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Holiday rush

If only Canton children could figure out a way to get into the Toys "R" Us Distribution Center. Rows and rows of

games and toys fill the facility before being sent off to area stores. For more on Santa's helpers, turn to Page 3A.

Schools seek \$2.2 million in state aid

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

So tough is Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' financial situation that district officials are proposing legislation that would provide \$2.2 million in immediate state aid.

The bill is awaiting a hearing in the state House of Representatives.

The district also is pondering asking voters in June to, at the least, renew 8 mills and override the Headlee Amendment for one year.

Overriding the Headlee Amendment allows schools or governments to collect more tax revenue than they otherwise could due to soaring property values.

The district made \$4.4 million in cuts this year following the defeat by voters of four tax increases during the past two years.

The schools' fund balance will plummet to \$1.5 million by June 30, 1989, which "may mean we'll have to borrow to meet our cash flow needs," said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

"We have excess expenditures this year of over \$2 million," he said. The

fund balance was \$3.6 million last June 30. Eight mills would bring \$12 million in revenue. The rollback would reap \$4.5 million, said Hoedel.

STATE REP. JAMES Kosteva, D-Canton, helped school officials draft the plan.

"Plymouth-Canton voters have authorized the district to levy 37 mills for education. However, the district is levying only 34.13 mills because of the required rollback," said Kosteva.

"The state aid formula is based on the number of mills levied, and that's the source of the problem. The state is only reimbursing at 34 versus 37 mills.

"We're trying to convince the legislative leadership that due to the unique circumstances that exist here — the transition from an in-formula district to an out-of-formula district that's taking place, and the fact that comparatively speaking, Plymouth-Canton is quite frugal in its administrative costs — " the district deserves help, Kosteva said.

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Season's greetings?

'Help wanted' signs blend with Christmas decor

It's a sign of the holiday times.

Placed along placards announcing "Holiday bargains" or "Christmas Specials" are signs requesting "Help Wanted."

A drive through the Plymouth-Canton community reveals the need.

Dress Barn wants people to "Come grow with us." The Dairy Mart is "Now Hiring." Arbor Drugs is "Now hiring, most shifts." The Main Street Auto Wash wants students after school.

"Oh yeah, everyone has that complaint," said Joan Bolek about employers looking for help. She is executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"I hear that all the time; there are a number of stores with help wanted signs posted," said Mary O'Connell Roehr, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce.

"A couple of years ago there were more people than jobs," Roehr said. "Today, it's quite the opposite."

This situation could prove to be a boon for employees who can count on more overtime. New hires are being offered far more than the minimum wage and, in some cases, expanded benefits.

"YOU HEAR the cries out there," said George Meechem, labor market analyst for the Michigan Employment Security Commission. "They can't find the people — at least not for minimum wage. They're offering benefits that they never did before. They're hiring mothers and retirees instead of teenagers to flip the burgers."

Meechem said the problem mirrors a national trend of declining births in the early 1970s.

"The 'Baby Boom' is meeting the 'Baby Bust,'" he said. "It's not unnatural, and we've been through this before. But it's collided with a buoyant job market. There's not much we can do about the labor force short of mass immigration. Probably the price of your Big Mac will go up."

Nearly 70,000 more people landed jobs in Michigan this year than in 1987, Meechem said.

"THE WHOLE teenage phenomenon is gone," said Laurence Rosen, a demographer with the state Department of Management and Budget.

Michigan's birth rate plunged to 133,000 in 1976, Rosen said, so employers can expect the labor shortage to continue into the mid-1990s.

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Party to honor local officials

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Canton is throwing a party. And everyone is invited.

"Celebrate Canton" will begin 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Fellows Creek Golf Course clubhouse on Michigan and Lotz.

The party is in honor of all current and former elected officials, including library board members, according to Bill Joyner, a Plymouth resident and member of the party organizing committee.

IT WILL be open to the first 300 guests and limited by clubhousespace. Newly elected Supervisor Tom Yack said the idea for "Celebrate Canton" developed out of an effort to improve the township's image,

Joyner said. Yack appointed the committee.

"Prior to the campaign I thought it would be neat to have an activity to focus positive attention on the community and to recognize some outstanding contributions," Yack said.

"At this point we are going to recognize the contribution of the people leaving the board and celebrate the new board," Yack said. "Next year we won't use political stuff. We will use it as an award banquet. It has no connection to the township. A group of us got together."

Tickets are \$50 a couple and may be purchased by sending a check to "Celebrate Canton," in care of James Gillig, party chairman, 43894 Ford Road, Canton.

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Courses are 'bad habit' for education coordinator

By Diane Gale
staff writer

For someone who hated high school, Sherry Zylka can't seem to stay away from education, professionally and personally.

Now she talks about "a bad habit" of taking courses that conveniently blend with her job as Schoolcraft College coordinator for continuing education.

"It's ironic I hated education in high school," said Zylka, a Canton resident and member of the education leadership master's program at Eastern Michigan University.

IT TOOK HER three years to switch gears after leaving Cherry Hill High School and before attending college.

It started after graduation when Zylka and a girlfriend quit their jobs, filled a car with camping equipment and headed west to Idaho. She stayed a year, because it was "so easy to get jobs" and the people were so genuinely friendly, Zylka said.

"My grandma called me a gypsy," said Zylka. "I have this wanderlust."

But that was only the beginning of what was to become a decade of adventures. And at 29 she promises to make more marks.

Her Schoolcraft job lands her fascinating meetings with learned people

in fields ranging from quilting to geometry, she said.

"I really enjoy meeting people who are experts in their areas," said Zylka, who recruits instructors, schedules courses and creates brochures.

"Why I really wanted to go into education is that there will be a really big demand for it," she said, ticking off professions requiring recertification, like firefighting and teaching.

"There's so many things that continuing education has developed into," she said. "It used to be leisure time education and now professionals have to be recertified."

TAKING COURSES occasionally helps her decide on course selection, but sometimes it's just for fun and personal growth.

For example, Zylka enrolled in Schoolcraft's motorcycle safety and ATV training course.

"I got a cycle endorsement on my license," she said. "I'll never get on the street and use it, but I thought it was important to get it."

But it was a tough class to take, Zylka said, because a good friend was killed in a motorcycle accident, and she was in a much less serious motorcycle accident, herself.

people

"I had a real hard time taking this class," she said. "There was a real fear. I felt so exposed on a motorcycle."

The two-fold purpose of the class is teaching safety and providing certification in lieu of the Secretary of State road test, Zylka said.

"I LIKE to set challenges for myself," she said.

Although on-road motorcycling is off her list of things to do, her schedule is packed with scuba diving, traveling, donating time twice a year at a Detroit soup kitchen, and trying to get her 7-month-old Labrador to track. All that is in addition to going to graduate school, working full-time and taking courses at Schoolcraft.

But then idle time is foreign to the avid reader who finds it hard to sit through a television sitcom.

"My husband can tell when I'm sick, because I don't do anything. I just sit there."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Sherry Zylka, Schoolcraft College coordinator for continuing education, recently took a course on motorcycle safety and ATV training.

Schools seek aid from state

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THE PROPOSAL establishes criteria for the funding, which Hoedel believes can be met by no Michigan district other than Plymouth-Canton schools:

- Loss in state aid must exceed 54 percent of the aid received the previous year. Plymouth-Canton lost 76 percent, or \$5.5 million, in 1987-88 state aid.
- Loss of two or more previously authorized operating mills. The dis-

trict lost 2.53 mills due to the Headlee Amendment.

- A minimum of two school millage election defeats. Proposals failed twice this year, twice last year.
- Per-pupil expenditures of at least \$200 below the state or county average. The average in Wayne County is \$3,849. Plymouth-Canton spends \$3,334 per student, Hoedel said.

