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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Holiday concert:** A winter concert, featuring the Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble performing seasonal works, will be at 7:30 p.m. today at Radcliff Center, 1751 Radcliff Road in Garden City.

### MONDAY

**Blood drive:** Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Red Cross blood drive 2-7:30 p.m. at the church, 32430 Arin Arbor Trail, Westland. For information, call (734) 278-2071.

**White Christmas:** The deadline for the guaranteed white Christmas contest is today. Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can enter. Draw a poster of what your house would look like covered in snow on Christmas Day. Entries must be brought to the Bailey Recreation Center by today.

**Council meets:** Westland City Council meets at 7 p.m. at Westland City Hall, Ford Road, west of Wayne, in Westland.

### TUESDAY

**Fine art:** The Livonia Arts Commission presents mixed media works by Nancy Pitel at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

### THURSDAY

**Surplus food:** The city of Westland will be having its surplus food program at the Dorsey Community Center 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

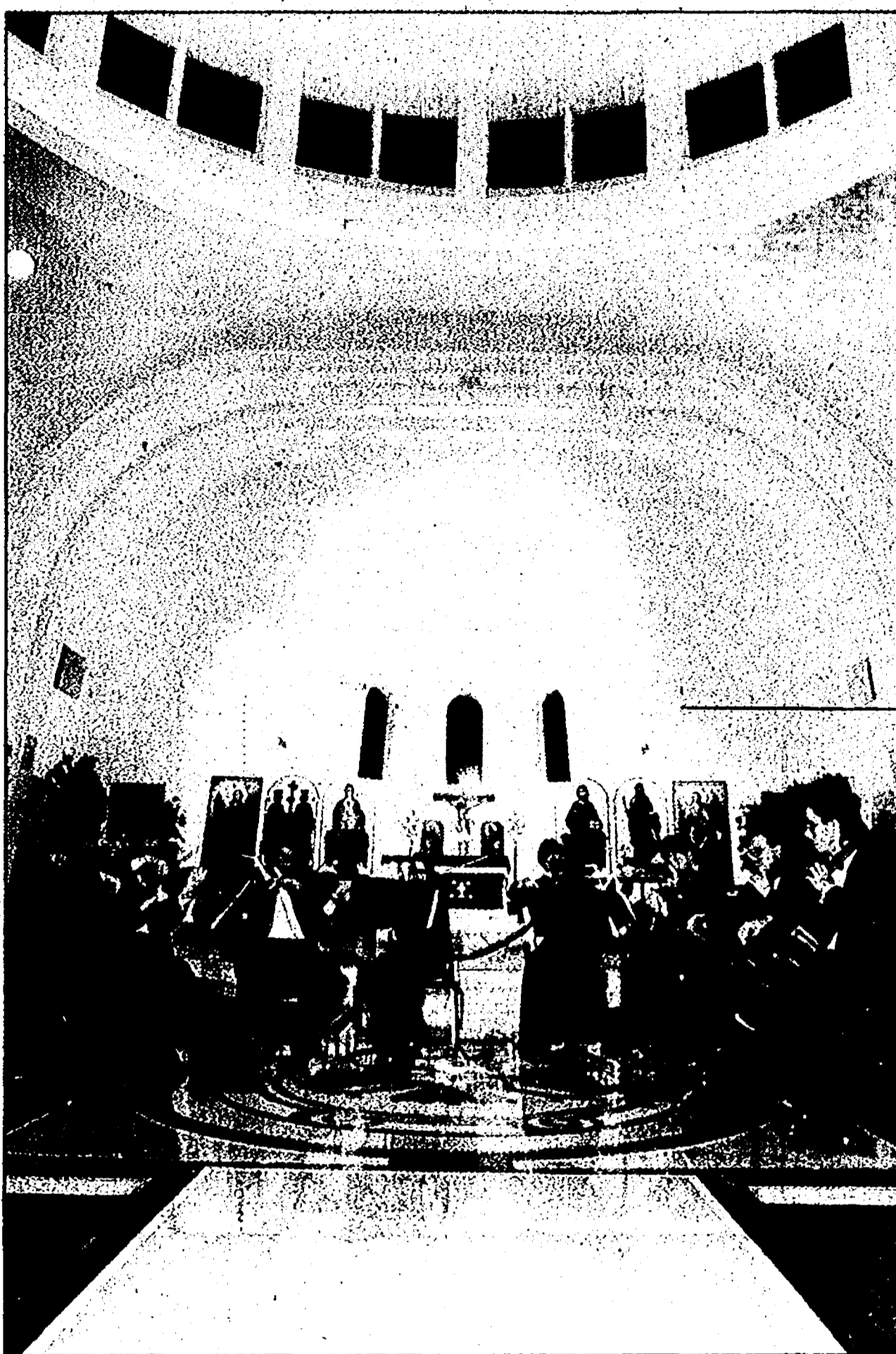
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### An entertaining evening



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRIAN MITCHELL

**Sounds of the season:** The Westland Community Foundation hosted a holiday classical concert Wednesday at the new St. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church near the Hellenic Cultural Center in Westland. Above, the La Corda String Ensemble performs holiday selections. At right, Tod Kilroy of Westland places a toy donation among other donations under the Christmas tree. Admission was the donation of an unwrapped toy to be given to the children helped by the Westland Salvation Army. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres were also served at a reception as part of the holiday program.



## Fire chief to retire on Jan. 16

■ Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy confirmed Friday that he will retire Jan. 16. But he said he will remain deeply involved in his community and will likely seek a Westland City Council seat in 1999.

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER



Westland fire Chief Michael Reddy, who fought tirelessly to bring new life-saving medical rescue services to city residents, confirmed Friday that he will retire Jan. 16. But Reddy, 54, said he will remain deeply involved in his community and will likely seek a Westland City Council seat in the

next election, in 1999. "I've been here my whole life, and I plan on staying here," Reddy said. "I plan to stay active in the community." Reddy's decision to retire ends a 21 1/2-year career with the Westland Fire Department. He steadily rose through the ranks, climbing from his firefighting job to claim the top job of fire chief three years ago.

Please see CHIEF, A2

## Wilson School development plan criticized

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
SPECIAL WRITER

A proposed residential development on the old Wilson Elementary School site raised residential concerns on two heated issues during a Westland Planning Commission meeting Tuesday.

Residents worry that Sassafras Trails, a coveted wooded area near the development, would be jeopardized.

"Children will be climbing the fence and going into Sassafras Trails," according to area resident Beth Kunkle. "Can you imagine what will go on with Sassafras Trails with this number of children going in there?"

Secondly, a newly formed group called Citizens for Good Government accused Planning Commissioner David James of having a conflict of interest by also serving on the Wayne-Westland school board. (See related story.)

The issues spring from a \$500,000 purchase offer by Galaxy Builders for 13.5 acres that includes the Wilson Elementary School site and surrounding land east of Wildwood and south of Avondale Avenue. The parcel is owned by the Wayne-Westland School District.

Wilson Elementary School has been closed since the early 1980s and most of the building has been vacant since.

"We lease it when we can," said Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent of business services. "Right now there is a child care (business) in it. It's a cash drain when you have a building and you don't have enrollment to subsidize it and you still have to heat it."

