 40, thoughtful, understanding, romantic, enjoys skiing, family, friends, theatre, seeking slim, trim, attractive, romantic SF, Ad#.3838 CLASSICAL PIANIST SWM, 41, Born-Again Christian, honest, humorous,

Bringing singles of

common

enjoys riding horses, playing euchre, shooting pool, seeks honest, communicative, Born-Again Christian. fun-loving, humorous SF, Ad#,4215 MARRIAGE-MINDED Catholic SWM, 40, outgoing, romantic, sincere, thoughtful, enjoys skiing, long walks, romance, seeks intelligent, athletic, affectionate, slim SF

BELIEVES IN GOD SAM, 42, humorous, easygoing, intelligent, enjoys music, quiet evenings, cuddling, seeks educated, affectionate SCF, Ad#.9934

SWEET LIKE HONEY Methodist SBM, 43, brown eyes, loving, sensitive, gentle, enjoys bowling, movies; concerts, dinner for two, seeks loving, spontaneous, independent SF.

MY PRETTY WOMAN? SV/M, 43, enjoys bowting, shooting pool, fairs, flea markets, the simple things in life, seeking fit, happy, attractive, high-spirited SF. Ad# 1121 VOLUNTEER

SWM, 43. Catholic, kind, hardworking, caring, likes astronomy, the outdoors, nature, seeks honest, kindhearted, loving SF. Ad# 2677 OPEN-MINDED Roman Catholic SWM, 43, occasionally attends Christian activities, enjoys golf, softball, jogging, seeking emotionally accessible, friendly SF

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP DWCM, 44. trustworthy, hardworking, self-employed, down-to-earth, seeks friendship with SF. to enjoy time with. Ad#.6797

Balanced SWM, 44, enjoys flying, horse shows, cards, seeks sincere, compassionale, fun Christian SF, who is continuing to grow spiritually, Ad# 9009. HARDWORKING GUY SWM, 44, Protestant, outgoing, employed, enjoys Christian activities, reading, working out, current events, seeks kind, considerate SF, with a sense of

SERIOUS AND HUMOROUS

humor. Ad#.8096 FAMILY-ORIENTED Non-denominational SWCM, 46, outgoing, employed, attends church, enjoys coin collecting reading, videos, seeks sincere, cordial, likeable SF Ad# 8888

Protestant SVM, 46, positive, upbeat, nice smile, enjoys golf, the outdoors, college football, seeks open, honest, articulate, good-hearted SCF. Ad# 7450 I WILL SPOIL YOU

HAS SERIOUS SIDE

Professional SYM, 46, spontaneous, enjoys life, outdoor activities, water ratting, traveling, seeks attractive, adventurous SF, for new, exciting times. COULD WE GET ALONG? Protestant SWM, 46, happy, humorous, enjoys antique cars, museums, walks, history, seeking hon-

est, caring, truthful, loving SF Ad# 1956 CHURCH GOER Catholic SWM, 47, fun, humorous, attends Christian activities, enjoys stained glass, seeking classy, easygoing SF. Ad# 6459

Shy, impulsive, competitive SWM, 48, professional, enjoys animals, jogging, gardening, sailing, canoeing, computers, seeks moral, non-drinking, N'S SF. Ad#.4546 GOOD COOK A PLUS!

DBM, 48, 5'11", 206'bs., fit, active, professional,

enjoys outdoor activities, conversation, seeking SF,

SERIOUS CATHOLIC

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

AFFECTIONATE GUY Professional DWM, 51, 5'11', 195lbs. blond hair, blue eyes, N/S, enjoys a variety of interests, seeking honest, sincere SF, possible relationship. Ad#.9911 ACTIVE GUY SWM, 51, educated, employed, enjoys skiing,

sports, biking, working out, music, theatre, dining out, cooking, seeking SF, with similar interests. Ad# 9034 GOOD ATTITUDE SWM, 51, calm; easygoing, honest, attends

Christian activities, enjoys dancing, seeks slender SF, 5'2"-5'5". Ad#.1256 OLD-FASHIONED VALUES Big-hearted SWM, 51, 5'7', 185lbs., black/brown hair, brown eyes, professional, enjoys dining, dancing, thos, sports, seeking slim-medium SCF, 43-50.

EVEN TEMPERAMENT

Humorous SWM, 51, Protestant, enjoys stamp col-

lecting, table tennis, volleyball, short trips, seeks

non-materialistic, punctual, petite SF, Western Oakland county a plus. Ad#,7777 A TRUSTING FRIEND Happy-go-fucky SWM, 52. Protestant, enjoys Christian functions, travel, remodeling homes,

antiques, seeks humorous, affectionate SF.

HOPE SHE'LL CALL SWM, 52, 5'10", 190fbs., fit, N/S; drug/alcohol-free, Catholic, like movies, sports, walking, holding hands, seeking SF, for companionship, maybe more. Ad#.2740 WITTY CATHOLIC

SWM, 53, enjoys volunteer work, children, cooking, dancing, seeking sharing, creative, exciting, communicative SF. Ad#.3853 BOWLER DWM, 54, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys cooking, gardening, seeks loving SF. Add. 1885

SBM, 55, well-educated, loves reading, sports, cooking, swimming, exercising biking, seeking N/S, casual drinking, open-minded SF, good conversationalist. Adl 6475 LET'S CHAT Prolestant SWM, 57, easygoing, likeable, enjoys

RECIPE COLLECTOR

general outdoors, religion, seeks nice, pleasant, wholesome SF, to share thoughts a interests with. ARE WE COMPATIBLE? DWCM, 59, 5'11", 175/bs., gray hair, self-employed,

N/S, enjoys quiet times, conversation, movies, plays, dining out, walking in parks, seeking honest, caring, truthilul SF, similar interests, Ad# 5225 ASK ME OUT Fun loving, respectful SWM, 60, Baptist, enjoys walks, bowling, golf, football games, seeks slender, communicative SCF, with good morals Add 2526

ENJOYS LIFE SWM, 60, easygoing, good sense of humor, fixes the outdoors, flea markets, dining out, doesn't dance, seeks honest SF, with similar interests. Ad#.7818 YOUNG-AT-HEART

DWM, 62, 5'10", 165lbs., outgoing, easygoing, N/S, enloys a variety of interests, seeking SWF, N/S, age SOMEONE SPECIAL

SWM, 65, 6', N/S, seeks slim SF, 57-63, who enjoys movies, trayel, dining out, short trips, card playing for Iriendship, maybe more. Add. 9071

HEART OF GOLD HUMOROUS LADY Females Seeking Males Baptist DWF, 38, fun, lively, attends Christian con-certs & activities, enjoys reading, theater, seeks hon-est, intelligent, sincere SCM, NS, with good morals. SWCF, 55, 5'3", upbeat, Hobbies are reading, music. theater, walking, seeks secure, intelligent SM. Call 1-900-933-1118 LIKES THE THEATRE \$1.98 per minute SELECT MY AD Fun-loving, upbeat SWCF, 38, enjoys acting, read-Protestant SWF, 55, loving, honest, petite, enjoys sports, music, dining out, tennis, woodworking, seeking humorous, honest, loving, religious SM. LOVES DAILY LIFE ing, dancing, seeks emotionally healthy, stable SM, Catholic, SWF, 19, talkative, tkes hockey car racwith morals Ad# 1240 ing, telephone chats, soccer, seeks goal-onented, GOD COMES FIRST honest, likeable, true SM. Ad# 1969 STRONG FAITH Easygoing SWF, 56, enjoys theater, movies, needle-MIDNIGHT WORKER SBCF, 38, friendly, happy, enjoys bowling, good work, seeks kind, understanding, respectful, N.S. SM, a good conversationalist, Ad# 2845 movies, roller-skating, working out, tennis, seeks kind, honest, intelligent SM, Ad# 3111 Outgoing SWF, 20, enjoys darts, outdoor fun, driving around, dining, music, seeks honest, sincere SM, to share good times with. Ad# 5278 LONG TERM RELATIONSHIP CALL ME! Protestant SBF, 56, outgoing, humorous, energetic-BLONDE BAPTIST Protestant SWF, 39; outgoing, attends Christian conenjoys reading, golf, sewing, art work, seeking honcerts and activities, enjoys anything fun, seeks SM, SWF. 20. blue-eyes, full-figured, enjoys reading, going out, seeking SM, for dating maybe more. Ad#.7281

> theater, quiet evenings at home, seeks SM, with similar interests. Ad# 5522 SM Ad= 5557 MARRIAGE IN MIND: Outgoing, adventurous SW mom of one, 40.

trustworthy SM, who likes parks, outdoor fun, sport-\$1.98 per minute

camping nature, seeks honest, sincere, goal-onent

SWM, 19, Catholic, caring, likes sports, collecting, baseball, cards, seeks understanding, helpful.

Catholic SWM, 20, outgoing, enjoys computers, drawing, cars, seeks canng, funny, outgoing SF. Ad#.7566

COLLEGE STUDENT Catholic SM, 21, 5'8", 145 bs. brown hair, blue eyes.

Kind, considerate, friendly, easygoing SWCM, 22, attends Christian concerts, enjoys the outdoors,

Catholic SWM, 23, easygoing, enjoys shooting pool, movies, quiet times, seeks bright, funny, honest, sincere SF. Ad#.2363

Funny SWM, 24, Catholic, hobbies include air

GOOD LISTENER Baptist SBM, 25, outgoing, spontaneous, attends Christian activities, enjoys cooking, baking, basketball, seeks smart, spontaneous, up-front SF.

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UPCOMING

DATES

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.

TOURNAMENT

The Garden City recreation department has set a Jan. 10 deadline for the Jan. 16-18 girls three-on-three basketball tournament. It is open to girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades who live in Garden City or attend a school in the city/. Registration will be held at the Maplewood Community Center or at the recreation department in the Civic Arena. A coach-supervisor, who must be 18 or older. must be present at registration. Fee is \$20 per term. 261-3491 or 525-8846.

FREE CLASSES

The Showman's Dog Training Organization will sponsor free junior showmenship classes for dog owners between 7 and 17 at the AMVETS Hall on Merriman near Avondale at 8:30 p.m., the first and second Tuesdays of each month through September. The next classes are Jan. 6 and 13. Call 729-7580.

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.

BALLROOM DANCE

Redford Parks and Recreation will offer a 10-week class in ballroom dance. Price is \$22. It is for singles and couples and will meet 7-8:30 p.m. beginning Monday, Jan. 6, at Arthur Vanderberg Elementary School, 24901 Cathedral in Redford. For registration information, call (810) 471-4168.

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 Wednesday of each month at the Bova VF.W 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. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-

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 host a 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 screening 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 729-8681.

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTEAND

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

DEMS' BINGO

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. 728-3020.

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

"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-

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.

FUN

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 Recre-

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Livonia, MI, 48150, or by fax to 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday

for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.

GALENDER LORM

ation Center (behind City Hall), on Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3 per person 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 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 available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Caesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

WESTLAND JAYCEES

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

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 pre-reading, 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 C 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.

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The Wayne-Westland School District is taking applications for fall '96 preschool Sparkey program, open to 3- and 4-year-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 595-2660.

PLUS PRESCHOOL

Registration for preschool by appointment for the Kids Plus .Program is free for those students who qualify. Call 595-2688.

HEAD START

Head Start registration for the Wayne-Westland School District is ongoing, by appointment at Stottlemyer School, 34801 Marquette. The program is free, but family must meet income guidelines, 595-2688

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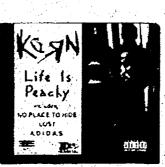


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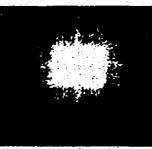
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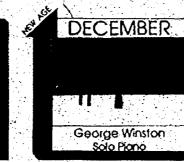
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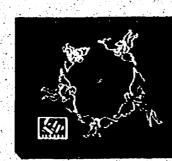
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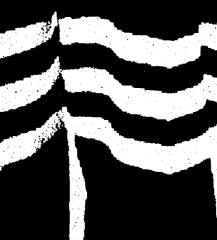
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Queen Victoria, the famous Queen of England from 1837 to 1901, married Prince Albert who was German. He brought this German custom to England when he put up a tree for his wife and children one Christmas Eve in the 1840s.

A picture of his family around their Christmas tree appeared in the newspapers in England, the United States and Canada. Soon everyone on both continents decorated trees at Christmas.

The first North American Christmas trees were decorated with candles, fruit, pine cones, cookies and homemade ornaments. Later small gifts were put right on the tree branches, and the father of the family would distribute the gifts to the

The tree Martin Luther created for his children has a prominent place in homes and churches today, A Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, an 18-foot Christmas tree will be

Christmas services.

The church will have a family Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m., featuring Cherub, Choristers and Handbell choirs and a special children's message.

At the 11 p.m. candlelight service, worshipers will be given a votive candle to raise during the singing of "Silent Night." The Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell Choir and instrumentalists will unfold the Christmas story through song, scripture and prayer. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music will begin at 10:30 p.m. and feature carols from many nations.

Christmas Day worship with Communion will begin at 10 a.m., featuring uplifting Christmas music with choir and instrumentalists.

Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 522-6830.

On Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Newburgh United Methodist Church, there will be 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. Candle lighting with Communion, featuring the Chancel Choir, will be at 11 p.m. Child care will be pro-

vided at all services. Newburg United Methodist is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-0149.

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prominently displayed during 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 Northville.

For more information, call the church at (810) 348-7600.

• 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. On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship with Communion will be at 10 a.m.

For more information, call (810) 474-0675.

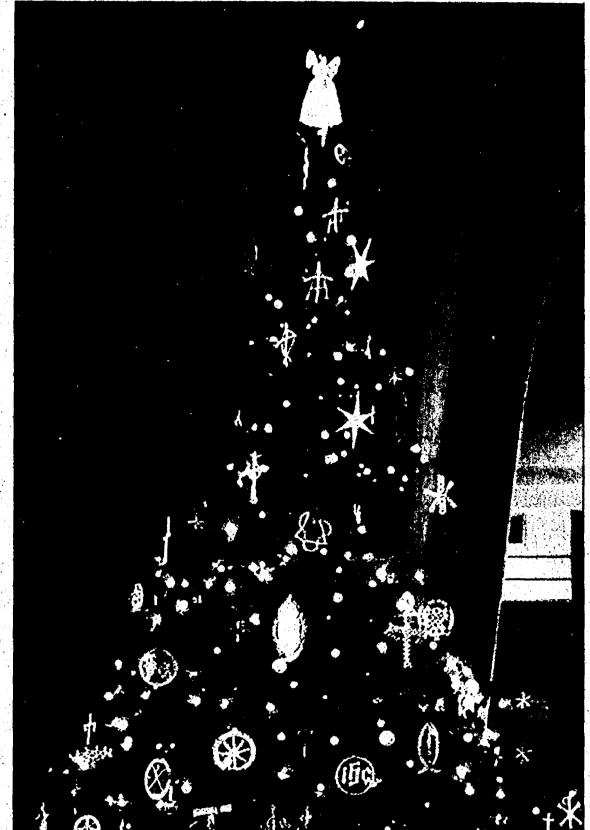
· Faith Lutheran Church will have a Family Eucharist at 7 p.m. and a Festival worship at 11 p.m. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. There will be only one service with quiet Communion will be at 9:30 a.m. on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church will have its Christmas Eve Festival Worship at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 24. The service will feature carols, Holy Communion and candlelight.

Good Shepherd Lutheran is at 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call (313) 537-3778.

• Good Hope Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve Family Worship at 7 p.m. Dec. 24. The service will feature a children's sermon, choir anthems. Holy Communion and pre-service music, beginning at 6:30

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Oh, Christmas tree: An 18foot-tall Christmas tree has a place of honor in the; sanctuary of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia. An . important part of the Christmas celebration, the tree dates back to Martin Luther who created the tree to show his children the beauty of the night Jesus was born.

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Boots for Christmas" characters come to life right on their computer screen through the fullyautomated electronic storybook.

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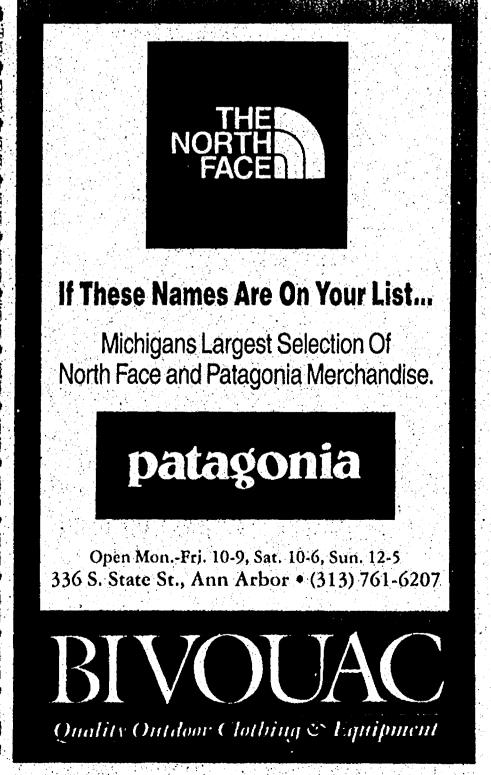
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Good Hope Lutheran is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Inkster and Middlebelt roads, Garden City. For more information, call (313) 427-3660.

· Geneva Presbyterian Church will have four services on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24. Family services will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m., with Candlelight services with Communion at 8 and 11

Geneva Presbyterian Church is at 5835 Sheldon Road, north of Ford Road, Canton. For more information, call the church at (313) 459-0013.

• Church of the Risen Lord, a mission of the Charismatic Episcopal Church of North America. will celebrate its Christmas Eve service at 6 p.m. Dec. 24. The family service will include celebration of Communion. People are invited to come early for fellowship and may bring an ornament to hang on the Christmas

Church of the Risen Lord is at 821 Newburgh Road, north of cherry Hill Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 397-7132.

• St. James Presbyterian Church will have its candlelight service at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Dec. 24. The church is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Red-

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• Lake Pointe Bible Chapel is inviting people to commemorate the birth of Christ by gathering at the church on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, before starting their own Christmas festivities. The service will be at 4 p.m. at the church, 42150 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia.

For more information, call the church at (313) 420-0515.

 Rev. Mark McGilvrey will preach on "Comfort My People" at the Christmas Sunday (Dec. 22) services at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Services are at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m. The church will have its Christmas Eve service at 7 , p.m. Dec. 24.

For more information, call the

church at (313)464-6722. • Two services will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at Holy trinity Lutheran Church, 39030 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The 7 p.m. service will be a family service with candlelight. The Choristers Choir will sing and there will be a "shepherd" monolog.

At 11 p.m., the traditional candlelight Communion service will be held. Special music will be provided by the Adult Choir, bell choirs and instrumentalists.

A 10 a.m. service with Communion also is planned for Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

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LIVE NATIVITY

Fair Haven Baptist Church' teen department will present a live outdoor Nativity at 6 and 8 v.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-21, at the church, 34850 Marquette, Westland.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC St. James Presbyterian Church will present a program of Christmas music, featuring the vocal, bell and chime choirs at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 22. A congregational dinner will follow the service. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call the church at (313) 534-7730 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Fri-

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Bethel Baptist Temple will have its annual Children's Christmas Program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. A popular service at the church, a box of candy will be presented to each woman and child in attendance. For more information, call Pastor H.L. Petty at (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

BETHANY PLYMOUTH/CANTON

Bethany Plymouth/Canton, a ministry providing support for single adults, 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

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Pastor David Powless will speak at the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sundays at the Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 458-7301.

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 proof do you have that Christian Science heals?" on Dec. 22, "How do Christian Scientists feel about modern medicine?' On Dec. 29, "Is care in Christian Science as reliable as medicine?" on Jan. 5, "How do Christian Scientists feel about Jesus?" on Jan. 12, "What kind of faith in God heals?" on Jan. 19 and "Faith healing or something more?" on Jan. 26. 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.

HOLY INNOCENTS

Faith Lutheran Church will have one service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, on Holy Innocents Day and one service at 7 p.m. New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 421-7249.

POLONAISE CHORALE

The Polonaise Chorale, under the direction of Daniel Misteravich, will present its annual Christmas concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh Road, north of Six Mile Road, Livonia.

The concert is free of charge, however, a free will offering will be accepted

The Polonaise Chorale sings Polish Christmas carols and has a cassette tape of its singing which will be available before

and after the concert. For more information, call (313) 863-6209 or (313) 531-5558.

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, featur ing Fred Hubbs Jr.

A buffet will be available at 10 p.m. by advanced reservation only. The 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.

• Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve Communion service at 6 p.m. Dec. 31 at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-0211.

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Moving On" will be the title of the program for the Thursday, Jan. 2, meeting of New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. New Beginnings is for people suffering as a result of the death of a loved one. It recognizes that people grieve differently, but have a similar need for the support of each other. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 and Rosemary Kline at (313)

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, is selling 1997 Entertainment Passbooks for a donation of \$40. To order one, call Jim Robinson at (810) 347-1535 or the church office at (810) 474-3444.

• 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.

A.R.K. CONNECTION

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) 721-4801..

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Divorcecare, a special video seminar and support group meets 7-9 p.m. Sundays, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon Road, Canton Town-

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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-

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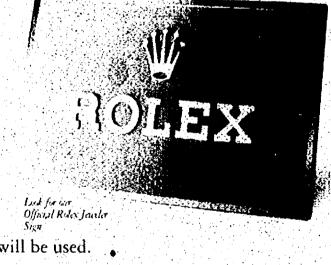
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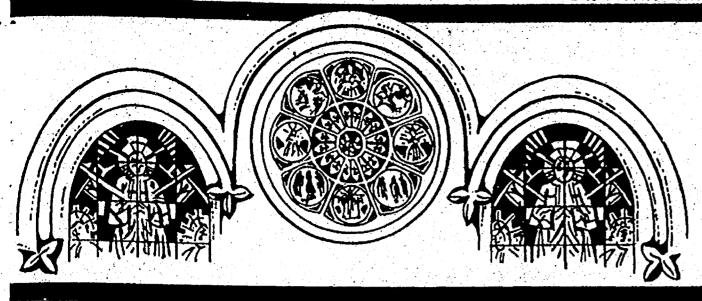
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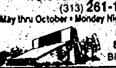
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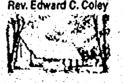
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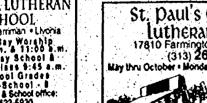
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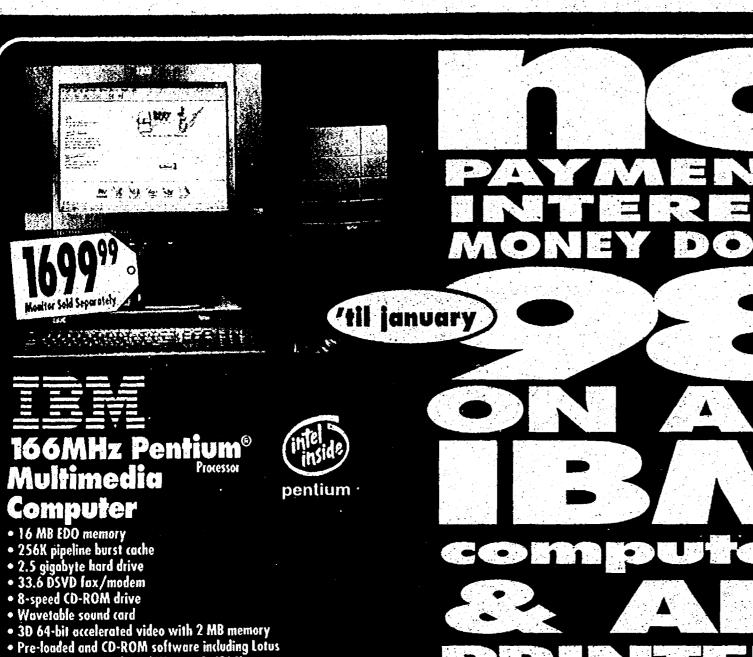
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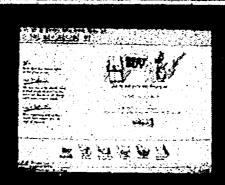
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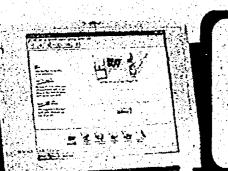
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Maryland's choice: Ron Vanderlinden (right) and brother Gerry in Pasadena.

Maryland's man is Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden

Pete Vanderlinden said his son Ron's "big ambition was always to do well in sports."

"I guess he decided in college that he wanted to be a coach," Pete said.

At age 40, Livonia native Ron Vanderlinden has done pretty well for himself.



EMONS

in college ranks after being recently named head football coach at the University of Maryland. Vanderlinden, who spent past

He has made a meteoric rise

five seasons resurrecting the program at Northwestern, became a hot commodity after the Wildcats went 9-2, and prior to that a Cinderella Rose Bowl season run (in 1995).

"Actually there were four head coaching jobs I had an opportu-

nity to pursue," said Vanderlinden, who has been on a whirlwind schedule since he was named the Terrapins' head coach on Dec. 3. "But I never interviewed for those jobs because Maryland easily gave me the most attention. Maryland pursued me very aggressively."

Vanderlinden was swept away by his initial visit to College Park.

"It's just a beautiful area and I was taken back by the fact that it has one of the top academic programs in the country," Vanderlinden said. "The renovation they've done with their stadium - it's practically brand new - and the commitment they've made toward football made me feel very good about the situation."

Vanderlinden is no stranger at helping turn programs around.

Prior to his stint at Northwestern, Vanderlinden spent nine seasons as an assistant at Colorado under his former high school coach at Dearborn Divine Child — Bill McCartney.

"I came to Colorado (from Ball State) at age 27," Vanderlinden said. "We were the worst team in college football in 1983 — 1-10. But then we went on to win three Big Eight titles and won

a national championship. "Then the president of Colorado, Arnold Weber, went to Northwestern," Vanderlinden said. "Gary Barnett and I were assistants together at Colorado and we saw all of the possi-

bilities at Northwestern. "We saw the high academic standards and the type of student they could attract. We also thought it was a plus that you could win with character. And those guys certainly bore that out because they played together and believed in each other.

"Overall it was a fun five years and a growing

experience." Vanderlinden takes over a Maryland program, 5-6 in Mark Duffner's final year as head coach, which is searching for identity in the Atlantic

Coast Conference. In his first Maryland press conference, Vanderlinden made no bones about the fact that he is shooting for an ACC championship, which means bucking heads with perennial national. power Florida State.

Given Vanderlinden's track record, that is not out of the realm of possibility.

He has been a winner ever since McCartney plucked him out of St. Michael's eighth-grade football program.

"Ron played little league for the Blue Jays unit, but then when he was 14, Livonia Parks and Rec didn't have a football program and he didn't want to be in limbo for a year, so he signed up to play at St. Mike's," his father Pete said.

Vanderlinden played center for the powerhouse Divine Child teams which included the likes of All-America High School quarterback Gary Forystek (Notre Dame) and All-State wide

receiver Ed Kasparek (Michigan). Vanderlinden then headed to Albion College where he was under the guidance of coach Frank Joranko. He was a teammate of Plymouth Salem's Steve Robb (now head coach at Milan) and Livonia Churchill's Phil Damaska. The Britons went underdefeated in Vanderlinden's

final two seasons. After graduating from Albion, Vanderlinden spent four years as a graduate assistant, two at Bowling Green and two at Michigan (reunited with McCartney again) before getting his first full-time assistants' job at Ball State under Paul

It was there that his coaching career was

And for the kid who grew up on Ingram and Cranston streets in Livonia, it's been an astounding rise through the coaching ranks.

Bauman back, Franklin wins

By NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

Teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association couldn't have been too happy about Matt Bauman returning to Livonia Franklin's lineup Tuesday.

But the center sure made his guards happy, as he opened things for the outside game in Franklin's 68-48 boys hoop drubbing of rival Livonia Churchill.

The visiting Patriots (2-1) started slow, but began to demonstrate its superior talent when Bauman entered the game with 3:09 remaining in the first quarter. The 6-foot-8 center made his first appearance of the season after recovering from a broken ankle.

Bauman hit on his first eight shots (all layups), and finished with 18 points and seven rebounds in just 19 minutes of action. But more importantly, Bauman helped the guard tandem of Nick Mongeau (18 points) and Pete Sosa (14).

"You can definitely see the difference when Matt is out there," said Mongeau, who scored all of his points in the second half. "He definitely helps me out by being doubleteamed. With Matt, we have can have an inside and outside threat."

The Chargers, who have lost their first three games by an average of 21 points, are struggling to find themselves, according to coach Rick Austin.

"We only have one starter back (Shawn Woloszyn) and we're still trying to find our identity," the firstyear coach said. "We're trying to find a combination of players who can play together and we have to find some scoring."

The teams combined for 12 turnovers in the first six minutes. Bauman scored the final six points of the first quarter and eight more in the second quarter to give the Patriots a 27-18 lead.

"Both teams came out flat, maybe because there were two new coaches and the players didn't know what to expect," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said. "We also had to adjust to having Matt back.

"We have to learn when and when not to look for him. He was a little rusty but looked good and it's just a matter now of conditioning."

Woloszyn struggled in the first-

See HOOPS, C5

DePorres sinks Wayne

Detroit St. Martin DePorres used an 8-0 fourth-quarter run Tuesday to put host Wayne Memorial away in a boys basketball game, 70-57.

DePorres is now 3-0 overall, while Wayne drops to 2-1.

The Eagles, favored to win the state Class C title, led 44-29 at halftime as jason Small poured in 16 of his team-high 17 points.

Twin brothers Lorenzo and LaVelle Guess tallied 18 and 13, respectively, for the Zebras.

•LUTH. WESTLAND 58, HARPER WDS. 38: On Tuesday, host Lutheran High Westland opened Metro Conference play led by senior forward Joe Pruchnik's 16 points and 13 rebounds against the Pioneers.

Lutheran Westland is 2-1 overall, while Harper Woods is 0-4.

Ben Meyer added 13 points for the winners, who led 28-15 at intermission and 49-31 after three quarters. Pat Gonyeau tallied a game-high 18 points

for Harper Woods. . HAMTRAMCK 60, CLARENCEVILLE 55: The Cosmos outscored Livonia Clarenceville 9-2 in the final two minutes to erase a 53-51

deficit to pull out the Metro Conference win Clarenceville drops to 0-3 overall and 0-2

in the Metro, while Hamtramck is 2-1 and 2-

Justin Villanueva, a junior forward, scored a game-high 20 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in a losing cause. Senior center Jason Merritt added 11 points.

Cardenas Huffman and Tom Garbalz each scored 14 for the Cosmos.

"We missed a couple of shots and we started fouling," said Clarenceville coach "We were called for an intentional foul and they made two free throws and got the ball. *But we're learning and playing better

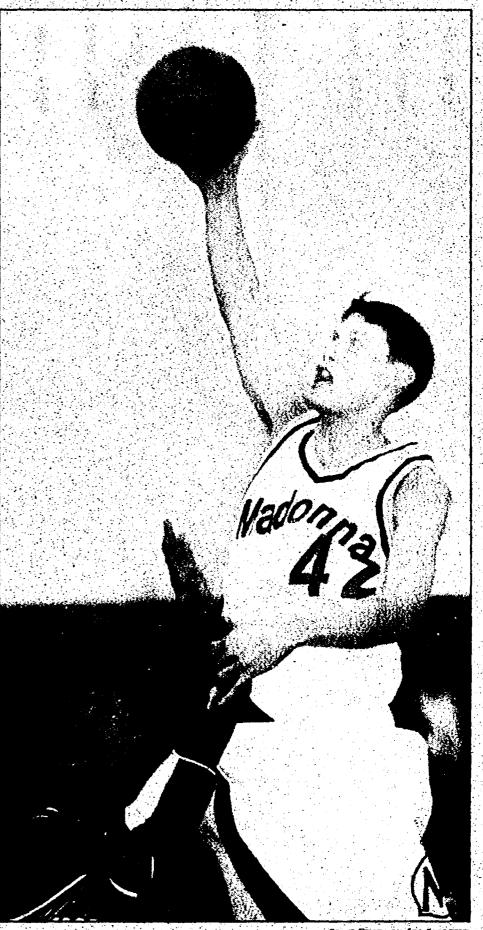
basketball now." •GRACE 78, HURON VALLEY 72: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran lost both games last weekend in the Michigan Lutheran Titan

Tip-Off Tournament held in St. Joseph. On Saturday, the Hawks fell to 0-3 in a six-point loss to Grace Christian of Watervli-

Junior guard Joel Hartley scored 16 in a losing cause, while junior guard Jeremy Zahn and senior center John Nielson each added

Phil Caldwell led Grace with 22.

On Friday, host Michigan Lutheran smothered Huron Valley, 79-21, as junior guard Tom Husby scored seven points in a losing



Just like Mike

Full extension: Madonna University's Mike Maryanski soars toward the rim during Monday night's men's basketball game against Northwood. Maryanski, a 6-foot-7 junior, scored a team-high 24 points, including six of 11 from three-point range, but the Crusaders fell 93-80. See college basketball roundup on Page C5.

Churchill under new leadership

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

John Filiatraut stands 6 feet, 8 inches and he hopes a strugging Livonia Churchill football will grow under his leadership and stand tall in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The former Dearborn Divine Child standout and letter winner at the University of Wisconsin was named the fourth varsity football coach in school history late last week. He replaces Steve Naumcheff, who agreed to step down last month after going 1-44 in five years.

Filiatraut takes over a program that is 1-62 during the 1990s and losers of 28 straight (dating back to

"John is a presence, he's extremely organized and I've been very impressed from what I've seen him do with kids in school," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "He has a lot of good ideas and a good grasp of the game of football.

"He's very professional and has had an excellent rapport with the students, staff and administration. He demonstrates a lot of maturity for not teaching in our building that long."

The 28-year-old Filiatraut was one of five candidates for the job.

He was interviewed Dec. 11 by Hage, along with the school's three assistant principals - Steve Archibald, Joe Anderson and Dan

Willenborg. "I'm real excited because John brings enthusiasm, a lot of neat concepts, and can tap into some excellent resources from Divine Child and playing football in the Big Ten," Hage said.

Filiatraut has been coaching since he graduated with a degree in history from Wisconsin in 1991. He spent the last two seasons as DC's defen-



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACOFELD

New coach: John Filiatraut hopes to turn around Livonia Churchill's football fortunes around in 1997.

cons finished 8-1, just narrowly missing a playoff berth in Class BB-Region IV.

"My immediate challenge is to put together a staff," said Filiatraut, who was hired to teach social studies and freshman orientation at Churchill in August. "My offensive style is conservative with a stingy defense. We ran the stunt 4-3 (defense) at Divine Child and that's what I'll bring over. We'll have good

show.

sive coordinator. Last fall, the Fal- (Westland) John Glenn likes to throw the ball, they can always run it when they want.

"We'll show discipline and we'll be a tough, hard-nosed team. The hitting will improve."

Filiatraut will also rely on his experience at Wisconsin where he played under Don Morton and Barry Alvarez (his senior year).