THE LEGISLATURE adjourns

Thursday, Dec. 8, for the holidays. "We're definitely interested in having the hearing take place before then," said Kosteva, who's not yet sure whether the session will be an educational subcommittee hearing or meeting of the House legislative leadership.

"Our chances are remote," acknowledged Kosteva, who sits on the House education committee. "But we feel as though the situation in the Plymouth-Canton school district and the educational product being pro-

Drilling crews tap water main

A 24-inch water main on Cherry Hill between Haggerty and Lilley was damaged and repaired last week.

Jake Dingley, public works director, said Canton crews called Miss Dig to determine whether it was safe to drill to make a service tap for a customer without water.

Miss Dig is a communication link providing information to the private and public sector about underground utilities.

They were told there wasn't a water main in the area, Dingley said. Dorothy Mann, Detroit Water and Sewer Department public relations supervisor, said the department "isn't going to get" into discussing whether the water main was marked or unmarked.

Canton crews drilled Nov. 23 and hit an object.

"THEY WERE boring and there was an obstruction they thought was a rock," Dingley said.

It turned out to be the 24-inch transition main.

"The hole we put in was about the size of your thumb," Dingley said. "The city of Detroit didn't stake out their water main through the Miss Dig program."

The Detroit Water Department fixed the main by Friday, said James Heath, Detroit Water superintendent of maintenance and repair.

Service remained intact for customers, he said.

There were no property damages or flooding reported, Heath said.

Girl Scouts helping in Red Cross blood drive

People are asked to give a lot during the holidays. Gifts for family, donations to charity, volunteer hours for worthwhile projects are all demands placed during this time of year.

The American Red Cross is hoping people don't forget to give blood during the holiday season.

And the Huron Valley Girl Scouts are stepping in to help make it easy for people to donate blood when their way to shop or look for a Christmas tree.

The Huron Valley council, which serves the Plymouth-Canton community, is sponsoring five blood drives, including one at Fox Hills Chrysler Plymouth, 111 Ann Arbor Road.

Those wishing to donate blood can stop by the dealership between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday.

THIS IS the first time the Girl Scouts have sponsored such a program, said Ron Lackenbill, director of membership services.

The idea for the blood drive came partly to challenge a newspaper article and also out of concern to help the community, Lackenbill said.

"Some of our volunteers decided they wanted to do a service project around the holidays," she said.

And the president of the group wanted to counter a recent newspaper article that said women do not donate as much blood as men, Lackenbill said.

The council is hoping the parents and volunteers as well as members of the general public take some time out Saturday to donate blood.

"The council has about 200 troops in this area with an estimated 1,500 scouts and several hundred volunteers," she said.

"The more people we can get out, the better," she said.

THE RED Cross is in desperate need of blood.

Last week, the Red Cross received shipments of red blood cells from Munich, West Germany. The imported blood will help alleviate the chronic blood shortage in the area, according to the Red Cross.

Hospitals in southeastern Michigan normally use about 1,000 pints of blood every day, according to the Red Cross. But demand outpaces supply, especially during the holidays when donations decline.

Those who cannot donate blood Saturday can call the Red Cross, 494-2800, for more information about alternative sites and times.

Party honors officials

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Guests will receive a bud vase with a Canton emblem engraving. Money from the party will pay for the event. A profit is unexpected, Joyner said.

"If there's any other profit it will go back into throwing the next one," Yack said. "We talked about giving the extra to charities, but there won't be, because it's so expensive to put it on."

COCKTAILS WILL begin at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m.

Signs blend with decor

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In 1980, there were 1,350,000 people age 18-24 in the state. Last year, there were only 1,000,000 entering the labor force in the same age bracket, Rosen said.

At McDonald's Corp., the trend has made the \$3.35-an-hour mini-

mum wage a thing of the past, said Michigan marketing manager Tom Peters.

"Frankly, minimum wage is a dinosaur term," he said. "It's a very, very competitive marketplace. We haven't been paying minimum wage for a long time."

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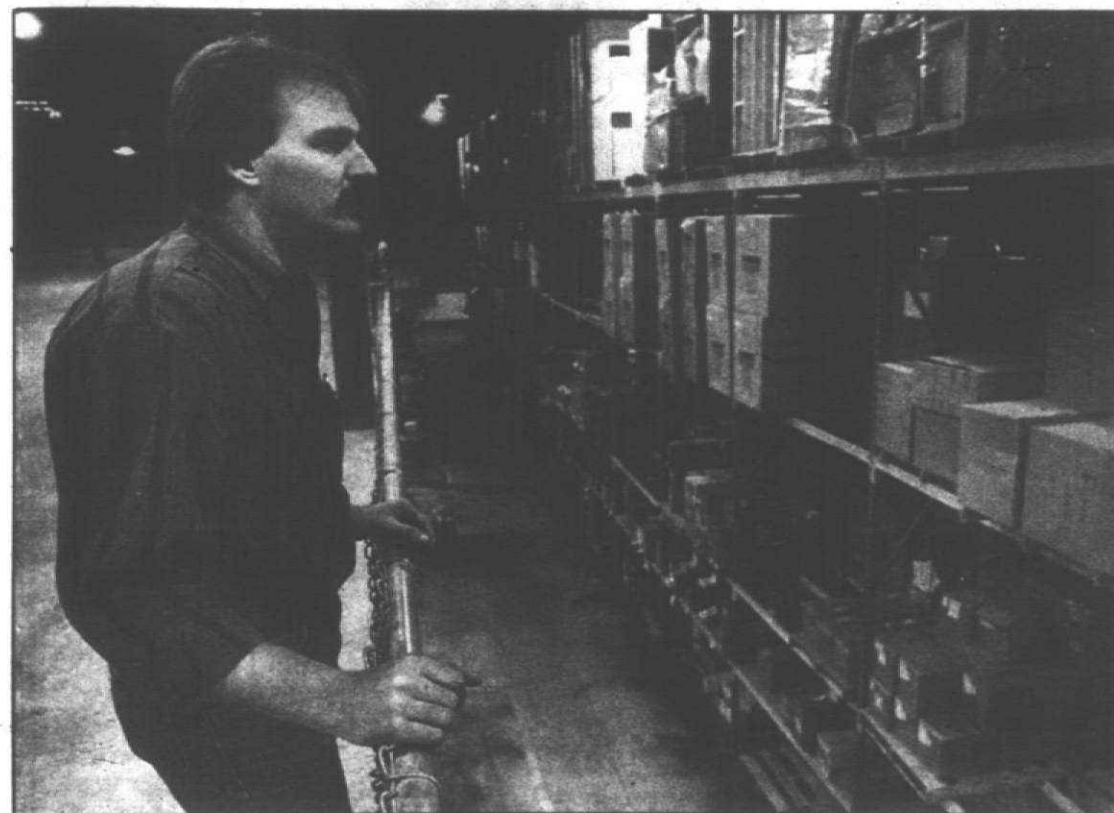
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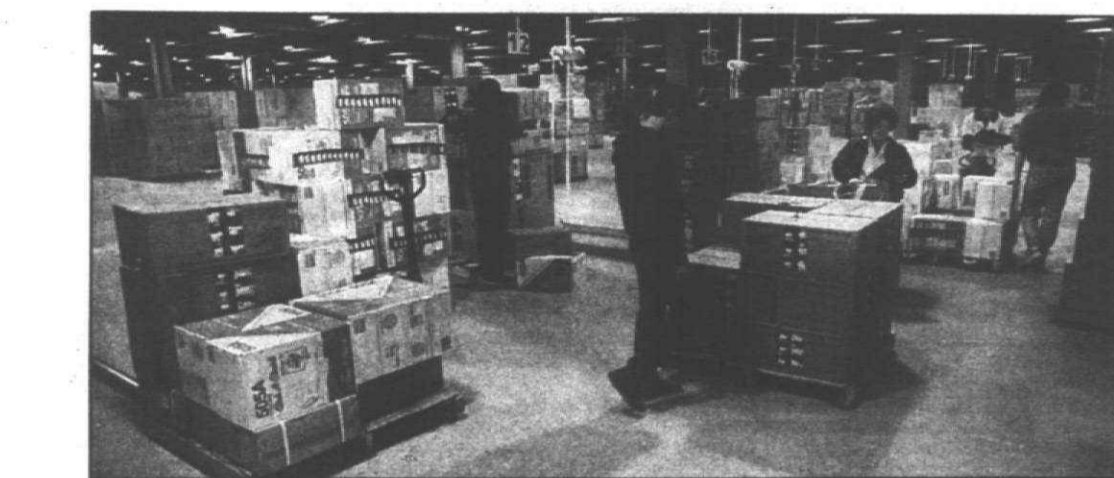
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'Santa's helpers'

Work is child's play at toy distribution center



Dan Banaszek, distribution manager, checks things twice.