The proposed development, Wildwood Manor Subdivision, would include 54 modest residential homes.

However, residents who live near the planned development say it would diminish the natural setting of the 52 acres in

Please see WILSON, A2

## Board of education offers longtime teachers buyouts

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne-Westland school board members are offering longtime teachers as much as \$69,500 to leave their jobs.

Officials estimate that 100 of the district's 840 teachers will accept early buyouts, although 563 qualify, Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services, said.

Early buyouts, officially termed employee severance plans, will also be offered to building administrators, cen-

tral office staff and top-level cabinet members, although Slee said details aren't complete.

School board members voted 7-0 Monday night to approve what they officially called an employee severance plan, amid hopes of replacing top-paid educators with new teachers earning entry-level salaries.

The board stands to save about \$33,000 in the first year for every teacher it replaces, Slee said. Savings would gradually diminish in coming

years as educators climb the salary ladder.

"This is an economic decision that we believe is in the best interest of the district," Slee said Monday, publicly unveiling the plan.

The plan resembles early buyouts offered to employees in 1995, when 160 teachers and 20 administrators left the district. But the old plan carried a \$64,000-per-employee price tag.

School officials will require at least 50 employees to proceed with the latest

plan. Teachers could sign up during a 45-day period beginning Jan. 21, Slee said.

But they have to meet certain criteria.

First, they have to have at least 10 years of Wayne-Westland service by next June 30.

Of the 563 teachers who have 10 years of experience here, those vested with 30 years in the state retirement system can leave next June with an

Please see BUYOUTS, A2

## School-based clinic to open

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Norway area children and their families will soon receive health services from a Lincoln Elementary School-based clinic in Westland.

"It's going to be wonderful for this area," school secretary Judy Gilliam said.

The clinic will begin accepting patients in mid-January following a joint effort by Wayne-Westland schools and Oakwood Healthcare System.

The clinic will serve students and their families from Lincoln and Jefferson elementary attendance areas, where many residents lack the health care coverage they need.

Medical staff will provide physicals, child immu-

nizations, routine care, first-aid and health education, in hopes that healthier students will have higher attendance and perform better in their classrooms.

"Our focus is on keeping children well and their families well," family nurse practitioner Sue Szurek said.

Nurses will staff the clinic four days a week from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., tentatively beginning Jan. 12. Other details are pending.

A doctor is expected to be available one day a week for several hours.

As a nursing practitioner, however, Szurek is trained to perform physical exams, treat acute health



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

**Health talk:** Ellie Laroy, Lincoln Elementary school nurse, communicates to first-graders with Rosy Goodhealth, a puppet.

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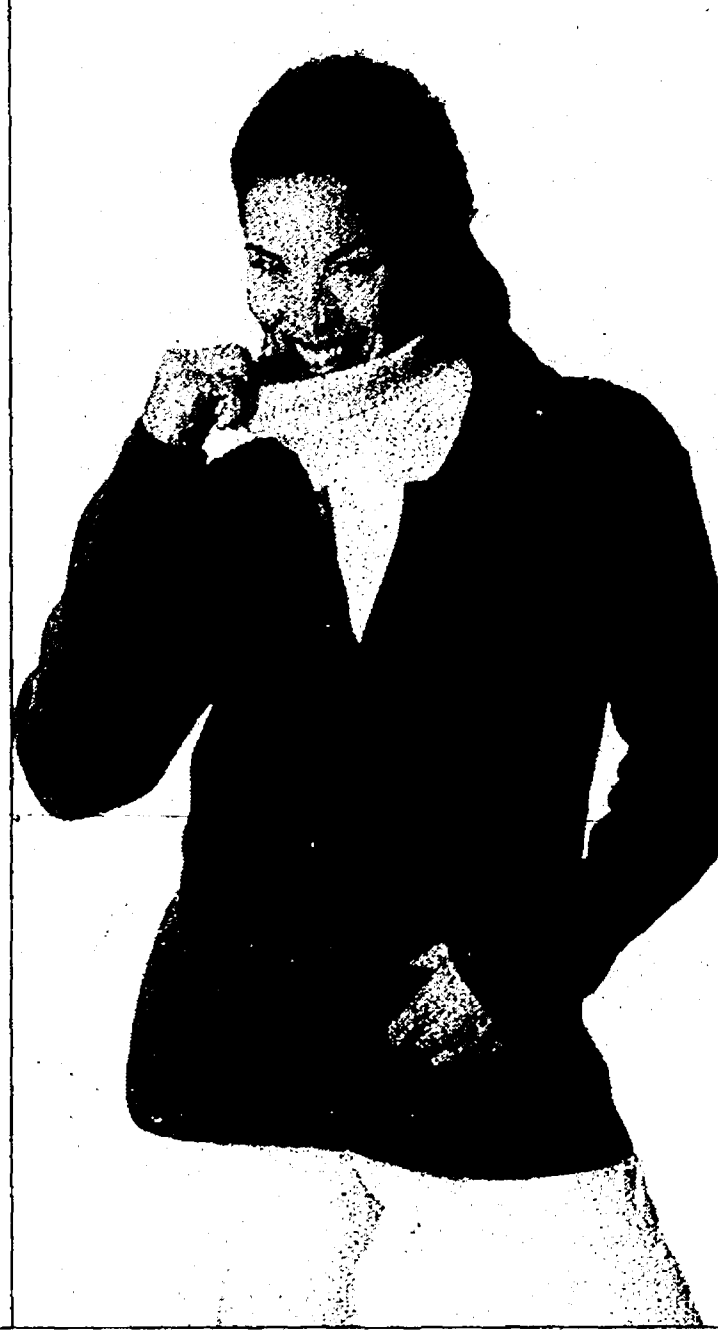
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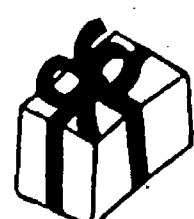


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# Salvation Army effort falls behind

The Salvation Army in Westland has fallen behind on its fund-raising efforts to help needy families this holiday season, Capt. Mark Welsh said.

Only \$43,179 of the Salvation Army's \$110,000 goal has been raised, he said.

The amount is \$10,000 less than what had been raised at this time last year.

The Salvation Army needs volunteers willing to work for free to ring bells and seek donations in the familiar red kettles, Welsh said. To help call 722-3660.

He cited a particular need for evening volunteers to ring bells at Westland locations such as Target, Service Merchandise, Sears and Hudson's.

Welsh encouraged two-person teams to volunteer to ring bells.

The money raised will be used to provide food baskets for needy families and toys for children who might otherwise receive nothing for Christmas.



The Salvation Army is falling behind in its fund-raising efforts so far this year. They need your help with money and time. To find out how you can help, call 722-3660.

HELEN FURCEAN / STAFF ARTIST

# Sports rehab center opens

Garden City Hospital's Sports Rehabilitation Center officially opened recently on Central City Parkway opposite Westland Center.

Located between Dick's Sporting Goods and MedMax, the center seems to have an ideal location — athletic equipment on one side and medical supplies on the other.

The center provides assessment and treatment for orthopedic sports, hand-wrist-shoulder and head-neck-back rehabilitation.

Staffing the center are experienced physical and occupational therapists along with certified athletic trainers.