"I've played a lot of the positions," Filiatraut said. "I came in as an outside linebacker, played tight end, special teams and we'll run the foot- moved to the defensive line, played ball. It won't be a Churchill air on special teams, and spent time on the offensive line," he said. "I "If you look at the successful enjoyed practice and I wouldn't teams, they run the ball. As much as trade that experience for the world."

The task of moving of out of the cellar in the Western Division of the WLAA will be Filiatraut's toughest challenge. This year, the WLAA boasted the state Class AA champion (Walled Lake Western), the state Class A runner-up (Farmington Hills Harrison) and the state Class AA semifinalist, WLAA champ John Glenn.

"You have to walk before you run," the new coach said. "You have to think short term. To talk league title in 1997 would be premature, but we want to put a better product on the field and have people start talking positive about Churchill football. and I think that's achievable.

"One of the things that makes it exciting is going against the Chuck Gordons (Glenn), the Chuck Apaps (Western) and the John Herringtons (Harrison). That's motivation enough for me to prepare and work hard.'

Filiatraut believes the potential is

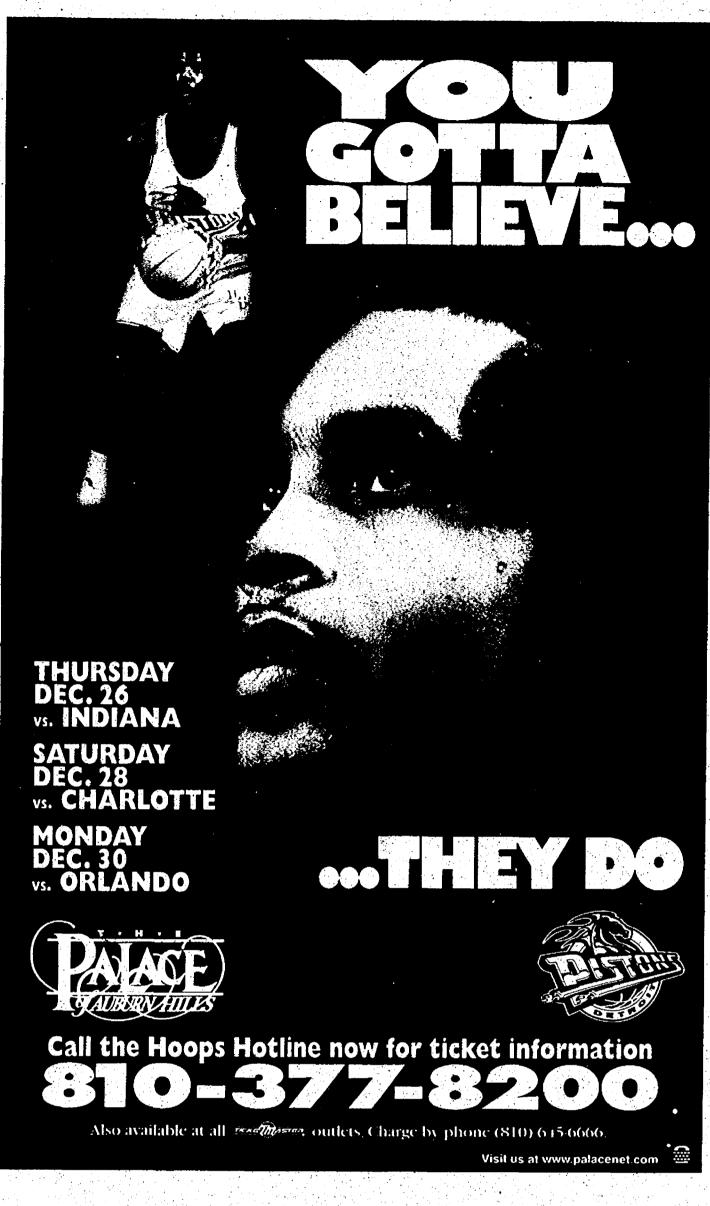
there for a winning program. "It doesn't appear numbers is a problem," he said. "We had 40 freshmen and 40 JV players. We have about 100 kids total and that's plenty of people playing football.

"You just have to get the right kids and teach winning football."

Ironically, Filiatraut returns to coach at the same place where he had the opportunity to attend in high school. "I played grade-school football at

St. Michaels," he said. "My two older sisters went to Divine Child and I followed suit. It wasn't a recruiting thing."

The Livonia native resides in Dearborn Heights with his wife Janice and infant son John George.





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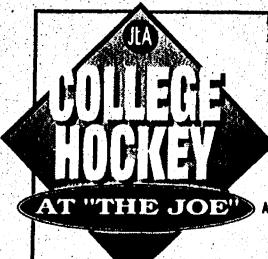
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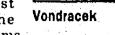
Ladywood ready for action

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Coach Tom Teeters is shuffling the deck as his Livonia Ladywood volleyball team embarks on

the 1996-97 season opener Saturday at the Portage Northern Invitational.

He's making wholesale lineup changes with the idea of coming up with a strong suit against some of the state's elite teams.



Last year the Blazers came close, going 48-9 before falling to nemesis Temperance Bedford in the state Class A quarterfinals.

Ladywood has made several appearances in the quarterfinals, but hasn't played in the state championship game after finishing runner-up in 1990 (Ladywood won back-to-back state crowns in 1988-89.)

His ace in the hole could be 6foot-1 junior Sarah Poglits, who moves from the middle to the

VOLLEYBALL

setters position. She will share that spot with 5-11 senior Kristen Dause, who missed the last half of the season a year ago with an injury; and 5-8 senior Nicole Vondracek (a first-team All-Observer pick).

Both Dause and Vondracek will also play outside. Dause will also see action in the middle as Poglits will direct a 5-1 attack.

"We feel confident, with a lefthanded setter (Poglits), that she can do damage in the front and back row," Teeters said. "We feel we can do a lot of different things with our personnel. We can flex to the type of team we're playing and play to the matchups of the teams we're playing.

"We can manuever around to cover different defensive situa-

Ladywood is favored once again to win the Catholic League and Operation-Friendship titles for the sixth consecutive year.

Ladywood has not lost a

Catholic League match in five years, but the Blazers may have their sights set on bigger things

- like the Class A state crown. "We have a shot at it if we get

and we feel confident." Once again the western side of the state will be loaded with talented teams including defending champion Kalamazoo Central East Kentwood, Portage Northern and Battle Creek Central, In the western suburbs, teams such as Livonia Churchill, Plymouth

Stevenson surprised the WLAA tourney field last year

Meanwhile, Salem is rebuilding with some young talent after being stunned in last spring's Class A regional final by Ladywood, squandering a 12-3 lead in the third and decisive game at Ferndale.

See capsule summaries.

LIVONIA LADYWOOD

Head coach: Tom Teeters, 11th season. League affiliation: Catholic League (Central

Season opener: Saturday, Dec. 21 at Portage Northern Tournament. Last year's overall record: 48-9. Titles won last year: Catholic League (Cen-

tral Division and A-B Division playoffs); Operation-Friendship, Fraser Invitational, Class A district and regional. Notable losses to graduation: Erin LeSage (first-team All-Observer); Stacey Judd (first-

team All-Observer): Shannon Swish, Jessica Geracz and Jill Wilson: Leading returnees: Kristen Dause, 5-11 senior setter/middle hitter/outside hitter; Nicole Vondracek, 5-8 senior outside hitter/setter (first-team All-Observer); Sarah Poglits, 6-1 junior setter (third-team All-Area); Katle Brogan, 5-4 junior defensive specialist; Cathy Hermann, 5-10 senior outside hitter:

Jenny LaChapelle, 5-8 junior outside hitter;

Mary Lu Hemme, 5-8 junior middle bitter:

Promising newcomers: Natalie Rozell, 5-9 need to perfect a lot of things, especially junior outside hitter; Tracy DeWitt, 5-5 sophomore defensive specialist; Andrea Rahley, 5-6 junior defensive specialist; Leslie Orzech, 5-9 junior setter.

Jenny Young, 6-1 sophomore outside hitter.

Testers' 1996-97 outlook: "Hermann gained valuable time last year when Dause got hurt. Hemme is also coming on strong. She's improved her vertical jump four inches

on the stide play. *Our junior class is strong. We have a lot of depth to go to. We're a strong defensive team

with speed in all areas." LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Alisha Love, sixth season. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Season opener: Saturday, Dec. 21 at Madonna Tournament.

Last year's overall record: 32-10-2 Titles won last year: Metro Conference

(regional finalist). Notable losses to graduation: None. Leading returnees: Amy Jones, middle out-

side hitter; Nicole Riedl, setter; Kelly Ackroyd; Michelle Berry, junior: Jackie Kibilko, junior defensive specialist: Danielle Sledz, sophomore outside hitter; Agnieszka Palarz, junior. outside hitter; Kristin Jaber; Joanna Skrela, junior; Kristina Skrela, sophomore,

Promising newcomers: None. Love's 1996-97 outlook: "We should be a strong team defensively this year. We're going to get quicker because all my girls did return (except Melissa Berry, who is an exchange student in Sweden). People had better not underestimate us.

"I do have some strong leaders that are going to take us in the direction we're going to go: senior captains Nicole, Amy and Kelly.

"Melissa Berry's twin sister, Michelle, is blocking the entire front. We know it's going to be a strain on her, but we're working on

"We're not afraid of a challenge. We never turn away a challenge."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Head coach: Joan Ollinger, second season. League affiliation: Metro Conference. Season openem Saturday, Jan. 4 at Warren Bethesda Tournament.

Last year's conference finish: fourth place. Notable losses to graduation: Katie Ollinger, Amy Modenhauer.

Leading returnees: Jessica Joyce, 6-0 senior middle hitter; Joy Tiernan, 5-8 senior outside hitter; Susanne Thomson, 5-7 back row specialist; Lindsay Allor, 5-7 defensive

Promising newcomers: Sarah Hoffmeler, 5-5 Junior setter; Michelle Wiersig, 5-5 Junior

Ollinger's 1996-97 outlook: 'Things look good. I think we can finish the same or even better than we did last year. *Clarenceville and (Macomb) Lutheran

North are the teams to beat in our conference. We just need confidence. Our skill level is good, they just need to know they can do

WAYNE MEMORIAL

The foursome of Keith Falk,

Mike Malik, Mark Sgriccia and

Victor Hakim posted a first-place

clocking of 3:44.45 as Stevenson

Head coach: Laura Fisher, first season. League affiliation: Mega Conference (Red

Season opener: Dec. 18 at home vs. West-

Leading returness: Tammy Raines, 5-5 senior setter: Wendy Sentz, 5-10 senior middle hitter. Pam Prpich. 5-4 senior outside hitter/defensive specialist; Bridget O'Rourke, 5-Eason, 5-7 junior outside hitter.

-11 sophomore middle hitter; Jenny Randolph, 5-10 freshman middle hitter: Sarah Moore, 5-5 sophomore outside hitter/defensive specialist; Sayrd Stack, 5-6 sophomore outside hitter; Kristen Bull, 5-4 setter/defensive special-

Fisher's 1998-97 outlook: "We're a very young team; but we have tons of potential. We're working very hard to prepare for whatever comes our way. "We're working on basically eventhing. We

serve reception.

Head coach: Mike Hughes, 21st season: League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division)

Season opener: Dec. 18 at Wayne Memoriallys. Westland John Glenn and Wayne. Last year's overall record: 28-12.

champions. Notable losses to graduation: Theresa Arciero (First-team All-Obsever and All-WLAA):

middle blocker; Kerri Verardi, setter.

champions and Class C district champs Fabirkiewicz; Susan Hill; Jennifer Laidlaw:

Hughes' 1996-97 outlook: 'We're going to be competitive. We're going to be smaller than last year, but we have some very competitive personalities and some real hard-

working kids. And we expect to be competi-Our one outside hitter is going to be Lori Leszczylnski. The other one is going to be a real competition among three of the juniors -

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Ann Hutchins, sixth season. League affiliation: WLAA (Western Divi-

Season opener: Friday, Jan. 3 at Romulus.

Notable losses to graduation; Melissa Wolvin (Capt.); Jenny Atanosian; Amanda Leading returnees: Senior tri-captains

junior; Danielle Wensing, junior; Missy Blan-Promising newcomers: Juniors Jackie

Brokas; Melanie Maxwell; Mary Priebe; Jamie Hutchins' 1998-97 outlook: 'We have

our kids have played in the Junior Olympics. "I think we have a better offensive team than we have had in the past. We have more

dominant hitting in the front row, Our setting

our conference. We should be considerably better than last year's team, barring any

ance Bedford Invitational.

Lest year's overall record: 22-10-13. Titles won last year: Western Lakes playoff

Notable losses to graduation: Kristi DiBa- the kids, I think, realize that."

some dominant players," said Teeters, now in his 11th season,

"We're much quicker defensively

Salem. Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson could also be

with an upset win.

Last year's overall record: 2-19.

Jand John Glenn and Livonia Churchill. Notable losses to graduation: None.

4 sophomore defensive specialist; Kristin Kehrer, 5-10 sophomore middle hitter; Rachel Raines, 5-7 sophomore outside hitter. Sabrina Promising newcomers: Bethany Molitor, 5-

5-6 junior outside hitter: Heather Dobrowolski.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Titles won last year: Western Division

Kelly Ashworth, middle blocker, Jill Sarnovsky,

Leading returnees: Megan McGinty (middle blocker); Lori Leszczysinski; Danielle Sockolosky: Amanda Eszes; Kari Buzewski, Andrea Will. (All seniors.)

Promising newcomers: Jenny Duncan; Lisa Beth Rutkowski; Jessica Sherman. (All

juniors.)

Duncan, Fabliklewicz and Hill. Right now they're real close, so it's hard to tell. Eszes and McGinty are going to start in the middle."

Last year's overall record: 5-24-8.

Janine Bosman, Randi Wolfe and Melissa Zawacki; Cathy Wolfe; Brooke Hensman,

Ziem; Sarah Gush; Becky Siusarski; Becky

more experience than we have had. Some of

"We should be in the top half or top third of

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Kelly Graham, fourth season. League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division). Season opener: Friday, Dec. 27 at Temper-

heard from.

sio (first-team All-Observer); Laura Krol, Stacey Nichols, Catherine Garry, Julie Richard

Leading returnees: Gina Palmeri, 6-0 senior middle hitter; Nicole Tobin, 5-4 senior setter; Kelly Kristy, 5-8 senior outside hitter: Beth

Pinneo, 5-4 senior defensive specialist;

Stephanie Watters, 5-9 senior outside hitter, Promising newcomers: Lanette Moss, 5:10 junior middle hitter; Whitney Crosby, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Lindsey Pfeifer, 5-7 junior outside hitter; Stacey Nastase, 5-7 junior out-

Graham's 1996-97 outlook: 'I think we are a better team than last year as far talent and ability. We have five powerful hitters. We taller and stronger *Gina and Nicole will carry the team only

so far. Our success depends on what the other people do: "In our scrimmage at Walled Lake (Cen-

tral) we looked good. "What we need is communication on the court, but these girls have played together the last three years. The key is passing. We. have strong servers and we'll hit the ball. We

just have to get the ball to our setter."

Head coach: Stacy Graham, third season. League affiliation: WLAA (Lakes Division)... Season opener: Dec. 18 at Wayne Memonat vs. Livogia Churchill and Wayne.

Last year's overall record: 8-16. Notable losses to graduation: Jennifer Tap. per, Rachet Satterlee, Anja Protz and Kelly Armstrong.

Leading returnees: Chrissy Harkless, 511 senior middle hitter; Jennifer Smith, 5-6 senior outside hitter; Jamie Romej, 5-5 senior setter, Jamie Barker, 5-9 junior setter; Julie Taylor, 5-7 junior outside hitter: Beth Bussard, 5-5 senior defensive specialist: Rebecca Harden. 5-6 senior outside hitter/back row: Sarah

Cretens, 5-7 senior outside hitter. Promising newcomers: Jessica Pickup, 5-5 junior outside hitter: Megan Brady, 5-8 junior middle blocker: Becky Resinger, 5-6 junior outside hitter; Malisa Hamilton, 5-7 junior out-

Graham's 1996-97; "A few played during off-season. I stressed it. Some played WYAA "We played at South Lyon this past weekend and made if out of pool play and lost to

Pinckney in semifinals. "Jamie Romej did some good setting, Jenny Smith played great defense and passed well. Chrissy Harkless did a great job blocking. Barker looked real good.

season goes along. We have to play smart. Technique has improved since tast year, keep in focus and work hard."

"We need to improve our attacking as the

HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Jeff Hale, third season. League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference (Red Division). Last year's overall record: 4-48.

Ruth (four-year veteran); Nikki Knightlinger (three-year veteran); Becky Haddad (threeyear veteran). Lone returnee: Stephanie Graves (sopho-

Notable losses to graduation: Michelle

Promising newcomers: Stacle Graves (freshman setter); Anya Day (sophomore setter); Liz Lanning (freshman hitter); Jessie Cherundolo (freshmen middle hitter); Katie Orlandoni (sophomore middle hitter, played one-third of 1995-96 season on varsity); Andrea Johnson (freshman outside hitter): Vicky Martin (freshman outside hitter): Jessica Whitaker (freshman outside hitters);

Kovak (freshman middle hitter). Hale's 1996-97 outlook: "Our middle hitter. Stephanie Graves, we're looking at her to help guide this team. We have no seniors and no Jugiors. We're at a rebuilding year, very much

Danielle Joly (freshman setter, defense); Kelly

*But this is the first time I've had double digit numbers in players, so we're very, very positive about this year's team, as far as getting them to play together.

"When you look at it, they've got three years to play together, if they look at that, dwell on that, things are very, very positive. "We're actually a JV team playing a varsity

schedule. Our goal is to play the year, have fun, try to excel as a team. "We're going to make our mistakes, and

Spartan swimmers dunk Dearborn in final race

evened its dual meet record at 1-Livonia Stevenson captured the meet's final event, the 400-yard Stevenson swept all three relay freestyle relay, to beat Dearborn in a non-league boys swim meet at Livonia Churchill, 97-89.

200 freestyle (1:37.4).

Sgriccia, Malik, Steve Domin and Jacob Varty took the 200 medley (1:49.2), while Falk, Domin, Hakim and Varty won the

ured in four firsts. Individually, Domin won the 50- and 100 freestyles in 23.2 and

Domin and Sgriccia each fig-

51.5, respectively, while Sgriccia took the 100 butterfly in 57.99 and 100 backstroke in 1:00.19 Falk added a win in the 200 IM

Petryk gets MVP honors as Spartans win GC tourney

Nick Petryk took most valuable wrestler honors for the upper weight divisions Saturday as Livonia Stevenson captured the 32nd annual Garden City 'Christmas Tournament.

Stevenson scored a team-high '169 points, 10 more than runnerup Westland John Glenn in the 19-team tournament.

Petryk, a 152-pounder, edged Kevin Scott of Trenton in the finals, 3-2, after beating Livonia Clarenceville's Craig Rose in the semifinals, 15-4.

.. Stevenson also received runner-up finishes from Rich Bramer (heavyweight), Jeff Brach (125) and Katsuhiko Sueda (103).

Glenn boasted four individual champions - Marc Dugas (heavyweight), John Fedulchak (140), Rich Donahee (160) and Mike Reeves (171).

Livonia Churchill, ninth in the team standings, had two champions - Ali Ramlawi (189) and Bob Fowler (215).

See statistical summary.

Wayne finishes 3rd

William Laramie (heavyweight), George Buckner (215) and Pat Grzecki (189) won individual titles Saturday as Wayne finished third overall in the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament.

Richard Watson (135) added a second place, while Nate Wensko (103), Jim Siwula (152) and Sean McInerney (171) took thirds. John Nichols (119) was fourth.

CC 4th at Salem

Mitch Hancock (112) was the only individual winner Saturday as Redford Catholic Central took fourth in the eight -eam Plymouth Salem Invitational.

WRESTLING

Holt won the team title with 294 points followed by host Salem (201), Adrian (188) and CC (148).

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson. 169 points; 2: Westland John Glenn, 159; 3. Trenton, 149.5; 4. Melvindate, 144; 5. Northville, 127; 6. Livonia Franklin, 107; 7. Dearborn Fordson, 99; 8. Monroe, 91; 9. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 88 each; 11. Garden City, 83; 12. Dearborn, 82; 13. Dearborn Heights Annapolis, 81; 14. Dearborn Divine Child, 74; 15. Livonia Clarenceville, 49; 16 Inkster, 48; 17. Lutheran Westland, 43.5: 18. Redford Union, 40: 19 Wayne Memorial JV, 26.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Heavyweight: Marc Dugas (WJG) pinned Rich Bramer (LS, 2:35; consolation final: Matt Holland (DHC) p. Rich Barrett (Annapolis). 1:45; 5th-6th: Matt Lawson (LF) p. Ali Mackie

103 pounds: Eric Nowitske (Monroe) decisioned Katsuhiko Sueda (LS), 13-6; consolation: Můnussah (Melvindale) p. Ben Asby (Northville), no time available; 5th 6th: Pat Sayn (GC) dec. Pete Kim (DCC), 109.

112: Keith Scott (Trenton) dec. Bill Louzon (Melvindale), 13-3; consolation: Nick Sriramin (Northville) dec. Bryan St. Bernard (Monroe). 11-2; 5th-6th: Eric Falkenberg (Luth. Westland) dec. Walter Dietz (LF), 8-1.

119: Rick Torrence (Northville) dec. Robert Wygonik (Melvindale), 4-2; consolation: Tong Antal (DHC) dec. Ryan Heineman (Trenton), 13-4; 5th-6th: Chris Goins (LS) and Hartley (Dearborn), tied. 125: Manny Canto (Melvoinale) p. Jeff

Brach (LS), 2:20; consolation: Nick Benskey (Trenton) dec. Aaron Haddad (LF), 4-3; 5th-6th: Alfonso Angeles (DHA) dec. Joe Banko 130: Makimba Mimms (Inkster) dec. Matt

Milne (GC), 9-4; consolation: Andy Ebendick (Luth. Westland) dec. Wilhelm (Melvdinale), 15-7; 5th-6th: Dan Seder (LS) dec. Mike Alvarado (Dearborn), 6-1.

135: Steve Walker (GC) dec. Tom LaRose (Dearborn), 7-6; consolation; John Grills (LF)

p. Scappatical (Northville), 0:48; 5th-6th: Chris Lakner (C'ville) dec. Kirk Eggleston (DHC), 5-3.

140: John Fedulchak (WJG) dec. El-Sanhouri (DF), 7-0; consolation; Dave Lichtner (DHA) defeated Matt Merrick (DDC), no score available; 5th-6th: Mark Straub (Trenton) p. Luke Masiarak (GC), 1:27.

145: Lewis (Melvindale) dec. Jeff Neese (DHA), 20-15; consolation: James Evans (DF) dec. Josh Braden (Monroe), 5-3; 5th-6th: Nick McGowan (t.C) dec. Bob Provost (WJG), 7-4.

152: Nick Petryk (LS) dec. Kevin Scott (Trenton), 3-2; consolation: Craig Rose (C'ville) dec. Belat Majed (DF), 7-1; 5th-6th: Matt Biddinger (WJG) dec. Setz (Melvindale).

180: Rick Donahee (WJG) dec. Mike Mandjack (DDC), 17-2; consolation; Kevin Townsend (DF) won by injury default over Mike Allison (LS); 5th-6th: Nate Kuharsky (Trenton) p. Brian Hinzman (GC), 1:40.

171: Tim Reeves (WJG) p. Bryan Grinder (Northville), 0:20; consolation; Mike Zack (Trenton) p. Lenny Morin (RU), 2:35; 5th-6th: Hussam Essa (DF) p. Mike Bettley (DHC),

189: Joe Ramlawi (LC) p. Najran Alqirsh

(DF), 1:04; consolation: Shaun O'Connor (LF) p. Joel Kubick (DHA), 1:48; 5th-6th: Walter Ragland (C ville) dec. Rayburn (Dearborn), 10-

215: Bob Fowler (LC) dec, Leroy Johnson (Monroe), 6-0; consolation: Derek Wieland (LS) p. Jay Myrand (LF), 4:25; 8th-6th; Dave

Dietz (DHA) p. Joe Savel (DDC), 3:07.

LIVONIA STEVENSON BO LIYONIA FRANKLIN 15 Dec. 16 at Stevenson

103 pounds: Joe Moreau (LS) won by void; 112: Katsuhiko Sueda (LS) decisioned Walter Dietz, 6-2; 119: Chris Goins (LS) dec. Jason Deskins, 11-1; 125: Jeff Brach (LS) dec. Aaron Haddad, 8-5; 130: Dan Seder (LS) dec. Dave Fry, 22-7; 135: John Grills (LF) pinned Ed Little, 2:32; 140; Phil Ruewer (LS) p. Alan Duff, 1:11; 148; Brian Barker (LS) p. John Hirzel, 5:28; 152: Nick Petryk (LS) dec. Joe Moritz, 22-7; 180: Mike Radley (LS) dec. Russ Ashman, 11-6; 171; Mike Allison (LS) p. Steve Myslinski, 4:31; 189; Sean O'Connor (LF) won by vold; 215: Derek Wieland (LS) dec. Jay Myrand, 64 (overtime); heavyweight: Matt Lawson (LF) dec. Rich Bramer, 5-4.

Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 18 Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Franklin at N. Farmington, 7 p.m. Harrison at John Glenn, 7 p.m. Wyandotte at Garden City, 7 p.m. Romulus at Wayne, 7 p.m. Thurston at Allen Park; 7 p.m. Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m. Canton at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m. Salem at Brighton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20

Luth. N'west at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m. Clarenceville at Inter-City, 7:30 p.m. St. Agatha at Taylor Light, 7:30 p.m. O.L. St. Mary at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Huron Valley vs. Ypsi Calvary at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Brother Rice at Wayne, 7 p.m. PREP HOCKEY Friday, Dec. 20 Franklin vs. Stevenson

at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Brother Rice at Ply. Compuware, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 Churchill at E. Kentwood, 4 p.m. Redford Union at U-D Jesuit, 7 p.m. GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 21 Portage Northern Tourney, 8 a.m. Taylor Invitational, 8:30 p.m. Bishop Gallagher Tourney, 9 a.m. Madonna Tournament, 9 a.m. MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

'Monday, Dec. 16 Northwood at Madonna, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 Alpena at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 20 Alpens at Schoolcraft, 5 p.m. (Madonna University Classic) Kalamazoo vs. Tiffin (Ohlo), 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Mich. Christian, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 (Madonna University Classic) Tiffin (Ohio) vs. Mich. Christian, noon. Madonna vs. Kalamazoo, 2 p.m. TBA - Times to be announced.

Stevenson ices RU

Livonia Stevenson scored four goals in the first six minutes Tuesday en route to a 6-3 Suburban High School Hockey League victory over Redford Union at: Redford Ice Arena.

One of the Spartans' first four goals came on the power play.

team we've faced so far," said RU coach Kirk Hunter, whose team fell to 3-3-1 overall, 2-3-1 in the SPHL. "They move the puck and they're disciplined."

Stevenson is 6-2 overall, 4-0 in the SHSHL.

Trevor Pagel scored two goals and J.J. Price one for RU. Price, Derek Eddy and Andy Zukovs

had one assist each. Stevenson spread the goalscoring wealth among six players: Darin Fawkes, Bill Marshall, Mike Radakovich, Jason Ward, Ted Marolla and Ryan

Zalewski scored for Stevenson. Mike Schmidt and Jason Ward had two assists each. Andy Domzalski, Mike Radakovich, David Nanas and Marolla had

one apiece. RU goaltender Mike O'Keefe had 25 saves. Anthony Alfonsi

had 22 saves for Stevenson. •MILFORD 2, STEVENSON 1: Cory O'Toole scored a pair of goals in the second period to lift the unbeaten Redskins (7-0 overall) to the non-league win Saturday over visiting

Livonia Stevenson (5-2). Jay Ward scored Stevenson's lone goal, from Mike Schmidt and Ted Marolla in the

opening period. Milford goaltender John O'Donnell made 29 saves, while Stevenson's Anthony Alfonsi

had 27 stops for Stevenson. "Their goalie beat us, pure and simple," Stevenson coach Mike Harris sald. "We out-

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shot them 15-13 in the third peirod. We never quit. It was a good effort.

*REDFORD CC 5, RICHARD 2: Senior Tim Cibor scored two goals Saturday night, rallying Redford Catholic Central to a Michigan "They're probably the best Metro victory over Riverview Gabriel Richard at Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks, who scored three goals in a span of 1:03 late in the second period, improved to 5-1 overall. They are 3-0 in the ckey League.

Richard scored first on a goal by Nick Noade with assists to Pat Jesue and Justin Gray at 10:15 of the first period.

Cibor tied things up, scoring at 4:46 of the second period. Mike Porter and Scott Curtin drew assists.

Cibor scored the eventual game winner with a goal in the slot assisted by Eric Bratcher and Curtin at 12:03 of the second

The Shamrocks built their lead to 4-1 with a goal by Jason Tartif 23 seconds later and a goal by Mike Davis at 13:06 of the second

Matt Bieniek picked up the lone assist on Tartif's goal: Dan McClellan and Bieniek assisted on Davis' goal.

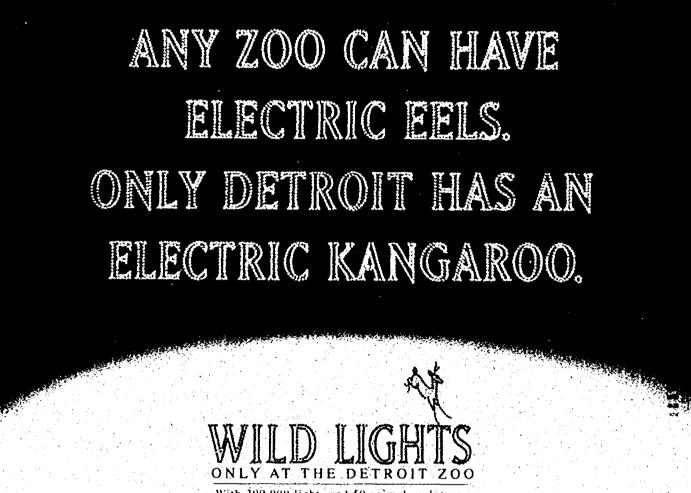
Curtin gave the Shamrocks a 5-1 lead with a goal assisted by Jim Melton at 10:22 of the third period.

. ROYAL OAK 6, FRANKLIN 2: On Friday, Royal Oak got a hat trick from Kevin Ayers to earn the Suburban High School Hockey League win over visiting Livonia Franklin, which falls to 2-4-1 overall and 1-3 in the

The Patriots trailed 3-0 after two periods before Justin Sawyer scored in the third from

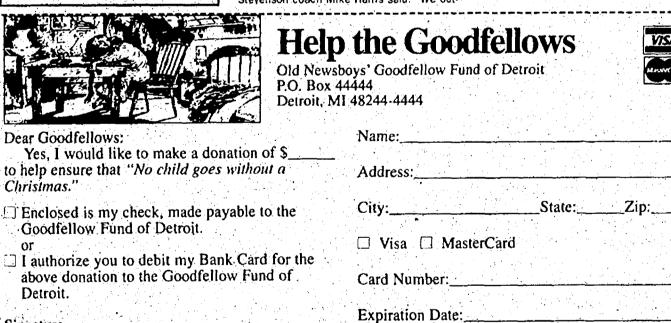
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Erik Rakoczy and Dan Hofelich. Tom Taylor started in the nets for the Patriots, facing 27 shots while allowing five



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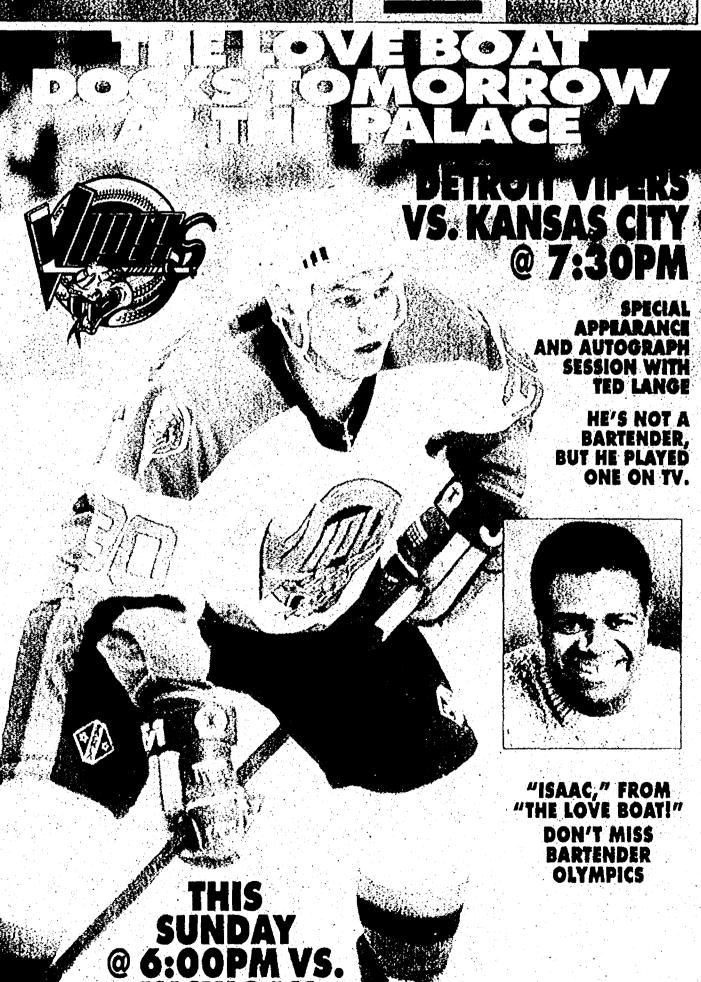
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ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Observer team deep in talent

BY C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

There is one word which best describes this year's all-Observer girls basketball team: depth.

Several teams - Redford Bishop Borgess, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Farmington Harrison, Wayne Memorial, Farmington Hills Mercy, Redford Thurston - put together strong seasons. Each had something in common: star-quality players.

Indeed, there were so many good teams with good players, no one put two players on this sea-

son's all-Observer first team. And in case you're wondering if this season is some sort of rare exception, something that won't reoccur for years, think again: Three of the seven choices on the first team are juniors, and there's only one senior on the second team. All told, just nine of the 21 players on the three teams are seniors.

The person chosen to coach this elite group is familiar to anyone who knows basketball in Observerland: Bob Blohm of Canton.

Blohm put together a team as strong any in the area, even though the Chiefs were smaller (no starter taller than 5-foot-11) than most teams, lacked consistent scoring from the perimeter and had average speed.

They won — 19 of 25 games because they outrebounded their bigger foes, played a stifling man-to-man defense and used Blohm's patient, pass-it-around style of offense to great effect.

And when they needed to step up their games, the Chiefs did. After losing both their Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament games, Canton went back to work — and it paid off. In the state playoffs, the Chiefs beat both Salem and Northville, two teams that had beaten them during the regular season (Northville did it twice).