Bill Bates loads cartons from the stock area.

By Diane Gale staff writer

If it weren't for the Toys "R" Us distribution center in Canton, your kids probably wouldn't get those Nintendo video games they've been talking about.

The 455,000-square-foot warehouse/office building on Haggerty north of Koppernick opened in June after moving from downtown.

The outlet acts as a clearing house for 18 Michigan stores and two Toledo outlets. It employs 120 people, but that figure fluctuates with part-time, temporary and seasonal help.

"Nintendo will be the hottest category of merchandise," said Michael Cullen, inventory control manager.

"E.T." TAPES have to be a close second.

"Everything (E.T. tapes) we have received in here has blown out the door as fast as we can get it in," Cullen said. The tape costs \$16.99 with a \$5 rebate.

Other popular toys this year are Talking Pee Wee, Barbie Sensations, Electronic Wheel of Fortune, Action Set, Electronic Baseball, Roger Rabbit Talking Plush, Double Dare, Win Lose or Draw, Scruples 2, Pocket Rockers, Micro Machines, GI Joe Night Striker Hovercraft, Starting Lineup, R/C Aero Turbo, Socrates (video), Teddy Ruxpin and Ghostbuster Haunted Humans.

Boxes of these future Christmas and Hanukkah gifts and other merchandise are stacked to the ceiling in the distribution center.

"We store merchandise and spoon feed it out to the stores as they need it," said Dan Banaszek, distribution center manager.

THE CANTON warehouse receives merchandise from the New Jersey national office, it's priced and shipped to the stores.

Fall marks the busiest time of year. It begins with the start of school, followed by Halloween and finally Hanukkah and Christmas, Cullen said.

Employees sort the items before sending the merchandise to individual stores.

Some items sell better in specific regions, Cullen said. Sales for other toys depend on television coverage. If there's a lot of advertisements in a specific market it usually drives up the demand, he added.

"We consider ourselves Santa's helpers," Banaszek said.

The international company has 360 retail stores in the United States, France, England, Canada, Germany and Singapore. The company had \$3.1 billion sales January 1988, a 28.3-percent increase from the previous year, according to Carl Spaulding, general manager.

"We store merchandise and spoon feed it out to the stores as they need it. . . . We consider ourselves Santa's helpers."

—Dan Banaszek
distribution center manager

Police busy with chases

By Doug Funke staff writer

Plymouth Township police officers were involved in fleeing and eluding situations on three successive days during the past week.

No officers or drivers who were pursued sustained injuries.

However, a pedestrian was struck in Westland shortly after a township police officer broke off a chase in the vicinity of Joy and Hix roads.

The pedestrian was hospitalized but doesn't have life-threatening injuries, Westland police said.

All three motorists pursued by township police were ticketed for fleeing and eluding — a misdemeanor. They must appear before a judge in 35th District Court.

Westland police earlier this week were still investigating the personal injury accident in their jurisdiction.

SERIOUS PURSUITS on three successive nights is rare in Plymouth Township, conceded Carl Berry, police chief.

He declined to discuss his department's pursuit policy in detail but said all officers involved in last week's episodes complied with regulations.

Emergency flashers and sirens were used by police in all three instances, their reports indicated. The reports didn't indicate at what speed the officers pursued.

"State law (on pursuits) requires due care and caution," Berry said. "A policy is generally written to assist an officer make a rational decision on the road — to protect the officer, police department, citizen."

"THERE'S ALL KINDS OF param-

eters and decision making to process while in pursuit," Berry said.

He identified some speed, traffic volume, time of day, road conditions, weather conditions and the reason a motorist is fleeing.

"There's so many judgment things in there. That's why there's so much controversy over pursuits," Berry said.

Berry did open the door a little on local policy.

"Our policy restricts officers to certain miles over the speed limit," he said. "They can't ram, box in or attempt to use excessive force on a person attempting to flee what appears to be a misdemeanor charge."

THE FIRST of the three pursuits started with a burglary in progress run to a house on Pinetree at 3:41 a.m. Thanksgiving Day. It actually was a domestic disturbance.

Officer Ed Gauthier reported that a car pulled away from the house with its lights off as he arrived.

The driver, a 39-year-old Plymouth man, finally turned on his headlights, but accelerated when Gauthier activated his lights and siren, the officer said.

Gauthier reported pursuing from Orangelawn to Terry to Micol where the motorist stopped the car in the middle of the street, then ran. The driver was arrested while attempting to jump a fence on Firwood.

The driver, ticketed for fleeing and eluding, told police the only reason he bolted was that his license was suspended.

OFFICER BILL GROFF reported that he was working stationary radar shortly before 7 p.m. Friday on

Lilley near Hartsough when he clocked a motorist going 53 mph in a 35 mph zone.

Groff followed, activating his flashers after crossing Ann Arbor Road. The motorist continued so Groff said he then turned on his siren.

The suspect vehicle, according to Groff, failed to stop at a stop sign at general and Joy, went through a red light at Joy and Haggerty, a red light at the entrance to the Honeytree Apartments and a red light at Joy and Hix.

Groff broke off the chase at Joy and Hix. The driver struck a pedestrian at Joy and Wayne — less than two miles away — shortly thereafter and fled on foot, Groff reported.

THE DRIVER, a 22-year-old Plymouth man, turned himself in to township police the next morning.

He was ticketed for fleeing and eluding.

The driver pursued by Groff had a suspended license and an outstanding bench warrant for failing to pay fines in 35th District Court, Berry said.

Officer Tom Thompson reported observing a car driven in an erratic manner — swerving and squealing tires — while checking out an abandoned car in the vicinity of Joy and Lilley about 9 a.m. Saturday.

Thompson pursued, first activating his overhead flashers, then siren. The driver finally pulled over on Main at Jackson. Thompson reported, and explained that he was testing the car on which repairs had been made.

The driver, a 21-year-old Wayne man, received a ticket for fleeing and eluding.

Woman charged in robbery

A 33-year-old Westland woman was charged with armed robbery in connection with a theft at Quik Pik on Joy Road and I-75 Saturday.

Renée Kirby was arraigned by Livonia Judge James McCann over the weekend and bond was set at \$7,500 cash.

A preliminary examination date was set for Monday, Dec. 5. About 12:05 a.m. a woman entered the Quik Pik, went back to the cooler

and removed a large bottle of Miller beer, according to police.

The woman told the employees, who were alone in the store, that she wanted the beer and all money in the register, according to Dave Boljesic, Canton police spokesman.

The worker, 32, said she couldn't give her the money, Boljesic said.

The suspect walked behind the counter and threatened the employees with the beer bottle.

The suspect opened the register, took the money, walked to the safe and demanded the worker open the safe, he said. The employee ran to a store next door.

The suspect ran out of the store and got into a bronze 1980 Chevy Chevette. The vehicle was last seen eastbound on Joy.