State-of-the-art equipment is featured at the 6,500 square foot center including the Total Gym Therapy System, treadmills and independent and dependent stair climbers.

Receiving a lot of attention at the official opening was the multi-depth Swimex pool which has jets to keep patients swimming in place.

The clinic is currently open 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays. Beginning Jan. 10, there will be Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other hours will be added as needed.

## Gathering of Friends



STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL



Merry making: The Friends of Nankin Mills' ninth annual Christmas Tree Lighting fell victim to inclement weather, but festivities were held anyway. Above, 5-year-olds Nicole McCloud (left) and Lindsey Roy, both of Westland, chat with Santa Claus but were a little shy. At right, those who gathered sang a few Christmas Carols. The event was held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Nankin Mills, on Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

## CRIME WATCH

### Shopper mugged

A 49-year-old Westland woman was attacked and her purse stolen by two teen-agers outside of Danny's supermarket, 31313 Ann Arbor Trail at Merriam, a police report said. The victim reported losing \$200, credit cards and personal items when her purse was seized on Dec. 5, around midnight.

She told police she believed her attackers were supermarket employees when she saw them standing near the entrance. But then one teen pushed her to the ground and her purse was seized before the attackers fled on foot.

She described one as a 14-year-old white male, about 5-foot-7 and weighing 115 pounds. She said he wore a hooded sweatshirt and baggy blue jeans.

He had a shaved head. She said the second culprit was about 14 years old, also 5-foot-7, 115 pounds and similarly dressed.

### Purse snatching II

A woman leaving Kroger on Ford Road at Central City Parkway told police she was pushed by one of three people who fled the scene after her purse was seized from a shopping cart as she left the store.

Her purse was later recovered and an arrest made by Westland police.

The victim told police she was about 15 feet from the sidewalk in front of Kroger when the incident occurred. She had earlier seen some of the suspects inside the store, she reported.

The woman described three suspects, including two black males and one black female. The men were described as in their 30s and the woman as being 19 to 23 years old.

Police recovered the woman's purse following a traffic stop that also led to an arrest, Lt. Marc Stobbe said.

### School break-in

A Jefferson-Barns Elementary School custodian reported that the school was broken into between 10:45 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6:45 a.m. Dec. 8. A window and an interior door frame were damaged and money had been taken from an envelope in the school.

No arrests have been made.

The break-in occurred at the Norwayne area school located at 32150 Dorsey.

### Other break-ins

Two Joy Road businesses suffered break-ins late Dec. 4 or early Dec. 5, police reports said. One occurred at Red Carpet Keim and another at a next-door Allstate insurance office. Both businesses are in the 27500 block of Joy Road.

Police reports noted that a telephone and a pair of pliers were taken from Red Carpet Keim by someone who first entered the next-door Allstate office, where nothing was reported missing. The break-in occurred on the west side of the Allstate business.

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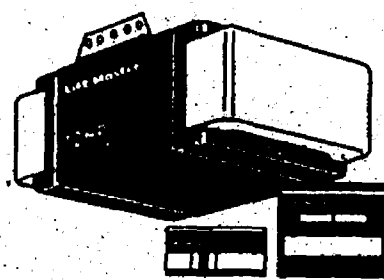


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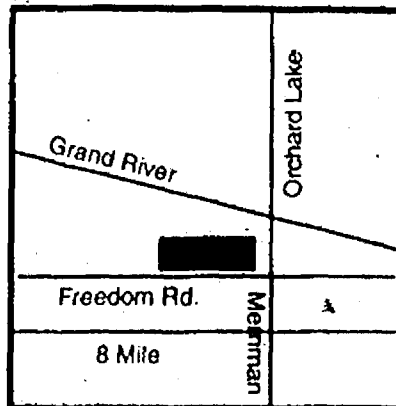
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**Bill OK'd to permit lawsuits against corporations for punitive damages**

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

A key Republican crossover gave House Democrats a bare-bones victory in their effort to allow plaintiffs to sue corporations for punitive damages.

"Sometimes you have a crook who has a lot of money," said Rep. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, who gave Democrats the 56th vote they needed Dec. 3 to pass the punitive damages.

House Bill 5373 is probably dead on arrival in the Republican-controlled Senate, which has made a 13-year effort to reduce the costs of doing business in Michigan.

Product liability is one of the Democrats' key 1997 legislative initiatives; the other is restoring unemployment benefits to 1995 levels.

"A political outcome took precedence over a policy outcome," said Rep. Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Ledge, summing up the case for the GOP. "This will have a chilling effect on the business climate without doing people any good."

The House passed the bill 56-51 with three absent. All area lawmakers but Cropsey voted with their parties. Voting yes were 54 Democrats and two Republicans. Voting no were 49 Republicans and two Democrats.

The Democratic leadership had to hold the voting board open 10 minutes to round up the necessary votes. Leaders worked hard on Kirk Profit, D-Ypsilanti, and Ed LaForge, D-Kalamazoo, to get their green (yes) lights.

**Corporate felons**

The sponsor, Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, likened punitive damages against corporations to a prison term for violent felons. "If you injure someone, you go to prison," he said, "and it costs the state \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year. Here the wrongdoer would pay the cost."

"Thirty-five other states have punitive damages. You hear of large awards of \$270 million. Those awards are usually reversed by the appellate courts," said Wallace, adding that only 5 percent of plaintiffs ever win any damages at all.

But Wallace said a punitive award against a corporation, even if reversed on appeal, would result in greater safety for consumers.

Fitzgerald noted Wallace introduced his bill Nov. 13, reported it out of his committee on the first day of session (Dec. 1) after the hunting season break, and was seeking to push it through second and third readings in a single day.

"What's the rush?" Fitzgerald asked. "It's not an issue that needs to be taken all the way in one day. I for one heard no compelling testimony in committee."

Backing him up, Rep. Mike Nye, R-Litchfield, said consumers can sue for economic, non-economic (pain and suffering) and exemplary damages. Adding punitive damages to the list, he said, would make Michigan "one of the few states with all four types of damages."

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe, got hoots from the Democratic side when he said, "These punitive damages will not go only to our friends (consumers) but to the trial lawyers." The Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, the plaintiffs' bar, is a major contributor to Democrats.

Three more bills are in the Democrats' package. HB 4048 would cover pharmaceuticals; HB 5371 would cover defective products; and a third bill is still in committee.

**Much comment**

Interest groups flooded the House press room with news releases.

"Threatens to wreck Michigan's positive small business climate... an anti-business agenda" - Small Business Association of Michigan.

"Whether it's hiding research about defects, cutting corners on the assembly line, or lying about product safety, it should be punishable under the law for companies to sell products they know could injure or kill" - Rep. Laura Baird, D-Okemos.