Canton advanced to the Class A regional finals where it ran into Birmingham Marian which eventually won the state

Still, there's no denying that Blohm once again did a superb job teaching the game and getting the most out of his personnel, trademarks of his throughout his coaching career.

FIRST TEAM

Amanda Porter, 5-7 Sr. guard, Farm-Ington: When coach John Verdura took charge of the program four years ago, he knew he had a player in Porter, who started every game for four years and excelled in all phases of the game.

Porter averaged 16.3 points, eight rebounds, three assists and four steals this year. She shot 38 percent from the field and 65 percent at the free-throw

In 87 games during her high school career, Porter scored 1,129 points and had 412 rebounds, 311 steals and 261 assists. She also made 302-of-504 free throws (60 percent).

"Amanda has been our best basketball player for four years," Verdura said. *Because she's so versatile and has such great vision on the floor, she has the ability to make the players around. her better.

"She's more than just a scoring threat, because she gives you an added dimension. She's a complete player; she did a lot of other things besides just score.

'She's a good rebounder for her size; she's a one-player press offense in herself. She helped give our program some respect. Because teams had to give so much attention to Amanda, it allowed other players to play better."

Amanda Abraham, 6-1 Jr. forward, Plymouth Salem: Although listed as a forward, Abraham was actually more of a point guard - a point forward, if you will. In that role, she was counted on to supply a lot of everything.

And she did. "She was instrumental in breaking pressure," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. *She had to give up a bit of her game for us to be successful. She's got a nice post-up game, but we didn't post her up.'

Instead, Abraham distributed the ball - and scored when needed. She averaged 10.5 points (second on the team), 7.5 rebounds (first), 2.5 assists (first) and 1.3 blocks (first) a game for the Rocks, who finished 17-4 and won the WLAA Tournament.

An all-WEAA Lakes Division choice, Abraham was at her best going to the basket. "She's got a great take to therim," said Thomann, "and a good finish when she gets there, right- or left-hand-

Kristi Florenzi, 5-11 Sr. forward, Plymouth Canton: The best word to describe Florenzi is adaptability.

She's been on Canton's varsity for four-straight years, playing in 92 games, . and each season she's been asked to supply something a bit different.

"The big thing with her is she's always been able to adjust her game to the team needs," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. She did what she needed to do to make the team successful.

"She was the consummate team play-

Fiorenzi was asked to be the leader this season and she was, registering team-highs in points (14.5) and rebounds (5.6) per game,

The Chiefs replied to Fiorenzi's feadership by reaching the Class A regional finals, where they lost to eventual state champion Birmingham Marian.

MaryJane Valade, 5-8 Sr. forward, Mercy: Valade was a four-year varsity letter winner. She played in 73 games over four years, starting every one as a junior and senior.

She led the Marlins in scoring with 14. points per game and averaged 6.7 rebounds. Valade scored in doubles figures in the last 13 games in which she averaged almost 18 points.

She had a career high of 27 points in a district game against West Bloomfield and 23 against Plymouth Canton in a regional tournament contest.

Valade is 12th on Mercy's career scoring list with 635 points and 11th in rebounding with 395. She also shot 46. percent from the field (115-of-285) and 53 percent at the free-throw line (61-of-116) this year.

*She really kicked in the second time through the league season," coach Larry Baker said. "She really delivered clutch performances in the state tournament. It was exciting to see a senior player step up like that.

"MaryJane has been a terrific player to coach. We considered her our best passing forward as a sophomore; she gradually improved her offensive game and was our most consistent inside and outside scorer this year.

*She's a well-rounded young lady. She is active on the school pastoral team and the national honor society; she has been a fine person to be around the last four years,"

Yalanda Holt, 5-11 Sr. guard, Wayne Memorial: Holt is making her second straight appearance on the first team.

She averaged 20 points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists as the Zebras finished 18-6, including a district championship and a co-share of the Mega Red Division title.

Bound for Bowling Green (Ohio) University on a basketball scholarship, Holt Is one of the area's most versatile players, adept at handling the ball and running the point.

"We played her at the point spot out of necessity," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. She has great floor visition and is a very good offensive player who can drive to the basket or pull up for the perimeter shot."

Holf started out her career at Redford Bishop Borgess where she was a contributing member of the Spartans' 1993 state Class C championship team before transferring her sophomore year to

Amy Roble, 5-7 Jr. swingman, Harrison: Roble has been a varsity starter since the middle of her freshman year, and she helped lead the Hawks to the



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Western Lakes Activities Association championship game this year.

She averaged 14.4 points, 5.2 rebounds and 2.5 steals. She shot 39 percent from the floor (103-of-264), 25 percent from three-point distance (25-of-102) and 69 percent at the free-throw line (89-of-123).

in 53 varsity games during her career, Roble has scored 588 points and reached 213 rebounds. She also has made 57 of 226 three-point attempts for 25.2 percent.

*Behind her humble demeanor lies a tremendous competitive spirit," coach Pete Mantyla said. "She didn't miss one day through AAU, our summer program or the season.

"She shoots the three; she can drive to the basket and score and she's a force in the post.

*The next step, which has already begun, is making other players better. She showed flashes of that at the end of the year. Some of the passes she threw were pretty incredible." Alysha Smith, 6-1 Jr. center, Redford

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son: Ali Ault, Kerstin Andrzejewski, Kris-

tine Knutson; Farmington: Sarah Rattal,

Jenny Neale; Farmington Mercy: Keisha

Brooks, Jena Kluska, Ashley Schumacher.

Bishop Borgess: The three-year starter did everything asked of her, including bringing the ball up on the press at She averaged 12 points, 10 rebounds,

three assists and two blocks per game while shooting 50 percent from the

"I feel she makes good decisions and want her to have the ball a lot, especially in the low post where she can pass or shoot," coach Dave Mann said. "She'll realistically be one of the top five players and a Miss Basketball candidate in the state next year."

SPORTS ROUNDUP

COLLEGIATE NOTES

 Albion College senior forward Karen Groulx (Livonia Stevenson) scored a career-high 24 points as the Lady Britons won their first game in seven starts with an 82-73 women's basketball victory against Manchester (Ind.) on Dec. 10. Groulx is second on the team in scoring, averaging 12 points and hitting 54 percent of her shots from the floor (38 of 70).

•Valparaiso (Ind.) junior point-guard Mo Drabicki scored a team-high 17 points Sunday in an 88-54 women's basketball victory over Western Michigan.

The Falcon JV team (11-12

year-olds) of the Livonia Junior Football League recently finished their season with an 8-0 record, outscoring their opponents 238-18, while racking up 2,100 yards in total offense while giving up only 500.

In a mid-season showdown, the Falcons defeated Brighton in a battle of unbeatens, 34-0.

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Fighting Crusaders can't hold late lead against Northwood

By C.J. RISAK STAFF WRITER

Getting there is half the battle,

Well, on Monday Madonna University's men's basketball team completed half the task. Against a solid NCAA II squad from Northwood University, the host Crusaders rallied from 15 points down early in the second half to take a two-point lead with just under four minutes to play.

After a shaky start, Madonna had arrived. With less than four minutes to play, the Crusaders

Ocelots salvage split on weekend

Well, at least the offense is working well.

Now all that Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team need do is get the defense in gear.

At last weekend's Owens Express Holiday Tournament, hosted by Owens Tech in Toledo, the Ocelots surrendered 207 points in two games.

Fortunately, they scored 196 and got a win, beating Clark State (Ohio) 111-105 in Saturday's consolation game.

On Friday, host Owens Tech romped to a 102-85 victory over SC. In that loss, the Ocelots trailed 46-39 at the half and kept it close through much of the second half before Owens pulled away.

Naron Burks and Dwaun Warmack each scored 18 points to lead SC. Tykie Reeves added 16 and Richard Johnson (Wayne Memorial) netted 14.

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Antoine Jones' 24 was best for Owens. Saturday's game against Clark State was close throughout, with SC clinging to a 51-50. halftime lead.

The Ocelots, who improved to 2-6 with the split, got 34 points from Reeves, 18 apiece from Warmack and Burks (with Burks nabbing eight rebounds). 11 and six assists from Pete Males (Garden City), and 10 points each from Bruce Goode and Tymon Marshall.

Clark State was paced by Paul Blankeship's 25 points.

• MADONNA 84, BLUFFTON 60 (WOMEN): A strong first half set the stage for an easy second half, as 3/8" 3.0 AMP Madonna University's women's team pulled away to a one-sided victory Saturday over visiting Bluffton

Mary Murray and Dawn Pelc each scored 18 points to lead Madonna, with Murray grabbing six rebounds and making two steals. Katie Cushman added 12 points and six assists and Angie Negri had eight points seven assists and three steals.

Bluffton was led by Rachel Helmink with 10 points.

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half, missing all seven of his shots. The senior guard came alive in the second half and poured in 17 points.

"We have plays installed for Shawn and the question is whether he is ready to step up and he did tonight," Austin said. "I thought coach Robinson made a good adjustment early when he saw he was vulnerable to Shawn in a man defense and switched to zone, forcing us into a zone offense.'

Nine straight points by Woloszyn closed the Franklin lead to 37-34 with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter. But a layup by Bauman and Mongeau's third three-pointer of the quarter swung the momentum back to the Patriots.

Mongeau, who scored 24 points in Franklin's season opener, got his shooting touch back after struggling in last week's loss to Dearborn.

"After Dearborn, everyone must have thought I was a fluke," Mongeau said.

Franklin converted 15 of 20 free throws in the fourth quarter. The Patriots made 20 of 30 free throws for the game, compared to Churchill's 10 of 17.

The Patriots also shot better from the floor, making 21 of 43 shots (49 percent). The Chargers hit only 18 of 48 shots (38 per-

"What I'm asking the team how much heart are they playing with." Austin said. "We're allowing uncontested shots, not boxing out and not rotating on

defense aggressively." Robinson added that the Patriots anticipate the return of 6-3 junior Brian Facione after holiday break. Factone has been recovering from a broken collarbone suffered in Franklin's final football game.

had a two-point lead.

After taking that second-half away." lead, the Crusaders scored just two more points while committing six turnovers, which was enough to fuel Northwood's 17-2 closing run, making the final score 93-80 in favor of the Northmen.

Northwood improved to 6-1 with the victory. Madonna is 3-11.

"This is the first time in Madonna history they feel bad after losing," said Crusader coach Bernie Holowicki. "They had a good after his last one. GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) team on

the ropes and they let 'em get

Madonna closed to within two midway through the first half, but never caught the Northmen and eventually went to the lockerroom at halftime trailing 45-29.

Even with Mike Maryanski draining three three-pointers on consecutive possessions, they could not close the gap appreciably; they trailed 54-39 prior to his first three, and were still behind 62-48

But Maryanski wasn't through, and neither was Madonna. His

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with 9:04 left and trimmed Northwood's lead to 73-65.

That was the ignitor. With 12 minutes remaining, the Northmen's lead had been 71-55; in the next eight minutes, the Crusaders rolled to a 23-5 advantage to take a 78.76 lead.

Pinpointing those responsible for Madonna's comeback was easy enough: Brandon Slone (from Plymouth Salem), Kristian Magro and Maryanski accounted for 72 of the Crusaders' 80 points.

A Magro rebound started a fast

fifth three of the second half came break, with Mike Slone (Salem) to compete," said Holowicki of his dishing to brother Brandon for a basket and a foul by Deon Branner, Brandon converted and, with 4:38 left. Madonna was up 77-76.

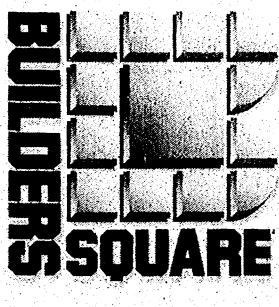
A Magro free throw 44 seconds later doubled the Crusaders' advantage, but that was it. Northwood finished the game by making seven layups, courtesy of those half-dozen Madonna turnovers. In the last 3:35, the Northmen outscored Madonna 17-2, with Branner netting eight of those

"They're still learning, learning

team's effort, "We lost our composure, lost our poise in those last few minutes. That's what cost us."

Brandon Slone's 26 points was best for Madonna. Maryanski had 24 and Magro 22, with eight rebounds. Maryanski blocked three shots, Christian Emert dished out eight assists and made five steals, and Mike Slone collected seven assists.

Northwood got 25 points from Branner, 22 from Jeremy Piggot, 19 from Linzy Bennett. Calvin Pruitt (Harrison) was scorless.



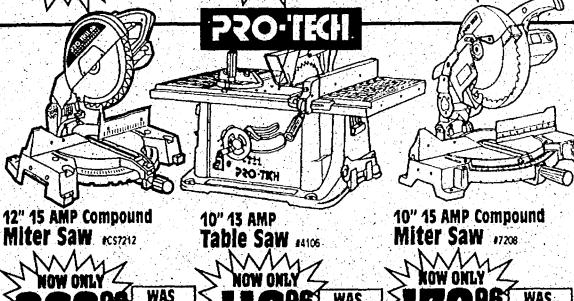
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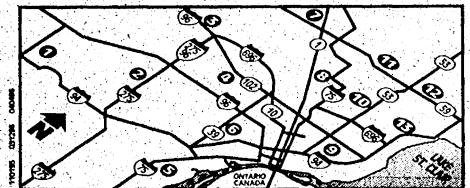




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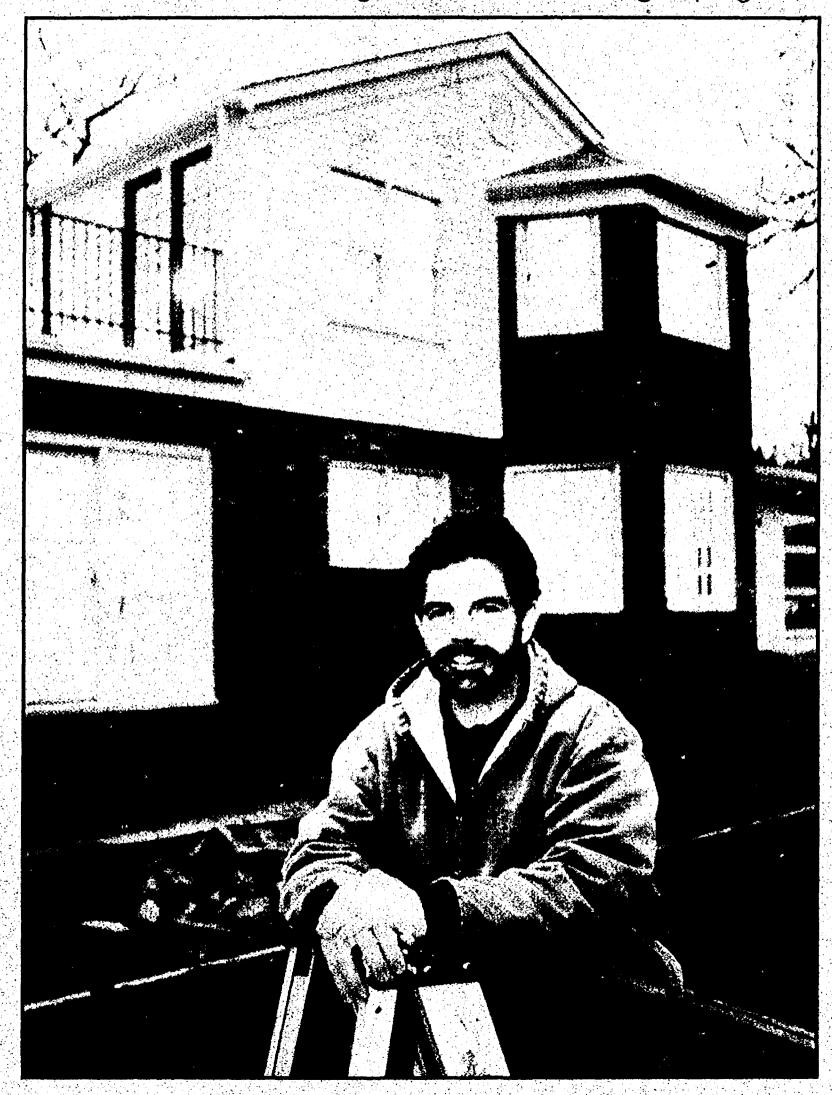
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Make Christmas Eve a magic time



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Christmas Eve may be a time of festivity or preparation. It seems that this is a night of excitement, magic and anticipation for 'little ones' and 'big ones' alike.

A time when magic and fantasy feel so real and comforting – a time for

the fun to begin. After getting the kids off to bed ... wrap some gifts, make some last minute decorations, and have a late night Christmas Eve dinner – for 2 or more.

Make your late-night dinner simple but elegant – hearty European-type bread, cheese, cold seafood, and wine or some gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches or crostini topped with goat cheese, capers and spicy sausage.

How about a Wassail bowl (with or without spirits – and I'm not talking those in Charles Dickens A Christmas

Carol) and light appetizers? A cheese souffle and steamed vegetables? Poached eggs on toast with hollandaise sauce? Individual tarts filled with vegetables and cheese and a light side salad? A delicious piping hot soup accompanied by a warm crusty bread? Cocoa or cinnamon flavored tea, delicious tea sandwiches, and some sumptuous sweets?

Have your late night Christmas Eve filled with your own magic – eat by candle light, exchange one special gift, make popcorn garlands together, and indulge in the few hours of quiet, before the dawn.

Perhaps you might like to invite a few close friends, colleagues or neighbors that will be attending their own family get-together on Christmas Day? This late night gathering may also serve as the perfect neighborhood get-together — no long drive, a nice diversion from the holiday hustle and bustle, or just a chance to share some holiday cheer. Put on a disc (tape or record) of I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, and enjoy

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

This recipe comes from the wonderful new Time-Life Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook - A Treasury of Holiday Recipes, Crafts, Gifts and Traditions, 1996, Time Life Inc.

HOT SPICED CRANBERRY PUNCH

Makes 2 quarts

- 2 lemons, thickly sliced
- 24 whole cloves
- 6 cups cranberry juice cocktail
- 2 cups lemonade, fresh or made from frozen concentrate
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 cup sugar or honey
- 12 cinnamon sticks (optional)
- 1. Stud the lemon slices with the whole cloves to float on top of the punch.
- 2. In a large enameled or nonreactive pot, combine the cranberry juice, lemonade, cloves, ground cinnamon, allspice, honey, and cinnamon sticks, if you are using them, and simmer the punch over low heat for 15 minutes.
- 3. Serve in a 2-to-3 quart punch bowl, or keep the punch warm in a deep chafing dish or an electric cooking pot. Offer the cinnamon sticks as swirlers, if desired.

This is also a recipe from the Time-Life Old-Fashioned Christmas Cookbook - A Treasury of Holiday Recipes, Crafts, Gifts and Traditions, 1996, Time Life Inc.

BROCCOLI SOUFFLE

Serves 6

- 1 10-ounce package frozen broccoli, or 2 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 4 eggs separated

Sauce (optional)

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup mayonnaise

Dash of curry powder

- 1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F.
- 2. Cook frozen broccoli according to package directions, or steam fresh broccoli for 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and chop fine or process briefly in a food processor or blender.
- 3. In a medium-sized saucepan, melt the butter, add the flour and salt, and cook until bubbly. Add the milk and cook until the mixture thickens, stirring frequently. Stir in the nutmeg, lemon juice, and broccoli and set aside to cool.
- 4. Beat the egg yolks and add them to the cooled broccoli mixture, stirring well.
- 5. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat the egg whites until stiff.

Fold the into the broccoli mixture.

6. Pour the souffle mixture into a buttered 1 1/2 quart casserole; place in the ovenin a hot-water bath and bake until firm. about 1 hour. Serve plain or with a sauce made by mixing together the sour cream, mayonnaise, and curry powder and heating until hot but not boiling.

Cooks note* A water bath is also called a Bain-Marie — this technique provides a consistent, even — heat source for delicate-types of foods; custards, souffles, sauces, and even cheesecakes. You can use any oven proof dish that is larger than the dish or pan you are using as your primary cooking dish. Set your cooking dish into the larger pan that is filled partway with water (the water should

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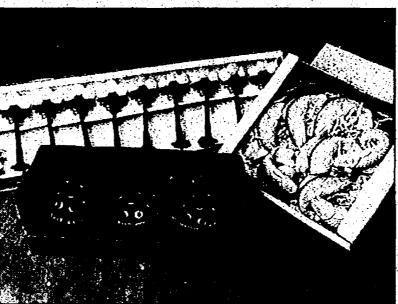
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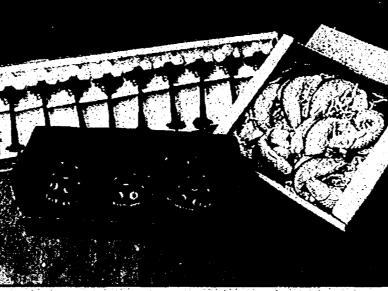
Holiday decor

Touch-ups: (Above) English Gardens offers nostalgic and innovative decoration ideas for the holiday. This antique car ornament collection by Polonaise will get gearheads revved up for the season. Made of handblown European glass, the ornaments are a perfect gift. for car enthusiasts celebrating the 100th anniversary of the automotive industry. Other themed collection sets are available. The Antique Car Ornament set, which includes four pieces, retails for \$110. (Right) Is your holiday tree in need of a decor plck-me-up? These lively light sets will brighten a tree, office or room in need of holiday cheer. The Victorian Streetlight set retails for \$14.98, the Apple Basket and Fish Light sets for \$19.98 each. Call the West Bloomfield store at (810) 851-7506.



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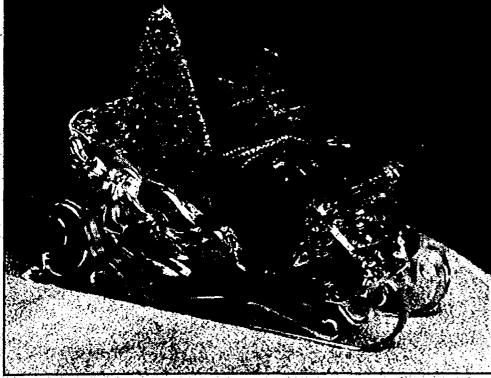
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the distinctive beauty of clear and frosted Austrian crystal in this dusted tree, the item retails for Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia, MeadowBrook Village in Rochester Hills, Mall in West Bloomfield.



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be almost, but not at the boiling point) and bake as directed.

The following recipe is from my own archives, and seems a festive soup for holiday gatherings.

ARTICHOKE SOUP WITH PAN-ROASTED PINE NUTS

Yield - 8 servings

With this unusual soup, add a side – a crunchy multi-grain roll with warm garlic butter to complete your simple but delicious late night dinner.

- 3 tablespoons light olive oil
- 1/2 large Spanish onion (1 1/4 cup), chopped
- 3 large garlic cloves, peeled and
- 2 medium potatoes (Yukon Gold, preferably they taste like they already have butter in them),1/4 inch dice
- 6 cups chicken stock (home-made or prepared)
- 5 pounds canned artichoke hearts (not marinated), drained and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or Mombassa

Salt to taste

Olive oil spray

10 tablespoons pine nuts

In a large non-reactive pot heat the olive oil and add the onions and garlic, saute until lightly browned. Add potatoes and continue to saute for 3 minutes.

Add chicken stock and cook over medium heat for 15 minutes.

Add artichokes and cook for an additional 1/2 hour over medium heat – making sure the potatoes are soft and all ingredients are well blended.

Add cayenne or Mombassa and salt to

Remove soup from heat, in small batch's process in a food processor, Vita MixTM or blender and puree until mixture in creamy and smooth.

Return soup to heat and keep warm while pan roasting the pine nuts. Spray a small fry pan with olive oil spray – add pine nuts and gently pan roast – when browned to desired color remove from heat:

Serve soup with toasted pine nuts on top (approximately 1 tablespoon per bowl).

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JOE GAGNON

In the last few weeks we have heard from Frank Kelley, the Attorney General of the State of Michigan, in regards to improperpricing by retail outlets. His office did a study of quite a few major and small outlets which

are overpricing the consumer for items which have marked prices on them but don't match up to the scanner used by the establishment. The percentage of this happening is way too high and is usually in favor of the retail outlet which is why you need to be an aware consumer. Kelley even went so far as to name some of the biggest offenders which I could do in my field.

I don't know how you shop for groceries, but let me describe my own personal life and how I do it. Being the sort of guy who works days and nights I

have the good fortune of having someone cook lunch and dinner for me. Many of the restaurants in the western suburbs are getting to know me as a regular. Many of the quick items such as bread and milk are obtained from the local party store as I stop by in the late evening hours.

I would say that my trip to the large grocery store occurs about every two months. Not being much of a cook, I usually load up the cart with many canned items such as 28 cans of soup, pork and beans, fruits and other things which fit into the microwave just right. I get a lot of things which I freeze and can use any time my boys get the urge to go over to Dad's for dinner.

When I leave the checkout line I can assure you that I have spent well over \$200. I have really enjoyed my shopping trip for groceries as it is one of the few times I ever spend more that five minutes in a store. I go up and down the aisles looking at many things I won't eat and picking up the things I will. I talk to

people who recognize me and answer their questions in regards to whatever subject. It is one of the few times that I'm not going a hundred miles an hour and I can relax at my own pace. Frank Kelley may have just ruined this enjoyable and relaxing business.

When that lady at the checkout hands me this long tabulation of my bill, do you think I go home and pull every item out one at a time and find it on the tape. If I took the time to do that, do you think I'd find any mistakes. Guess what folks, we are going to find out. The next time I go on one of these excursions, I will check every item and price and report back to you as to my findings. Let me give you the item pricing law which applies to your consumer rights in the State of Michigan.

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- 2. The sale is recorded by an automatic checkout system, and;

3. You have a receipt which identifies the item and indicates the price charged.

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Suggestion - Cut this article out of the paper and wear a baseball cap. Glue this piece of paper to the logo portion of the cap. I'll bet you save a few dollars. Happy Holidays to all of you from the Appliance Doctor.

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Gift making good family-time event

BY LISA LUCKOW-HEALY Special Writer

A barrage of gleaming white lights adorning Christmas trees lining the aisles of the department store evokes memories of childhood and graceful tugs through crowded displays. A sign of post-Thanksgiving chaos. Now children witness the same sight in October. You find your child asking you the same question you ask yourself: Why are Christmas trees up in the store before Halloween3◆

Beyond car pools, afterschool activities, tennis leagues or bowling night, retailers advertise pre-season sales that give us another reason to leave the family unit. With the growing concern over lack of family time in our society, many of us are attempting to simplify our lives. If you haven't made the effort already, there is no time like the present. A good place to start is by generating a family discussion on holiday gift-giving ideas to create at home.

Brainstorm projects that elicit family talk time around a designated tool or craft bench, kitchen table or family room

"The true meaning of the holiday season is togetherness," said Mary Beth Winkworth, co-owner of Festivities, a Birmingham party supply and specialty gift store. "You take some of the commercialism out of the holiday season by spending the time together creating personalized gifts or gathering ideas to have a gift made by a crafter or specialty

Personalized gifts add the personal touch and love from your heart.

"There is a growing trend in people going back to basies as a family at home," said Mary Stahl, manager of JoAnn Fabrics in Novi. "This year more than ever I've seen an increase in the numbers of parents bringing their children into the store to purchase do-ityourself projects for all occasions and especially the upcoming holidays."

You probably know someone on your holiday gift list who will truly appreciate the time and energy you and your family put into making an extra-special gift. The following gift-making and gift-

giving ideas are designed to assist you in creating your own holiday treasures right from your heart.

RIBBON PICTURE FRAME

A monochromatic look often creates the most impact. To make the wireedged ribbon trim on a flat surface picture frame, begin by disassembling the picture frame and setting the glass aside. Next, fold a small edge under at the end of the wire-edged ribbon. Center it on the inner edge of the frame that holds the glass in place. Gently move the ribbon away and apply a very small drop of glue on the inner edge where each end of the ribbon rested. Reposition the ribbon on the glue and allow to set.

Wrap the ribbon around to meet the glued end, allow a small edge to repeat a fold, and cut away the remainder of the spool. Fold the loose edge under and glue down on top of the first edge. Let set. Repeat these steps for the other three mid-sections.

To make the bow to top the upper center mid-section, pull a generous portion of ribbon from the spool and tie a bow proportionate to the size of your frame. Cut the attached edge. Apply a small drop of glue on the upper center ribbon you previously attached to the frame. Place the bow on the glue drop and apply a small amount of pressure for a few moments while the glue sets. Replace the glass, insert the photograph and insert the backing.

T-SHIRT PILLOW

Why not recycle a favorite T-shirt by turning it into a comfortable child's bed accent, grandparents' gift or family room pillow? Gather favorite T-shirts no longer being worn. Stitch the neckline, sleeves and all but a small portion of the bottom of the shirt closed. Using pillow filling available at local craft stores, stuff the T-shirt to the desired fill level. Pin the shirt opening to create an even stitching edge. Handstitch the pinned area closed.

Lisa Luckow-Healy is a marketing and public relations consultant and the mother of two from West Bloomfield. Her articles frequently appear in Metro Parent magazine and several business trade publications.

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Royal gardens: historic ground



MARTY FIGLEY

From the time a small nine-acre garden in the city of Kew was built in 1759 for Princess Augusta, Princess of Wales and mother of King George III, Britain's Royal Botanic Gardens have grown in size and prestige into a

living collection of more than 30,000 different plant species.

Now 330 acres in size, it is an establishment as an international scientific institution in the fields of plant taxonomy, cytogenetics (the study of cells), seed physiology and biochemistry

Through these hundreds of years the gardens have seen political upheaval and government intrigue as well as controversy. Funding seems to have always been a problem as more land was acquired and buildings and gardens built. Many historical figures have interacted with Kew Gardens, among them Charles Darwin, members of the Royal Family, prime ministers, architects and landscape gardeners. Some of the most influential people were the gardeners, scientists and directors who dedicated their lives to Kew Gardens.

Joseph Banks was an extremely important contributor and was responsible for bringing many plants back to England from his voyages around the world, especially the three-year voyage in the 18th century on the ship Endeavor, with Captain James Cook. Banks spent much of his life studying plants and growing them at Kew and was a dominant figure of natural science.

During the 1800s the gardens were badly neglected, but with the Horticultural Society of London gaining a good reputation, Kew devotees from around the world helped replenish its stock. In the mid-1800s Sir William Hooker became the director of the Botanic Garden. Much was accomplished during his directorship, including opening the gardens to the public. His son, Sir Joseph, laid the foundations of the present Botanic Gardens.

Many of the buildings and structures at Kew, from summerhouses to royal

Famous sight: The tall Pagoda at Kew Gardens is a mustsee when visiting. Photo by Marty Figley. residences, lodges, bridges, glasshouses, grottos, orangery and others, including the distinctive l'agoda, have been changed, destroyed or rebuilt.

The focus for the plants collected from around the world was to assure they had useful medical or economic value to further British interests. Kew was used as a training camp for a worldwide network of collectors. Many plants were nurtured there and subsequently shared with other Botanic gardens. While Banks supervised at Kew, the number of species rose from 3,400 to more than 11,000.

Now, each year thousands of visitors stroll the beautiful grounds of this institution and marvel at the scope and variety of plants there. I visited the garden in 1992 and look forward to seeing it again.

Kew is one of the many wonderful gardens you will be able to visit if you join me on an exciting trip to England May 14-24, 1997. Other gardens and stately homes we will enjoy include Blenheim Palace, Kiftsgate Court, Barnsley House, Stratford-on-Avon, Woburn Abbey, Saville Garden and Leeds Castle. Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral and the exciting Chelsea Flower Show are also on the itinerary. There will be ample time for browsing and shopping. For a free brochure, call Chuck Randolph Travel at (810) 645-5050.

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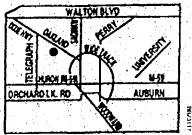
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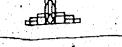
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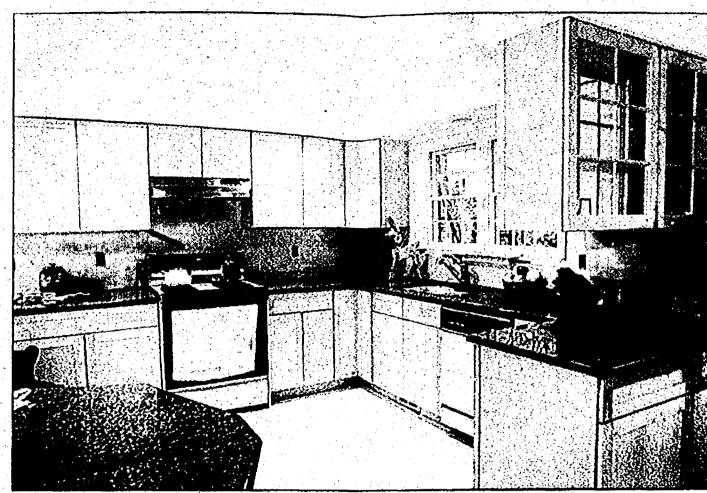


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BY RENEE M. SKOGLUND

Home sweet home has become even sweeter for Jane Mann of Royal Oak. A new, two-story 1,000-square-foot addition to the back of her home was recently completed, providing her with magnificent views of her 300-foot-deep yard filled with trees, flowers and birds.

Mann, a retired home economics teacher who loves bird-watching and gardening, lives in the heart of the Vinsetta Boulevard area in Royal Oak, in a neighborhood comprised of large lots and architecturally unique homes from the '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s.

She has lived there for more than 25 years. She and her husband, Clarence, who died two years ago, bought the 1940s Cape Cod as a mutual 25th anniversary present. Mann's five children and 10 grandchildren are frequent visitors.

"The children love it," she said. "It's just been a wonderful loving home, and it still is."

During her walks through the neighborhood, Mann noticed many homes undergoing renovations.

"With all the young people expanding their homes, I thought I should get on the bandwagon."

Mann admired the changes Doug LaFerle, a young architect who lived down the street, had made to his home. She asked him to take a look at her home.

"He came down and came up with these beautiful plans. I've been having a

ball ever since."

LaFerle's design included a two-story bay-turret that extends the downstairs dining room and the upstairs master bath "into the trees." The expanded master bedroom features a new whirlpool and double French doors that lead to a second-floor brick paver terrace. A sitting room, which Mann said was "a bonus," opens onto the terrace.

If the kitchen truly is the heart of the

If the kitchen truly is the heart of the home, then this home has a big one. The galley area measures 10 feet by 21 feet and the breakfast nook is 10 feet by 14 feet. Mann even has a special baking corner.

"I just can't wait to get started in the kitchen."

Mann's new 10-foot by 20-foot dining room is long enough to accommodate her heirloom solid oak dining room table, made by her grandfather in 1862. When its five boards are inserted, the table can seat 18 people.

It has been a mutual admiration society between Mann and contractor Terry McGovern of Bloomfield Hills, who translated Mann's dreams and LaFerle's plans into brick and mortar. He thinks she is "just great," and she says he is "an absolute delight to work with."

Of his experience on the four-month project, McGovern said, "This is one of the most artistically pleasing projects I've worked on."