A Livonia police officer stopped the car at Joy and Wayne and made the arrest.

Sunday fund-raiser to aid Straight

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and Plymouth merchants are sponsoring a fund-raiser for Straight Sunday.

The benefit runs noon to 5 p.m. Many Plymouth merchants will donate 10 percent of their gross re-

ceipts to Straight or will donate a flat donation in support of this event.

Straight is a non-profit drug and alcohol treatment program for adolescents and their families. The treatment center is on Ann Arbor Road.

Many merchants will also have refreshments and display a small basket to gather loose change for Straight. Those firms participating will have a poster identifying their support of the fund-raiser.

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Winter warning

Shoveling snow dangerous for some

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow..." was easy for Bing Crosby to say. But to many people, heaps and heaps of the white stuff is no winter wonderland. Snow shoveling poses a health risk for some.

Winter indeed can be cruel. How many hours did you labor over your blizzard-wracked driveway before the city street plow dumped Mount Everest directly in front of it?

How many times did those little darlings down the street hurtle ice balls at your windshield as you drove by?

How long can your next-door neighbor use his snowblower — right up to the point where his sidewalk ends and yours begins — before you tell him what he can do with his snow blower?

The American Heart Association of Michigan urges you to take necessary precautions with this year's snowfall. Every year, snow shoveling accounts for a number of heart attacks in Michigan.

If you're 40, lead a sedentary lifestyle, smoke cigarettes, or are overweight, you could be a likely candidate for a shoveling-related heart attack. These are the secondary risk factors for heart disease, and are most commonly overlooked. High blood pressure and other heart conditions are primary risk factors that cannot be ignored. People with these conditions absolutely should not shovel snow.

As a safeguard, if you are over 40 and have one or more risk factors, consult your physician before braving the elements.

The act of shoveling snow is strenuous physical activity. If you are not physically conditioned for such exercise, the stress on your cardiovascular system may be too great. Shoveling is static exertion; in other words, your lower extremities are likely to be standing still while your arms and upper torso are lifting of-

ten heavy amounts of snow. The strain on your heart is caused by unequally proportioned effort.

According to Dwight Gaal, exercise physiologist, there are simple exercises that can effectively prepare your body for shoveling.

"Getting involved in light activity such as walking with exaggerated arm swinging can promote proper cardiovascular conditioning," Gaal said.

"You may want to try carrying light hand weights as you walk, then gradually increase the weight over time."

If you do not own a pair of hand weights, Gaal recommends filling empty plastic gallon jugs with varying levels of water and sand. Practice rotating the jugs in the same fashion as if you were actually shoveling.

THE COLD weather plays a role, too, in adding up heart attack risk. "Cold weather forces your body to regulate its temperature, which means the blood vessels constrict to conserve normal body heat," said Gaal.

Narrowed blood vessels increase blood pressure, which, in turn, causes the heart to demand more oxygen. This is when angina pectoris (chest pain) can occur.

There are steps you should take if you must shovel snow:

- Cover your face with a scarf to avoid direct inhaling of winter air.

- Avoid shoveling during high windy periods. The wind chill factor can be dangerous in itself.

- Layer yourself with lightweight, loose-fitting clothing.

- Change wet clothing immediately.

- Wear something on your head, since a large percentage of body heat is lost from this area.

- Keep moving around; let your blood circulate freely.

- Don't try to do the whole job at once. Take breaks to rest.

- Don't hold your breath.

STRENUOUS LIFTING is most dangerous when you hold your breath. Remember to breathe when you shovel, and keep oxygen flowing in and out at a normal pace. Holding your breath can cause sudden, rapid change in your heart rate and blood pressure.

These signals should alert you to cardiovascular stress:

- Tight squeezing pain in the chest, possibly moving to the arms.

- Shortness of breath, excessive sweating and nausea.

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Mail your holiday cards, gifts early

The holidays will soon be here and the Postal Service says it wants to assure delivery of every package and card by Saturday, Dec. 24.

Reaching your destination with Christmas mail will be more likely if you:

- Prepare and mail your Christmas cards by Dec. 12. Envelopes must be a minimum of 3 1/2 inches high by 5 inches long. A surcharge is made if they exceed 6 1/2 inches high or 11 1/4 long.

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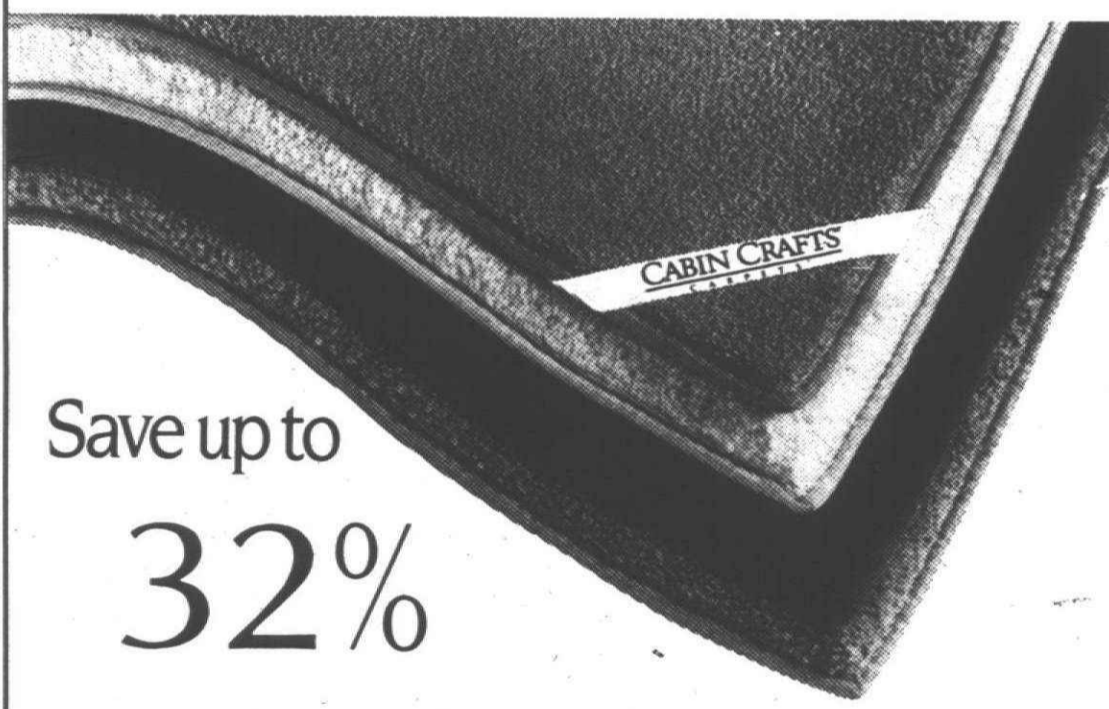
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Salvation Army seeks holiday support

Finds needy people 'hidden' in affluent communities

By Tom Ferguson
staff writer

"Tis the season of the kettle people, the bell ringers who bless us one and all as we drop a few coins for the poor and troubled before we enter the gates of shoppers' heaven."

The Salvation Army's profile is highest this time of year, and visions of Harbor Light and Cass Corridor outreach dance in most heads at the familiar sight of the kettles. But the Army is busy in the suburbs, too.

Lt. Jonathan Rich, who runs the Salvation Army community center in Farmington Hills, knows a lot about the need that can be hidden in affluent communities.

"One of the big problems is that outside the city there is not much low-income housing at all," Rich said. "Some people have been willing to make big sacrifices to live outside the city, spending 60 or 70 or 80 percent of their income for housing. Typically, an emergency comes up and suddenly they don't have any money to feed their family."

EMERGENCY and referral are key words with Salvation Army services. The Army does not try to provide long-term assistance, but responds to family crises, networking with other agencies to find long-term help when needed.