"Most of these bills are an obvious effort by plaintiff's attorneys to repeal or roll back products liability reform legislation that was approved last session (controlled by Republicans). The Michigan Chamber will fight to retain the current law" - Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

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<p><b>SIMPLY SPECTACULAR ALMOND POPPY SEED BREAD</b></p> <p>3 cups flour 2 cups sugar 2 eggs 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder 2 tablespoons poppy seeds 1 1/2 cups milk 3/4 cup vegetable oil 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract 1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract 1 1/2 teaspoons butter extract</p> <p>Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine all ingredients in a large mixer bowl. Beat at medium speed for 2 minutes. Divide batter into two</p>	<p>greased 9-by-5-inch loaf pans. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely.</p> <p><b>SUGARED PECANS</b></p> <p>1 egg white 1 tablespoon cold water 1 pound whole pecan halves 1 cup sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 teaspoon salt</p> <p>Preheat oven to 250°F. In a large bowl, beat egg white and water until medium peaks form. Stir in pecans until thoroughly coated. In a small bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and salt. Add to pecan mixture; mix thoroughly. Spread coated pecans on lightly buttered cookie sheet.</p> <p>Bake 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. (Pecans will separate). Remove from oven; cool. Store in</p>	<p>tightly covered container or sealed plastic bag.</p> <p><b>WHITE CHOCOLATE VERY BERRY NUT BARK</b></p> <p>1/4 pound dried cranberries or cherries 1/4 pound dried blueberries 1/4 pound dried apricots, chopped 1/3 pound pecans, chopped 2 1/2 pounds white chocolate, chopped</p> <p>Prepare a large baking sheet by lining with parchment paper or waxed paper. Melt white chocolate over a double boiler with barely simmering water. All the chocolate should be melted and smooth.</p> <p>Stir dried fruits and nuts into white chocolate. Pour onto baking sheet and allow to harden. Break into pieces.</p>
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Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the eggnog and cinnamon.

**■ Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones.**

**■ Day 3**  
Pick up your fresh meats and any special orders for cakes you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots, parsnips, etc. If you peel apples or potatoes in advance make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice.

**■ Day 2**  
OK - let's get cooking! go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat in oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam it on the stove top for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake! Get all your side dishes ready to go. If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it!

**■ Day 1 - Merry Christmas!**  
Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones. Since your table is set, your side dishes are ready to go, your silver clean, plates out, beverages to be iced one hour before. The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with meal time so that all

Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean meat and season so it will be oven ready. Set the table.

runs smoothly. Make sure children non-kitchen participants do the clean up.

The 2 Unique family and myself wish you health, happiness, prosperity, tranquility and kindred spirit for the new year! And to all a good night!

*Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills. A graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program, Kelli is a part-time instructor at the college. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month.*

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# Celebrate Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Jewish families for eight days to commemorate the rededication of the ancient temple in Jerusalem, when the last remaining container of undefiled oil miraculously lasted for eight days. This year Hanukkah begins at sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The Menorah, a candle holder used during Hanukkah, is lit each night by different family members. After the candles are lit, it is traditional for families to sing and celebrate with a light meal. The most popular meal during Hanukkah is latkes (potato pancakes) served with sour cream or apple sauce.

While tea is not a traditional part of a Hanukkah celebration, it certainly complements this special day.

### APPLE-CRANBERRY SPARKLER

2 cups water  
4 cup size tea bags  
1 cup chilled cranberry juice cocktail  
1 cup apple juice  
2 teaspoons sugar

In medium sauce pan, bring water to a boil. Remove from heat and add tea bags; cover and brew 5 minutes. Remove tea bags. In

pitcher, combine tea, juices and sugar; chill. Makes about 4 (8 ounce) servings.

Recipe from *The Lipton Kitchens*.

Here are some traditional potato latke recipes for Hanukkah from "Everyday Cooking for the Jewish Home: More Than 350 Delectable Recipes," by Ethel G. Hofman (HarperCollins Publishers, 1997, \$25).

### CLASSIC POTATO LATKES

Makes 24  
2 eggs  
1/4 small onion, cut into 3 pieces  
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch pieces  
1/4 teaspoon baking powder  
3 tablespoons flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
Vegetable oil for frying  
Applesauce or sour cream

Break eggs into a food processor. Add onion and potatoes. Process until potatoes are coarsely chopped. Add baking powder, flour, salt, and pepper. Pulse 3 or 4 times to mix.

Heat 1/8 inch of oil in a large

skillet over medium heat. Drop rounded tablespoonfuls of potato mixture into skillet; press lightly with back of a spoon to flatten slightly. Cook on both sides until brown, about 3 minutes per side. Continue frying, adding more oil as needed, until all of batter is used up.

Drain on paper towels. Serve hot with applesauce for a meat meal or sour cream for a dairy meal.

### GLICK'S COLOSSAL BUTTERNUT LATKES

1 pound butternut squash, peeled and shredded  
2 medium baking potatoes (about 3/4 pound), coarsely grated  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
2 eggs, beaten  
1/2 cup matzoh meal  
2 teaspoons lemon pepper seasoning  
1 teaspoon ground ginger  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 to 4 tablespoons peanut oil

In a large bowl, combine squash, potatoes and cilantro. Add beaten eggs, matzoh meal, lemon pepper,

ginger and salt. Mix well.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 7-inch nonstick skillet over medium heat. Pour in 1 1/2 cups mixture. Cook until underside is browned and

latke is firm enough to be flipped over, 5 to 7 minutes.

Reduce heat to medium-low and cook 5 to 7 minutes longer, until underside is browned. Keep warm.

Repeat with remaining mixture, stirring well before transferring to skillet and adding more oil as needed. Serve hot. Makes 4 servings.

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See related story on Taste front. Recipe from HDS Services.

### PRUNE PORT CANAPE SANDWICH

8 very thinly sliced pieces of Canadian bacon (1/2 ounce slices)  
2 cups port wine  
1/2 cup dried prunes  
1 boneless, skinless chicken breast  
16 slices party rye bread  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Pepper to taste  
1 tablespoon olive oil

Bake the Canadian bacon on a baking sheet at 350°F. until crisp. When finished, drain on a clean towel.

Combine the port wine and prunes in a sauce pan and cook about 15 minutes until the prunes have softened. Remove the prunes and mash to a paste with one tablespoon of the port the prunes were cooked in.

In a sauce pot, simmer the remaining port until thickened and reduced to approximately 1/4 cup, set aside.

Season the chicken breast with the salt and pepper and then grill

until done. Slice the chicken breast on the bias into eight pieces. Brush the bread with olive oil and place under broiler until lightly toasted. Spread the prune mixture on half the bread slices on the oiled side. Place a slice of chicken on top. Add a slice of Canadian bacon. Drizzle the port wine sauce over top. Finish with another slice of rye to make a sandwich. Secure with a toothpick. Serves 8.

Nutrition information per serving: Calories 200; protein 7.52g; Fat 4g.

## Waldorf gelatin salad low fat

AP - The following recipe for Waldorf Gelatin Salad is low in calories and fat-free, made with sugar-free raspberry gelatin, chopped apples, bananas and celery.

The recipe is from the "Healthy Weigh Recipe Newsletter," published by registered dietician Karen Lux of Modesto, Calif. Each issue of the newsletter contains over 25 recipes that are quick and easy to prepare.

Recipe Newsletter

To subscribe to "Healthy Weigh Newsletter," which is published six times a year, send a check for \$15 made payable to

Healthy Weigh Nutrition Services and send to "Healthy Weigh Newsletter," 2625-F Coffee Road, Suite 101, Modesto, CA 95355.