McGovern said the famous PBS series "This Old House" seriously considered undertaking the renovation of Mann's home but didn't want to keep its crew

away from Boston for the four-month project.

A detail that sets Mann's new addition apart from others is the fact that all the walls, including an alcove, are plastered. McGovern said his plastering crew trained under a master while working on the Fox Theatre restoration.

Mann's \$100,000-plus investment in her home is a sound one.

"The area will support it," said Susan Carter, a broker with Woodwardside Real Estate in Royal Oak. "Many people consider this the most prestigious area in town."

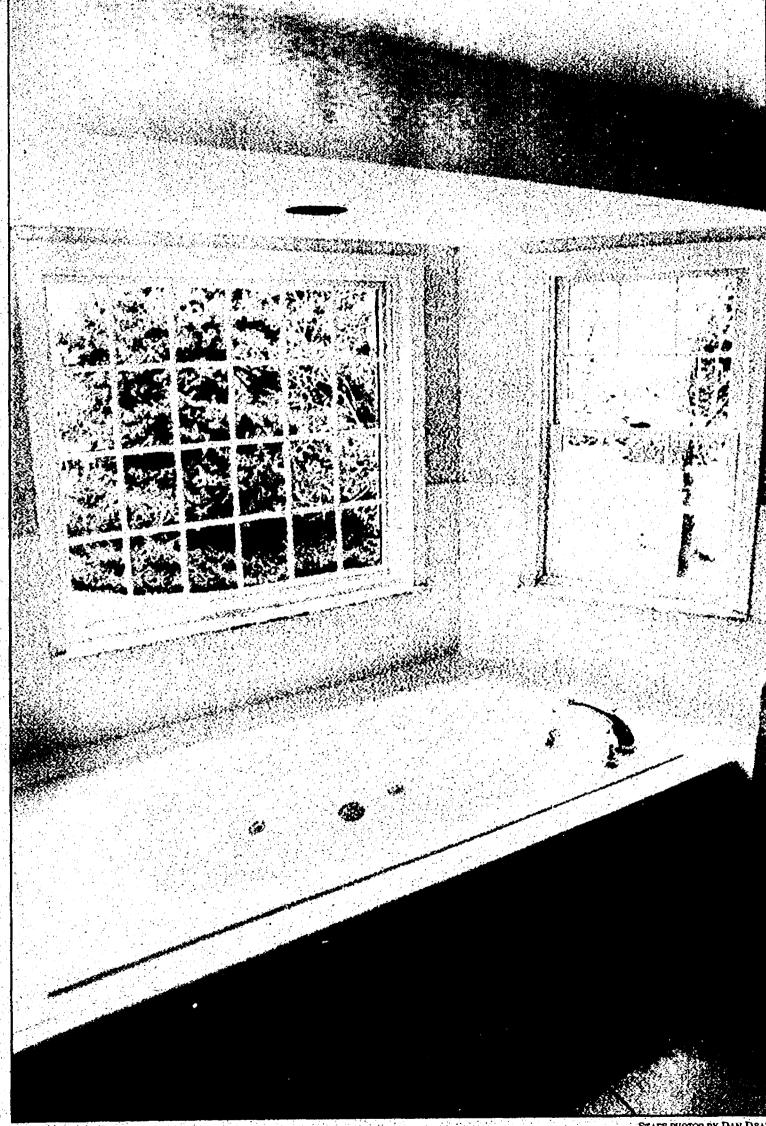
Carter said local people wait years to "trade up" into the area, and young, double-income professional couples are moving in.

"This (the Vinsetta Boulevard area) is the first area in Royal Oak to break \$300,000 in the last year."

Mann said her children were anxious for the project to be completed.

"They all wonder who's going to get the first weekend when mom goes away."

On the cover: Contractor Terry McGovern of Bloomfield Hills stands by his recent house renovation project in Royal Oak. Staff photo by Dan Dean.



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In the bath: A bathroom appears to be nestled in the grounds.

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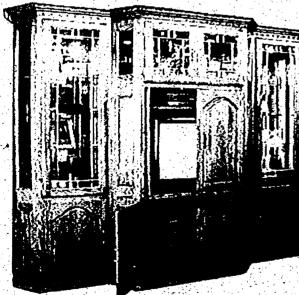
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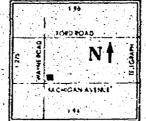


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Breaking the rules adds to choices

BY HARVEY HOLLANDER

It's a wonderful time to be an interior designer. It's a wonderful time to be a client, too. You set the direction and then together we'll break the rules.

Why would I say that? What happened to Traditional (two chintz wing chairs, a camelback sofa and a grandfather clock)? What happened to Contemporary (bright colors, glass and chrome and something leather)? What even happened to Eclectic (a clean-lined parson's table with a traditional chair, because that's what you liked)?

Nothing really happened, it's just that "labels" don't work anymore. It's

not a "cookie cutter" look anymore. We might be tempted to say that it is a generational thing, but more than anything it has to do with manufacturers, and the giant selection in the market.

There's a new expertise in being able to manufacture new finishes, being able to fabricate things out of new materials. breaking new ground with products where people want to do something different. The restrictions have been lifted based on the ability to create an excitement with products and materials that have only been around a short time. Even colors are more unusual, from grayed-down shades to vibrant jewel tones, so the color palette has widened.

Remember, if you're going to break

the rules, a lot more choices will open up to you. Consider getting professional guidance because, no matter what you buy, what you spend or what your budget is, it's a lot of money to you. If you invest in a new living room, and aren't happy in the end, chances are it's not something you are going to correct, you're most likely going to live with it. Protect your design investment like you would any other important investment as in real estate or the stock market.

While rules are meant to be broken, that doesn't just mean anything goes! For certain your home should look different from anyone else's, because it's

Designers, as professionals, need to make sure that certain things are right for you - the space planning, the scale of the furniture, and that the design itself functions. While you as a client will take your designer down a certain road, your designer will make sure you don't hit a roadblock. Look to your designer to be able to manipulate all these new choices of fabrics, textures and finishes to produce exactly the piece you want, even if it's an existing piece in your home. (If it's a fabulous piece, use it as a starting point and work the rest of the room around it - now your old piece looks



Harvey Hollander

like it <u>really</u> belongs!)

Above all, because the "rigidity" in design is gone, your home becomes more and more a reflection of you. Breaking rules isn't about being outrageous or outlandish; it is a lot about the marriage of esthetics and function. So, be open to yourself, be honest with your designer, make your own rules.

Hollander is a Troy-based interior designer, and in Michigan Design Center's "Designer On Call" program. For a free, one-hour consultation with a designer such as Hollander, call (888) DIAL-MDC.

Free gardening seminars set

English Gardens will conduct free seminars this January and February.

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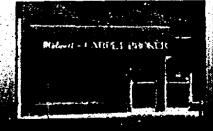
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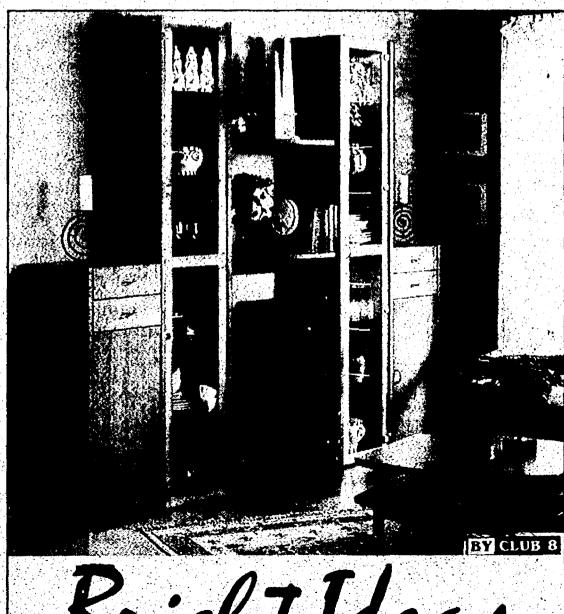
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BY NAOMI STONE LEVY Special Writer

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find one you like that isn't too wide (two to three inches), it can be very special used in more than one way.

I have often surrounded doorways and windows and repeated the border as a chair rail. Be very careful to match the patterns for a professional effect. If the border you like most is wider, you probably will like it placed around the perimeter of the room, near the ceiling line and even repeated at the baseboard.

Why don't you turn your most critical eye on your lamps? You may find you haven't really seen them for the past 10 years and don't really like them. We all have a way of looking past things to which our eyes have become accustomed. In this new assessment they possibly are just commercial or too large or too small in proportion to the furniture and the rest of the room. Remove the one that is most offensive to you. Does that help? Yes? How about removing a second one and replacing them with two that are more tasteful?

Good lighting is so essential – not just for reading, but also for atmosphere. Light should be adjustable for every purpose. Huge lamps are outdated!

My personal preference is to make up individual lamps from extra-special vases, glass, brass or pewter pieces, or rotund bowls. Fit the new lamp with a tapered shade. A single three-way bulb gives versatile light, ranging from 50 to 250 watts. An excellent resource for doing this work is The Lamp Shack on Orchard Lake Road south of Maple.

Why don't you make better use of stools? They are overlooked as a decorating tool, with multiple uses. Porcelain garden seats are great placed near a bathtub or elsewhere in a bath or dressing room. They are unspoiled by splashes or makeup spills. They make their own statement loud and clear, whether all-white or multicolored. Search for

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Many other types of stools will occupy their own places. Upholstered in a variety of fabrics or vinyls, there is no end of styles, both contemporary and traditional. I do play favorites; pairs are most frequently better than singles. Because they are small the repetition makes them more effective. Painted stools, wooden stools and even wicker stools, round, square or rectangular, res-

onate good taste.

Why don't you visit a window shade shop and review the latest additions to window treatment, not including draperies?

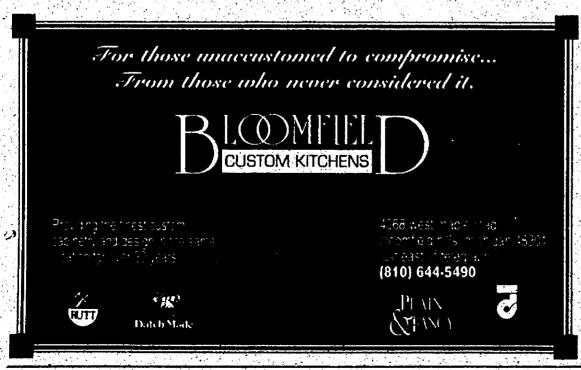
My list of "why don't yous" is unending. Why don't you think up some of your own? I'd love to hear from you

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let's remodel

Winter is time to plan remodeling

If you took our quiz last week and have decided to move ahead with your remodeling project, and hire a professional contractor, there are other things to consider before calling the contractor. Although winter is considered by some to be a time when people least become involved in a remodeling project, it is absolutely the best time to begin the planning of any major project.

Over the next several weeks this column will cover many aspects of a remodeling project, including planning, design, selecting a contractor, pre-construction through project completion and many other topics to help you understand each phase. Bus ... the biggest problems encountered have to do with your expectations when starting to remodel.

Homeowners often know what things they want changed in the home and may even know which remodeling firm they will use for the project. But what are you supposed to do next: What do you need to do to prepare and what will happen during the remodeling project? How long can you expect it to take?

Unfortunately there are too many unknowns involved when trying to establish a time-line for a project. These factors include: delivery time of materials, the acceptance of the quality of the materials once they are delivered; unexpected damage during demolition such as termites or wood rot; uncooperative weather or any other number of delays. Ask your contractor for a schedule and maintain constant communication.

In deciding which contractor to choose, come companies will provide in-



many cases you will need some type of design services (i.e. architect or designer). You may want to use a design/build firm which handles both design and construction.

The first meeting with a remodeling contractor may include a preliminary walk-through of your entire house, including basement and exterior. This is the time for you to express your particular needs, wants and wishes. During the discussion you will be asked: How much are you willing to invest in the project? What is the level of finish detail, overall size of the project and the scope of work. You will also be told whether your wishes, wants and needs are consistent with your budget.

It will take two to three weeks to complete the schematic design agreement which states that you will pay for the time it takes to create the floor plan, key elevations, specifications and a written budget. This is not an agreement to construct - you are paying for the design process which will then be specified and priced. It may then take anoth-

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house design services, some will not. In this new kitchen . . . this new bathroom .

The fact that the current trend is toward smaller whirlpool tubs in residential bathrooms does not mean that interest in whirlpool tubs is diminishing. There is now the realization that bigger is not necessarily better when it comes to whirlpools. While consumers may sacrifice some bathing room in their whirlpool tubs, they make up for it with a deep bathing well with armrests and recessed jets located for maximum user comfort.

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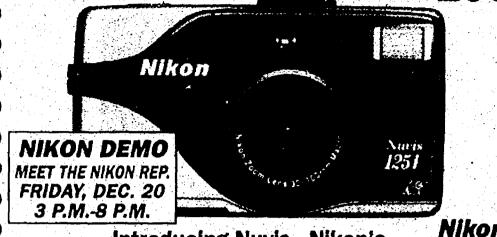
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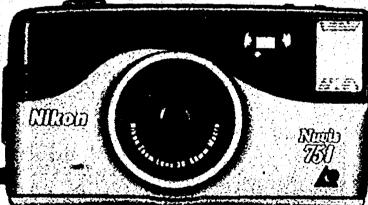
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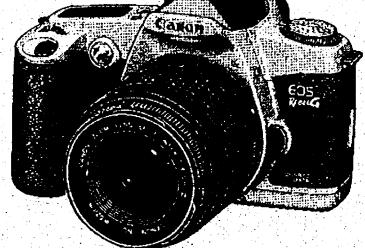
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What separates a good photograph from a ho-hum snapshot? What makes your friends and family ask to see more instead of thinking, "I've seen enough"?

The answer lies in getting stopping power or impact in

your pictures and one of the best ways to accomplish this is by good and effective composition.

Composition can be thought of as meaningful placement of the main subject and supporting elements in the picture including the elimination of unnecessary and unwanted detail.

The next time you look through your camera and are about to push the shutter, stop. Yes, stop and take a really good, second look. Examine the subject. If it's a person, see if there's a tree or telephone pole "growing" out of his or her head. Is your subject placed in a dynamically strong part of the frame? Check all four corners of the viewfinder. Is there something there, perhaps distracting, that doesn't belong?

Good composition begins with a solid look through the camera and a calculated determination of what you, the

photographer, want to record on film in the most effective way.

Here are some basic guidelines to help you plan and obtain good composi-

- Consider vertical vs. horizontal. Most cameras produce a rectangular picture so try fitting this format to your subject. People and trees, for example, go up and down, so most often a vertical composition should be used. Horizons go sideways, so a horizontal format is appropriate.
- Move in close! Filling the frame with your subject is perhaps the best way to add stopping power to your shot. This way, your picture is simplified and the viewer's attention isn't distracted. When photographing a person or an animal, filling the frame is easily done with a telephoto lens.
- Check subject placement. Avoid placing the main subject smack in the middle of the picture. Photographs appear static and less interesting this way. Rather, by placing the subject offcenter, a dynamic quality will be given to your shot that will make it much more exciting.
- Frame your subject. Remember to use framing techniques that I've recently discussed to make your photographs

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er two to four weeks to complete the finished drawings. When you are ready to sign the written contract the contractor will show you a payment plan. The average down payment runs between 10-25 percent (some states have restrictions on the size of the down payment) depending on the type of project.

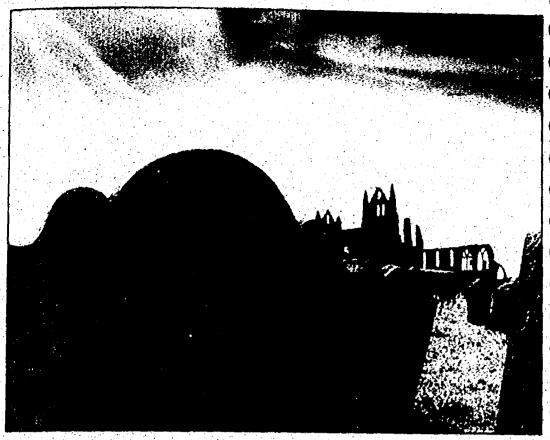
If you sign the contract in a location other than the contractor's place of business (your home, for instance), you will have three days after signing in which to cancel the contract. This is your legal "Right of Recision."

These are just some of the issues you will be confronted with until the contractor is ready to begin the construction of the project which we will cover in next week's article. We urge homeowners to let us know the situations they have run into with remodeling contractors or the questions they have regarding the remodeling project.

Happy Holidays!

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Dear abbey: Monte Nagler's wife, Mickey, took this dramatic shot of the abbey in Whitby, England. Notice how she moved in close and effectively used the grave markers in her composition.

Nagler

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work more effectively. In short, be on the lookout for tree branches or an archway that will give your shot special impact.

- Use lead-in lines. Elements in a picture should help lead attention toward the subject. Lead-in lines can be roads, fences, streams, pathways, even parts of a building.
- Watch your horizons. Above all, make sure that they are level in your picture, not running up or downhill. Remember that a low horizon line in your shot will accentuate spaciousness, especially when you have a dramatic

sky. A high horizon line will de-emphasize the sky and instead will suggest closeness.

Above all, to add more impact and stopping power to your pictures, get in the frame of mind as you look through the frame of your viewfinder that you are now "making a photograph," not merely taking a snapshot.

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.

Centennial has festive setting

The Henry Ford Estate has unveiled a Quadricycle replica, a working model of automotive pioneer Henry Ford's first vehicle.

The Quadricycle is 100 years old this year, and its centennial coincides with the American automobile centennial, a national celebration. On loan from the Ford Motor Co., the replica will be displayed in the restored Powerhouse Garage of the estate alongside several other personal vehicles of Henry Ford.

Many holiday programs are offered by the estate, inviting visitors to tour the buildings and grounds of this National Historic Landmark. The residence is decorated for the holidays by area florists. Public and group tours are welcome now through Dec. 31.

Special programs include holiday luncheon concerts; Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasures; Candles and Carols dinners; Santa's breakfast; Santa's workshop; and candlelight tours. The Henry Ford Estate is at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen, Call (313) 593-5590.

During December, public tours are available 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday-Friday; and every hour 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Sunday tours begin 1 p.m. and are available every half hour until 4:30 p.m.

The Pool Restaurant at the estate is open for lunch Monday-Friday. Banquets, catering and group tour/meal packages are available. The Estate Shop sells souvenirs and memorabilia related to the Fords' lives at Fair Lane.

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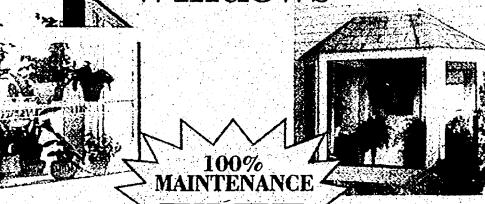


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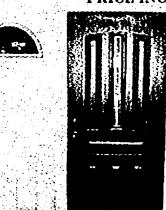
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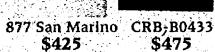
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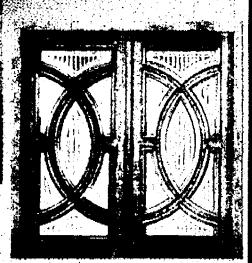
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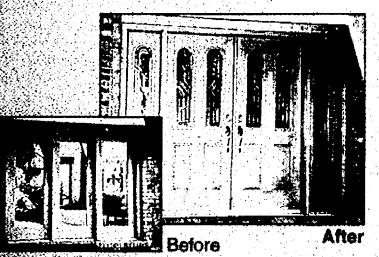


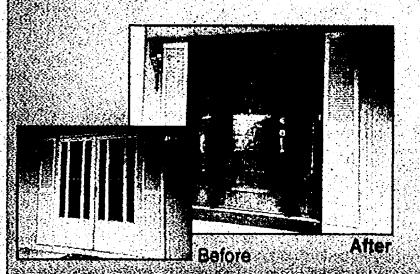
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Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents a lighthearted concert of seasonal music featuring Robert Bernhardt, the popular, charismatic conductor of the Rochester, N.Y., Philharmonic. Performances 3 & 7 p.m. Call (313) 833-3700.



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By Laurie Humphrey Staff Writer

come 1997.

Birmingham and Pontiac are planning celebrations that put the

"I think this is going to be one of the most exciting events that will take place in downtown Birmingham during the winter holiday season," said Vicki Lange, of Birmingham, executive director of First Night 1997. "We have a lot of special

First Night, an alcohol-free gathering that originated in Boston, encourages party-goers to get "intoxicated on the arts, instead of liquor," said Lange. "It's conducted in hundreds of

p.m., is in its seventh year thanks to contributors like: The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, The Kroger Co., The Lyon Foundation and Henry

"Without the generosity of all the sponsors, especially our main sponsors, the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield and NBD Bank, this would not be possible,"

of this," explained Barbara Diles, First Night volunteer and past president of the Cultural Council of Birmingham/Bloomfield. The night also features: jazz, blues, Motown and The Spoon Man.

making Spoon Man.

The Spoon Man has appeared before Mikhail Gorbachev, former U.S. President Gerald Ford and on a familiar face at First Night.

Yet, last year's First Night participants will find many new twists for this year. Most notably, there will be First Night volunteers roaming the streets dressed as wild animals to entertain the crowd and answer questions. There will also be a heated circus-type tent outside The Community House.

"That will afford us to keep most of the performances right in the downtown area," said Lange. Shuttle buses, however, will still be available

Get ready to pop the cork and wel-

emphasis on family fun.

things."

cities across the county."

Birmingham's event, which starts 5 Ford Health Systems.

said Lange.

The support of the participants is also paramount Lange added, so First Night is set up to appeal to everyone's tastes with clowns, magic, face painting, story-telling and classical music.

"We don't want to leave anyone out

"Audiences of all ages are delighted by him," said Lange about the music-

various television specials. He is also



Headlines: The Contours, originally called The Blenders, hit number two on the "Billboard Hot 100" with their 1962 hit "Do You Love Me?" They are one of the headliners at this year's First Night celebration in downtown Birmingham.

to help people travel from one entertainment venue to another. That can be especially nice if the weather is less than perfect. First Night officials are asking people to keep weather in mind however when dressing for the event since people will wait in line (outside) for the performances.

"This is New Year's Eve in Michigan. The weather during December could be quite cold and blustery...or unseasonably warm and balmy," said Lange. "All sorts of warm and casual apparel are most welcome at First Night."

Headlining this year's event are: The Contours, The James Family and Sandra Feva.

"Ms. Feva is the primary backup singer for Aretha Franklin," boasted Lange, who remains impressed with the night's lineup.

"I am lucky enough to work with people with contacts in the music industry," she said when asked how the talent was attracted. It is important she said to have a variety of entertainment, not only for the various ages of First Night-goers, but also for the various tastes.

"But I think we have a good crosssection," she said about the 20 plus performers. For most of the entertainers, this year will be their first time at First Night.

The Contours, originally called The Blenders, hit number two on the "Billboard Hot 100" with their 1962 hit "Do You Love Me?" The Motown group made it again when the song was used in the 1987 Patrick Swayze film, "Dirty Dancing;" and again when the song was included on "Motown's Hitsville USA: 1959-1974."

The James Family, three sisters and two brothers hailing from Missouri, sings jazz, rhythm and blues, rock, soul and gospel. They have performed worldwide with Gladys Knight, Natalie Cole, Smokey Robinson and B.B. King just to name a few.

Sandra Feva, a singer/actress, performs gospel, jazz, county, rhythm and blues. Aside from backing up Aretha Franklin, Feva has recorded two of her own albums.

All performances will end in time to gather in Birmingham's Shain Park for the First Night Midnight Celebration. It begins with the passing of a torch.

"Our theme for this year is cultural diversity, personal safety and world harmony," said Lange, who will be among the park crowd counting down the minutes to 1997.

Between 8,000 and 10,000 people are expected to attend First Night. At \$7 per person for those age 6 and

Things to know about First Night:

Date: Dec. 31 Time: 5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Place: Downtown Birmingham, venues Include: The Community House, Baldwin Public Library, First Baptist Church and St. James Episcopal Church.

Cost: Badges cost \$7 per person for those age 6 and above, \$1 for children 2 to 5 years old, children under 2 are free. Advance button sales will be made at 19 area Kroger locations, the Birmingham/Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, The Community House and NBD Bank branches in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

First Night hotline: (810) 646-9734 or fax (810) 646-9799. First Night officials warn that most callers will get an answering machine and should leave their name, phone number, address and a fax number should something need to be mailed. Parking: Free in city structures from 4 p.m.

Things to know about Times Square Two:

Time: 10 p.m. to past midnight Place: Phoenix Center, Saginaw street in downtown Pontiac Cost: Free

Parking: Public lots are free Times Square Two hotline: (810) 857-5603

above, \$1 for children 2 to 5 years old, that means good things for the Birmingham/Bloomfield Cultural Council. Funds raised through First Night go to the Cultural Council, which sponsors several cultural events in Birmingham year round.

Times Square Two

For those seeking an alternative to Birmingham's First Night, there is the third annual Times Square Two in Pontiac.

Sponsored by Pontiac Growth Group, the industrial/commercial development branch of the city government, and The Oakland Press, Times Square Two is an alcohol-free celebration at the Phoenix Center in downtown Pontiac. The event, which features a laser show, fireworks display and dancing in the streets, builds the crowd up for the main event - a 2,200-light climbing ball, fashioned after the one used in Time's Square, New York City.

"We get people from all the surrounding areas coming to this," said Delmer Anderson, chief assistant to the executive officer of the Pontiac Growth Group. In fact, there is enough parking room for 4,000 cars in the downtown area.

Anderson said they are expecting to attract about 8,000 people for the free event. Festivities begin 10 p.m.

EXHIBITION

Watercolorist bases figurative works on introspection

Masked Revelations

What: Livonia watercolorist Taura Zaranka Underys Is featured in a 15 piece exhibition of artworks based on Introspection, and the effects of coming from a Lithuanian background.

Where: Berman Gallery and Lighting Studio, 303 Detroit Street, Suite 104 in Ann Arbor, For more information call (313) 741-0571.

When; Through Jan. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m Tuesday through Saturday.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Lost in the abyss between two cultures, Taura Zaranka Underys paints to find her way. The daughter of Lithuanian immigrants, Underys creates introspective watercolors embedded with mystery. Shrouded figures loom hauntingly in the dark semi-abstracts, unraveling her soul through so

many layers like the paint. As displaced persons living in nounced Taud-e) Underys. Germany, then later in America.

Lithuanian and English. Born in the shadow of the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, Underys is torn ures convey an almost religious between two countries. Even the sense of awe. She lays her belief titles of her paintings reflect the in souls on a grandmother who conflict as she names works in two-lived in the house in which she languages.

"Whoever you are comes out in background, which is important to me, in my work," said Taura (pro-

their language and traditions alive. \ try because of communism. As a \ and emerging images As a result, Underys heard only result, I don't really have a place Lithuanian spoken in her home, where I belong. Painting is as close

Consequently, she thinks in as I can get to ever feeling I belong somewhere, who I am."

Auras surrounding Underya's figgrew up.

In her artist's statement your artwork. I somehow relate my ... Underys says, "there's something sacred about using water, a pure element of the earth, to help release a soul. My painting is as "My parents felt they had no much a relationship with the spiri-Underys' parents fought to keep other choice but to flee their coun- tual world as it is with the medium

See WATERCOLOR, E2



Religious Aura: A dark and mysteri-

by Taura

Zaranka

Underys,

ous painting

"Alfa" is based

on the story of

Adam and

Eve.

PHOTO BY LOU KULIKAUSKAS

Photography opens doors of creativity for girls



If you visit the photography exhibit "A Girl's World" by five Southwest Detroit girls at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center, I guaryou'll antee leave filled with emotion.

The black and white images. resulting from

an Alternative for Girls project directed by Observer & Eccentric staff photographer Sharon LeMieux, evokes feelings from happiness to sorrow.

The study project began one year ago when the girls attended a one person exhibition of LeMieux's photography. After deciding they'd like to create a display of their own creative images. LeMieux worked alongside them, at times even loaning them her camera.

As with all arts, photography serves as a form of expression. LeMieux gave the girls, ages 12 to 17, free reign in choice of their subject matter. Rachel Perez and Mary Wilson sought to capture the daily life of their families while Myrna Lebron, Sharon Chappa and Emma Marcum chose to spend the day with LeMieux shooting Detroit artist



Family and Friends: Mary Wilson invites viewers to take a closer look at her daily life in southwest Detroit in this photograph entitled "Amanda and Maricruz."

Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg he thought. Project.

"I didn't want them to worry about the technical aspect, but to think about looking at things differently, from different angles." said LeMieux

I thought viewers might look at the show from different perspectives as well so I asked another visitor at the show what

"All these photos, have an abandoned feeling. They're lonely pictures," said Earl Spuck of

That's why Alternative for Girls is so important. It eliminates these feelings. Through its programs girls, who might otherwise find themselves alone and abandoned on the streets of southwest Detroit, learn about alternatives to the decisions we all faced growing up.

A private, nonprofit agency based in southwest Detroit, AFG is dedicated to assisting girls ages 5-17 who are struggling to find a positive place in society. The Prevention Program, of which LeMieux's project was a part, aims to prevent the need for AFG's Street Outreach Program by targeting girls before problems begin by providing recreational and educational experiences which reinforce existing strengths and skills:

Street Outreach works directly with homeless young women on the street who are engaged in, or in serious danger of engaging in prostitution, substance abuse and other high-risk activities. Since the best time to reach a girl is before "she hits the streets," AFG's Prevention Program encourages girls to meet weekly in small groups or "clubs" to increase self-esteem, strengthen personal values and interpersonal relationships. improve school attendance and performance, and build the skills necessary to make positive choices for their futures. For the last six years. AFG volunteer Alise Alousi has served as a group leader for the five girls exhibiting in the show.

The girls never had many

opportunities to use a camera. The project and exhibiting in the gallery gave them a sense of accomplishment, a chance to feel really good about something they did," said Alise Alousi.

"It also encouraged their communication skills. I told them people are going to want to ask you questions so we worked a lot on how do you communicate." This was Myrna Lebron's first

chance to take photos. "I like the different designs. It was fun," said Lebron, a 12 year old student at St. Vincent de

Paul School. Rachel Perez has taken photos before but nonetheless, was impressed "seeing them on the

wall." They remind me of my neighborhood," said Perez, also a stu-

dent at St. Vincent de Paul. LeMieux became involved with AFG's Prevention Program four years ago after searching for an organization through which she could make a difference, a value instilled in her while a student at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills.

"I think it's really important for people to give back. There's an old phrase: from those who are given much, much is expected. It's important for people to share if they've been given a lot," said LeMieux. "And hopefully Entertainment section of The when these kids grow up they'll

reciprocate."

To pull off such a large project. LeMieux had help along the way. Freelance photographer Craig Barile of Canton, a photo clerk at the Observer, helped choose and print images for the show. He did all the framing as well after seeking donations from local frame shops and receiving discounts on frames from Mark Hawley of MPSS, Inc. in Redford.

"I was talking to Sharon about the program and decided I'd like to help. Photography has helped me a lot in my life. I thought it was worthwhile cause. There's a lot of devastation on that side of town, so anything to help boost self-esteem," said Barile who graduated from Center for Creative Studies in Detroit last June.

A Girl's World continues through Dec. 29 at Urban Park-Detroit Art Center, 508 Monroe on the second level of Trapper's Alley in Greektown. For more information call the gallery at (313) 963-5445 or Alternatives for Girls, (313) 963-5833.

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FINAL OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss the final chance to visit a glass blower's studio noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Artist Don Schneider will talk about the processes involved in creating blown glass at his York Street Glass studio, 875 York

Old Village area.

In addition to learning about hot glass techniques, visitors will have the opportunity to purchase lampworked ornaments (some fumed with 24 karat gold), beads and necklaces as well as blown glass vessels.

MIXING MEDIUMS

If you only have the opportunity to see one last show this year, make it "Go Figure" continuing through Dec. 27 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Fine Arts Gallery, 32777 Five Mile Road east of Farmington. This two person exhibit featuring Barbara north of Liberty in Plymouth's Gibson of Livonia and Susan

Rothamel Pickering, Chelsea is both whimsical and heartwarm-

Gibson, best known as a potter who exhibits annually at the Ann Arbor Art Fair, has switched mediums. Her son Alan has taken over the family ceramics business and Barbara is on to making three dimensional figures or dolls. Many of the works contain elements of African art, especially the haunting masklike faces sculpted from clay. Incorporating found objects such as industrial gears, springs and music boxes, these mixed media figures by Gibson seem to take

on a life of their own.

Rothamel, adept at the craft of enameling, deals with biblical themes in the collage she has on display. A wooden cheetah and a zebra are the focus of "Tabernacle Icon."

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

HOLIDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS

The Detroit Institute of Arts will host a special series of activities for the family Thursday through Tuesday Dec. 26-31 at 5200 Woodward.

Drop-in workshops which include puppet making, quilting, drama, and storytelling will take place in the studio. In many instances the sessions tie-in with ents to children for generations.

performances. Make an afternoon of it by first dropping into a workshop from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 to make a rod puppet of the Firebird, the mythical creature from Russian folk literature. Then attend the 2 p.m. PuppetArt American-Russian Theatre performance of "The Firebird," a Russian folk tale which has been told by par-

Watercolor from page E1

State University with a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1980, Underys' watercolors have gone real rapport from a spiritual through an evolutionary process. In college, her work dealt with the exploration of the medium and led to a concentration on bold abstract forms and their relationship to space and each other.

For 10 years after working as teacher in a Montessori classroom with preschool children. her work took on a whimsical style. It was only in 1994 that the figure became important in her work.

"The minute I saw her paintings there was kind of connectiveness between the two of us."

Since graduating from Wayne said Rebecca Berman, gallery believes that the music she lisowner.

"When I first met her I felt a standpoint. Her work reflects a lot of the artist's inner feelings."

It is apparent Underys is an admirer of the late 19th and early 20th century painters Paul Klee, Gustav Klimt and Odilon Redon. Like Klee, her works are small and intimate in scale, forcing the viewer to draw close in order to read the rendered forms inherent to her mysterious dream world. And just as Klee thought of painting as similar to music in its expressiveness, art has the ability to touch the spirit of the viewer through use of

tens to while painting affects the outcome.

"Klee is because of the playfulness of his work and layering of colors. Klimt, it's the sensuality and the richness of his colors. Redon is mystical and Ciurlionis is Lithuanian. His paintings have a dream-like quality," said the 37-year-old painter.

Underys met her husband Vitas at a Lithuanian youth camp. They continue the tradition of speaking only Lithuanian to their 9-year-old daughter Vija.

"I want my daughter to know her background and that it's important to do something she color, form and line. Underys has a passion for."