Rich, whose Farmington Hills center serves residents of Farmington and Novi and parts of Livonia and Southfield, gave an example of suburban Catch-22 need: "You have a person who falls through the DSS (Department of Social Services) cracks, working in a low-paying job, maybe a waitress or a waiter. They pay maybe \$425 a month rent, which doesn't get you much of an apartment out here.

"They have an emergency need — someone in the family is sick, perhaps — and after buying prescriptions, they can't pay the rent. They go to DSS for help, and DSS says, 'You have to sell your car,' which

would make it impossible to get to work. So they come to us."

Us in this case includes Rich's wife, Barbara, also a lieutenant, who is working on a master's degree in counseling while helping run the Farmington center.

What the Riches and personnel at other centers provide is emergency food, perhaps some clothing, liaison — or even a touch of cash — to prevent a utility shutoff or an eviction, it takes to get past a crisis.

The Army is a strong believer in networking to provide the most help to the most people, and to avoid waste. The Army is working this year with Goodfellow's, churches and other organizations to make sure there is no overlap in Christmas assistance to needy families.

The community center in Plymouth knows its share of hidden suburban need. "At Christmastime we get a terrific number of requests for help from single or divorced women on ADC, or senior citizens on fixed incomes," said Heather Doughty, a social worker at the Plymouth center, which also serves residents of Canton, Northville and part of Westland.

"WE HELP about 250 families each Christmas," Doughty said. "We provide food for the holidays and toys for children. In some cases we deliver help at nursing homes."

Throughout the year, Doughty said, she comes into contact with "a lot of people who just got into some bad circumstances, not just welfare families."

"There was a family where the man had a good managerial job, and his wife was working," Doughty said. "He lost his job and had trouble finding another one. Unemployment ran out, savings were used up, the wife became sick and lost her job. They had a lot of trouble making their payments, and were really at the end of their rope, even when he finally found another job."

Here's how to help:

Any donations dropped into the familiar Salvation Army kettles at shopping malls and elsewhere are used to further programs in that city or its nearby "corps area."

The Army needs donations to help its programs in the inner city and regionwide, as well. Checks should be sent to the Salvation Army, 601 Bag-

ley Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48226. If you like, contributions may be designated for certain programs (substance abuse, for example) or locales.

Metropolitan Detroit Salvation Army headquarters will refer you to the proper community center. Call 961-2292.

Event spotlights area's homeless

National homeless rights advocate Mitch Snyder will appear Friday, Dec. 9, at a ceremony honoring area advocates for the homeless.

The ceremony is part of the "Project Warmth Open House," a program sponsored by Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services. The agency is Michigan's largest provider of legal services to homeless and other disadvantaged people, agency members said.

The event will be held from 4-6:30 p.m. at 3500 Cadillac Tower, Detroit. Afterward, Snyder and WCNLS members will deliver clothing and

other items to shelters throughout the Detroit area.

There are between 33,000 and 90,000 homeless Michigan residents, WCNLS executive director Linda Bernard said. Most live within metropolitan Detroit, she said.

Between 500 and 800 state residents seek temporary shelter on any given night, according to agency statistics.

Additional information is available by calling Kevin Fobbs at 962-0466, Ext. 261 during normal working hours, or by calling 962-5045 after 7 p.m. and on weekends.

S'craft seeks writers to enter 'poet hunt'

Poet, editor and professor Herb Scott of Western Michigan University will judge Schoolcraft College's sixth annual poet hunt, sponsored by the school and its literary magazine, The MacGuffin.

All Michigan residents are eligible to enter the poetry competition, which offers a \$100 prize for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. The winners, and three honorable mentions, will be invited to read their poetry next spring, and all winning entries will be published in the fall 1989 issue of The MacGuffin.

Scott teaches in the creative writing program at Western Michigan University. He has written seven books of poetry, including "Diagnoses and Groceries." His honors include a Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry in

1981 and a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in 1984. He will be at Schoolcraft on March 27 to read poetry and to announce winners of the poet hunt.

Entrants may submit one to five previously unpublished poems of 50 lines or less. There is a charge of 50 cents per poem.

Entries must be typewritten, with name, address and phone number on a separate 3-by-5 index card. Entries should be mailed to: Poet Hunt, Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, Mich. 48152.

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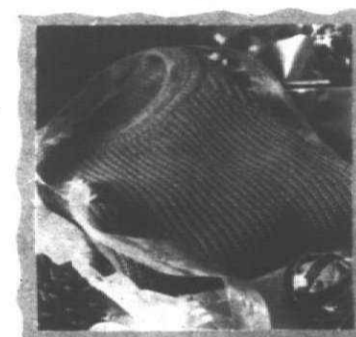
When there is cash involved, there are no payback arrangements. But, said Doughty, "It's not unusual to get donations with a note that says, 'You helped us, now we'd like to help you.'"

Doughty is particularly sensitive to the needs of senior citizens on fixed incomes, and believes that recent cutbacks in distribution of government surplus commodities will mean that "we're going to see more seniors coming to us for help. I don't think people really understand just how small that fixed income can be."

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Barbara and Jonathan Rich, both lieutenants in the Salvation Army, are among those working to bring relief to needy area families this holiday season. The organization uses its holiday donations to provide emergency care for metropolitan area residents.



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achievers

Andrew S. Flower of Plymouth recently received a scholarship for the fall semester at the University of Kansas. Last fall, students on the Lawrence and the Medical Center campuses have received more than 3,900 scholarships totaling about \$1.9 million from funds administered by the Kansas University Endowment Association.

A freshman at Spring Arbor College was honored as the 1988 Homecoming Court at the college's homecoming activities.

Chun, an exercise and sport science major, plans to teach and coach basketball. Spring Arbor College is a private, four-year Christian evangelical liberal arts college located eight miles west of Jackson, Michigan.

JEFF SOBEL of Canton was accepted into the award-winning Michigan State University Spartan Marching Band for the 1988-89 academic year. The 275-member marching band plays at every MSU home football game and travels with the team to any bowl games.

LAUREN DASHER 20 months of Canton and her 6-year-old brother Mark Dasher were

recent winners in the Hemisphere Beauty Pageant of Michigan. The pageant was sponsored by the Patricia Steven's Modeling Agency. Their parents are Mark and Colleen Dasher.

Lauren won first place in the baby division and Mark won first in the masters division. Both children will compete in the state pageant in May. Grandparents are Michael and Charlotte Walsh of Canton and Jerry and Joyce Dasher of Plymouth.

obituaries

NANCY LOUISE WISE Funeral services for Nancy Louise Wise, 58, of Plymouth were Nov. 29 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth with the Rev. Kenneth Grubel officiating. Burial was at Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham with arrangements by Schrader Funeral Home. Mrs. Wise died Nov. 25 of cancer. Mrs. Wise was a librarian. She joined Plymouth-Canton schools in 1966, and worked at Farrand and Smith elementary schools. Farrand principal Carol Nichols said, "Nancy will be missed by all of us and by the children." Nichols said he is personally grateful to Wise for "helping my daughter learn to love reading." The school district is starting a memorial fund for the former librarian. Anyone wishing information may call Nichols at Farrand, 451-6515.

The former Nancy Brannan was born Aug. 8, 1930, in Detroit. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1948. Mrs. Wise received her bachelor's degree with honors from Western Michigan University in 1952. She earned her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1953. From 1953 to 1959, Mrs. Wise was a librarian with the Wayne County library system. She was assistant in Plymouth and head librarian at branches in Inkster and Dearborn Heights, and headed children's services.

Wise of Illinois and Penny Guilloux of France. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

GORDON H. McMANN Private services were held for Gordon H. McMann of Plymouth. Mr. McMann, 58, died Nov. 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born March 19, 1930, in Detroit. Mr. McMann retired in 1987 from his job as a medical supply clerk with Wisher Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind. He served in the United States Army and the United States Air Force. He attended Plymouth High School. Mr. McMann is survived by brothers John McMann of Plymouth and Allen McMann of McQueeney, Texas.