### WALDORF GELATIN SALAD

8-serving size package sugar-free raspberry gelatin  
1 1/2 cups boiling water  
2/3 cup apple juice  
Ice cubes  
2 small apples, cored and finely chopped  
2 medium bananas, chopped  
1/2 cup chopped celery

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Combine apple juice and enough ice cubes to measure 2 1/2 cups. Add to gelatin and stir until slightly thickened. Remove any unmelted ice. Stir in apples, bananas and celery. Pour into serving bowl. Chill until firm, about 2 hours. Makes 8 servings.

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Recipe from: "Healthy Weigh"

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### What we found:

- The game **Cathedral** can be ordered from World Wide Games for \$59.95 at 800-888-0987.
- The **Rand McNally** store at Somerset Collection South in Troy, has a few **Wizards** games in stock.
- We found readers who were willing to offer their **Beanbag Hallmark Santas**, **Elvis on velvet**, some **Apple II** paraphernalia, electric and Tony hair rollers and **Corelle** dishes to other callers.
- **Unicare hair and skin conditioner** can be ordered by mail through the company's Atlanta, GA, headquarters, 1-888-UNICURE, \$3 per bottle, according to company owner Richard Tucker.

### We're still looking for:

- Dishes from A&P bought in 1979 called "Diane."
- A video transfer box that transfers old 8mm film onto video movies, to rent or buy for Douglas of Farmington Hills.
- Word-of-Mouth spaghetti sauce for Rose.
- An old Arthur Godfrey Christmas album for Sue.
- Clairol haircolor in light ash blonde for Cathy.
- Jil Sanders cologne for men for Darryl.
- The games Hotel and Flinch for Barb.
- A store that sells foods suitable for diabetics in the Plymouth/Canton area for a reader who was just diagnosed with the condition.
- The publication Two Cute Sock Dolls for Kathy.
- John Wayne memorabilia for Jackie's son in Garden City.
- An Apple II C monitor for Richard.
- Revlon's Xia-Xiang and Diane Von Furstenberg's Tatiana for four women in the Canton area.
- A recording by Bing Crosby and David Bowie of Little Drummer Boy for Steven.
- The Royal Doulton Coronet pattern in white for Fay.
- The Sesame Street by Vetex cartridge in green for Kim. She has the yellow and blue.
- A 6-cup Corningware teapot for Carol of Livonia.
- Spoolie rubber curlers and a loose-leaf that opens on the top, not sides for Lafern.
- Ruth needs a distributor who sells the "miracle cleaner" **Swipe**.
- The **rustspot remover** Magica for Michelle.
- Jean is desperately trying to come across a Cary Grant recording of Red Roses for a Blue Lady from many years ago.
- The **Lone Ranger board game** for Linda of Garden City.
- Two more callers said they want to locate a "Drowsy Doll" with pull string, too.
- A Bell and Howell #850 slide projector with vertical carousel for Beverly Gillette.
- Replacement cutting blades for the Hair Wiz for Ron Petrella.
- The old board game **Call My Bluff**, for Joe of Livonia.
- A filter for a Norelco clean water machine for Gertrude of Troy.
- A yellow, **Answer Finder**, to use with the **Scribbles Learn With Me Club** by Western Publishing for Sue of Canton.
- A 1941 copy of **Jolly Jingle Picture Book** by Rand McNally for Sharon Gage.
- A **TV tuner adapter** for Game Gear and a hockey game for Game Gear for Colleen of Redford.
- **Dick Clark cologne** for Gloria of West Bloomfield.
- A **basket** for the crystal Frymaster, about 10 1/2-inches across for Shirley.
- **Sega Genesis Shining Force One game** for Norma.
- **Toni permanent rollers**, 4-inches long, for Mary Callahan.

## Snowman with a heart



**Charitable gift:** Sears stores are selling several unique products to benefit Gilda's Club of MetroDetroit, now putting the finishing touches on its headquarters at 3517 Rochester Road in Troy. An exclusive line of ties and scarves designed by club co-founder comedian Gene Wilder as well as other celebrities, are \$20 each. Sears is also selling Ho-Ho-Bean and other 7-inch plush toys for \$3.99 or \$1.99 with a same-day purchase of \$20 or more. Gilda's Clubhouses across the country offer emotional and social support for men, women and children with all types of cancer. To become a volunteer, or hear more about the program, call 247-577-0800. Gilda's Club was named in memory of comedienne and former Detroit Gilda Radner.

## RETAIL DETAILS

**Retail Details** features news briefs from the Malls & Mainstreets beat compiled by Susan DeMaggio. For inclusion, send information to: Retail Details, c/o The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or fax to (248) 644-1314.

### Spa in the city updates

Mira Linder introduced three beauty treatments for the holidays: Relaxation Day Special, \$280; Two-Hour Beauty Transformation, \$180; and Body Beautiful, \$150. She also is debuting face and body treatments from the French skin care line Biologique Recherche. For more information call the spa at Applegate Square in Southfield, (248) 366-5810.

### Shop has Native American ornaments

Native West Gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, has hand-crafted ornaments by Native Americans for sale to benefit "Futures for Children," a Native American charity. The ornaments are \$25 from which, \$17, goes toward the educational outreach program. For more details call Native West at (313) 455-8838.

### Nordstrom sells art glass ornament

The Gift Gallery at Nordstrom has the third in a series of limited, keepsake holiday bulbs designed by Seattle glass artists. This year's design is a white orb with brightly colored dots a red or green hanging loop completes each ornament. \$38 in a miniature hatbox case.

Nordstrom is also debuting a Sweet Shop featuring baskets of edibles for \$25-\$150. Custom orders available, too. There is a special hotline for the sweet shop (248) 816-7333.

### Sisters open Pagetec Store

Patty and Michelle Gillissie of Canton opened a Pagetec franchise in downtown Walled Lake offering cellular phones, pagers and accessories at 103 E. Walled Lake Drive. Patty has had a similar shop in Canton for the past five years. They welcome inquiries at (248) 455-5100.

### Gift idea warms the heart

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## Three easy pieces make dressing up a snap

**Nobody** wants to spend dollars on outfits that can only be worn once, so Kevin Quinn, fashion coordinator for Nordstrom Somerset Collection, suggests key pieces that may be the best gifts your closet receives all year.

**An embellished top.** The beautiful, feminine layering pieces that many designers showed under menswear-inspired suits in tweeds and pin-

stripes for the workplace also look great as stand-alone special occasion tops. Choose sheer or luxury fabrics such as burnout velvet or cashmere and look for details such as beading or touches of embroidery and lace.

**One great 'luxe' wrap.** Wraps are a dramatic and versatile cover-up that can make a fashion statement in their own right. One of the newest options

is an oversized scarf that can be wrapped or draped like a shawl — try cashmere, faux fur or wool for day and something more ornate (such as a beautiful embellished velvet scarf) to set off evening ensembles.

A faux-fur chubby is ideal for those seeking more substantial coverage; and a boa is a whimsical choice for the more fashion-forward.

**One ethnic-inspired piece.** An Asian-print slim pant or skirt in a beautiful brocade is festive and not overpowering when paired with a simple top.

A cheongsam-inspired brocade dress or separates such as a tunic/pant combination are at once casual and elegant. Both are great options for home entertaining during the holidays and year 'round.