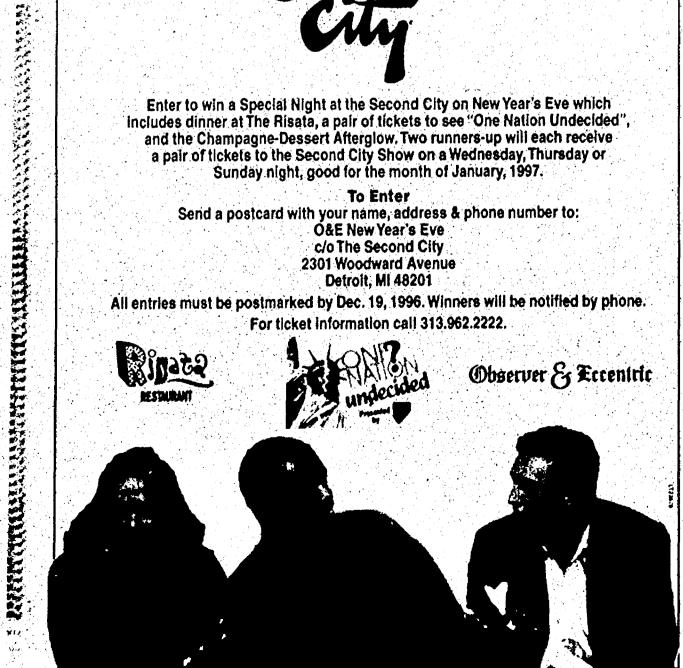


Enter to win a Special Night at the Second City on New Year's Eve which includes dinner at The Risata, a pair of tickets to see "One Nation Undecided", and the Champagne-Dessert Afterglow. Two runners-up will each receive a pair of tickets to the Second City Show on a Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday night, good for the month of January, 1997.

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STREET SCENE

Blind Melon's 'Nico' a tribute to Shannon Hoon



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ways to look at "Nico" (Capital), latest release by Blind Melon. The collection of outtakes and rarities can be taken as a sweet tribute to, or a subtle way of showcasing the

There are two

drug addiction of Shannon Hoon, the lead singer who died of a cocaine overdose in October

The enhanced CD, released on Capital Records in mid-November, kicks off with an eeriprophetic cover of Steppenwolf's "The Pusher," where Hoon sings, "You know I smoked a lot of grass, and I popped a lot of pills. But I ain't never done nothing that my spirit couldn't kill. I walked around with these tombstones in my eyes, but I know the pusher don't care if you live or if you die."

Guitarist Rogers Stevens said that the irony of the opening track hit him as an afterthought.

"These are songs that Shannon would have played had he been alive. These are the jokes he'd be telling. After he's gone, they have a whole different meaning," Stevens said via telephone from his upstate New York home.

The recording of "Nico" was a way for the surviving members of Blind Melon and their fans to

"I think that all of us working on this record together was part of the process of getting over this whole thing. There are some per-Shannon's best moments are on are included on the CD.



Tribute to Nico: Blind Melon was, from left, Brad Smith, Hoon, Rogers Stevens, Christopher Thorn and Glen Graham.

this record. Hearing his voice again was sort of like being hit on the head with a brick."

The 13-song "Nico" is a collection of outtakes and rarities recorded during the band's career. An acoustic version of "No Rain"; "Letters From A Porcupine," a song left on guitarist Christopher Thorn's answering machine by Hoon; the previously unreleased song "Soup"; a demo of "Soul One"; and a song, "Hell," recorded at the recording studio of Hoon's sonal moments. Some of high school friend Mike Kelsey

"St. Andrew's Hall" was recorded in various hotel rooms throughout the United States during the end of the 19-month tour for Blind Melon's debut album. The song is the demo version of "St. Andrew's Fall," the story of a person who committed suicide by jumping out of a hotel window near St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit, that appeared on "Soup." The band used the original name of the song because they "felt it appropriate name that the song had when it originally went down on tape," according to the liner notes.

The enhanced CD also features lyrics; previously unreleased photos, interviews, concert footage and several fulllength videos. With the exception of several tracks done by Andy Wallace, the album was produced by the band - which besides Stevens and Thorn, includes bassist Brad Smith and drummer Glen Graham - and Mike Napolitano.

Stevens is pleased with the way "Nico" turned out.

"The way these songs came together and the way they seem to fit together was really kind of a miracle to us. It was good and we felt like it deserved to be heard. It sort of completed the picture about Shannon."

Blind Melon scored a hit with "No Rain." from its 1993 debut album. The band toured extensively performing with such acts as Neil Young, Soundgarden and the Rolling Stones as well as at Woodstock '94, and topped Billboard radio charts. Blind Melon's second album, "Soup," didn't fare as well, but received minor airplay with "Galaxie." Hoon died eight weeks after the release of the album "Soup."

The album is dedicated to Nico Blue, the daughter Hoon had with his girlfriend of 10 years Lisa Crouse.

Blind Melon is donating a portion of the proceeds of Nico to MAP, Musician's Assistance Program, an organization which helps musicians and others in the music industry recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

The surviving members of Blind Melon are planning on moving on with a new singer, Stevens said.

"We're looking for a singer. track about "Uncle Elwyn."

We're going to change the name of the band and do a whole new record with new songs. We're not gonna play the old songs anymore," he said.

"We're starting all over. I think that to try to ask someone to come and step into Shannon's shoes wouldn't do right. It would do a disservice to go out and squeeze whatever was left out of that name."

• Those computer-savvy Canadian popsters Barenaked Ladies have also released a enhanced CD "Rock Spectacle" (pronounced Roc-Spectak). "BNL-TV," part two of the "Rock Spectacle" (Reprise) experience, features 20 minutes of comedy imagined by the band like "Ask Ed," where guitarist/vocalist Ed Robertson answers fans' letters; Jimmy Johnson's Psychic Hotline; live concert footage on BNL "Live and Sweaty; and "Tyler Stewart Living."

"It's a great chance for people with computers and CD-ROM players to see another side of the band that you don't always get from just hearing it. Also, it allowed us to exorcise some creative demons. We're all interested in multimedia television, movie and stuff like that," said drummer/vocalist Tyler Stewart.

"We act like a bunch of idiots and have fun. Humor is an important part of our performance, but that doesn't always come across on CD. This is one way to let people in on the joke."

"Rock Spectacle," also available on cassette, doubles as an 11-song live album featuring "Brian Wilson," "The Old Apartment," "Jane," "If I Had \$1,000,000," and a hidden rap

"There's been a demand for years. It was good time for us to do that," Stewart said of theil decision to release a live album. "We thought it would keep things interesting until our next album comes out next summer. Essentially, it's a fill-the-space? kind of thing."

"We wanted to capture the essence of what we're like live. The live show is a whole sensory. experience. You get the songs, the in-between banter, the singing along, all that stuff. We thought the songs were pretty good themselves, too."

Those who saw the Barenaked Ladies Sunday, Dec. 8, at 96.3's Holiday Hootenanny at The Palace of Auburn Hills know all' about the band's shows. Besides what Stewart described above, the band made up songs about the keyboardist's dad who was in the audience and the monkeys thrown up on stage during "If I Had \$1,000,000," and they closed the show by rapping Christmas songs while this bunch of Canadian white boys "street danced.".

If you missed the gig, the band returns to Detroit at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, to play the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., in Detroit. Tickets are \$26.50 for the all-ages show. For more information, call (810) 645-6666 or (313) 983-6611.

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BOOKS

Wayne professor's novel explores Vietnam impact

T. Leland (Zoland Books, \$23.95) BY HUGH GALLAGHER

The war in Vietnam hangs over the baby boomer generation and no amount of time will ever relieve the doubts, pain and suffering that that war and its powerful opposition created.

"Letting Loose" is a remarkable meditation on the war that works even when it seems to encompass too much. For this relatively short novel deals with the war, the sexual revolution, the impact of homosexuality on family relations, AIDS and drugs. Yet none of it is forced or contrived.

Christopher Leland, a professor of English and head of the creative writing section at Wayne State University, is a sensitive and alert writer with a solid ear for the ways people talk and interact. He has created in "Letting Loose" a book of reconciliations.

Bobbo Starwick has been missing in action in Vietnam for 25 years. When his body is returned to the states, to small town Rhymers Creek, it sets off a flood of memories and a series of long stifled communications. Bobbo is the "All-American boy" that was-

Letting Loose, by Christopher n't. He was a star high school known in the most public manathlete who volunteered to go ner by using it to get a 4F status into the Army and the war's awful violence sucks him down.

The story specifically deals have been altered by Bobbo and the war.

Fred Bower is one of those "Viet vets," an unfortunately home shaken, drifting, mentally tortured and alcoholic. Leland turns all the cliches around by his powers of observation and

his ear for speech. Belva Beauford is one of Bobbo's old girlfriends who has America. Leland deals poignantdrifted into a life of short term ly but honestly with the AIDS affairs to compensate for a boring marriage to a wealthy and indulgent man. She and her generation have. twin, Melva, own the dress boutique Letting Loose that allows explicitly with sex, especially her to make trips to New York to with homosexual behavior and

be with a lover. pher (obviously modeled on follow, Robert Mapplethorpe) and to live

from the draft board as a protest to the war.

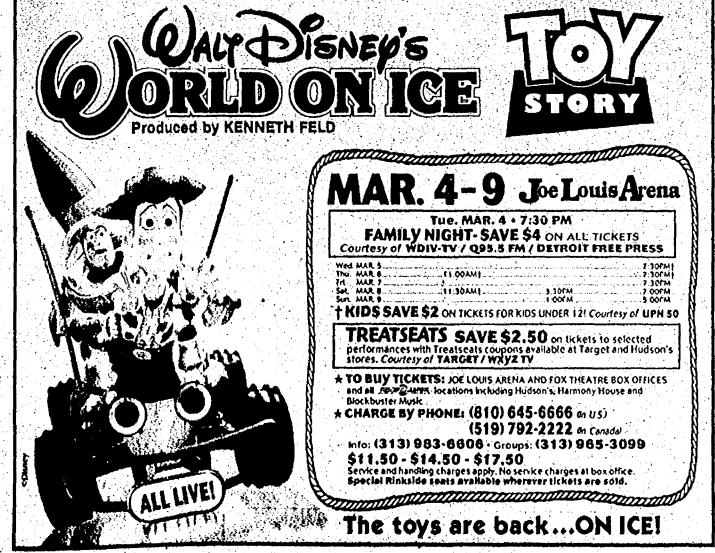
Around these three characters, with several people whose lives Leland builds a fine portrait of our times and the various painful decisions that we've had to make.

The novel is structured to real cliche. Unlike his friend move back and forth through Bobbo he has "survived" to come time, memories dredged up as each character deals with his or her relationship with Bobbo. It moves from the terror of Vietnam battle to the S&M gay clubs of New York to the mundane grind of small town epidemic, the drug problem and the lack of focus many of this

Be forewarned, the novel deals response. It seems clear that The central character is Leland felt it was important to Bobbo's homosexual half brother make readers understand how Barry Carraway, Barry has left homosexuals feel about their Rhymers Creek to pursue a con- sexual life. It is not so clear that troversial career as a photogra- many readers will be willing to

But Leland has essentially openly as a homosexual in New written a novel of hope in the York City. Before leaving he face of the worst despair and he made his sexual orientation has written honestly and well.







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BOOKS

Area novelist Kathe Koja's 'Kink' is a riveting story



"Kink," by Kathe Koja (Henry Holt, \$23.00, 278

.Kathe Koja has done it again - sent me to bed without any supper. Every time I read one of Koja's chilling

novels her last was Strange Angels, I lose my appetite and feel the need to go lie down somewhere. Still, I read every single one, and look forward to the next and the next with much anticipation. I know of no writer today who breathes, more life into peculiar, alienated souls than does Koja, and no one who paints their murky world more hauntingly.

This Berkley author is, to say the least, difficult to compartmentalize. We could label her a horror novelist, but that's not only limiting, it's misleading in this case. However, to label her anything else doesn't seem quite right, either. Perhaps, when we

dwell for a moment on Camus and Kafka, and then dispense with labels altogether, getting down to the riveting story at

> "Kink" is a riveting story. It's also an odd story about an odd contemporary couple, Jess and Sophie, who eventually become part of an odd menage a trois, when they meet a mysterious, dark-eyed woman named Lena. Up until Lena's arrival on the scene, the two are so close that others think of their pairing as an unhealthy obsession. But then they invite the mesmerizing Lena to move in with them, believing that her presence will somehow enhance their existence. Lena, however, isn't quite what she appears to be, which this insular pair (who live much of their lives through voyeurism) will soon learn - and looking is not at all the same as seeing.

Told (from Jess' viewpoint) in an accessible, stream-of-consciousness style, "Kink" is set in a nameless city, a kind of microcosmic, spiritual boneyard. where the population is so drifting and empty they put you in

pick up a Koja novel, we should mind of the walking dead. (Though not a vampire tale, "Kink" is replete with images suggesting the nether world of vampires: Flesh is frequently cold. A large piece of furniture is jokingly called a "sarcophagus" and "coffin." People stare a lot, "not moving." Figures move about in the night, often soundlessly.)

Adding to the nightmare feel of the place, a web of dinginess pervades. This is the kind of place where you'll find "dull flies on the fruit salad," dirty pets, street garbage in the dun-colored snow, restaurant dishes never washed quite clean, scabrous tabletops, stubbornly filmed in

Koja's characters fit right in and are haunting as ghosts: Getting inside storyteller Jess' head, Koja reveals her knack for depicting subtle differences between the sexes. Probably one of the strongest features of this story is the depiction of his fascination with both women. Lena, with her chopped black hair and sickle-shaped earrings, is the loveliest of lethal sirens. The rag doll-like Sophie is perhaps Koja's

most vivid creation, all at once maddening, forsaken, and brave, as she performs her awesome makeovers at the neighborhood beauty salon, and goes about town in that peculiar, dark-asnight opera cape.

What's most ultimately affecting about this novel, what makes it hit so close to the bone, is the mundane ordinariness Koja interlaces throughout her dark

tapestry, alongside the dreamlike horror. Everybody keeps on eating, sleeping, washing, getting haircuts, shopping for Christmas gifts, watching television, showing up for work, fussing over trivialities, even as some nightmarish something is draining the human spirit.

While this may look like a small book, it is, in fact, a novel that explores some large and it is.

complicated subjects. Start with the human spirit, obsession. greed, sex, listening vs. hearing. looking vs. seeing, talking vs. communicating, men vs. women.

There's more, all of it wrapped up in Koja's crisply provocative style. If you're looking for an offbeat, multi-layered story to wrap yourself in on a chilly night, here

Book is colorful local history

BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Tonnancour: Life in Grosse Pointe and along the Shores of Lake St. Clair, Omnigraphics, Inc. (\$40)

This large format book is an interesting, colorful approach to local history. It takes the American Heritage style and applies it deftly to the history of our near neighbors to the east.

Usually local histories are dull, tedious affairs primarily intended to name as many local families as possible and to name the more prominent families as often as possible. They often degenerate into local genealogies or replays of government meetings that were dull the first time around.

Tonnancour is different. The books, named for the lakeside estate of Theodore P. Hall, .collect essays, poems, stories and great art to tell a variety of stories about the Grosse Pointe area, which includes stories about early Detroit. The book includes previously published and unpublished works and comapproaches to history.

Volume 2, edited by Arthur Woodford, features articles on Belle Isle, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit in 1796 (when the fort at Detroit was ceded to the United States), Michigan's role in the Civil War. profiles of a couple of prominent families, old Grosse Pointe gas stations, the Country Club of Detroit and much more.

The articles are lively, the big coffee table book format allows for excellent display of historic bines serious and playful photos, drawings and maps.

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Meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday at the church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. 21 and older. (313) 840-8824

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First Presbyterian Church of Northville's group meets at 7:30 p,m. Wednesdays and 9:45 a.m. Sundays at the church, 200 E. Main, Northville.

SINGLE POINT

■ The Rev. Paul Clough leads scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia.

FYI, Single Parent group meets at 7 p.m. first and third Tuesday, the Calvin Room, Ward Presbyterian Church. Some children's activities.

■ Single Parent Group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday, in the Calvin Room. Free child care. Activities for children for children and parents to enjoy together every month.

■ Uniquely Single Group

(never been married) meets 7-9 p.m. the fourth Tuesday, in the Calvin Room.

New Start (widows and widowers) meets 7:30-9 p.m. every other Thursday, in A-15. Speakers and discussion concerning death of a loved one and getting on. Activities throughout

the month. ■ Caroling and Potluck: Meet 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20 in Knox Hall, Ward Church.

T.I.O. with Rev. Dick Bont. Meet 7:30-10 p.m. in Knox Hall and talk about being single in todays world.

■ Convivial Concrescence 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3 in Knox Hall. Tickets \$20/person. The evening 981-0909 includes dinner, entertainment, fellowship and fun. 422-1854.

STARLITERS Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older, 9 p.m.-midnight Fridays in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire. (313) 525-8913, (810) 776-

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WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCES

Dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20 at Roma Banquets, Cherry Hill Road, east of Venoy Road. A Christmas Dance will be 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft West of Inkster Road, Livonia, \$3 before 8:30 p.m., \$5 after. Dressy attire (no jeans), 21 and over. (313) 981-0909. A New Years Eve Dance will be 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Burton Manor. Admission \$15 advance tickets or 418 at the door. (313)

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Ballroom dancing, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor. \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee.

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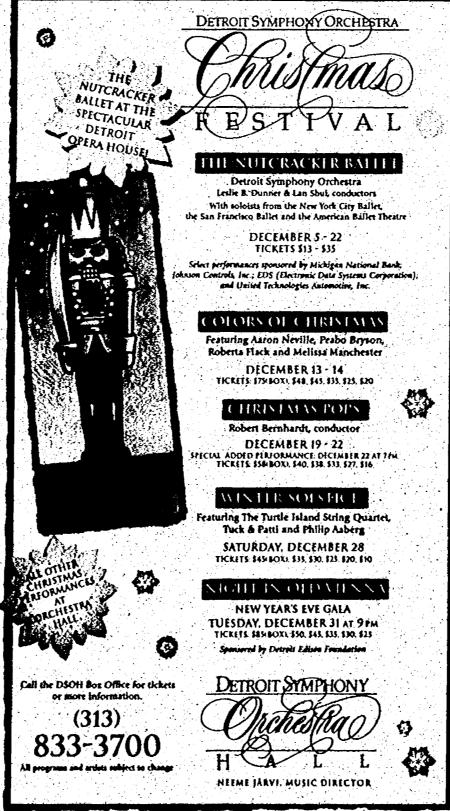
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THEATER

'A Christmas Carol' at Meadow Brook theatrical feast

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BY MARY JANE DOERR

Scrooge by any other name than Booth Colman would not be Ebenezer Scrooge. Few actors can count pounds faster than Colman, deliver "Bah, Humbug!" with more malice, or endear an audience to this Christmas-hater with his joyful conversion than the wispy veteran of the legitimate stage and soap opera screen.

Scrooge is remembered more for his miserliness in the days

Meadow Brook Theater pre- when there was no tax write-off 74 parts, though you will hardly for charitable giving, than his eleventh hour goodness. Certainly, Meadow Brook Theatre's "A Christmas Carol" is most remembered for Colman's unparalleled portraval of this world wide icon for meanness.

As Scrooge, the man who takes his cash box to bed with him as a security blanket, Colman is unique. He transforms his character during the play, as the action moves from his hurtful first scene words as they come to haunt him in his dreadful dream. Colman has the power to render us happy indeed. What a pleasure it is to have him back. making his debut this season (after a two-year hiatus) on this new set with its new staging.

The sets, by Peter W. Hicks, are modernistic tower forms that are imaginatively moved from scene to scene, though the style is not that of Barbara Jenks' lovely Victorian costumes. Geoffrey Sherman's directing is straight forward and simple, making this theatrical feast one of great acting and not of tricks.

Thirty-five actors, many of whom are children, handle some

recognize the same actor in various parts, so good is the acting. David Ellenstein is an infectiously joyous Fred. Paul Hopper is no wimp as Bob Crachit and is a funny Fezziwig. Mary Benson is a fun-loving mother as Mrs. Crachit. Dressed almost like one of three "Wise Men," Geoffrey Beauchamp is a wonderful Christmas present. Whether is was Adam Carpenter or Nicholas Cornfield dressed as a "choir boy," an odd interpretation, he was good as the Ghost of Christmas Past. Scott Goci (or Jeffrey Hyke) looked the part of the frail Tiny Tim with a big, booming voice for his wonderful prayer.

Much of the dialogue is Dickensian - taken right out of the book of play adapter Mary Spalding, Scrooge's life before he met his partner Marley was imaginatively embellished, portraying poor Fezziwig as unsuccessful for his failure to downsize warehouse business. Scrooge's personality change is clearly elaborated when nephew Fred narrates the end of the story to his children.

Though the stage and sets seem bleak in comparison to the



Hollday classic: Booth Colman (left to right) and Thomas D. Mahard perform in Meadow Brook Theatre's annual production of "A Christmas Carol" through Dec. 29.

former set, the snow still flies for

the curtain call in front of the

Christmas tree and the English

back of the stage gives the flavor

Carols are as inspiring as ever.

The ice skaters added at the Christmas Eve funeral on the

of the season. That and the 6 ment worth making.

Actress shares funny 'Family Secrets'

Family Secrets," through Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Performances Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets \$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 BY HELEN ZUCKER

SPECIAL WRITER The Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of Sherry Glazer and Greg Howells "Family Secrets" is

a howl. Directed by Greg

Howells and starring Susan Merson, it's a howl with a sad undercurrent.

"Family Secrets" is a one woman show that allows Merson to pull out all the stops. She gets to play beleaguered Dad, a nice, conventional accountant who remembers being happy when his mother gave him a bowl of spaghetti and ketchup. He's come pretty far from the Bronx,

rides the Long Island Rail Road, and can't understand why his three kids aren't happy.

Some of the material is familiar, but Merson puts a dest spin on some very funny lines; she makes this family seem brand new - as if she were letting us in on the major secrets of relatives we didn't know very well. She gets in and out of a lot of costumes and wigs, transforming herself before our eyes from gray-looking, plump Dad to glamourous, blond Mom. Mom has a breakdown after spending three hours making lasagna that no one will eat. She enjoys going for his call during the entire to the hospital. She takes lithium and becomes philosophical in her flamboyant way.

By time Merson is done we know these relatives too well. Son Joel, who got an engineering degree from Columbia and was treated to a trip to Israel after graduating has become a shepherd. We don't witness life on an Israeli hillside; it's enough to hear about it. Daughter Fern embarrasses Dad when he renews his vows with Mom by

bringing Molly, the woman she's living with. Dad & Mom have - invited everyone they know. Fern splits up with Molly, and moves n with a transcendentalist. "The universe," (Dad's wallet) "will provide," says Fern. We get to witness a marvelous natural childbirth scene; the pain, the craziness and the wonder of family life is abundant here.

The best scene perhaps out of many terrific scenes is Merson playing Sondra, a maddeningly familiar teenager. Sondra has nothing on her mind but a boy she is mad about; she is waiting scene. She has thrown a party the night before, alcohol, the works. When asked for drugs by her dreamboy, they go upstairs and take her mother's lithium. Then they move to mother's bed.

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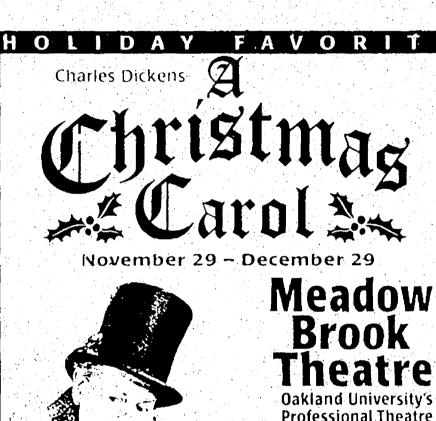
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"It only takes a minute," Sondra tells us. Dreamboy is out with another girl as Sondra waits for his call. She goes on to tell us how hard she works, having to vacuum; she is beset, she is so crazed with responsibility she has turned bulimic. This is a lost child, at once funny and scary.

Merson turns deftly from teen to old woman. A woman with all her wits intact. And she ends this saga with salt and kindness.

Properties & Costume Design by Melinda Pacha are highly inventive. We get a spare stage and fairly elaborate costumes. Lighting by Mark Berg was fine. Congratulations to Evelyn Orbach, Artistic Director. And to Chad Kushuba, Technical Director and Mary Anne Davis, Production Stage Manager.

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The concert offers "something for everyone," said director Jim Whitten, blending both new and traditional music with specialty numbers and a surprise visit from Santa.

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PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

A solo exhibit of recent paintings by Mary Jahns to Dec. 21 at 407 Pine. Rochester; (810) 651-4110. Closing reception 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

CASS CAFE

Music art by graphic artist Gary Grimshaw and found-object wallrelief sculpture by L.E. Grimshaw exhibited through January at 4620 Cass Avenue at Forest. Detroit; (313) 831-1400. Receptions for the artists 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and 1-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

PROGRAMS

TOUCH OF LIGHT

Holiday Glass Show to Dec. 24 at 23426 Woodward, Ferndale; (810) 543-1868. Glassblowing demonstrations 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

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POPULAR MUSIC

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

AMERICAN MARS

With DJ Papa Ron, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Planet Ant, 2357 Caniff (2 1/2 blocks east) of 1-75), Hamtramck, \$5, 21 and older. (alternapop) (313) 581-6268

BARENAKED LADIES

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$26.50. All ages. (313) 983-6611

BARNSTORMER

8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24-Sunday, Dec. 29, Diamondback Saloon, 49345 S. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville. (country) (313) 699-7899

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9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 E. Woodbridge, Detroit. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 567-6020 BLUE MEANIES

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9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Chevy Cola Bar and Grill, 15101 W. 12 Mile Road, Warren; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Oxbow Lake Roadhouse, 9451 Elizabeth Lake Road, White Lake. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 776-2662/(810) 698-1514

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9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5, 19 and older; With Uncle Booby and Affliction, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$6 in advance. (funky alternative rock) (313) 996-8555/(810) 335-8100 ROBERT BRADLEY'S BLACKWATER SURPRISE

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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 BRILLIANT

With Sensitive Clown, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140



Musical: "Shuffle Off to Buffalo," or to the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit where "42nd Street," is playing through Dec. 22. "Come and meet those dancin' feet," and treat yourself to an evening of glamor and fun. "42nd Street" features a barrage of sensational songs that seems to end — "You're Getting to be a Habit With Me," "We're in the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," and "About a Quarter Nine," Tickets available at all Ticketmaster locations, or call (810) 433-1515.

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10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge, 19 and older, (alternative rock) (313) 485-5050

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

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With Soulson and Fathers of the ld, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Cover charge, 18 and older, Benefits the Children with AIDS National Network. (313) 961-MELT

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STEWART FRANCKE

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) 546-7610 GRIZZLY PEACH

10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313)

485-5050 GROOVE MONKEY ATMOSPHERE

10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

MIMI HARRIS AND THE SNAKES

9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road. Dearborn. Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581,3650

HARVENGERS With Hope Demons, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26, 3-D, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak, Cover charge, 21 and older, (alternative rock) (810) 589-3344 AL HILL

Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester, (blues) (810) 543-

0917 HOLY COWS With Nineteen Wheels, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor.

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Main

\$5. 19 and older, (alternative

rock) (313) 996-8555 **HOWLING DIABLOS** 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Bear's Den, 2972 Coolidge Highway, Berkley. Free. 21 and older. (R&B/funk) (810) 543-

0917/(810) 542-9922 HOWLIN' MERCY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn, Cover charge, 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650 HYSTERIC NARCOTICS

With Bootsy X and the Lovemasters, Dan Dollrod, and the Niemurphski Bros., play a benefit for striking newspaper workers, 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (funk/alternative rock)

(313) 875-6555 IMMORTAL WINOS OF SOUL With That Jive and Inoxia, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, Cover

charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555 IMPACT 7

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 855-3110

ROBERT JONES

8-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (blues) (810) 737-0110

MICHAEL KATON

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21; Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

KNEE DEEP SHAG

Thursday, Dec. 19, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (funk/reggae/ska) (313) 996-8555

LADY SUNSHINE AND THE X BAND 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday,

Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor, \$5, 21 and

JOHN D. LAMB

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Mr. B's, 24555 Novi Road, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 349-7038

LARVAL

With Only a Mother, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Aivin's, 5756 18 and older. (experimental) (313) 832-2355

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$6. 18 and older. (roots rock) (313) 833-POOL

TRAIN

THE MISSION

Dec. 21, Beale Street Blues Barbecue, 8 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec.

(blues) (810) 644-4800

With Daddy Longlegs, 9:30 p.m.

older. (313) 278-5340

Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. THE LOOK

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Bullfrog Lounge, 15414 Telegraph, Redford. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 533-4477 TIM MAHONEY AND THE MEENIES

JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older (blues) (810) 543-0917

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday,

Performing: Robert Bradley's Blackwater Surprise with fellow Detroiters and RCA labelmates Hoarse perform Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress in Detroit. Doors open at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance for the 18 and older show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT

27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 334-7900/(313) 278-5340 MONDO MOD

With Lucky Haskins, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig. 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4, 19 and older. (rockabilly) (313) 996-8555

MOONPIE FONTANA

9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak, Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills; 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, during the Christmas party at Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(810) 644-4800/(810) 855-3110 MUDPUPPY

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe-Boulevard, Taylor, \$5, 21 and

older. (313) 278-5340 **BOBBIE MURRAY BAND**

Featuring Lenny Watkins, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

NRBQ

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave.. Ferndale. \$12.50 in advance. 18 and older. (blues) (810) 544-3030

ROBERT PENN 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Fox and

Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800 PUMMEL 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Lili's,

2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, Cover

charge, 21 and older, (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

QUARTETTE 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19-Friday, Dec. 20, Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave., West., Windsor, Ontario, Canada, (country) (519)

253-7729 THE REPUTATIONS

With Bootsy X and the Lovemasters, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Lili's, 2930 Jacob. Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555 **RESTROOM POETS**

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Rick's, 611 Church St., Ann Arbor, Cover charge, 19 and older, (roots rock) (810) 348-9110/(313) 996-2747

SHAWN RILEY

9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, and Friday, Dec. 27, and 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, Fat Willy's, 19170 Farmington Road (north of Seven Mile Road), Livonia. (acoustic rock) (810) 615-1330 THE SCHUGARS

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Rivertown Saloon, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555/(313) 567-6020

older. (alternative rock) (313)

8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Mosquito Club, 28949 Joy Road, Westland. Cover charge. 21 and

SENSITIVE CLOWN

513-8688 SKOLARS Celebrate release of CD with party and performance with special guests Bourgeois Filth and Social Scare, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$3 on sale only at St. Andrew's Hall and the Beat Hotel Records, 3185 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley. All ages. (ska) (313) 961-MELT/(810)

544-2485 SISTER SOLEIL

Featuring Stella Katsoudas on vocals, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$5. 18 and older. (techno pop) (810) 334-1999 SOLID FROG

With Atomic Numbers, 9:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 27, Blind Pig, 206-

208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (rock) (313) 996-

8555 STATION NEIN 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (acoustic rock) (313)

416-9288 CAROLYN STRIHO

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, LIII's, 2930 Jacob. Hamtramck. Cover charge, 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875 6555 THE SUICIDE MACHINES

With Spit and Suburban Delinquents, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Magic Stick in the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave... Detroit, \$6 in advance, All ages, (ska) (313) 833-9700 CURTIS SUMTER PROJECT FEA-

TURING CATHY DAVIS 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-

3110 SUNGLASSES AFTER DARK

Celebrates release of new CD "Sunglasses After Dark: Before the Ugly Lights," 7 p.m. Friday. Dec. 27, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn, Free, All ages, (313) 271-4441

SWISHBELLY With Howling Diablos, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Clutch Cargo's,

65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older, (alternative rock/funk) (810) 333-2362 JIM TATE BAND Hosts the Blind Pig's annual Christmas party, 8 p.m. Monday,

Dec. 23, at the bar, 206-208 S.

First St., Ann Arbor, \$5, 19 and

older. (313) 996-8555 TEXAS FLOOD

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, The End Zone, 5157 Telegraph Road, Dearborn, 21 and older. (rock) (313) 291-8850

TEXAS IS THE REASON With Promise Ring and Needlepoint Book, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

TWISTIN' TARANTULAS

Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 642-9400 WAILIN' INC 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21. Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 8

855-3110/(810) 543-0917 JASON D. WILLIAMS 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave.,

Ferndale, \$5. 18 and older, (rock-

abilly) (810) 544-3030

p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, during the

Christmas party at Memphis

Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal

Oak. 21 and older. (blues) (810)

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, hiphop, 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 Avé., 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-POOL/(313) 833-9700

MOTOR LOUNGE

"Blue Mondays" with Johnny, "Yard Dog" Jones and Bobby Murray with a special guest blues artist weekly; Darren

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Continued from previous page 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 Lavoisne: Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain* Thursdays with live iazz; 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 hip-hop, alternative rock, and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m., \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays "Sout Picnic" with funk, hip-hop and. soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older, 431 E. Congress, Detroit.

3-D "Prophecy," techno/alternative

(313) 961-MELT

dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; 3-D XXXmas Bash, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the club, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge, 21 and older, (810) 589-

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 Nutcracker" with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre, through Sunday, Dec. 22. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 2 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; "A Chorus Line." Monday, Dec. 23-Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. \$25-\$62.50. (313) 833-

FOX THEATRE

"42nd Street," 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 Sunday, Jan. 5, at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters), Detroit. Times and prices vary throughout December. 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," Moliere's most popular play, through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Performance: 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972.

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, \$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 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. 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; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26; 2 p.m. and 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

MASONIC TEMPLE

"Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$20-\$65, (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132

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 an additional matinee performance at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. \$15-\$20.

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYHOUSE

(313) 475-7902

*Forever Christmas III - Home for the Holidays," 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. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$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

YOUTH

GROSSE POINTE CHILDREN'S THE-ATER

The musical *Raggedy Ann and Andy," 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 MARQUIS THEATRE

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Showtimes: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 21, 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m, Sundays, Dec., 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 PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS

"Alice 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 ingood-condition children's book for Focus Hope. (810) 662-8118

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 18 and younger. (313) 464 6302

WILD SWAN THEATER "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21, 27-29, and Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 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

FAMILY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS READINGS

Kathleen McLallen, mayor of Novi, reads Christmas stories, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Brickscape Christmas Store, 21141 Old Novi Road (north of Eight Mile Road, east of Novi Road), Northville. (810) 348-2500

TOY AND HOBBY EXPO '96

Show and sale featuring trains, toys, models, dolls, bears, dollhouses, and the world's largest mobile train display "The Magical World of Lionel Trains," 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Novi Expo Center, 43700 Expo Center Dr. (I-96 and Novi Road), Novi. \$6 adults; \$3 children ages 4-12; \$4 parking, (313) 455-2110

HOLIDAY

LIGHT SHOWS

DETROIT ZOO

"Wild Lights" walking tour features more than 50 animal creations, 5:30-8 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas day), at the zoo, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue (at I-696). Royal Oak. \$3 adults; \$1.50 for children; free for children younger than 2. Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 adults; \$1 children. Parking is free. (810) 541-5835

DOMINO'S FARMS

"Christmas Light Display," 15minute 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

THE DUET

2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 737-0110

MICHIGAN CHAMBER SYMPHONY **ORCHESTRA**

Features Christmas music by Corelli, Mozart, Handel and Fasch, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Temple Beth El. 7400 Telegraph Road (at 14 Mile Road), Bloomfield Hills. (810) 552-9789 MUSICA ROYALE

Performs Renaissance and medieval Christmas music, 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 644-1515

POPS

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "Between the Holidays Concert," featuring planist David Syme 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29, Temple Beth El, (Telegraph at 14 Mile Road), \$16 adults, \$12 students, or groups of 10 or more. Call (810) 645-2276. Program includes Gershwin's "Rhapsody in blue," Piano Concerto No. 1 by Tchaikovsky, "Festive Overture," by Shostakovich and the "Hary Janos Suite" by Kodaly. IOHN CAMPBELL

WDIV Super Singer Contest winner, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313) 271-4441

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA "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, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-3700

CHORAL **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHO-**

"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 LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS

*Light the Candles...Trim the Tree!" Holiday Concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Clarenceville High School Auditorium, (south of 8 Mile Road), Livonia. No charge. Call (810) 477-8236 for information.