DELORES M. RUSSAS Funeral services for Delores M. Russas, 65, of Dearborn were Nov. 30 at the Schrader Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Belczak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Russas died Nov. 26 in Ann Arbor. She was born June 3, 1923, in Detroit. Mrs. Russas is survived by her daughter Valerie Russas of Minnesota; son Merlin (Lin) Norman of Plymouth; granddaughter Candace Nordmark of Plymouth; brothers Arthur Whalen of Redford and Robert Whalen of Taylor; and sister Margaret Center of Indiana. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Lung Association, 1925 Pauline Boulevard, Ann Arbor.

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Hudson papers given to college

Schoolcraft College has recently received the late Sam Hudson's research papers and notes. Hudson's wife, Jessie, and son, Bruce, donated the collection to the college archives. The extensive collection contains research notes from all of his books which focused on local history.

Schoolcraft College archivist Shirley Connors said the collection includes information about the history of Plymouth, Schoolcraft College, the Plymouth-Canton Community School District and the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Connors said the collection contains many photographs in addition to Hudson's research notes. Also contained in the collection are letters written between Hudson and Carl Starkweather regarding his early days of Plymouth history. Lovorne Sly's research notes, which were a gift to Hudson; and extensive notes from interviews. For an appointment to study Hudson's papers, call Connors, 462-4400, Ext. 5313. The archives, located in the Bradner Library on the Schoolcraft College Livonia campus, are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

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Bored kids? Not this holiday

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

There's no reason for youngsters to sit around the house this holiday season moaning they don't have anything to do. Besides making up endless Christmas lists and checking 'em twice, besides counting down the days to the return of the fat man in red, besides sneaking fresh-baked cookies when mom isn't looking, there's lots to do this year for kids 3-12.

Here are a few suggestions:

WINTER SURVIVAL CAMP: The National Living Science Foundation is sponsoring two local camps to teach kids 5-12 all about winter. What about a chinchilla's fur makes it so warm when it's so cold? What do the winter constellations look like (in the event some year we have a clear day in January or February)? How does the earth's tilt affect weather? The distance from the sun? What happens to a bear's metabolism when it takes that big sleep known as hibernation? How do those skinny little sparrows stay warm, singing so cheerfully you'd think it was June in Hawaii?

The camp at the Community Center of Farmington and Farmington Hills will run Dec. 28-30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children can attend for one day, two days or all three days. The cost is \$40 a day or \$100 for the entire session. Because one day's program leads into the next's, it is recommended children attend all three days. Non-residents are welcome and pay the same fee.

LUNCH WITH SANTA: What could be better for the child who has everything than lunch with Santa? The Wayne-Westland YMCA is flying in the jolly old man for an appearance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Y, 827 S. Wayne between Ford and Michigan.

For the modest sum of \$4 for members, \$5 for non-members, kids get lunch, a chat with Santa when they can get in a few last-minute requests and a picture taken with the North Pole native.

In addition, there will be carols and crafts. There is no age requirement — "It's for anyone who believes in Santa Claus," said executive director Jan Lockman. There is no pre-registration required, nor are their residency requirements.

All proceeds go to the Y's Invest

Nankin Mills group plans lighting fest

The Friends of Nankin Mills will kick off the holidays with a light-up celebration at the Nankin Mills picnic area, on Hines Drive near Farmington 6 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8.

Trees, shrubs and the old mill will be strung with lights and ornaments. Carolers will belt out Christmas favorites, and Wayne County officials will be on hand for the festivities.

The Friends of Nankin Mills are still looking for a few more lights and ornaments to use in decorating,

and they are collecting them at three drop off spots — at Nankin Mills, Westland City Hall, 36601 Ford Road, and the CATV Community Relations Building, 33455 Warren, Westland.

The night of the light-up, the Friends of Nankin Mills will be selling new ornaments furnished by the Lions Club. They cost \$10 each and are tax-deductible, with proceeds going to further restore the mill. For information on donations, call 261-1990.

Numerous day camps and activities should cure children (and parents) of the post-holiday blues.

In Youth fund. **VACATION DAY CAMPS:** Both the Livonia and Wayne-Westland Y's are offering vacation day camps from Dec. 26-Dec. 30 and from Jan. 3-Jan. 6. The Wayne-Westland camp is for kids 3-12, and the Livonia camp is for kids 6-12.

The Wayne-Westland program is from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily, with room for 50 children. Costs vary depending on whether the family belongs to the Y and on how long the child is in camp. Costs range up to \$12 a day, and hourly rates of \$1.25 are available.

Call 721-7044 for registration or information. Costs at the Livonia Y are \$58 a week for members, \$63 for non-members, plus a weekly fee of \$6 to cover two trips. Call 261-2161 for information or registration.

Both camps offer outdoor activities, games, crafts, singing, swimming and sports competition. Children should bring a sack lunch.

The Livonia camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., though child may be dropped off as early as 7:30 a.m. and picked up as late as 6 p.m. for an

additional fee.

LAST, NOT LEAST: The Livonia Y is offering a Snooper's Christmas Camp for children 3-6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 27-29 and Jan. 3-5. The cost is \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members.

A variety of games and crafts will be offered. Children should bring a sack lunch, swimsuit and towel. The Y is also sponsoring an overnight party for kids on New Year's Eve so parents can go out and party without worrying about a baby sitter.

The party will be from 8 p.m. Dec. 31 through 9 a.m. the next day for kids 6-12. The cost for members is \$20 for the first child, \$15 for each additional child; for non-members it is \$5 higher.

There will be gym games, racquetball, tennis, movies, a pizza at midnight. Children should bring swim and gym gear and a sleeping bag.

Registration for the camp or the party can be made by calling 261-2161.



Chelsea Denafanier, 3, of Dearborn Heights shares a moment with Santa Mark Fernandez at Wonderland Mall, Livonia. After the holiday, there will be plenty of other things for children to do, too.

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Exercising option

Inventor hoping device shapes up as success

By Brian Lysaght
staff writer

Kim March has spent two years designing, perfecting, and selling — especially selling — his invention, an exercise machine called "Trym Gym."

It hasn't been easy, March said, developing his product or getting people to listen to the sales pitch. "I've talked to all kinds of retailers. I've talked to 120 retailers but most said they don't want to take a chance on it right off," said March, 34, a Garden City businessman who lives in Canton.

He has gone to trade shows, made dozens of phone calls, and gotten the brush off more than once.

But March is hopeful now. Good news came three weeks ago in the form of a purchase order from K mart.

The giant retailer, second largest in the country, bought 1,200 "Trym Gym" units to test market in 20 stores. The Canadian Sears department store chain bought 2,500 and

Kim March shows off his exercise equipment, now sold in K mart stores.

will run an advertisement in a credit card mailing. "Trym Gym" is a spring and pulley machine that attaches to doors, a "Total Fitness Center," according to a sales brochure. It can be used to limber up, slim down and improve tennis or golf strokes. It retails for \$29.97.

THE MACHINE was born after Kim and his brother Craig, partners in a Garden City metal working shop, saw a similar machine and decided they could build it better and cheaper.

"It's a lot bigger of a project than I thought it would be at first," he said.

It took about six months to design. Working in the family-run shop, he started with the spring and pulley, expanded, added a piston, and improved the packaging. He called hundreds of vendors to get the best price on materials.

When he began trying to bring his invention to the marketplace, things got even more difficult.

"It's just a world of troubles, one after another," he said.

It often took an average 16 calls to get through to a retail store buyer, he said, then sometimes he would have to travel somewhere to pitch

his machine personally. He even filmed a television commercial but ran out of money before airing it.