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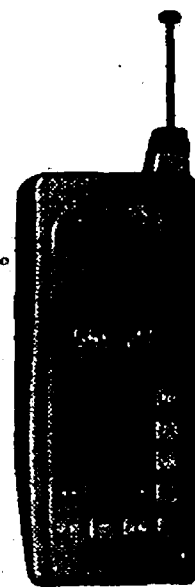
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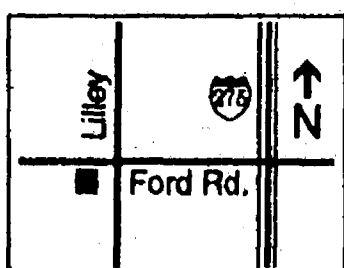
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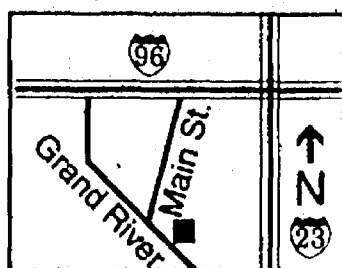
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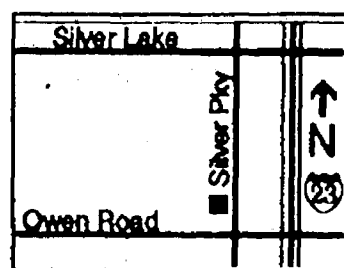
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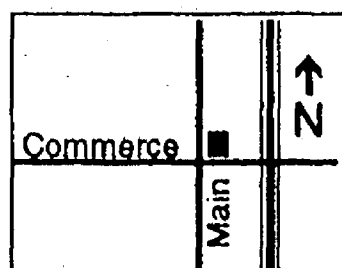
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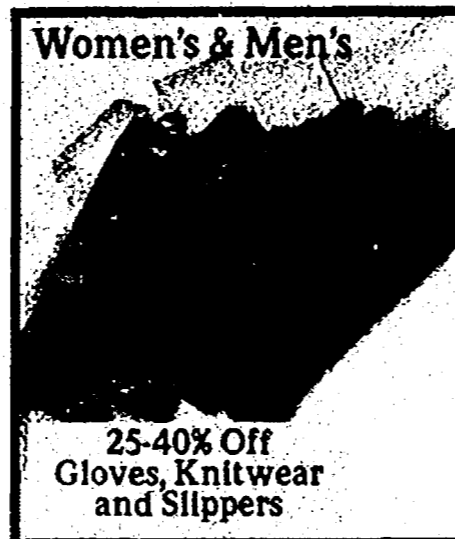
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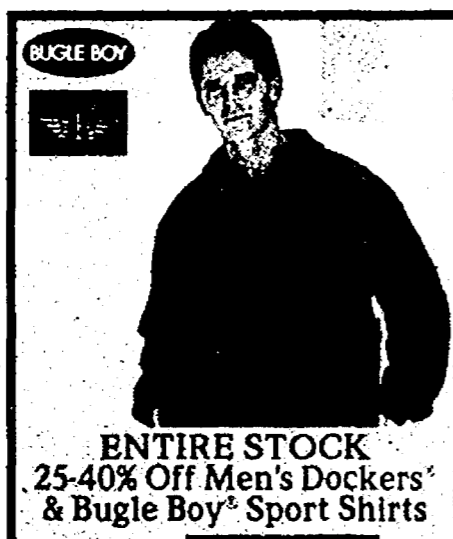
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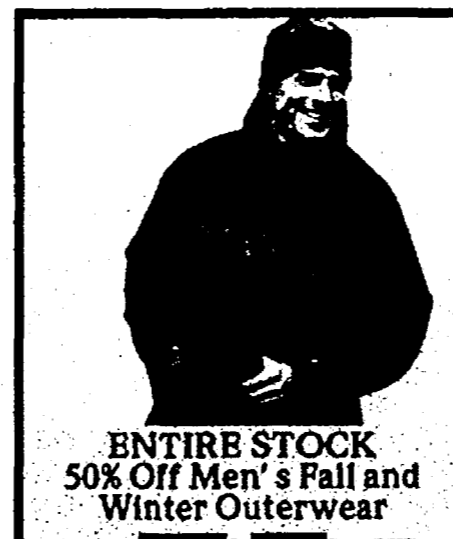
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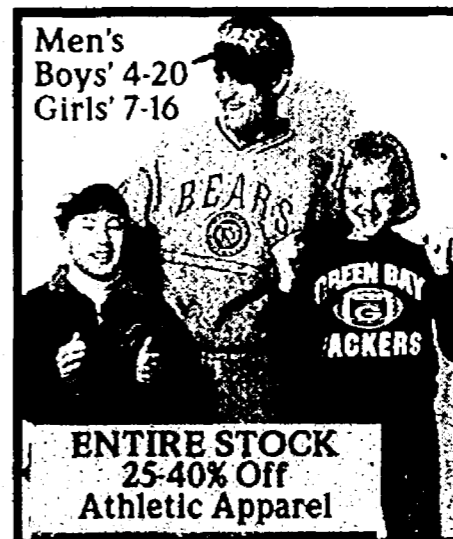
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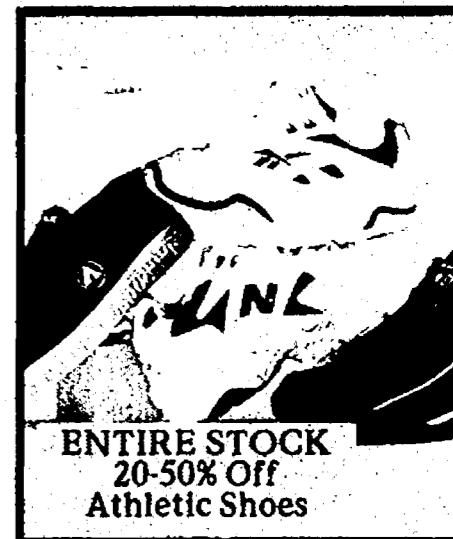
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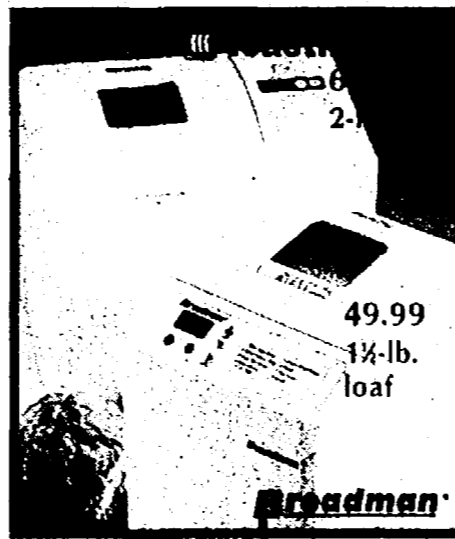
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HOLIDAY PICK-UP

By the time you've trimmed the tree, addressed your last card, had the kids' pictures taken with Santa, and wrapped all the gifts, you could find your holiday spirits dragging. The Livonia Civic Chorus comes to the rescue with a musical pick-me-up 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Clarenceville High

School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt, south of Eight Mile, in Livonia. And it's all free.