JAZZ

JACK BROKENSHA QUARTET

With special guest Larry Nozero, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, and with special guest Judle Cochill, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (at Eight Mile), Farmington Hills. (810) 474-4800

RON BROOKS TRIO

9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, and Tuesday, Dec. 31. Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$5 for Dec. 27-Dec. 28. \$45; \$80 couples for New Year's Eve. (313) 662-8310 MIKHAL CALDWELL

Guitar virtuoso, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 KIMMIE HORNE

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, formerly Murdock's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 852-0550/(810) 644-4800

MIKE KAROUB'S CELLO JAZZ 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 644-1515 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) 662-8310

KWANZAA JAZZ CONCERT

7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, First-Unitarian Universalist Church, 4605 Cass Ave. (at Forest), Detroit. \$15; \$5 children younger than 12. Donation includes afterglow. (313) 833-9107 RICK MATLE

With Sheila 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

ALEXANDER ZONJIC 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20-Saturday, Dec. 21, and Friday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 28, Scallops, 1002 N. Main St., Rochester. (810) 656-2525

WORLD MUSIC

MARIANNE MURPHY AND RON ELL-MAN

8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville, Cover charge, All ages. (810) 349-9421 (Celtic)

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; With the Old English-Carolers, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, Borders Book Shop, 31150 Southfield Road, Birmingham. Free. (810) 349-9421/(810) 644-1515 (Celtic)

WAKA JAWAKA 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Coyote Club, 1 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge, 21 and older. (world beat) (810) 332-HOWL

FOLK

PAT DONOHUE

8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$11; \$10 members, students and seniors. (313) 761-1451 PHIL MARCUS ESSER AND BAR-

BARA BREDIUS 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday

Dec. 21, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421 (Celtic) RFD BOYS

8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$8.75; \$7.75 members, students and seniors. (bluegrass) (313) 761-1451

POETRY

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Australian 'Shine' mines the craziness behind genius



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in a restaurant when, seemingly out of nowhere, disheveled smudgy glasses walks across the

room, music sheets falling to the ground. He sits down at the begins to play, and you're so

moved by his passion and intensity that you rise to a thunder-

You're sitting ous ovation.

While this is one of the triumphant moments in "Shine," the picture as a whole left me underwhelmed. It arrived at theaters this week with critical raves and the top prize at the Toronto Film Festival trailing behind it. But like the "Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto Number 3" that its subject successfully masters, it has brilliant, sublimely subtle moments laced in an overpowering, downright bombastic composition.

You can understand writer/director Scott Hicks'

interest in bringing to the screen oddball David Helfgott, a reallife Australian concert pianist whose once-promising career was hindered by mental illness. The movie jumps between the tutelage of his overbearing father to his later years at the mercy of anyone who could put up with his chronic eccentricity.

Seen in his forties, David is a childlike chain-smoker. His milea-minute delivery, about everything from pussycats to the difficulty of the infamous "Rach 3," is delivered with a spastic shake in his voice. How well you like his

character depends on your tolerance for watching a naked man jumping on the trampoline in your backyard.

The movie wears its own creativity like a badge of courage.

with relentlessly arty shots and endless dialogue about devotion to your craft and the power of music that is at the same time stirring and contrived.

Nineteen-year-old David eventually ends up studying at London's Royal College of Music, where he's mentored by an ancient, ascot-wearing Sir John

with corny lines like, "The music is a monster. It must be tamed before it devours you."

Not to say that "Shine" doesn't shine in spots. The most talkedabout sequence involves the young pianist's groundbreaking London concert. His long black hair drips into his face as he plays, then, in the middle of the performance, the scene goes silent so that only the sound of his heartbeat can be heard. Afterward he slumps to the ground in a ball, his pinnacle reached with nowhere really left Gielgud. He coaches his pupil to go Perhaps even better than

what "Shine" shows is what it doesn't. Here are scenes of great subtlety. We are fortunately spared most of the horrors of David's time in a mental institution. Even his sexual initiation (with a drag queen, no less) is m shown with him waking on the London street with a feather boan? around his neck.

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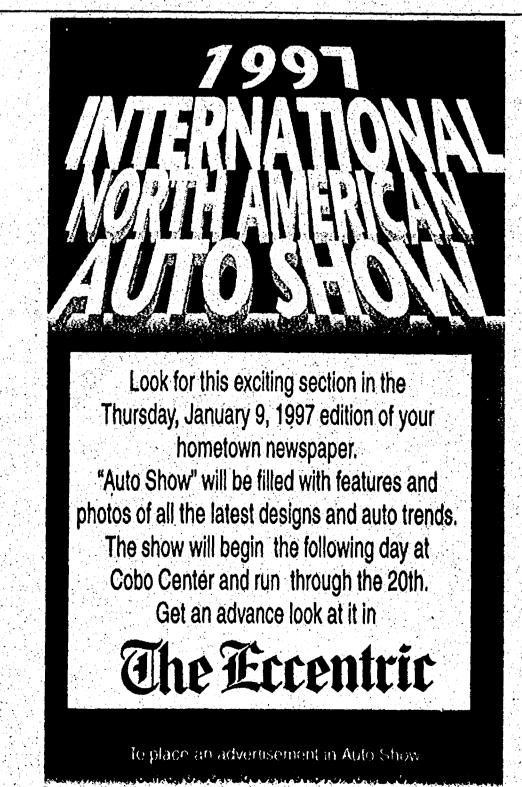


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Capra's 'It's a Wonderful Life' has timeless appeal

BY LYNN ELBER AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The film's hero is a lanky chump, a man unable to escape the grip of the hick town he disdains. There's no sex and little violence in the story, unless you count Clarence the angel biting a cop.

But talk about hit movies: After 50 years, "It's a Wonderful Life" has yet to outstay its holiday welcome. As sure as egg nog and overspending, the Frank Capra film is woven into America's yuletide experience.

We feel George Bailey's pain, again and again. We despair at the fate that keeps him from fulfilling his dreams of adventure, but salute as George selflessly aids his family, friends and community.

We ache with nostalgia for a small-town America of innocence and fellowship we're unlikely to have known and which, we suspect, may have existed only in a Capra-created universe.

In other words, we wallow shamelessly and tearfully in the operatic tragedy and redemption of suicidal George Bailey, Everyman, forced by an angel to recognize the value of his life and to show us the value of ours.

"Frank Capra made you pay

been ouoted as saving. And we have done so, gladly.

Even the 51 minutes of commercials that the NBC U.S. television network stuffed in last year's exclusive TV broadcast of "It's a Wonderful Life" and which could accompany this year's Dec. 21 airing, can't keep us away.

Lawsuits swirling around the picture, thwarted parodies and a small flood of merchandise tied to the 50th anniversary aren't deterrents, either.

And why? Motive and opportu-

Opportunity first. In the

for those happy endings," the 1970s, a clerical error allowed film's star, Jimmy Stewart, has the studio copyright to lapse, and a number of television stations seized the chance to run the Christmas-themed movie for free each holiday season.

> George Bailey's story - the good man who can't shirk his responsibility to the family business, the girl (Donna Reed) who loves him, or the town he keeps from the clutches of greedy Mr. Potter (Lionel Barrymore) became as familiar as Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

> Capra "loved the fact it went into the public domain," says his son, Tom. "It became this exorbitant hit and much more popular than it ever could have possibly been before."

> "He always said, Thank God those fools let the copyright lapse,' otherwise no one might ever have seen it."

That may have been an exaggeration, but it's certainly true that "It's a Wonderful Life" outgrew its modest beginnings.

Although the 1946 film received five Academy Award nominations, including best picture and best actor for Stewart, its box-office performance and reviews were lackluster.

When it debuted, the New Yorker magazine dismissed it as "baby talk" (and has relented only reluctantly: A 1977 New

icky, bittersweet way, it's terribly effective").

It echoed other Capra films in exploring the fight of the idealistic individual against a cynical, greedy villain, but the theme that resonated with Depression audiences proved less persuasive to postwar America.

Contemporary movie fans have proven more open-minded, and film scholars understand why: "It's a Wonderful Life" is a superbly crafted film with much to offer.

"Jimmy Stewart is an incredibly likable performer, and in this film, he's a person who's done nothing but good throughout his entire life," said Jonathan Kuntz of the UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television.

Audiences can identify with Stewart's Bailey and with the spiritual crisis he suffers over the life he perceives as wasted, Kuntz said.

"We also would like to feel that we're being watched over by a guardian angel. That's a wonderful thought. ... And, finally, we also would love to have a happy ending, where everybody is redeemed," he said.

The movie's joyful conclusion, with a reborn Bailey in the arms of family and friends, is excep-

tional for a memorable film, said Howard Suber, Kuntz's colleague, at UCLA.

In most enduring movies, such as "Gone With the Wind" or "Casablanca," the hero or heroine is left to cope with a crucial loss, such as love, Suber noted.

But buoyant populist Capra, after forcing audiences through Bailey's nightmare of how lousy the world would have been without him, didn't abandon us. George would emerge content, darn it, and so would we.

There are measures of the movie's impact beyond audience loyalty. There are the calendars and books spun off by actors in the film (sparking a legal battle with Republic Pictures, which is reasserting ownership rights).

Also noteworthy was an abortive attempt by Comedy Central to create a parody of the film, a plan that fell apart when sister division Republic - both are under parent company Viacom - objected.

Tom Capra thinks his father would have been amused by a spoof. But that doesn't mean he didn't take "It's a Wonderful Life" very seriously. The filmmaker, who died in 1991 at the age of 94, deemed the film his masterwork.

Shine from page E8

including the attractive astrologer (Vanessa Redgrave) who eventually becomes his wife.

At the heart of "Shine" remains the destructive relationship between David and his father (Armin Mueller-Stahl). The movie plays on the obsession of the Polish-Jewish immigrant to keep the family together. Brief hots of him behind a single trand of barbed wire in the ackyard and his gaze at a photo of long lost sisters, hints at the igony of the concentration

While it spends infinite time on their relationship, it glosses over the sisters and mother who also share the house. You'd think that the one sister who comes to visit David in later years would at least fill us in on the family, even if her brother is too preoccupied to listen.

Once upon a time, Australian directors Bruce Beresford, Gillian Armstrong, and Peter Wier mined the country's rich heritage with diverse stories and films. New Zealander Jane Campion ("The Piano," "Angel at

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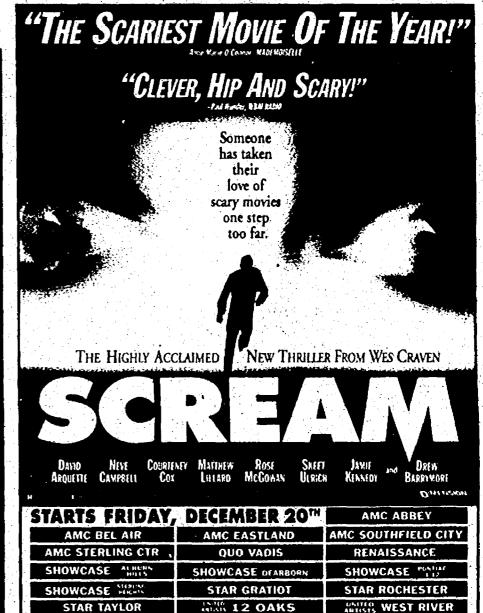
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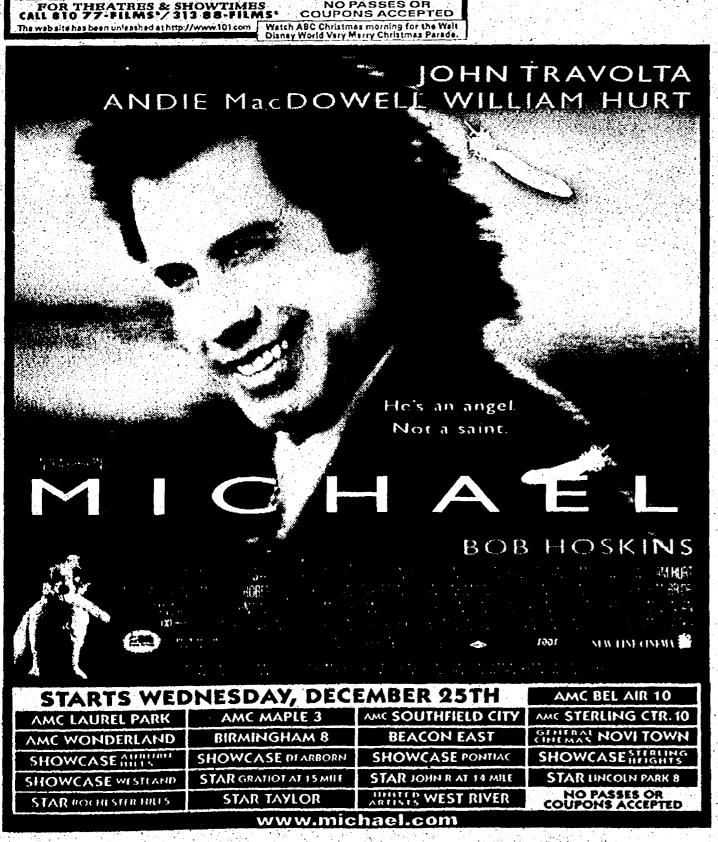
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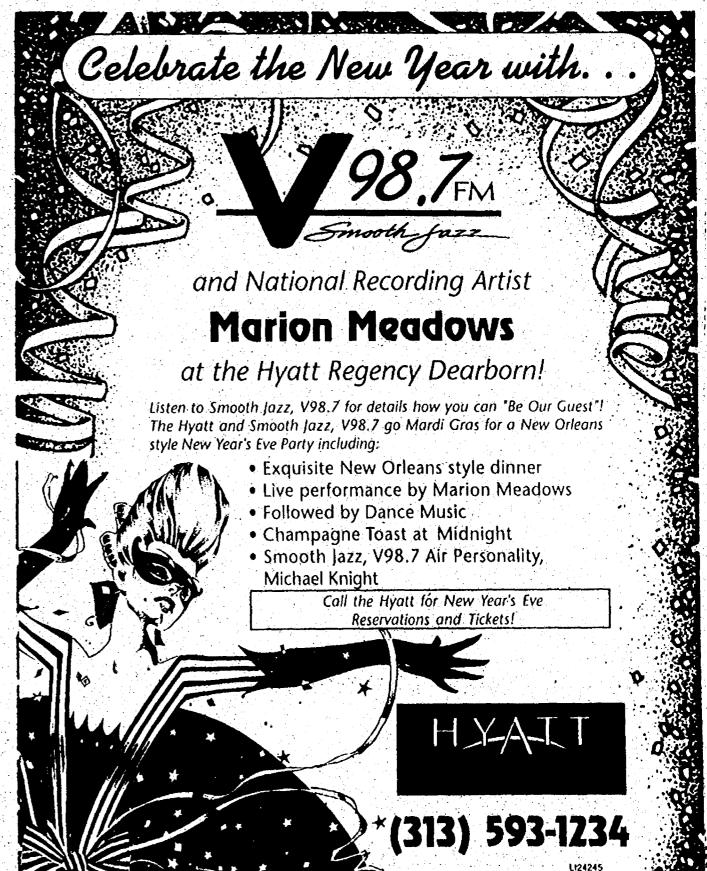
My Table") and now Hicks, representing a new wave of regional cinema, continue to hit the same note in their stories of bizarre, creative individuals driven to the brink of insanity.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.









SCREEN SCENE

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

Birmingham Theatre211 S. Woodward, Birmingham, Call (810) 644-FILM for information (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

The English Patient" (Britain - 1996). Four people meet in a ruined Italian 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.

Magic Bag Theatre 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$6)

■"Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation." Through Jan. 2 (call for showtimes). Last year it played like 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 Theatrell8 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight)

■ "Jude" (USA - 1996). An adaptation of Thomas Hardy's "Jude the Obscure," about a university scholar who falls in love with his cousin. Christopher Eccleston and Kate Winslet star.

■ "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 scram-

bling for the likes of other icy blondes, here Kim Novak. The ambitious 40th anniversary restoration sports new color and a remixed soundtrack.

The English Patient" (Britain - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre

listing above. Maple Theatre4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play

through at least next Thursday,

(810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

"Trees Lounge" (USA -1996). Bugeyed character actor Steve Buscemi makes his directorial 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" (Britain - 1996). See unless noted otherwise. Call Birmingham Theatre

listing above.

Michigan Theatre603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call (313) 668-8480 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

■ "Jude" (USA - 1996). 7, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 20, 4:30, 7 p.m. Dec. 22. See Main Art Theatre listing above.

■ "Vertigo" (USA - 1956). See Main Art Theatre listing above. Redford Theatre 17360 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit.

Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

"The Bishop's Wife" (USA -1947), 8 p.m. Dec. 20, 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 21 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). With a modern remake with Denzel Washington in theaters now, it's a good time to check out the original, with Cary Grant as an angel who gives some otherworldly assistance to Loretta Young and David Niven.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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 Scoffeld and Joan Allen.

"MY FELLOW AMERICANS" Comedy about two unscrupulous ex-U.S. Presidents who have nothing in common but their distrike 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 mate, 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 letting someone get too close. The last thing they expected was to fall in love. Stars Michelle Pfeiffer and George Choney. "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, released 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 8ob Thornton, Owight

"BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD DO AMERICA"

Yoakam and John Ritter.

Based on the MTV television series, this full-length animated feature tells of the misadventures of a pair of sniggering, weak-minded, adolescent heavy metal enthusiasts -Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25

"SHINE"

A Toronto Film Festival award winner about the life and times of Australian planist David Helfgott, a brilliant young musician who is driven to the edge of madness by his authoritarian father.

This offbeat fantasy is about a beer-drinking archangel rumored to be living in lowa, and the tabloid reporter and dog expert who try to track him down.

"THE EVENING STAR" In this sequel to Terms of Endearment." fifteen years tater it is clear Aurora and her grandchildren have not

been living happily ever after. Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 27

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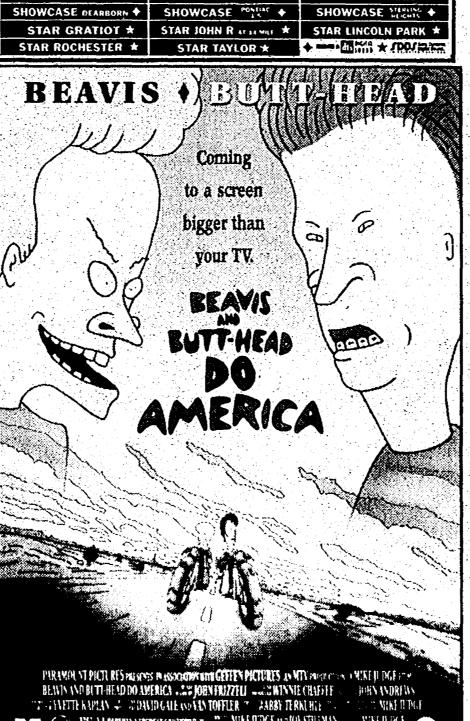
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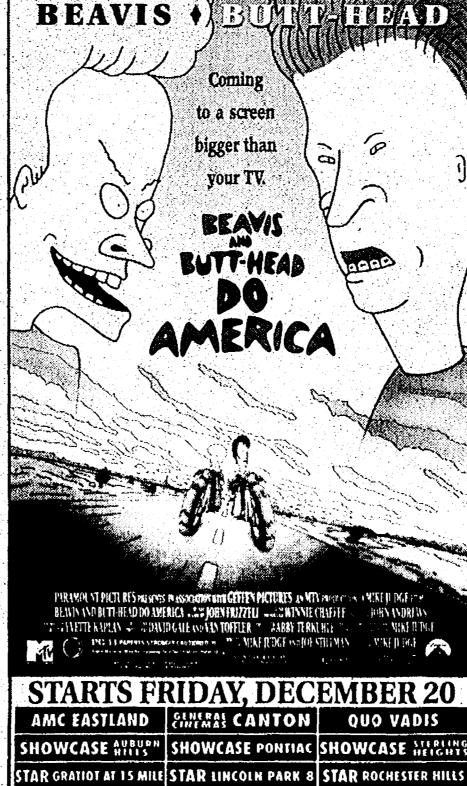
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Love without lust? This desirable

SV/M, near 40, has equal parts of love and just to share with WF, desires a

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Occasionally mature SWM, probably

taller and better looking than you.

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Sincere DWM, 40, 6'3", blonde blue,

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Nice-looking, white repred bussiness-man, 6', 170lbs, seeks very attractive.

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treated like a queen. 727358(exp1/2)

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40, seeks fun-loving, attractive, fit

lady, 21:39, likes skiing, golf, dining and Sunday mornings 12 7357

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lady, age race no barrier, and I love

SEEKING SOULMATE

Nice-looking DWM, 54, 5'9", 145'bs.

degreed, N/S, social drinker, sincere

affectionate, enjoys sports, long

walks, music, seeks S/DWF, 45-50,

ionate, for companionship, possible

NEW GUY IN TOWN

Warm, sincere, handsome, emotion-

ally/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

SERIOUS GUY

SWM, 27, green eyes, spiritual, open-

SOMEONE GENUINE

DWM, 40, 5'6", 150 bs. brown blue

handsome, affectionate, romantic,

passionate, likes to cuddle. Seeking

petite female, 29-39, to share variety

of interests, for a long term, monogamous relationship. All calls

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DWM, 43, 5'8", 150 bs, N/S, 3 teens

Seeking companion for adult

conversation, movies, outdoor fun,

hanging out, prefer slim, intelligent

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cutious, good looking SWM, 39

would like to hear from you.

NICE GUY

Looking for old-fashioned girl, 40+

are you still out there? If so, contact

DOWN-TO-EARTH GUY

SWM. 29, enjoys quiet evenings or

going out. In search of mature SWF, who's tired of games and being alone.

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

43 year-old bachelor, ready to settle

down, 6'2", 190ibs, athletic build,

brown/blue, owns own home; financially secure, college degree.

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Hard-working, active, financially secure, 45, 6', 165lbs, brown-brown,

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One last chance to get this tady DWF 24, long brown/blue, seeks S/DWM 27-32, employed, nohest, sincere...going, going, gonet 57668(exp1/16)

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tet's un-wrap something special idgether. Tall, single mom, stender. very attractive lady, all the good stuff. Seeking tall, emotionally/financially-secure gentleman, NS, social drinker. good attitude. No games!!

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL. SWF. 22, 5'2", brown/hazel, seeks

SWM, 25-40, who enjoys conversation, honesty and fidelity, well-educated: For friendship, fun and possible LTR. \$7716(exp1/16) SMART+SASSY Tall, skim DWF, 36, with feline de-

pendent, wishes to meet S/DWM. In-terests: animals, professional sports. music, cars, movies, museums, dining out, dancing, playing cards, and a good book. \$\frac{17717(exp1/16)}{27717(exp1/16)} ATTRACTIVE

Female, 20, 5'6', 110lbs, enjoys

sports, movies, and traveling. Seeking good-looking. SWM, 19-29: for friendship, companionship, possible relationship. \$\mathbf{T}7722(exp1/16) DOWN-TO-EARTH Humorous, conservative SBPF, 40s average height, stender, no decen

dents, enjoys conversation, travel, music, theater, dining, walking, and sports. Seeking compatible SM, 40-55, must be employed 12 7715

BROWN-EYED GIRL

Altractive, intelligent SHF, 31, enjoys dancing fromance movies, hockey, working out. Searching for a hardworking, fun-loving and sincere gentleman who will make my heart smile. 27737(exp1/16)

SHE'S THE ONE

Sweet, sensuous, smart and gorgeous too, 57, 130bs, MA degreed, early 40s, childless, well-read, into bike fouring, antiquing, cuddling and laughing. Seeking good-fooking, wellarticulate, outgoing guy, N/S.: 7577(exp1/9)

TATTOOED LADY

Attractive DWF, 27, this kid just can't seem to get a break in the nice guy Are there any of you out there? 27.7514(exp1/9)

SEE A SHOOTING STAR

This 26 year-old DWF is looking for her shooting star. I am understanding loving and fun and am seeking the same in you: Come on, take a chance....smile: \$27569(exp1/9) LET'S TALK

SWF, 30, 5'8", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically tit, enjoys working out boating, skiing, fishing, cooking Seeking SWM, 28+, 6+, athletic

financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. \$7442(exp1/2) BEAUTIFUL EYES

SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWPM, 28+, 6+, who's affectionate. taneous and has sense of humor. **☆**7441(exp1/2) WAITING FOR YOU

has been waiting for you as her life. If you're interested in theatre, movies,

antiquing, sharing quality time, I would love to hear (rom you. \$\overline{\pi}\$7439 (exp1/2) NEW TO ME DWF, tall, 50ish, attractive, loves laughter and meaningful conver-

sations, seeks 6', emotionally financially secure, N/S SWM, 40-55 for companionship, etc. I'm a singer work some nights: \$27438(exp1/2) FUN-LOVING REDHEAD Seeking SWPM, 28-38, 5'9"+, prefer

blonds, should be athletic, quick-

witted, intelligent. In exchange, this humorous SWPF, 5'6', athletic girl of fun. 127432(exp1/2) YOUNGER MAN WANTED 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 of roll with attractive WM, 40 sh, with thick hair. 7365(exp1/2) TIRED OF MR. CLOSE ENOUGH Tall, attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", HW proportionate, brown/hazel, un-

married, yet to find right one, enjoys racquetball, volleyball, rollerblading, movies, music, plays, backrubs. Seek-ing tall SWM, 32-45, similar interests, sense of humor. \$77364 (exp1/2) CLASSY LADY: VELVET OR JEANS

Attractive SWF, 51, N/S, 57*, t/m, bru-nette/green, varied interests, enjoys outdoors, dancing, travel, sheater. Seek-ing tall, easygoing gentleman, loyal, sincere, emotionally financially secure,

for mutual spoiling 127362 (exp1/2).

JUST RELOCATED

Attractive SWF, 45, much younger-looking, 65°, 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy guy N/S, prefer big, strong guy. 27360(exp1/2) ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF 49, 5'4", redhead, proportioned.

financially secure, professional, seeks same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movies, quiet

dancing, dining, movie evenings. 127355(exp1/2) LOOKING FOR... SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous.

considerate, kind, caring, sharing, professional, sincere gentlemen for friendship. Must love children. Serious replies only. 277428(exp1/2) ANIMATE NE SWF, 37, 165lbs, auburn/blue plasses, smoker seeks SWM counter part, under 41, who can relate to "Rush" lyrics and Ayn Rand, laughs a

for and learns by his mistakes.

ATTN: CLASSY GENT A classy lady awaits your reply. She's stender, tall, pretty, affectionate,

intelligent and a young-tooking 50, smoker. Call if you're intelligent, tall, over 50, romantic. \$\mathbb{T} 7426(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 relax. 17421(exp1/2)

VEGETARIAN WITH BRAINS preferred, Vivacious, intelligent, white female, activist, 47, 5', slender, compassionate, single, loves: moon-Eght, breezes, laughter, conversation, blues, art, rectures. Seeks playful gentle, spiritual, non-prejudice, N/S.

politically left, quintessential S/DWM, 34-59. \$77420(exp1/2) ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Passionate, European-born DWF. very active, young 50, alone too much. Seeking, tail, honest, available, intelligent gentleman, with a lust for long, to enjoy life's pleasures with. \$\pi\$7012(exp12/26).

IAM YOUR LADY

Good things come to those who wait. Don't let her stip through your fingers. DWF, 50, life affirming, independent, and sassy. Seeking S/DWM, 50-70, for companionship. 127228(exp12/26)

Attractive, energetic DWPF, 38, 57°, httractive, energetic blading, skring, sports, dining, dancing, skring, sports, dining, dancing, seeking tall, handsome, secure man, with a zest for life. Honest, passionate, and romantic. \$\pi\7109\$

HI, WHERE ARE YOU? Tive been tooking for you! Me, widowed WF. 59, 5'2', blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, I fike myself and think you will, too. You, 55-63, honest carring, romantic, and sincere. Let's ta'x!. \$7106(exp12/25)

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE Russian woman, 29, 5'5", 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...

might be your dream come true

Realistic honest, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'11', H/W proportionate, bright attractive, traditional, warm, cozy. outdoors, animals, cooking Seeking clean-cut SWPM, 38-45, 6'+ 7063(exp12/26)

LIVE WIRE

Classy lady, attractive, petite, downto-earth style/humor, caring, sharing. Enjoys conversation, museums, flea markets, day/weekand trips, dining. dancing, specialor sports. If you're similar, and want this superb re-lationship, respond \$7217 (exp12/26)

Sexy, golden brown complexioned 8F engineer, 25, 5'4', 128lbs, independent, Enjoys movies, ficeplaces, pillow fights. Seeking attractive, muscular medium build SM of any race for lasting relationship. Serious inquines only. 177213(exp12/26)

DO I HAVE YOUR BIB?

Widowed WF, young senior, seeks WM, 57+, N/D. Enjoy life, dancing, travel, camping, desires LTR with gendeman. \$\pi7205(\exp12/26)\$

SHORT AND HONEST DWF, 47, seeks SWM, 40-50, honest man. 177203(exp12/26)

HOME COOKED MEALS SWF, 47, attractive redhead, 5'2". curvy figure, good-shape, easygoing honest, sincere, affectionate, financially secure, no dependents financially secure, no dependents. Seeking companion to share happy home-life, good-cooking, movies, dancing. N/S preferred, 43-55. Pets welcome. 176751(exp12/19)

SMART AND SEXY

Attractive, optimistic SWF, 30s, N/S, never married, no dependents, well-educated, professional, slender, sweet, intelligent, blonde beauty. Varied Interests: world-trayeled, music, dancing, sports, country dub gott. Seeking well-educated, accomplished,

fit gentleman 27212(exp 12/26) OLD-FASHIONED

Divorced mother of one, 29, very shy, blondish/brown, blue eyes, 5'7', 110bs, enjoys dancing, oder mills, all winter activities. Seeking caring, true

romantic, sensitive, old-fashioned guy. 77025(exp12/19) **ECLECTIC SLENDER ATTRACTIVE** Brunette, 5'7', enjoys tennis, golf, boating, dancing, gardening, etc., etc., Seeking a gentleman, 50s-60s, 5'10'+, with varied interests, Let's

start out friends. 27061(exp12/19) Attractive DWF, 38, 5'4", H/W proportionate, intelligent, seeks honest, compassionate S/DWM, 38-

45, H/W proportionate, for fine dining, tong walks, and meaningfut conversation. \$\Pi\$7052(exp12/19) YOUTHFUL LOOKING

Attractive, 34, 5'41/2', 115/bs, blonde/ green, mother of one, outgoing, en-loys dining out, movies, dancing, seeks honest, loyal, financially/ emosecure male for companionship 12 7051 (exp12/19) COUNTRY CLUB LADY

Ann Margaret look-a-like, mid-40s, petite 5'2': great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining out, golf. Seeking outgoing, active gentlemen 50-60, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, 5'3'-5'11'. Serious callers only.

5'8"-5"11". Serious callers only.

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Come out, come out wherever you ere. Attractive, sensitive, intelligent, never boting DWF, 46, with varied interests, humorous, financially/ emotionally stable. Seeking S/DWM, 40-60, for friendship, possible LTR. All calls enswered. 127010(exp12/19)

SPECIAL LADY

Outgoing DWPF, 45, medium build, fairly attractive, N/S, financially mdependent, loves children, family, outdoors, traval, theater. Seeking outgoing S/DWM, mature 40-50, faxible, loving, caring, who also loves lids: \$\Pi7009(\exp\)2/19)

ENDLESS LOYE

Well-rounded; humorous SWF, 42, 57°, brown hazel, NS, enjoy sports, jazz, C&W, quiet times at home. Seeking honest, romanto, humorous, mature 5/DWM, 38-52, 5'7"+, N/S who can appreciate me, for possible marriage: \$27003(exp12/19)

YOUNG GINGER ROGERS

SWF, 22, professionally employed, with interests ranging from country swing, battroom dancing, to computers, billiards and the theater. Seeking SWM, professionally employed, gentleman, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first!

SWF, young 51, Seeking attractive SWM, 50+, with foving, passionate nature, to share life, love, and travel in committed relationship. No gamest 7 6912(exp12/19)

SWEET FEELINGS DV/F, 47, 5'7", seeks tall, large-boned male, who loves to smile, kiss, laugh, Kids are grown (or almost), we're employed, supposedly mature, now

HEARING WITH AIDES

could be achieved, by meeting a oute, 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

Romantic, attractive SWF, 48, 5'7".

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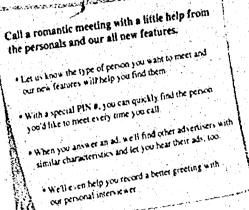
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SM 6'4", 2008bs, blond blue, Seeking

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HELLO IT'S ME

Attractive, never married WM, 43, 510°, 165/bs, blond/blue, Catholic, degreed, N/S, humorous, honest.

Appreciates; class/style, walks, fire signs, music, small towns. \$27021(exp12/19)

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Reaction mixed to Foxtown's Hard Rock Cafe

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Detroit - the home of Motown, techno music, Ted Nugent, Madonna, George Clinton, - is finally getting its due.

In 1998, the city rich in rock history will be home to a Hard Rock Cafe. The rock memorabilia restaurant is the anchor of the \$10 million Columbia Street entertainment project developed by the Ilitch family's Olympia Development Inc., a real estate development company that was established in May to focus on downtown Detroit projects.

The reaction to the news has been mixed. Concert promoter Amir Daiza thinks the addition of a Hard Rock Cafe to Detroit is "a very smart idea."

"I'm glad the Hard Rock people finally realized Michigan isn't the rust belt state they thought it was," said Daiza who promotes shows at St. Andrew's Hall/The Shelter and State Theatre in Detroit, and Clutch Cargo's, Industry and the 7th House in Pontiac.

Dennis White, lead singer and songwriter for Mercury recording artists Charm Farm, thinks otherwise.