BUT SEARS and K mart may provide the big break. K mart is testing the product in several area stores, including the store on Plymouth Road in Livonia.

If the "Trym Gym," sells, K mart and Sears will buy more, and March will be off and running. So far, he said, the family firm has manufactured 7,500 "Trym Gyms" in the family shop in the industrial park. Currently, the shop is split between the metal-working business and the "Trym Gym."

If the latter sells, he'll hire more assemblers and move to bigger quarters.

Last week, March was in several K mart stores setting up displays

for his invention. He even made a sale.

"A lady stopped when I was setting it up, and I explained to her how it works. She bought it," he said.

That proves a point, he said. March is convinced that exposure is the key to sales. "You just have to get the exposure to sell it, to get people to see the product. I've sold it to people who come in my office."

If the product doesn't sell in the test markets, he'll air his television commercial. He had previously sold another family invention, a no holes magazine rack for binders, and has ideas for other products.

He said he has learned a lot along the way, about design, marketing, television commercials and more. "No matter what happens, I'm proud I've learned as much as I did, that I've gotten this far."

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State GOP chief puts out fires, teaches

By Tim Richard
staff writer

You don't go to school to become a state political party chairman, but you do a lot of teaching.

"The job has several components," said E. Spencer Abraham, the 36-year-old East Lansing attorney who is seeking to be Republican chairman for a fourth two-year term.

"You're a campaign manager, shaping election strategies.

"You do fund-raising.

"You manage a staff of 15 to 20 — more as election time draws near.

"When you're the party out of power (in the governor's office), you're a spokesman for the party.

"AND THERE'S a lot of putting out of fires," said Abraham, who

should know.

From 1986-88, the Michigan GOP was badly split between supporters of George Bush and the conservative coalition backing U.S. Rep. Jack Kemp and the Rev. Pat Robertson for president.

Abraham's patching of the party was good enough to avert a credentials fight at the national convention and to help Bush win Michigan's 20 electoral votes in his successful bid for the White House.

Although the party lost the U.S. Senate race badly, it did win six state offices — education and Supreme Court slots — and picked up a net of three seats in the state House of Representatives.

Announcing his re-election bid, Abraham said his staff fielded a record 30,000 volunteer workers in

1988. More candidate support than ever before had been provided, he said.

Abraham said the Michigan GOP, headquartered at 2121 E. Grand River Ave. in Lansing, "outperformed every other state in party programs" such as telephone centers, mail drops, absentee ballot mailings and campaign literature drops.

LIKE DEMOCRATIC state chairman Rick Wiener, Abraham is a lawyer — an honors graduate of the Harvard Law School (79) after earning a bachelor's degree at Michigan State University (74).

Should an aspiring young politico get a law degree or major in political science?

"We're the exceptions," Abraham said of himself and Wiener. "Practical experience is more helpful than

courses. I've worked on an awful lot of campaigns."

The GOP machine does a lot of teaching, he said.

"We have training for campaign managers that lasts about eight weeks. That's for campaigns for the Legislature or Congress.

"There is a daylong session for local managers or candidates for county commissioner. And there is an intermediate one for township supervisors or county treasurers."

His job requires "fair amount" of travel, mostly for recruiting and developing people. Sometimes it's just to motivate local GOP partisans by letting them know the state party cares.

Abraham won the chairmanship in 1983 as the protégé of 1982 gubernatorial nominee Richard Headlee of Farmington Hills and was re-elected in 1985 and 1987. The decision is made by some 2,000 delegates attending a state convention.

Between conventions, the state chairman works a state committee consisting of several members from each of the 18 congressional districts.

E. Spencer Abraham seeks fourth term

"You're a campaign manager. You do fund-raising. You manage a staff of 15 to 20."
— E. Spencer Abraham, state GOP chief

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Holiday job market is strong

Michigan retailers gearing for the Christmas rush are competing with fast-food restaurants and other labor-intensive employers for an increasingly short supply of part-time and seasonal workers.

But if employers fear angering customers with longer lines, less service and possibly higher prices, the seller's market for part-time jobs is a blessing for workers. Current employees may count on more overtime, while new hires are being offered far more than the minimum wage and, in some cases, expanded benefits.

"YOU HEAR the cries out there," said George Meechem, labor market analyst for the Michigan Employment Security Commission. "They can't find the people — at least not for minimum wage. They're offering benefits that they never did before. They're hiring mothers and retirees instead of teen-agers to flip the burgers."

Domestic violence discussed

Domestic violence is the focus of a State Bar of Michigan seminar 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Michigan Inn, 1640 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield.

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New era

Time has come to make change

WELL, THE FIRST township board meeting did not go exactly as we would have liked.

A couple of flip-flops on votes and a hint of a recall is reminiscent of the previous board.

But this current group still has enough time to demonstrate its commitment to working together in an effort to make Canton a better place to live and work.

Now that the supervisor issue has been settled, it's time to put the days of pointless bickering and posturing behind and begin a new era of effective and responsive government.

This board has a tremendous opportunity to end the circuslike atmosphere that permeated board meetings for the past four years.

That opportunity will require a great deal of effort and cooperation among trustees, township employees and residents. And it will take time.

Hopefully, though, these next four years will be remembered as a time when the board sat down and accomplished goals and resolved some longstanding and important problems.

IN ORDER to help set the board out on the right foot, we'd like to recommend that those elected to the board follow through on some of the ideas they presented during the campaign.

Supervisor Tom Yack wants to upgrade development so Canton gets more high quality development, especially along I-275.

That goal can be accomplished but it will take a united effort between the planning commission and board of trustees to get the message out to developers.

And Yack also has some public relations ideas to present a better image of Canton to residents and those who live in surrounding areas. The sooner he starts that program, the better.

Treasurer Gerald Brown wants to set some guidelines in his department regarding investments. With millions to invest, those guidelines are a good idea and should be implemented as soon as possible.

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FIGURING OUT why Canton experienced so many problems with election lines tops the list for Clerk Loren Bennett. Many voters were outraged over delays at the polls when some additional voting machines may have solved the problem.

Whatever the solution, this issue must be addressed before residents head to the polls next year.

The four trustees — Elaine Kirchgatter, John Prentzky, Robert Sheffery and Hank Whalen — also brought up a number of issues that merit attention.

The board will have to tackle landscaping standards, how to retain current property tax rates while still providing needed services and the best ways to enforce and toughen existing codes.

In addition, Canton, along with other communities, will have to come to grips with the solid waste problem. It is past time for simply talking about the need for recycling, resource recovery and possible incineration.

Working with surrounding communities, Canton can take a leadership role in achieving a solution to this serious problem.

With all those issues on the agenda, members of the board will hardly have time to bicker over personalities and argue about petty points.

That, in itself, would be a welcome change and an important step in creating a progressive and responsive government in Canton.

War toys

Parents must take a stand

WOULDN'T IT BE nice if the hottest selling holiday gifts this season were peace toys?

As far as that goes, wouldn't it be nice if there were any peace toys at all, competing for a modicum of space with the GI Joes, the Laser Tag guns, and the many other toys that glorify and promote war and violence?

Shelves stocked with peace toys are about as likely an event as are stores and manufacturers listening to the demonstrators who protest annually about the glut of war toys and toy weapons.

A number of groups staged their third annual day-after-Thanksgiving demonstration at a Southfield Toys "R" Us store last week. The protesters likely don't expect war toys to become extinct just because of their efforts. But they do

The big reason that stores try to sell so many war toys is because there are a lot of people who will buy them.

hope to raise awareness about the toys, particularly among parents.

FOR THE most part, parents make the best target for their message.

War toys, toy guns, toy soldiers and the like are plentiful because parents buy them. It is doubtful that is going to change, and it is doubtful toys are much to blame for much violence in today's world. After all, wars and brutality were around a long time before GI Joe.