Chorus members have made sure to include something for everyone as the chorus blends new and traditional music along with specialty ensembles and soloists. This year's featured guests will be the Tinderbox Children's Choir, and there's even a surprise visit from Santa. Be sure to bring the entire family.

The chorus began delighting audiences in and around the community more than 30 years ago. At the core of their success is the talented team of Jim Whitten, director and Christine Gach, accompanist. The chorus is featured annually at Greenmead Historical Village, Laurel Park Place, Wonderland Mall, and at a variety of civic functions. Proceeds from these concerts help to sponsor area high school students at the Interlochen International Music Camp. The chorus also presents a Spring Musical at Clarenceville High School in early May.

For more information, call Dick and Ann Rufl at (313) 525-1447.

FINAL DAY FOR HANZEL AND GRETEL

Susan Ann Greenman, a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School, plays the role of Gretel in the Western Michigan University production of Engelbert Humperdinck's opera "Hanzel and Gretel" 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

Tickets are available at the box office or by calling (800) 228-9858.

Greenman is a vocal performance major at Western Michigan University.

Other Livonia cast members include Renee Carriere, a Livonia Stevenson High School graduate majoring in vocal performance. Carriere plays Hanzel's and Gretel's mother, Kevin Barton, a Churchill High School graduate and music education major, plays the part of Hanzel's and Gretel's father.

ARTRAIN'S LAST STOP

Artrain returns home to Ann Arbor with a gift to the communities. Artrain, Inc. is providing



Holiday cheer: Members of the Rising Star Singers perform at Domino's Farms during the Spirit of Christmas Light Display. The chorus is under the direction of Norma Atwood, a voice teacher at Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton.

its home state with a special treat before beginning its 1998 tour of the western states. As a gift to community, Artrain will not charge a fee to bring the train to Ann Arbor today (10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1100 North Main Street), nor will it charge an admission fee. The event celebrates the close of the 1997 tour and the kickoff of the 1998 tour.

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"Art in Celebration" is an exhibition featuring The Smithsonian Associates' collections of commissioned art works. Organized by Artrain, The Smithsonian Associates and The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the exhibit has successfully completed the second portion of a three year tour sponsored by the Chrysler Corporation. So far, 175,384 visitors have viewed the exhibit.

In 1997, Artrain made stops in 40 communities throughout the south and midwest including Port Royal, South Carolina and Cotter Arkansas.

RISING STAR MAKES HOLIDAYS BRIGHT

The Rising Star Singers, a 27-member chorus under the direc-

tion of Norma Atwood, a voice teacher at Arnoldt Williams Music in Canton, bring a musical touch to the Spirit of Christmas Light Display 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

Admission to the light display, continuing 6-10 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, is \$5 per car Monday-Thursday, \$7 per car Friday-Sunday. Admission includes the performance by Rising Star Singers in Lobby B of the warehouse where visitors are treated to a winter wonderland, gingerbread house, mini-electric trains, creche display, and Celebration of Trees, 35 trees decorated by area designers.

"It's really nice," said Randy Lee of the events department. "Every year we try to change it and the choirs are a nice addition."

In the last five years, more than 200,000 vehicles have driven through the display raising more than \$400,000 for 350 charity organizations in the area.

The light display is a 12-15 minute drive through featuring more than 900,000 lights, several sets telling the Christmas nar-

rative, snowflake tunnels, a live Nativity, and holiday trees wrapped in lights on over 300 acres.

Other choirs performing are the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene as a 60 voice living tree (Sunday, Dec. 14), Ladywood High School, Livonia (Friday, Dec. 19), St. Kenneth Church Choirs, Redford (including bells, Saturday, Dec. 20), and Our Lady of Sorrows, Farmington (Monday, Dec. 22).

To reach Domino's Farms take U.S. 23 to exit 41 then follow the signs 1-1/2 miles east on Earhart Road, north of Plymouth Road. For more information, call (313) 930-4430.

Also of note:

The Rising Star Singers hold auditions for youth eight to 18 years 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 at Arnoldt Williams Music, 5701 Canton Center Road, Canton. Bring prepared song to sing, accompaniment provided. For more information, call Norma Atwood at (313) 453-7590, ext. 223.

"It's more than a chorus; it's a showcase for talent," said Atwood.



Making Spirits Bright: Livonia Civic Chorus members Linda Rainford (seated left, clockwise), Ken Rainford, accompanist Chris Gach, and director Jim Whitten get in the spirit to perform with the rest of the choir 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21 at Clarenceville High School.

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## THEATER

# Trinity House serves up holiday fare

Trinity House Theatre presents an evening of holiday one-acts including "The Long Christmas Dinner" and "The Sheep Thief," through Sunday, Dec. 21, at the playhouse, 38840 W. Six Mile (at I-275), Livonia. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets \$8, not including bread bowl with soup and cider. Bread bowl and hot soup \$3, apple cider hot or cold, \$1.50. Group rates available. Seating limited to 50, call (313) 464-6302 for reservations.  
BY SUE SUCHYTA  
SPECIAL WRITER

Trinity House Theatre serves up a double bill of holiday one-acts with their performance of Thornton Wilder's "The Long Christmas Dinner," and "The Sheep Thief," a comic adaptation of Ford Ainsworth's "The Second Shepherds Play." Between plays the cast and crew served up bread bowls of delicious soup and mugs of refreshing cider.

The plays are presented through the support of the City of Detroit Cultural Affairs Department, and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. One note of warning: as part of the ambiance, some of the audience is seated on bales of hay - so if you suffer from allergies, be advised!

Guest director Thomas Mal-

**■ There were some outstanding individual characterizations in the first show - Anessa Thompson as Genevieve, Colleen Hayes as Leonora, and Laura Gumina as Ermengarde.**

colm Olson of St. Paul, Minn., has one hit and a miss on his hands. As beloved as Thornton Wilder's plays are, they don't always click. In "The Long Christmas Dinner," the actors cover 90 years and five generations of a family through a series of Christmas dinners that flow non-stop into each other. It was difficult for the audience to determine when one year's dinner ended and another began unless a character exited through "death's door" on stage right. The pacing suffered, and the conversation among the players was painfully slow in a misguided attempt for realism. Done in Thornton Wilder fashion with minimal props and extensive pantomime, the play dragged.

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Once fortified with soup and

cider, the second play "The Sheep Thief," picked up the pace and injected some much needed humor into the evening. Scott Martin, P.W. Henry, and Joseph Garreffa were garrulously funny as the three bumbling shepherds, and husband and wife team Dan and Laura Gumina were so much fun as the bad guy sheep thieves that one was almost tempted to cheer them on in their larceny. Beth Temple provided some comic moments as Dame Snap.

Once the sheep rescue was effected and the beleaguered shepherds finally get to sleep, the Angel of the Lord appears in a burst of light, and the disoriented shepherds look like deer caught in the headlights. They do, however, symbolize the reverence and awe of ordinary men when they stumble upon the miracle of the Christ child's birth.