"In the grand scheme of Detroit going Vegas, I suppose it makes sense. But you won't see me there unless they're inducting one of Steve's boas into a display," said White, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Steve Zuccaro, guitarist for Charm Farm, often wears feather boas and patent leather pants on stage.

Jerry Millen, a night DJ for

CIMX-FM (89X), is skeptical about the whole idea.

"I think it's good that somebody's trying to bring something to Detroit, but it's gonna be interesting to see if people will come downtown for a Hard Rock Cafe," he said.

"Once the new stadiums are up and we get some winning teams for a change maybe people will go downtown and hang out. What are they gonna do downtown in the winter. It will be interesting to see if it stands the test of time. I wish it the best. I hope it works. But it's gonna take more than a Hard Rock Cafe and a couple casinos to get people to vacation in Detroit. If they want longevity they have to hire me as a consultant."

The planned revitalization of Detroit influenced part of the decision to bring a Hard Rock to Detroit, according to Marcee Rondan, Hard Rock Cafe publicist. But it was also based on "the popularity of music in the city and with the expansion of the Hard Rock Cafe."

Designed as an "avenue of fun" located between the Fox and State Theatres in downtown Detroit, Columbia Street will offer a mixture of entertainment concepts and restaurants. Planet Hollywood restaurant and the House of Blues are rumored to be interested in the city as well.

"Hard Rock Cafe is an integral part of many vibrant urban entertainment zones, and we are very excited to have this great concept as part of our Columbia Street development," said Denise Ilitch Lites, president of Olympia Development, Inc.

"Hard Rock has been an industry leader for years, and the Detroit venue will he a dynamic addition to our city."

The Hard Rock is scheduled to open in 1998, one year before the planned opening of the new stadium for the Detroit Tigers. Detroit's Hard Rock Cafe, a 15,000-square-foot, two-level project, will contain a 200-seat restaurant with the capacity for live music, a 30-seat bar, and separate merchandise store. The company celebrated the opening of its 63rd Hard Rock Cafe in Capetown, South Africa, on Sunday, Dec. 15.

"Hard Rock Cafe considers it an honor to be part of the Detroit community; whose people have a rich cultural and musical heritage. As Hard Rock Cafe is a proven destination location, we believe our commitment to the Columbia Street development will provide incentive for other businesses to join us in support of the complete rejuvenation of the surrounding area," said Jim Berk, Hard Rock president and chief executive officer.

Publicist Rondan said that she isn't sure what will be included in the Detroit restaurant. The corporation keeps a warehouse filled with music memorabilia that is rotated throughout the restaurant chain on a regular basis.

"At any different Hard Rock you go down to there's so much different stuff on the walls. I went down to the one in Key West and there's a Jimmy Buffet guitar there. It's makes sense. It's his home," said Rondan of



In style: The proposed Hard Rock Cafe for Detroit will honor Detroit's rock and roll heritage and sport a 1920's style architecture to fit between the Fox and State the-

the Sherman Oaks, Calif.,-based PR firm Mitch Schneider Organization.

Concert promoter Daiza said he hopes to see memorabilia from some of the acts he's brought to town in the new Hard

"I'd like to see a lot of the shows that we brought this city in the last 15 years. I think they can take it to the next level. phernalia. But owner Nino

That's what we're doing at Clutch Cargo's. I've got memorabilia from when we started 15-16 years ago. That's what I'm gonna do. I'm going to put old postcards and pictures on the walls," Daiza said.

The restaurant concept is similar to Royal Oak's Metropolitan Musicafe, which has been home to Madonna, Was (Not Was), Aretha Franklin and other paraCutraro doesn't see it as competition for his restaurant/night

"I don't think it will affect it at all. I've been there 10 years. I've got pretty much a hard core crowd that has been going there for a long time. They have their memorabilia, I have my memorabilia. It's good if people compare. I think it's a good thing to come to Detroit," he said.

RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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HOLIDAY

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to join them in sharing the holiday spirit. Lunch, followed by show with music, dancing and sing-a-long.

NEW RESTAURANTS

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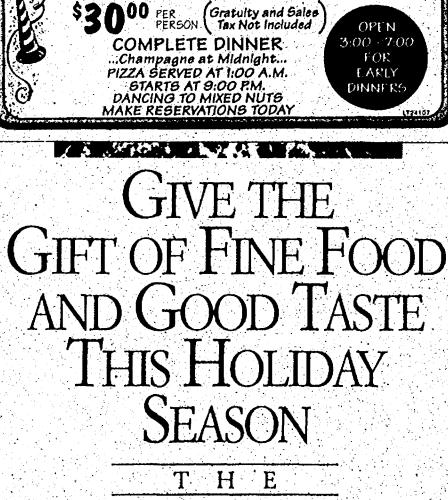
COOKING CLASS

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MEDICAL RIEFS

Vaccine needed



All Michigan 4-year-olds who plan to attend preschool will need a Hepatitis B vaccine by Jan. 1 according to a new state law.

The disease, commonly known as Hep B, is a serious public health problem that affects people of all ages. A Teport by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention cites more than 240,000 people are afflicted each year to the liver-attacking virus. Infection can lead to liver cancer and death.

By administering three Hep B shots, health officials hope to curb the spread of infection by the year 2020.

Holiday blahhs

Oakwood Heathcare System is offering these tips to beat the holiday blahhs:

- Start new traditions, especially if you've lost someone around the holiday season. By starting a new tradition and carrying it on for years to come, the holidays may begin to feel more comfortable.
- Participate where you can so that you do not feel isolated. Participate at a level which you feel comfortable, but do get out.
- Take care of yourself by reading a good book, writing letters or listening to quiet music.
- Volunteer your time, enabling yourself to meet new people and help lift the spirits of others around you.
- Talk things out so that you don't feel so alone.

 The goal is to avoid depression.

Avoid toy tragedies

In an attempt to decrease the number of toyrelated hospital emergency room cases, the Detroit Medical Center is advocating five safety tips in time for holiday buying: toy selection, supervision, interaction, storage and maintenance.

The DMC advises shoppers to follow the age and safety information on toys as well as supervising children during play time. Adults can do this by joining the child's play time, and safely storing all the toys once play time is over. The group also advises regular maintenance checks of all the toys.

New study

Sinai Hospital is currently conducting a twoyear study on a new investigational pill to control blood pressure and possibly slow the progression of kidney diseases in adult onset diabetes (Type II), and they are seeking patients.

Participants of the study must be between 30and 70-years-old and must have adult onset diabetes with protein in the urine. Diabetes can be controlled by diet, pills or insulin and there must be no history of heart attack or stroke in the past three months or a history of cancer. Participation in the study will include doctor's exams, lab tests and study medication at no charge. Study visits may be conducted at Sinai Hospital in Detroit or at the Hechtman Health Center in Bingham Farms.

For information call (810) 647-1770.

Helping nurses

Medical emergencies and accidents can happen to anyone, any time, especially aging parents, the physically challenged and latch key children. Health Watch personal emergency response system offers the secure feeling of never being home alone.

The system is sponsored exclusively by Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) Support Services. Health Watch is regarded as the safest personal response system on the market today. The compact Health Watch console comes with a water-proof personal transmitter that can be worn around the neck or on the belt. The transmitter allows the subscriber to summon help instantly with the push of a button, without leaving a bed

Health Watch costs \$30-\$35 per month depending on the model plus a one-time installation. To order, call (313) 875-7736.

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Good vibrations: Joanne Clough of Westland relaxes to the healing touch of a therapist's hand.

Healing hands

Energy flows through touchless therapy

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STORY BY SPECIAL WRITER DIANE GALE STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

ntering a room in the Sinnett Livonia Health Center, the lights are dimmed and a woman is making circular and swaying motions in the air above a client lying on the table.

It looks likes massage without contact and for the first-time viewer it was as unusual as a scene from "Star Trek." Apparently, however, the technique is becoming more and more popular.

Therapeutic Touch, which was developed in the 1970s by Dr. D. Krieger, works with the idea that pain, stress and illness cause an imbalance that can be felt in the human energy field outside the body.

The work of different healers, like Krieger, has been combined to form the Healing Touch technique used at the center. Mainstream doctors have begun to crack the door allowing Therapeutic Touch practitioners to assist during surgeries and in hospital rooms during the healing process.

Standing in the hallway at the center, Joanne Clough of West-land just finished a treatment.

"I feel at peace, serene, more balanced and a lot calmer," she said of her first treatment at the center. "Actually, I think it was more than I expected. I actually felt the rush of energy in my body."

Crystal Rutkowski and her husband, Gerald, sat in the center waiting room one recent Wednesday evening before "having energy work done."

"I feel at ease afterward," Geiald said. "It releases you. You don't feel as tense. It's like someone opens a valve."

Crystal added that she was glad she came with her husband, because Healing Touch makes her so relaxed that she wants to sleep afterward and since Gerald is there he can drive home. She also wanted Gerald to get involved so they can share the experience and strengthen their marriage bond.

The idea behind Healing Touch is that there is energy outside the body where a person hurts and is just as present as the dust that Pig Pen of "Peanuts" fame

puts out, explained Kathy Sinnett, a registered nurse, certified Healing Touch practitioner and instructor and director of the center.

The holistic technique is based on the concept that people should work with the body, mind and spirit.

"We're using energy to allow the body to heal itself," Sinnett said. "This can help. You don't have to take a doctor's word that nothing can be done. There's so many (holistic) things available."

Healing Touch practitioners, who usually study around 2.5 years to be certified, brush away pain as they work through blocks in clients' energy fields.

But if you think that Healing
Touch uses mind over matter to
conquer problems, you're wrong,
Sinnett said, because people who
don't think Healing Touch will
work have noticed benefits afterwards. In fact, wounds heal in
one-10th the usual time, she
added.

One center practitioner, who is also a nurse who works in the hospital, was called in after a patient who had open heart surgery failed to stop bleeding. After a short time using Healing Touch, the bleeding stopped.

Healing Touch might be helping outside hospital rooms, too. Carol Janowski, 40, said she "really liked" Healing Touch because between that and vitamins it has helped control her asthma.

"I was taking a lot of asthma medication and I was on an anti-inflammatory drug and it also doesn't help the immune system," the Livonia resident said. "Between the holistic medicine and vitamins it helped build my immune system. I'm having less problems with my asthma."

Susan Jacobson, a Milford resident, who had breast cancer and was treated with radiation, told another story about how Healing Touch helped her.

"I came here to get all the radiation out of my system and to get my vibrations back to normal,"

Jacobson said.

Less than one year after the surgery and after only a few months of Healing Touch, Jacob-



Out with the bad: Therapist Wendy Sarasin works to remove the negative energy from first-time visitor Lynda Pietryka of Livonia.



Double dose: Janice Fron, an apprentice of Kathy Sinnett's (right), works on a patient fastasleep.

son said she was pleased with the results. Healing Touch can be done without a doctor's orders, because no invasive work is done.

People who don't believe Healing Touch is valid often say: "I only do what my doctor says," or "It's coming from the devil," Sinnett said.

"This is not religious-based, but energy-based," Sinnett said. "We're working with physics."

In fact, Healing Touch isn't only for humans. Animals are often treated by Healing Touch practitioners.

"We treat them and show the

animals' families how to do it,"
Sinnett said adding that she
foresees holistic home health
agencies with practitioners making home visits sometime in the
near future.

A walk-in clinic at Sinnett
Holistic Health Center is held
Wednesday mornings and nights
and Saturday mornings. The fee
is \$15. Scheduled appointments
for Healing Touch, massage and
personal consultations are also
available at different rates.
Classes on various holistic techniques are taught at the center,
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Physician practices



Dr. Μ. Hazem Raslan, M.D., is affiliated with Oakwood Healthcare System through his internal medicine

Raslan practice. Raslan completed his pulmonary fellowship at Sinai Hospital in Detroit and his internal medicine residency at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. He practices out of offices in Ypsilanti and Wayne.

Raslan is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and has been involved in research.

Primary care

Dr. Irene C. Metro, M.D., will be the primary care physician at Oakwood Healthcare System's center at Central City Parkway and Warren Road in Westland. She joins Oakwood from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in North Carolina where she received advanced training in nephrology, which focuses on kidney disease, hypertension and diabetes.

Oakwood Healthcare Center-North Westland offers programs and services for the whole family. It focuses on the health care needs of women.

Internal medicine



Dr. Syed I. Mobin, M.D., is affiliated with Oakwood Healthcare System through his internal medicine practice.

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Mobin Mobin completed his critical care fellowship at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., and his internal medicine residency at Oakwood Medical Center-Dearborn. He earned his medical degree from Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan. He practices out of offices in Ypsilanti and Wayne.

Athletic medicine



Ryan

oversee the center's orthopedic surgeons, athletic trainers and physical therapists at six locations. The Center for Athletic Medicine provides team physicians for the Detroit Red Wings, Lions and Tigers.

Before joining Henry Ford, Ryan, a U.S. Army Medical

Corps colonel, was commander and director of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He had been director of the U.S. Army Sports Medicine Fellowship and Basic Science Training programs and chief of Extremity Trauma as well as the orthopedie surgeon to the Army's burn unit and to Randolf Air Force Base. The West Point graduate received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Physical therapy

Jeff Sirabian, a physical therapist with a master's degree, is owner of Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists. The firm's second physical therapist clinic recently opened at 30691 Wixom Road in Wixom. Sirabian is a graduate of the University of Michigan, where he studied physical therapy, and did his graduate work in orthopedics at the University of Indianapolis. He is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association. There is also a facility at 9368 Lilley, Plymouth.

Staff addition



Peacock

Peacock is the new director of marketing and public affairs for the Livonia-based International Hearing Society. Peacock

Glenn L.

holds a bachelor of science degree from Eastern Michigan University. In his new position, he will be responsible for developing and directing the international professional association's total marketing efforts, including membership development, annual convention and exhibit, member affinity program participation and member marketing support programs. He was formerly director of public relations for the society.

Media specialist Laurie L.



Rorrer

Healthcare System. She will assist with fundraising events, open houses, VIP visits, groundbreak-

Rorrer has

been named

events media

specialist for

Oakwood

ings and other major events. She previously served as

account manager for Hedge & Company in Southfield.

Rorrer earned a bachelor of science degree in public relations from Eastern Michigan University.

Pediatrician practices

Dr. Charles Goddard, M.D. has joined Oakwood Healthcare System. He comes to Oakwood from Ohio where he completed a pediatric residency and medical school at the Medical College of



Ohio at Toledo. He also completed an internship in combined medicine and pediatrics at the University of Michi-

gan. His interest in pediatrics stems from his childhood kidney problems. necessitating a kidney transplant when he was 11. His father donated the kidney, and both are doing well after 20 years. Goddard is a Grosse Ile resident whose wife is also a physician. He practices out of Riverview.

Media staffer



George

Township has joined Oak. wood Healthcare System as a media relations specialist in the

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marketing and corporate communications depart-

She will be responsible for the development of media as well as community and public relations. She previously was at Hutzel Hospital as a public information specialist. She earned a bachelor of science degree in journalism with a public relations concentration at Central Michigan University.

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GET YOUR SHOTS

Effective Jan. 1, 1997, children attending Michigan child care facilities must be immunized against the Hepatitis B virus. Oakwood Healthcare System will offer Hepatitis B clinics at its locations in Canton, Garden City, Livonia and Westland, among others. The price is \$10 per person and you must bring immunization records. For information, call 1-800-543-

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JAN. 2-13

STOP SMOKING

The City of Livonia will sponsor a "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. The seven-night program will be held at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road in Livonia. Sessions will be Thursday, Jan. 2, Monday through Friday, Jan. 6-10, and Monday, Jan. 13. Sessions will be 7:30-9 p.m. Donations are accepted. For information, call Livonia City Hall at (313) 421-2000, Ext. 351.

THURS, JAN. 2

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.

TUES, JAN. 7

HEARTSAVER CLASS

A BLS Adult Heartsaver Class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Fee \$20. Call (313) 655-2922 to register.

JAN. 9 AND 16

INFANT CARE

St. Mary Hospital will offer an Infant Care Class 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 and 16, in Pavilion Conference Room A of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. The class will be taught by a registered nurse. The first session will be "Getting To Know Your Newborn." The second will focus on "Caring for the Sick Infant." Price is \$18 for one session, \$35 for both. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-655-1615.

JAN. 14-FEB. 6

DIABETES

St. Mary Hospital will offer a program for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes." The

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Forgive me if I for 1996 I wanted to include in my Christmas column something I haven't written about before.

I found a different holiday angle by visiting the Web site of the Albion Monitor in Albion, Mich.,

http://www.monitor.net/monitor to take a look at "Santa's Little Sweatshop" by Jeff Elliott. The links here included "All the News That Shrinks To Fit," "A Media Tale of Two Bombing Stories," "The Environmental Good News' Industry," and "Global Russian Roulette." Looks interesting but to read these stories thirds of the above items can required authentication with a user name and password. So let's move on.

> Another thought was to get information on having an environmentally-friendly holiday ways to be kinder to Mother Nature at Christmastime.

accessed be at 66.html for Christmas 1995. But http://www.sdearthtimes.com/et1 Don't buy at Christmas. Dive, these days, points to Energy in collection and disposal costs.

who the San Diego Earth Times' resident eco-radical (Robert Naninga) takes on the holiday in his own inimitable style.

Three options are offered: use the artificial tree; use a dead tree; or buy a live tree and plant it in your yard after the holidays. This is fine for San Diego, but not so sure about Michigan. Anyhow, Naninga offers this final option: "I look forward to the day when we all take the lead of the Little Drummer Boy and arrive with nothing but the gift of music."

The Christmas Dumpster Diving site was interesting, to say the least. This site begins with the advice: "No time of the year has richer trash pickings than the Christmas season. And it just happens to be the time when finding free presents for your Try "T" is for Tinsel which friends and family can have the most positive economic impact.

294/et1294s8.html to find out baby, dive! Think of it as your Efficiency During the Holidays own personal 100 percent off sale taking place right behind the store and you're the first in line for the rest of your life!"

The Webmaster here also suggests that poinsettias are best left in the warm soil of Mexico and decries the number of kittens, puppies and bunny rabbits that will turn up dead a month or so after Christmas. Unfortunately, the language at this site goes way beyond the standard of this family newspaper so this URL won't be shared.

The above suggestions came from Adam Gaffin of Network World in Framingham, Mass. Gaffin went to the Excite search engine at http://www.excite.com and in the search field typed "Christmas cards and environment."

Donna Wair, the librarian at Vanderbilt University who I find

http://www.ns.doe.ca/action21/gti ps/energy5.html from Environment Canada.

Among the tips are: five watt holiday light bulbs use 30 percent less energy and last 65 percent longer than the standard size seven watt bulb, use a timer on holiday lights to shut them off automatically; double the light from one holiday light by putting a reflector behind it; and the microwave uses less energy than conventional ovens. There are other tips you'll see when you visit the site.

EnvironmentaLetter Online at http://laird.ccds.cincinnati.oh.us/ ~olsonm/el/out of Cincinnati. Scroll through the back issues to December 1994 and find an article on Christmas tree recycling, a practice in which Austin, Texas, was a pioneer in 1985. my self turning to more often. Austin now saves \$20,000 a year

Boulder County, Colo., dumped 5,000 Christmas trees into area lakes to shelter fish and attract bugs for fish to eat.

Green-minded users also will enjoy the Northwest News Home & Garden site article "Don't Trash Christmas" by Cathy Har-

http://www.nwnews.com/nnissues/v16n07/home12.html. Harmon also urges buying live trees and talks about recycling Christmas gift wrap.

Another article promoting an environmental holiday is "What You Can Do For Christmas To Help the Environment" site at http://www.wa.gov/ecology/news/ 95-196.html.

Emory Daniels may be reached E-mail emory@oeonline.com. Past columns are archived on line at http://oeonline.com/~emoryd/a rchive.html.

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CORRIGAN KUDOS

Corrigan Moving Systems. Farmington Hills, was recognized for special professional achievement during the United Van Lines Inc. annual convention in Puerto Rico. Announcement of the recognition was made by United President Robert J. Baer. Corrigan, an agent of United Van Lines Inc., received the President's Club award, signifying achievement of at least \$1 million in sales for the United system during the past year. Corrigan was recognized at the \$12 million level.

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Modern Moving Company of Livonia is a recipient of American Red Ball Transit Company's 1996 sales and hauling award. Sales awards received by Modern Moving Company are in the categories of Total Sales and COD Sales. American Red Ball is the oldest interstate moving company in the nation.

PADGETT LAUDED

For the second consecutive year, Padgett Business Services has been recognized by Accounting Today magazine with the "Award for Achievement in Client Service." Padgett was given one of three Gold Medal awards for demonstrating a commitment to quality, innovation and client service. Padgett was cited for the Padgett Reality Check, an innovative financial tool that allows clients to gauge their competition.

CALL HOME

The FirstClass Phonecard, a new rechargeable prepaid calling card, is available through the U.S. Postal Service thanks to an alliance with American Express. The card is now available in most major post offices. The promote the card, Detroit District post offices are offering customers purchasing a minimum of \$20 in phone cards between now and Jan. 15 a free \$5 card. The card is rechargeable through any major credit card.

NEW GROUP

Bozell Worldwide Advertising formed Parallel Creative, a company hired to expand interactive communications capabilities for the private sector. The group has developed web sites for Padron Cigars, the United Way Community Services, the Vietnam Monument Commission of Michigan and Hush Puppies Companies. They have also completed a series of interactive advertisements for Chrysler. Sam Ailuni, of Bloomfield Hills, will lead the new group consisting of five new hires: Peter Arndt, of Farmington Hills; John Gregory, of Toledo, Ohio; Cristina Lorenzetti, of Orchard Lake: Scott Margolis, of Sylvania, Ohio; and Deb McGuire, of Royal Oak.

COMPANY RECOGNIZED

Metalec Steel Abrasive Company. Canton, has earned Supplier Quality Certification from Brillion Iron Works Inc., one of the leading independent foundries in the United States. Receipt of the award recognizes Metaltec Steel Abrasive Co.'s achivement in meeting Brillion standards for product specification, continous improvement and cost competitiveness which not only assures Metaltec of current business with Brillion, but also guarantees preferential treatment for additional business.

PARTNERSHIP CREATED

The state's largest small-business advocacy group is teaming up with two of Michigan's premier health plans to offer affordable health coverage to smallbusiness owners. The new program will offer HMO and Point of Service plans to Michigan members of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) at the start of next year. Coverage will be provided by M-CARE, the managed care organization designed by the University of Michigan, and Priority Health.



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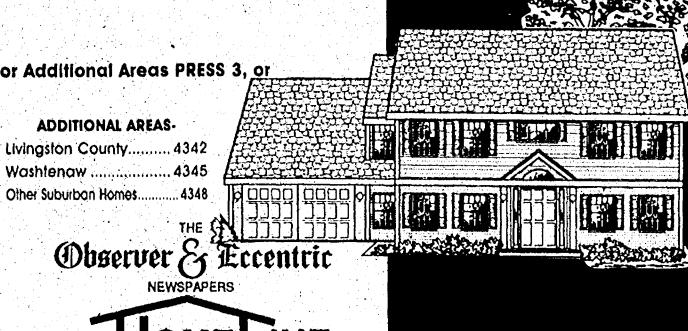
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Entries must include an essay of 150 words of less giving examples of how their small or home business meets these criteria. The grand prize winner will receive \$25,000 in cash, Okidata products and free consulting services for a total package worth more than \$30,000.

Entries must be received by 11:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Wednesday, Jan. 15 1997. Twenty finalists will be selected and one will be chosen as grand prize winner.

Contest forms and copies of the official rules are available from local Okidata dealers Naragon Business Machines in Redford, (313) 537-4330, and Omega Office Systems in Livonia. (313) 261-4544.

Mr. Blackwell will help to judge the contest.

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

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

Professional on board



Technology Division of Rehmann Robson. She joins the firm as a software Straka

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support specialist for iMIS. Association Software. Straka previously worked for EG&G Structural Knematics as a staff accountant for 3 1/2 years. She earned a BA from Walsh College.

Berline Group

Chip Rabey of Wixom has joined The Berline Group as pro-

duction artist. Rabey was previously a graphic designer for Rock Financial. A graduate of Michigan State University, Rabey holds a bachelor of arts degree. The Berline Group Inc. is headquartered in Bloomfield Hills.

New president

Stuart C. Snyder is the new president and chief operating officer of Feld Entertainment Inc. Snyder will also take a seat on the company's board of directors. He will be responsible for overall management of the company, with finance, marketing, human resources and tour and business operations reporting to him. Snyder joins the company from Turner Home Entertainment, a division of the Turner Broadcasting System, where he had served as executive vice president and general manager since 1994. Feld Entertainment is based in Vienna, Va.

New manager

Russell Olexa has been named press relations manager for G. Temple Associates, a Southfield-based business-tobusiness marketing communications agency. Olexa, who has 20 years of experience in advertising, public relations and news

writing, will be responsible for editorial development and press relations activities. Prior to joining Temple, Olexa was marketing manager for Fairlane Products Inc.

Coming back

Hilary Brazin, of Livonia, has rejoined Stone, August, Baker & Company as assistant account executive. In her new position, Brazin will work on various accounts including: Weight Watchers Group Inc., FW Family Corporation and Durakon Industries Inc. Before rejoining the agency, she served as assistant broadcast negotiator for spot buying at J. Walter Thompson in Detroit. Brazin holds a bachelor's degree in advertising from Michigan State University.

New hires

Ravinder Voruganti of Westland is one of three engineers newly hired by Virtual Engineering, a mechanical engineering and design firm headquartered in Plymouth. Joining Voruganti, a design engineer whose duties will include product management, mechanical design and analysis, are Kevin Riutort of Ann Arbor and Bill Peless of Grandville, Mich. Voruganti previously was a design engineer with TVS Electronics India and earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech.

Appointments made



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ager at the Westin Hotel inside the Renaissance Center. Detroit. The Redford resident will be responsible for sales to Detroit-area corporate, union and sports team clients. A member of the National Business Travel Association and Meeting Planners International, Opple

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Sales associate Al Iafrate, formerly of Diamond Lincoln Mercury Inc., has joined McNabnay & Associates the Ritz-Carlton and Hyatt Inc. Commercial Real Estate as a sales associate. The business is Regency. Other appointments made were Brenda Chretian of based in Bloomfield Hills.

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BUSINESS DATEBOOK

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TUES, JAN. 7 **BUSINESS OWNERS**

The Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan will meet on the first floor of the 777 Building on Eisenhower and State Street in Ann Arbor. There will be a mixer activity 6:30 p.m. with the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Jeanne Ballew will discuss "Unforgettable Introductions: How To Make a Memorable First Impression." Price is \$10 for nonmembers, free for members. For reservations, call Monica Milla at (313) 944-2133.

MONDAYS

BUSINESS WOMEN

Suburban West Business and Professional Women meet on the first Monday of each month at the Holiday Inn at Six Mile and I-275. Networking is 6-6:30 p.m. and dinner is 6:30-7 p.m. A short business meeting is then conducted. Cost is \$13 and reservations need to be made. For information, call Laura Hathaway at (810) 669-3547.

WEDNESDAYS

GROUP MEETS

NAWBO West meets 7:30-9 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial, west of Plymouth Township. The network is for women who own and

operate their own businesses to provide support and share solutions. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for guests, which includes a continental breakfast.

BUSINESS NETWORK

The Laurel Park chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at Richard's Restaurant, 39305 Plymouth Road at Eckles, at 7 a.m. every Wednesday. Call Tim Rosiak, (313) 459-3781, or Al Mughannem, (313) 427-5355.

FRIDAYS

BUSINESS NETWORK

The Livonia chapter of Business Network International, a networking organization specializing in business referrals among members, meets at the Comfort Inn on Middlebelt Road near I-96 at 7 a.m. every Friday. Call (810) 357-0430 or (313) 844-3432.

TUES-FRI

HELPFUL TIPS

The Southeast Michigan Career Service routinely holds no-cost sneak peaks on the job market of tomorrow. Topics discussed include: the job market, present and future; the traditional resume and why it no longer works; and traditional job search techniques, which are considered obsolete. The 1 1/2-hour sessions are held: 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; 12:30 p.m. Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. Friday at 29444 Northwestern Highway, Suite 500, Southfield. Reserve a spot by calling 1-888-JOBOLOGY.

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eight sessions will be 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 14 through Feb. 6, in the Pavilion Conference Room B of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Information on self-care and successful management of diabetes will be provided. The \$75 fee includes a support person. To register, call (313) 655-2922 or 1-800-494-1650.

JAN. 11-MARCH 1

ADMINISTRATION

Madonna University will offer "Nursing Home Administration II." The course will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on eight consecutive Saturdays. Price is \$285, plus \$10 course fee. For registration information, call (313) 432-*5*731.

MON/THURS, JAN. 13 & 16

SMOKING CESSATION

"Smoke-free Living" will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital Lower Level Conferuncu Room E. Fee \$25. (313) 6552922 to register.

THURS, JAN. 16

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mary Hospital will hold a blood drive 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Rooms near the south entrance, off Levan Road near Five Mile in Livonia. Employees, volunteers and members of the community will donate. For information, call Cheryl Delaney at (313) 655-2980.

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AIDS CLASS

St. Mary Hospital will offer a premarital AIDS class 11 a.m. to noon in Pavilion Conference Room B, near the south entrance of the hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Those who wish to marry in Michigan are required to receive information about sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS. Registration required. Price is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To register, call (313) 655-3314 or 1-800-494-1615.

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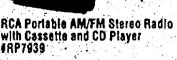
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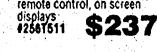
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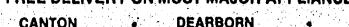


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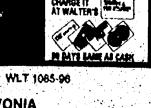
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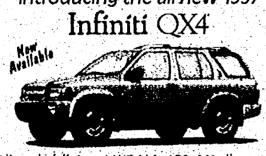


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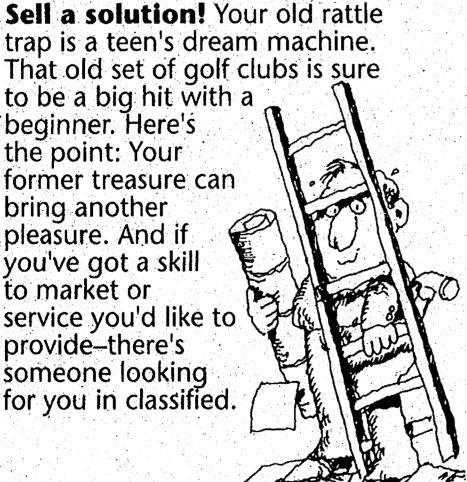
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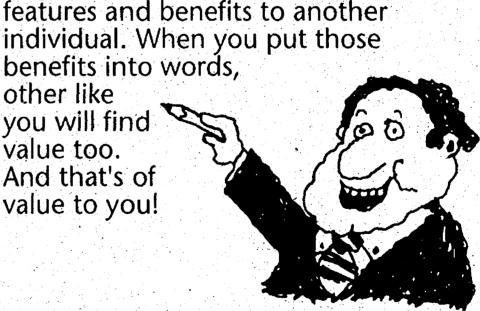
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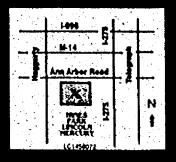
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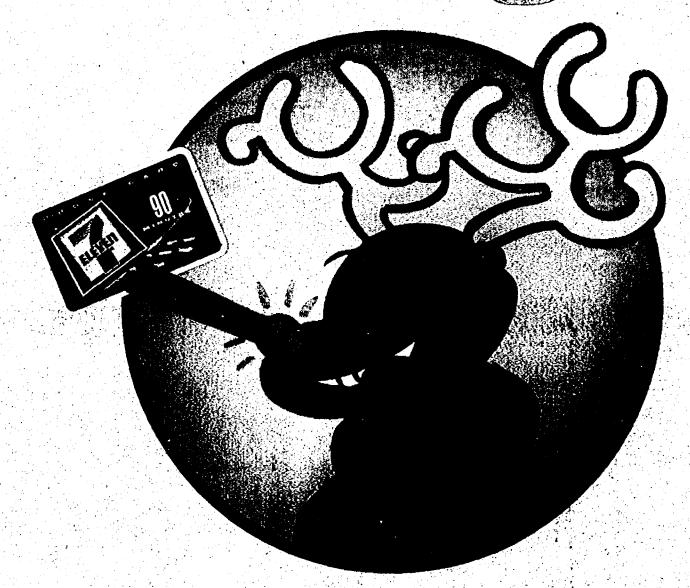
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Martin forms Legacy



Ted Martin

Editor's note: the headline on this item last week was wrong.

Ted Martin, broker/owner of Coldwell Banker Legacy on Wayne Road in Westland, has switched affiliation from Red Carpet Keim.

Martin, a Northville, resident, has acquired the professional designations of Graduate Realtors Institute and Real Estate Alumnus of Michi-

His agents bring an aggregate of 250 years experience to the business.

Baker earns B.A.



James Baker

a Realtor with ERA Rymal Symes of Novi, recently earned a B.A. degree in business administration from William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills.

James Baker.

Baker, a Livonia resident, also has been honored for exceeding ERA's National Customer Satisfaction Survey average of 91.4 percent.

He specializes in residential resale and new construction.

Lipinski received CRS

Tom Lipinski, sales associate with Chamberlain Realtors in Birmingham, has been awarded the professional designation of Certified Residential Specialist.

Pliska at NAR convention

Robert J. Pliska, president elect of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors, recently participated in the National Association of Realtors annual convention and trade exposition in San Francisco.

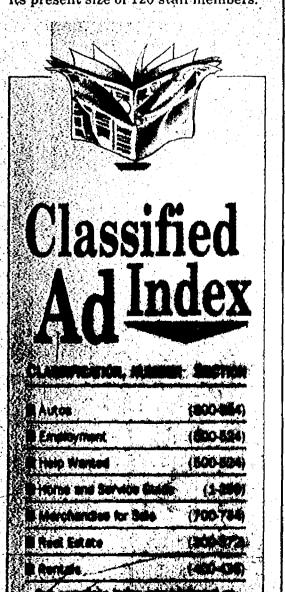
Pliska is president of the Birmingham-based Property Services Group.

McCliment will retire

William C. McCliment, P.E., president of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, a Livonia-based consulting engineering firm, will retire at the end of this year, completing 35 years in the civil engineering profession.

McCliment was responsible for many of Livonia's sewer, water and storm drainage projects.