Unfortunately, Trinity House interjected some disturbing sym-

bolism into the peaceful Christmas manger by revealing to audience members invited up to the manager a startling scene: a cradle with a dismembered baby

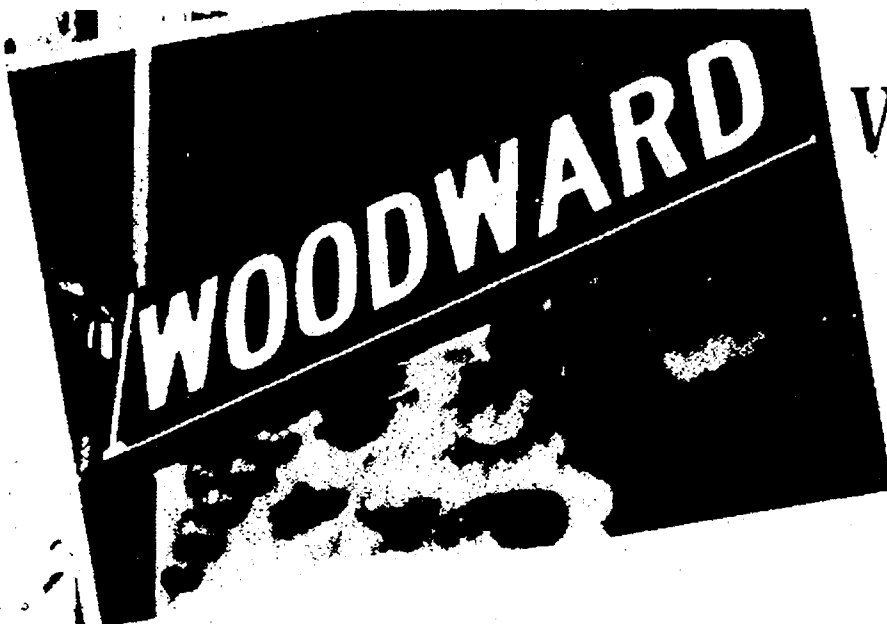
doll juxtaposed against a rough-hewn cross. The foreshadowing of Easter is not the disturbing component; it is the violence embodied in the innocent visage

of an infant. While thought-provoking, the symbolism is an unwelcome intruder forced against the joyful vision of Jesus' birth.



**Drama:** Tempers flair between generations in the Trinity House Theatre production of "The Long Christmas Dinner" featuring (left to right) Colleen Hayes, P.W. Henry, Scot Martin, and Anessa Thompson.

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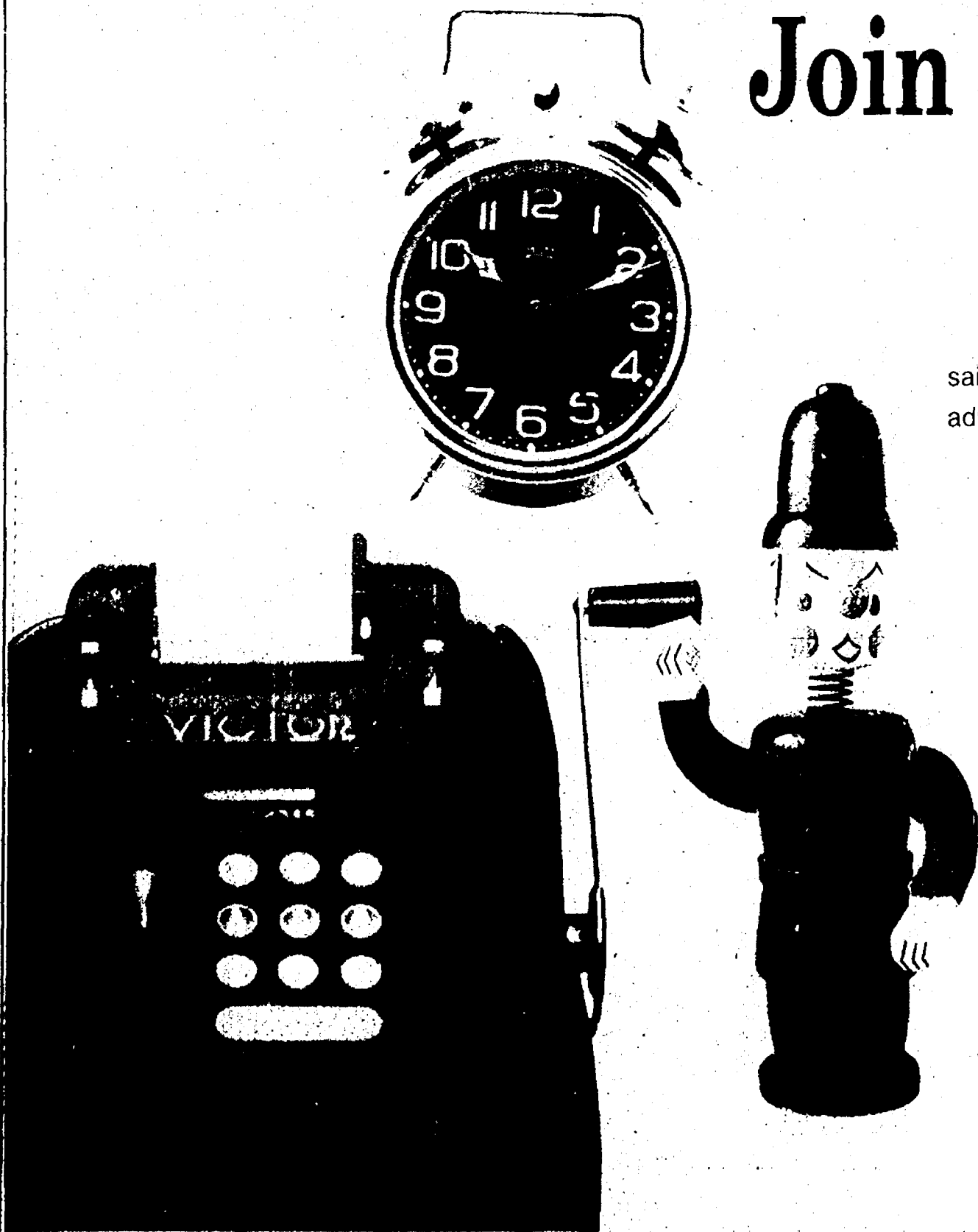
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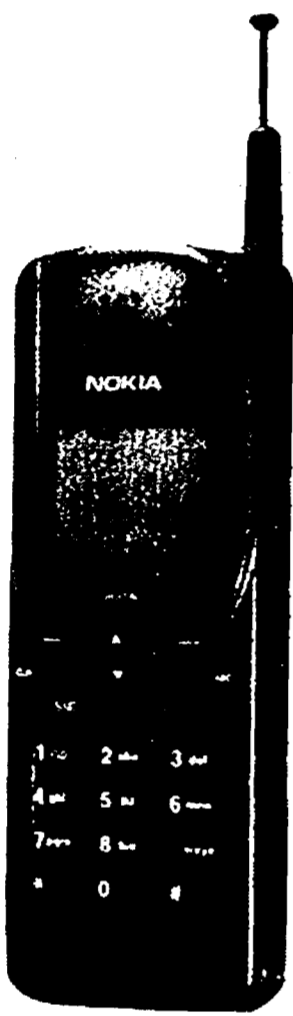








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