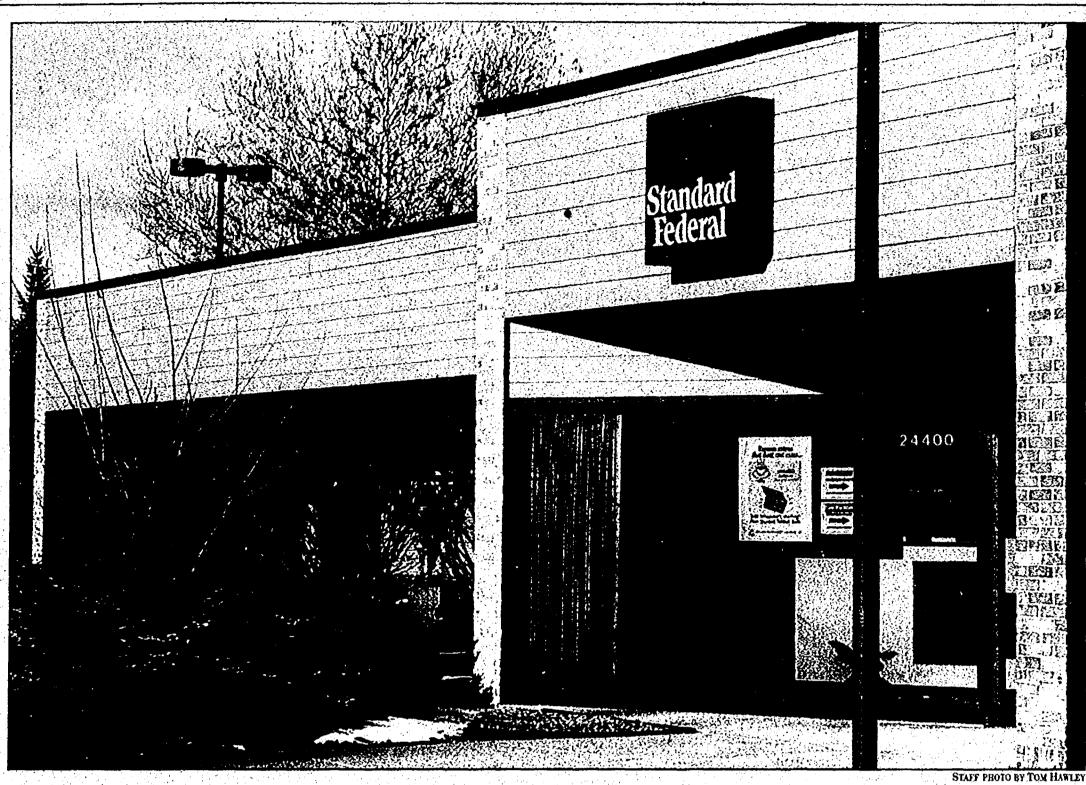
During his tenure, OHM expanded from its original size of 15 people to its present size of 120 staff members.





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Carry on: Branch and mortgage services should remain the same - as will the name on the wall - after Standard Federal Bank undergoes an ownership change next year, banking officials and analysts maintain.

Bank to stay course after sale

BY DOUG FUNKE

"The story is stockholders sold out for a ton. Customers and employees will be relatively unaffected."

That's how Justin Moran, a banking analyst/consultant, summarizes the purchase of Standard Federal Bank, Michigan's leading residential mortgage originator headquartered in Troy, by a bank in The Netherlands.

ABN AMRO last month offered to pay Standard Federal stockholders \$59 per share or twice book value, which Moran described as the theoretical liquidation value of the compa-

"I think stockholders ought to be delighted," said Thomas R. Ricketts, chairman, president and CEO at Standard Federal. "I think they are, by the calls and letters I've been receiving."

"It's a very good deal for stockholders," Moran said. "Most of them will have a very substantial gain."

Standard Federal's stock sold at \$8.25 per share when first offered in January, 1987. As recently as June 30, the stock hovered at \$38.50.

Some 32 million shares are held by 5,000 owners, mostly institutional investors like pension and mutual

Howard, director of research for First of Michigan Corp., said of the acquisition offer. "We've obviously had high regard for Standard Federal as far as management capabilities and as an

investment." Standard Federal long has been regarded as a likely takeover target.

"Everything was right," Moran said. "All measurements of performance were on a positive trend - deposits, loan value, mortgage originations, profitability, efficiency ratios."

Thousands of families in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties have mortgages or savings deposits of one kind or another at one of Standard Federal's 84 metro branch offices.

The thrift is servicing residential mortgages with an aggregate value of \$20 billion, all of which it originated.

"I think our branches are well placed for convenience," said Ricketts, a Bloomfield Hills resident. "We have outstanding service. We have full complement of product.

"We also have fast service," he said. "We have our own appraisers, lawyers, originators, closers. When you come to us, you don't have to

"The bank is still independent. Insurance on accounts remains. We'll

"We think it's a good price," Tony have the same people serving them state will save more jobs than any with new and better products and all kind of merger." the old ones," Ricketts said.

difference," Moran said.

Mortgages, certificates of deposit and other loan agreements are legal contracts whose terms must be honored by financial institutions that acquire other institutions.

Competitive forces will come into play as far as checking fees and credit card terms are concerned, analysts

"Banking, even with consolidation, is still very competitive," Howard said. "I don't think necessarily we'll see an increase in fees."

One area that expanded service may result in, according to Ricketts and analysts, is commercial lending

Standard Federal, which employs 4,000, doesn't anticipate immediate reductions in the work force.

"ABN AMRO owns LaSalle (Home Mortgage) in Chicago. There's no overlap here." Howard said. "If someone locally had bought (Standard Federal), there could have been more lay-

"There's no consolidation possible." Ricketts said. "All branch people will remain. Essentially, this kind of merger with a fine bank from out of Some unspecified layoffs, however,

"Most customers will never notice a in the back office at headquarters booking, computer services and auditing, Moran speculated - are expected over the next year or two. "Standard Federal has been a very

efficient operation," Moran said. When we went on a refinancing frenzy five years ago, a lot of mortgagers hired new people. "Standard Federal hired very few

people. They cross-trained people who had been tellers, customer service people, bookkeepers to fill in on a temporary basis," he said. The tale of the goose that lay the

golden egg gives another lesson in not: making too many radical changes with an acquisition.

"If they make substantial changes, they may put at risk what they bought," Moran said.

"We have an outstanding service and profit history," Ricketts echoed. "They don't want to come in here and chase away customers and profits."

Standard Federal has branches in most Observer & Eccentric communication

The sale is expected to close by midyear 1997 pending regulatory and shareholder approvals.

Perhaps attorney can motivate this condo board



MEISNER

at the bottom of low rolling land with water running down to the side of my property. There is a similar problem on the opposite side, but there is a drain to relieve the situation. Also, there are other buildings which emit the water from a sump pump towards my condominium, mainly in the winter when they have an extended plastic pipe which drains to my building.

I have been complaining for a number of years, but to no avail. The present manager wants me to tear down my basement walls.

Two sides of the basement have been affected and have caused extensive damage in the basement. The master deed indicates that the association is only responsible for repairs which are exposed. Since it is the fault of the layout of the condo-

minium property. I feel that they should repair the problem from the outside. While they are recting the water, since the township has regarding warehouses being converted to con- should not be construed as legal opinion.

Q. My condominium is situated, authorized them to do so, they seem not to be in a hurry to do so.

Do I have any recourse?

A. Problems concerning the repair of condominiums are common place, and the association has a responsibility to investigate and determine the extent and nature of the problem, whether it is the association's responsibility, and how best to resolve the problem. The board does have a great deal of latitude to determine when and how the problem will be resolved, but ultimately to the extent that the problem is causing immediate and serious damage to the common elements and/or to individual co-owner's units, the board does have a responsibility in this writer's view to move to correct the problem in a timely fashion.

The association is always potentially liable to coowners for failure to discharge its responsibilities by way of maintenance, repair and replacement, to the extent set forth in the documents. Perhaps a letter from your attorney will move the association along in discharging its responsibilities.

finally attempting to fix the problem by redi- insight into recent developments in Cleveland 48025. This column provides general information and

dominiums on the waterfront and whether this is a viable option here in the Detroit area.

A. I welcomed your question as an opportunity personally to examine the "Flats" area in Cleveland to see the type of development that is going on there. Light rail has been recently added, and a number of old buildings, including old warehouses with high ceilings, are being converted to apartments and condominiums. The interest is apparently there, as well as the financing.

The areas are surrounded by other amenities including restaurants and shopping. Such development in the Detroit area could also be existent with the proper stimuli. I encourage your interest in our city and suggest that Cleveland is a clear example of how it can be made to work.

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 see discussed in this column, including questions about condominiums, by writing Robert M. Meisner, Q. I am wondering whether you have any 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms MI

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observerarea residential realestate closings recorded November 18 - 22 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan Listed below are cities. addresses, and sales prices.

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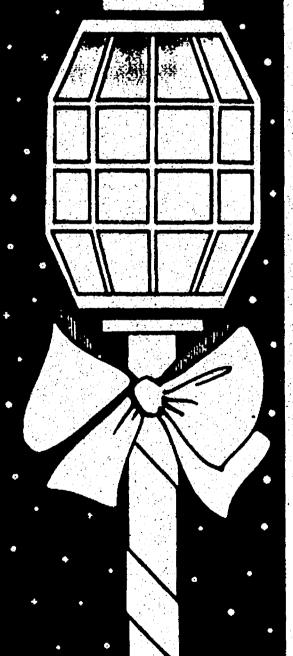
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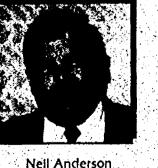








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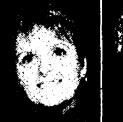
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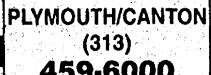
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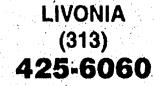












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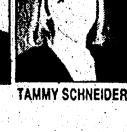
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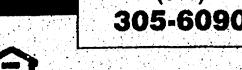


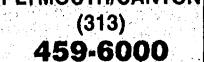




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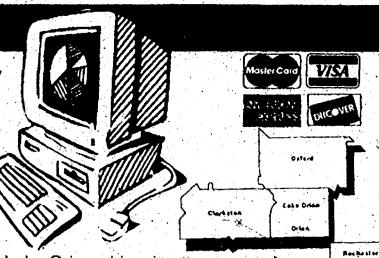
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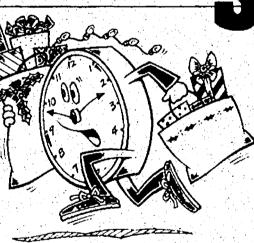
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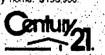
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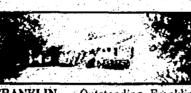
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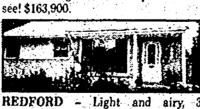
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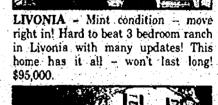
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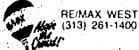
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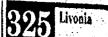
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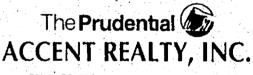
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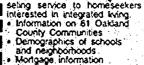
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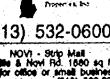
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Blair Building of Bloomfield Hills is the developer/builder. Dominick Tringali, also with a Bloomfield Hills practice, is the architect.

"You definitely get that resort feeling here," said Paul Verona, director of new construction for Blair. "You go in the front door, go back to the deck and it's instant relaxation. It's very quiet here."

"Our site is the best available on Grosse Isle," said Carol Bollo, sales representative. "It's wooded. We're the only existing site that has the ability to do walkouts or lookouts at the basement level. We also have canal lots available.

"Another thing going for us is small," Bollo said. "It's not a massive subdivision."

"Grosse Isle is a charming, small-town community," Verona said. "Everyone seems to know everybody. There's just a lot of warmth."

Several golf courses, yacht clubs and a small airport also are on the island.

Tringali has prepared seven floor plans for Golf View Shores, but those are just a jumping-off point.

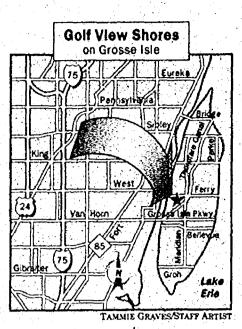
"Most of his work is custom," Verona said. "This is a guideline, a good place to start. If they like a certain element of one plan, they can work with myself or sales people to combine it into a different floor plan.

"We try to be flexible, make sure people get what they want," he said.

Price ranges from \$493,000 for a two story of 3,400 square feet with four bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$619,730 for a two story of 4,270 square feet with four bedrooms, three full baths and two half baths.

That's on one of the six base lots. Lot premiums range from \$4,500 to \$150,000.

Included as standard features in all of Tringali's designs for Golf View Shores are three-car



garage, fireplace, air conditioning, first floor laundry and basement.

A dishwasher, double oven, cooktop and microwave in the kitchen, jet tub in the master suite, ceramic or hardwood floor in the foyer, ceramic in all baths and six recessed lights also are included at base price.

The model, a 3,000-square-foot two story, carries a base price of \$430,000.

The main living area features a den with French doors, living room and dining room separated by a columned arch and further defined by either side of a cathedral ceiling, kitchen/nook with island and built-in desk, and family room.

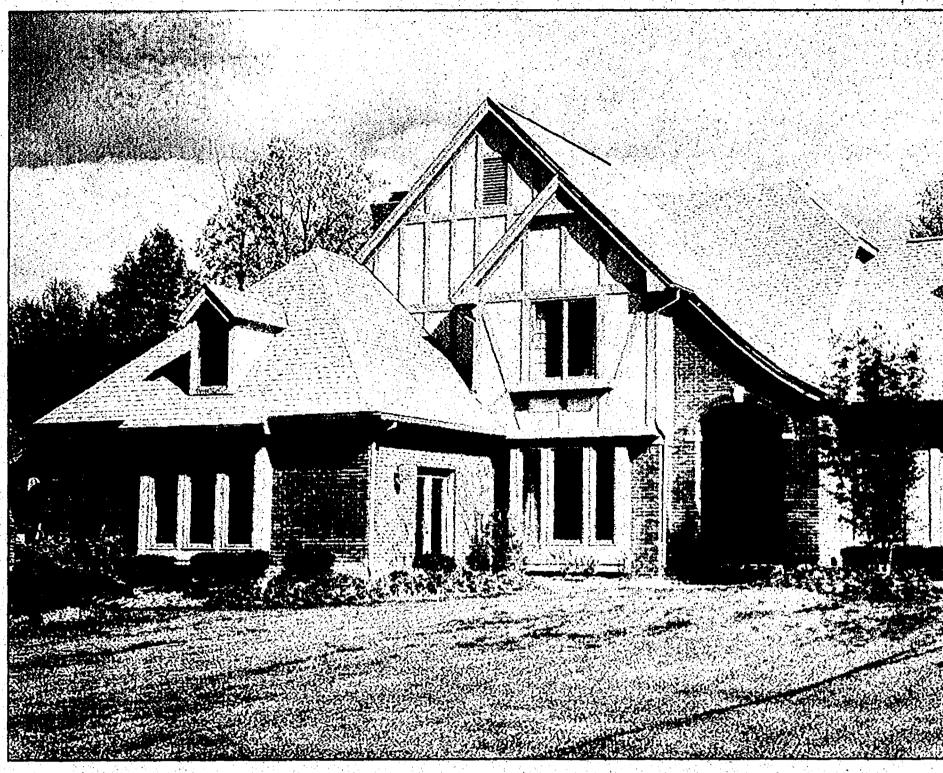
All four bedrooms are upstairs. The master suite has a pan ceiling in the sleeping area, peaked ceiling in the bath. The master also has separate vanities, with a make-up/sitting area attached to one, separate tub and shower and a walk-in closet.

Three other bedrooms and a second full bath also are unstairs

Price of the model, with upgrades and landscaping, is \$495,000

Verona said he suspects most

"The main purpose of a model is to show craftsmanship of the builder," Bollo said. "They will build anything you want. You can come in here with your own plan and they will build it for



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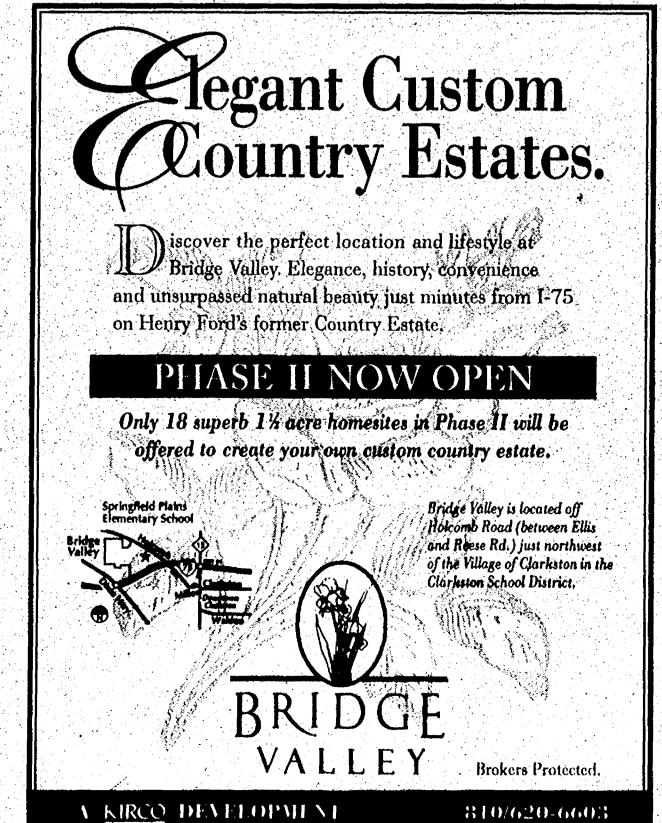
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Generally, the shorter the initial fixed rate period, the better the rate is going to be to start with. But normally, all will be lower than a 30year fixed-rate mortgage.

Choose the loan time period based on how long you think you will be in the home. Compare rates because the difference varies overtime. For example, assume you plan on moving in five years and the fiveyear ARM rate is 7 percent, while the sevenyear rate is 7.125 percent. For this small difference, you probably would take the extra 2 years of security.

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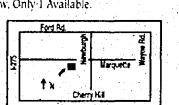
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Architect and client make first hard choices



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The project I began discussing last week is going to form the basis for an ongoing series of articles that I hope will illustrate the process that a homeowner undertakes when using the services of an

services of an architect. Last week discussed the process of buying the land and the program or list of rooms that were to be included.

Initial versions of the project were lean and fat free, with a very modest foyer - no walk-in closets or socializing area in the kitchen - and totaled 3,300 square feet. Increasing the size of the fover, adding more storage space and making the kitchen larger have significantly contributed to the 800-square-foot increase in the size of the house. At a proposed budget of 125 per square foot, these area increases will cost my client an additional \$100,000. Although I really do not want the project to cost more

than intended, it is my professional obligation to inform him of the new budget for the project. Giving them the bad news as soon as it is known usually makes things easier in the long run.

One of the more difficult struggles we have had with this project is deciding what the skin (exterior material) would be made of. Initially, the client requested a very low maintenance material. This lead me to some exotic architectural-grade materials including cast-in-place concrete and/or a few different kinds of sheet metal including Core-Ten steel (the kind that appears rusted and is used on bridges and overpasses), zinc and Galvalum. All low maintenance and all rejected either due to cost or unsuitability.

Brick is an obvious choice, but the way it is commonly used as a veneer is somehow immoral. In the end, brick was used for portions of the house but never as a veneer and only in a load-bearing mode. The client likes the fact that there are some interior walls that are exposed brick.

The remaining major portion of the exterior is a 3/4-inch tongue-and-groove wood siding; either red cypress or redwood, which will be determined in subsequent phases. The decision to use wood can be traced back to both budget and aesthetics. A wood-veneered skin can range from \$6-8 per square foot, a brick veneered skin costs \$7-9 per square foot, and a metal skin can cost \$8.50-11.50 per square foot. Wood and brick are indigenous in the Midwest (funny, though, how the wood species being considered come from either California or the Deep South) and we feel that there will be greater harmony with the neighborhood. The study in sheet metals was informative, and the client was interested in the zero maintenance aspect of the material - it was I who rejected the material as being too boring!

We will however use lead-coated copper for all flashing and gravelstops on the project. Windows can be high maintenance items as well, and there are lots of options here for reducing the upkeep. Our first choice was to use a high-performance commer-

cial grade aluminum window. Then I happen to look at Frank Lloyd Wright's Affleck house in

Bloomfield Hills and noticed that he had windows milled out of cypress that matched the exterior skin of the house. In doing more research, I found a western mill that can make windows out of redwood and another in the South which can make them out of cypress, and so I will let price and appearance make the final decision for me.

We have spent a fair amount of time discussing the heating and cooling for the house, and I will admit that this is a bit unusual because most houses in this part of the country use forced air heating and cooling. The initial cost of these systems are the lowest, but their long-term costs are high due to their inefficiency, and this is certainly the case when it is realized that this house will be occupied by one or two adults who like to wear sweaters!

The system of choice is a gasfired hydronic in-floor system. It is invisible – no ducts, radiator or grills, and the house can be zoned off in any way one desires so that if just 30 percent of the house is being lived in, the temperature of those other areas can be set as low as one pleases. Each zone can have its own thermostat, and the house can use minimal fuel and still be extremely comfortable.

In addition, these systems provide heat on the floor where it is required and are great for providing even heat throughout a space without dust and drafts.

The neat thing about these systems is that an installer can run auxiliary lines below walks and drives to melt snow and ice. There is nothing like stepping onto warm ceramic tile after taking a shower in the winter.

Unfortunately, there are some drawbacks to this heating system, and they are the lack of humidification and the lack of air conditioning. Adding humidity to the dry winter air is essential and can be handled by the use of permanently installed humidifiers that are plumbed and hard wired. Each unit can handle an average floor and are modest in price.

Air conditioning is a more expensive problem to solve and can be partially solved by using the passive solar techniques including cross ventilation, higher ceilings, operable windows, ceiling fans and/or whole-house fans and southern overhangs and deciduous trees. This will provide comfort on all but those six to 10 days when the temperature is 100 degrees and the humidity is nearing 100 percent. For those days Sanyo makes an outstanding ductless air-conditioning system for those critical areas like bedrooms and kitchens - the cost is high, and it may be less expensive to install central air and no furnace.

We have even discussed floor finishes, which is a little bit premature but is essential to the overall scheme. The client saw cork tiles that I used on another

project and really likes the natural quality of this product along with its acoustic absorbency and comfort under foot. It is actually much more durable than one would imagine – I have been in a house built in the 1940s that still has its original cork floor in place, and it looked good, real good!

Years of waxing the cork tile gives it a deep warm quality. Other areas will use a synthetic commercial closed-loop carpet, which is very architectural and relatively cheap. Baths will be tiled, and that can range from \$4.\$ 100 per square foot — it is too early to tell what it will be.

So, with the end of schematic design just around the corner, we have designed the entire house in a topical manner. I believe the client is pleased with the design and I know that I am. This house answers the challenges the client and the site set before me and does so in an elegant manner.

Well, that is all for now, but we will check back on this project next month to see what has transpired.

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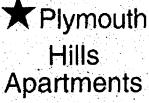
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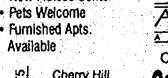
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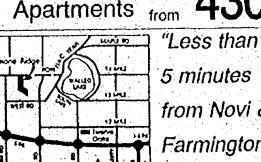
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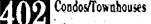
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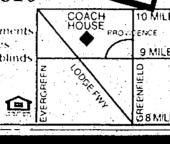
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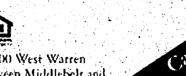
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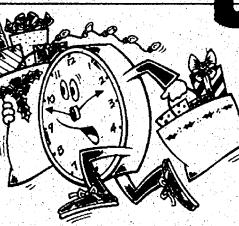
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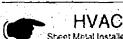
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Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspaders, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Elsea elected director

Richard S. Elsea, president of Real Estate One, a family-owned dompany headquartered in Farmington Hills, has been electdd a director of the Realty Alliance.

""Our members dwner/operators of large, full-service, residential firms with multiple offices currently representing over 50,000 salespeople and a significant support staff," said Harley E. Rouda, vice chairman.

"Our goal is basically to move forward in products and services and, with the onset of better technology today, to better utilize that for home buyers and home sellers," Elsea said.

Real Estate One has 31 offices. Realty Alliance is headquartered in Dallas.

Interactive marketing

The Prudential Great Lakes Realty in Clarkston has launched an interactive marketing display called window talk. The computer-based display features houses for sale in Oakland and Genesee counties.

thru-glass keypad design that enables passers-by to inquire about any home displayed in the window. The person simply touches the property's code number on the pad, then listens to an audio description of its features.

At the end of the audio, the person may leave a name and number for further information. The display area holds up to 100 properties.

The Clarkston office is at 32 South Main.

Hotel sold

Los Angeles-based Windsor Hospitality Group has purchased the Radisson Suite Hotel in Farmington Hills for \$9 million.

Windsor expects to implement

ment plan in January, including suite furnishings and technological enhancements.

The four-story hotel, located on Grand River near 1-275 and 10 Mile, is eight years old. Amenities include 137 suites, indoor pool and Periwinkle's restaurant and lounge.

New mortgage office

Homestead Mortgage, headquartered in Southfield, has opened a new residential mortgage branch in Saginaw.

"It was actually a stroke of luck that we were able to hire nearly the entire staff of the former First Central Mortgage Corp. which was located in Saginaw," said Dennis Carr, Home-

The system utilizes a special a \$1 million property improve-, stead executive vice president.

First Central was closed in August after it was purchased by Independent Bank of East Lans-

Real estate investors

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a seminar, "Everything You Wanted to Know About Real Estate But Were Afraid to Ask," 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 7, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost is \$10 for non-members. Beginning landlords interested in a free introduction package should call Wayde Koehler, president, at (313) 277-4168.

Home ownership

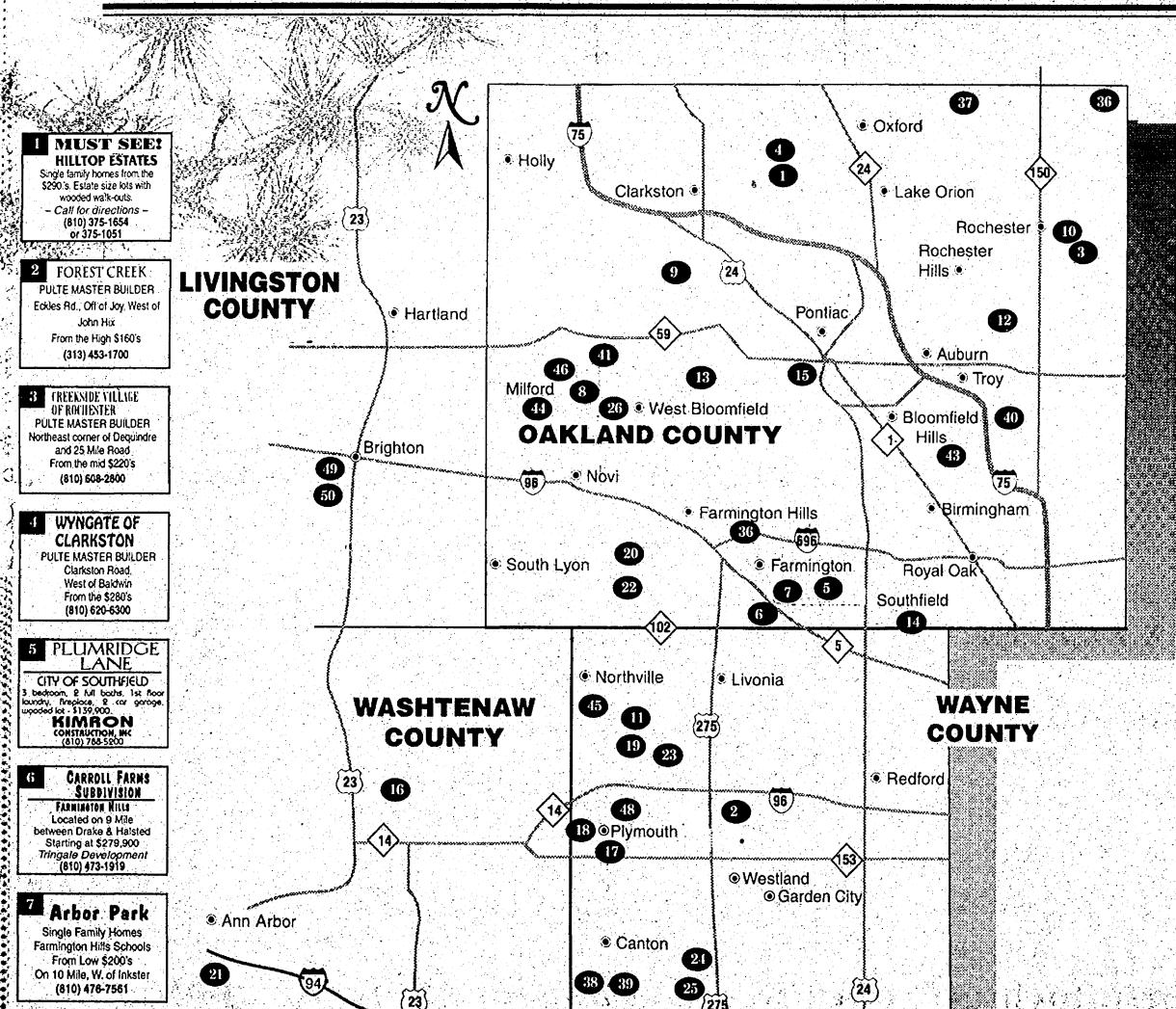
registry accounts

Ross Mortgage of Oak Park and MCA Mortgage of Southfield are among the first local firms to establish a special savings account to help newlyweds acquire a down payment for a house.

An interest-bearing, insured account, similar to bridal registries at department stores. allows newlyweds to accumulate cash from family and friends to purchase a house in lieu of traditional wedding gifts.

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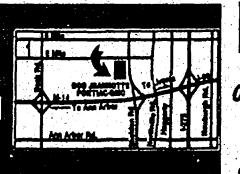
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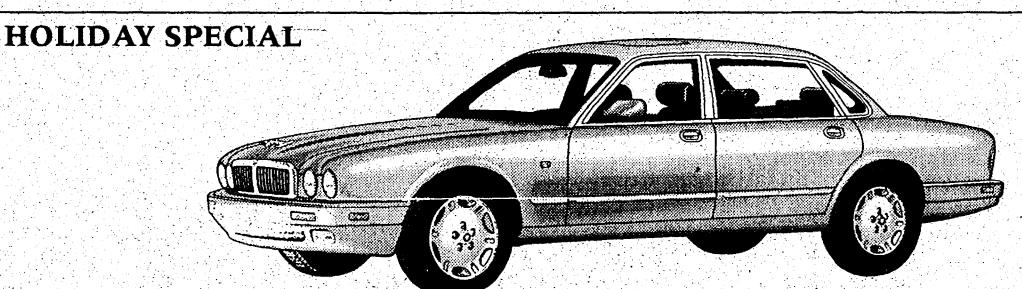
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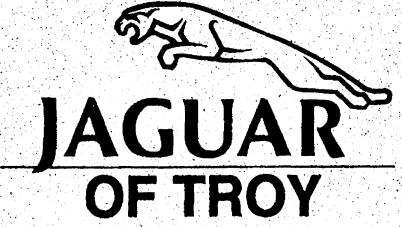
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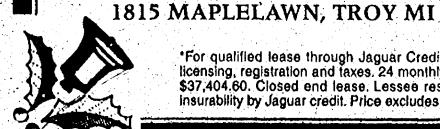
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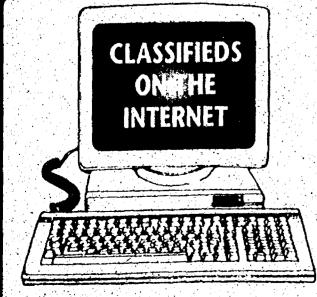
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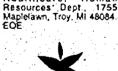
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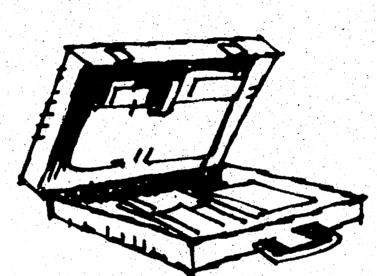


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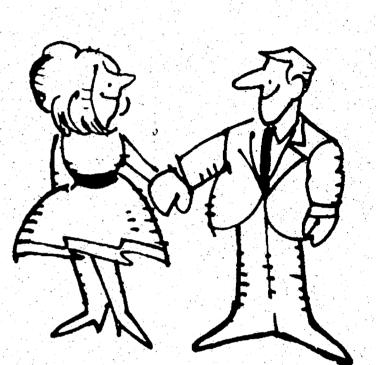
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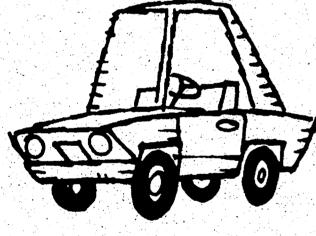
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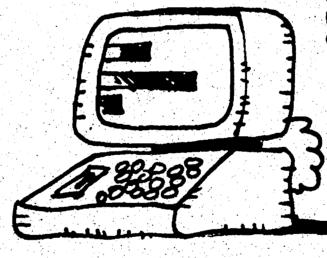
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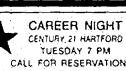
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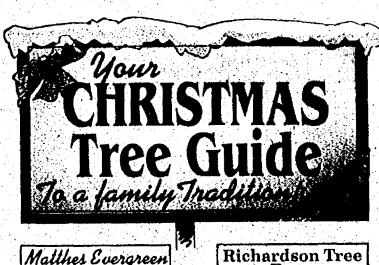
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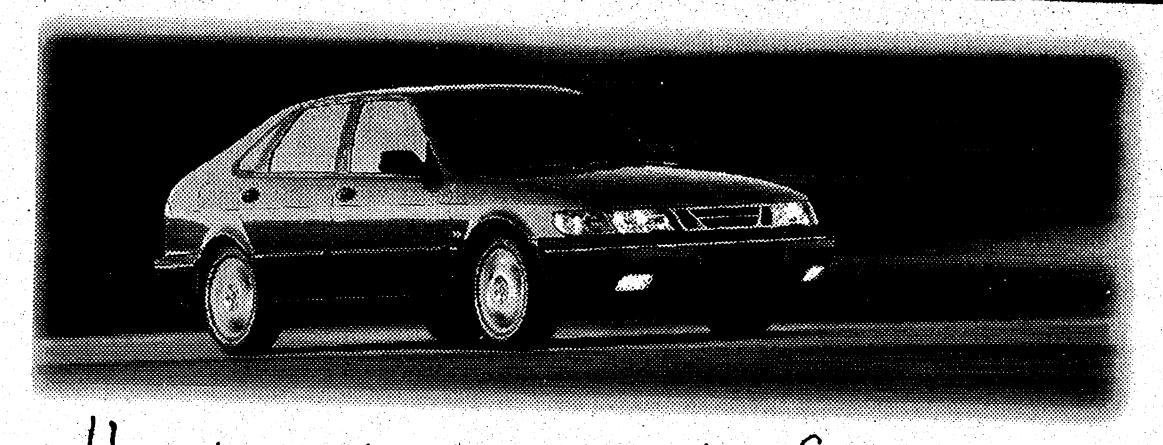
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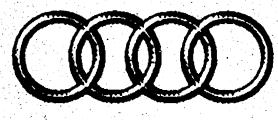


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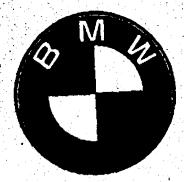
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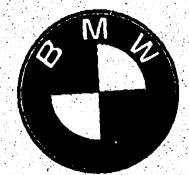
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