But it is troubling to see the proliferation of war toys and toy weapons, their realistic appearance and their ubiquitous promotion during Saturday morning cartoon programs, which one protester described as "30-minute commercials to sell a variety of war toys."

But even after hearing claims of a ninefold increase in war toy sales since 1983, it is naive to place the blame for violence or the responsibility for toy buying solely with the commercial interests.

NO ONE said parenting is easy, but parents are in the best position to monitor television habits and to determine the type of toys with which a child plays. Most children will play war games, but that doesn't prevent parents from making sure that children know the consequences of real-life guns and bombs.

It would be nice if toy companies would refrain from cashing in on war toys, but don't hold your breath. Why should toy firms be responsible in an age when the federal government proposes to spend \$66 billion on Stealth bombers, a move hailed as a possible economic boom for Michigan should some of the deadly planes be based here?

Toy manufacturers should, however, be ashamed of making realistic-appearing toy weapons. There have already been tragic stories of police shooting children who were pointing frighteningly real-looking toy guns. We could support legislation to regulate such irresponsibility — such as painting all toy guns orange, as has been proposed.

We thank the marchers who protest against the toys and hope their message gets through to parents. We also pray for the day when there aren't any real weapons for the toy companies to emulate.



For three years parents have used the day after Thanksgiving, supposedly the busiest shopping day of the year, to protest against the sale of toys of violence.



Plazas a better idea for freeway drivers

FLORIDA HAS a better idea. It's called an interchange plaza. Let's say you're traveling I-75 and need to stop for various purposes. You make one turn off the surface road into the plaza, and everything is there.

A choice of fast-food restaurants. Two or three gasoline stations. Motels. A chamber of commerce station with restrooms and pamphlets on the local attractions, staffed by a couple of people who can answer questions or even chat about Keith, the tropical storm.

Michigan and a few other states ought to try the same thing.

FREEWAY INTERCHANGES are a big industry with many kinds of businesses. Back in the '60s, when farmers and others were bemoaning the loss of land to these 300-foot-wide ribbons, John C. Mackie, then state highway commissioner, used to reply that freeway interchanges would be a plus for the economy. Mackie was right.

But the way Michigan and most states manage them, interchanges are a mess to deal with. Every fast-food restaurant has a separate driveway off the surface road. Ditto with every gasoline station. Ditto with every motel. Ditto with every other kind of business.

If you want to eyeball the fuel prices, you have to drive up and down the surface road. You have to make left turns and U-turns in unfamiliar and sometimes heavy traffic. If a driver is elderly or a kid on board has a full bladder, it can be

Interchanges are an economic boom, but their style in Michigan is a convenience bust.

timed work. Stop, start, turn. Stop, start, turn.

The interchange plaza gets travelers off the surface road and lets local traffic proceed at something resembling normal speed and safety.

SEVERAL YEARS ago, I saw a Michigan Department of Transportation sign that said "Interchange Plaza." The idea is to have one large, official green freeway sign saying "Food next exit." On that billboard would be the logos of all the restaurants within a short distance of the interchange — the McDonald arches, the Burger King Whopper, Wendy's, the local restaurants and so on — each a foot or two wide.

Next would be a sign saying "Gas next exit," with the logos of the stations. Same for motels.

The idea was to get rid of ugly billboards, particularly in beauty areas where you want to attract tourists. It's also a convenience to the traveler. At one glance, you see all the food choices, all the fuel choices, and so on. That's the way they do it in the



Tim Richard

Carolinas and Georgia.

Why Michigan, where tourism is one of our two or three major industries, never adopted that system is a mystery. I plainly recollect Peter Fletcher, then chairman of the state Highway Commission, deploring ugly billboards with his colorful erudition, and I dimly recollect first lady Helen Milliken's involvement in some kind of beautification effort.

TRAFFIC FOOTNOTE: "Intimidation driving" is still largely a phenomenon of the southeastern Michigan vicinity, including Toledo and Windsor.

Intimidation drivers barrel on you at 20 mph above the posted limit, tailgate at less than a car length, dart across lanes without signaling, and even use the shoulder to pass. With the exception of one Tennessee pickup truck, all the intimidation driving I saw in two weeks was by cars with Michigan, Ohio and Ontario plates.

In past columns, I observed that 90 percent of intimidation driving was done by people in black or bright red cars. No longer. All colors of cars, with drivers of all ages, are doing it.

from our readers

CREW rules limit voices

To the editor:

CREW in their zeal to create a positive press for the Plymouth-Canton school system (their goal in memo dated 7-12-88), has stopped short of nothing including limiting membership in subcommittees to exclude Christian conservatives who are upset with the school district.

When CREW was formed, a few conservatives in the community called and said they would like to be involved on the subcommittee. Nov. 9, there was a meeting to form subcommittees to investigate concerns expressed from the community. Oddly enough, just by coincidence mind you, every person who was a well-known Christian conservative on the list of interested parties was, just by chance, not mailed a notification of the meeting. My presence there was an accident. I found out about it by word of mouth.

At the first meeting, Annette Remsburg again reiterated that everyone was welcome to join a subcommittee. Because I knew of several Christian conservatives who were concerned about curriculum, I told them to come to the curriculum committee meeting. Yes, they did express their view on secular humanism and sex education. After the curriculum committee had their first meeting, suddenly new rules were formed. Now only seven people

would be allowed to represent the community on the curriculum subcommittee. Seven people who had shown up at the first meeting were asked to leave. Just by accident again, golly what a coincidence, all seven were Christian conservatives.

Three other individuals who were so interested they did not even show up at the first meeting were still on the curriculum subcommittee. These new rules (to eliminate the Christian conservatives) were never mentioned when the committee was formed Nov. 9 or even at the first meeting of the curriculum subcommittee. Only after these Christians expressed their point of view, were new rules formed. How convenient.

Annette Remsburg may be able to exclude conservative Christians from the curriculum committee now, but she will not be able to exclude them from the ballot box if she runs for school board next June.

The curriculum committee is a fraud and a hoax, deliberately stacked to eliminate the effect of voting Christian conservatives. If Christian conservatives are not welcome, then the committee does not represent the community at all.

Mary Dahn, Canton

Education can lessen risk

To the editor:

I'd like to address the articles re-

Sherry Zytko, Canton

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Focus on writing

There exists a process to be taught

Q: My child's school district has been using a focus writing program. I have been pleased to see my son be so excited about writing especially because of this new grading style. My older child never had this opportunity to write so frequently without having every error bring his grade down. I for one like this method better.

A: What you are referring to is the focus correction method, which is part of the Writing Process developed by Dr. Donald Graves of the University of New Hampshire. You are fortunate to be in a district that uses this program because, from my experience, this is the best writing program available. The value in the program is that rather than assigning long papers, there are shorter assignments, more frequently given, with a much quicker process for returning papers to the child and more opportunities to write that can lead to increased fluency. There is a prewriting experience to determine the topic and audience, an initial draft where students write rapidly without worrying about spelling or punctuation, a revised draft with peers editing the paper, a second draft (if so desired) and finally a sharing (read aloud) activity with classmates.

Anyone who has been published recognizes these steps as inherent in producing a quality product. However, teachers must buy into this method and understand that the focus correction process can address one specific skill such as quotations and/or end punctuation as opposed to multi skills for every paper. A tennis coach will oftentimes take a player and "focus" on his/her backhand for a long period of time in a concentrated intensified "focus." The same purpose exists for the focus writing correction. Parents must not understand the purpose behind this approach so as not to become confused if the entire paper isn't corrected for grammatical errors.

It should also be pointed out that language arts or English teachers es-



Doc Doyle

I know from experience that a Writing Process program, if started at the elementary level, will result in better prepared students for the more competitive demand of a high school program.

pecially at the middle school and high school level, if they have five classes with 30 children in each

class, will have 150 students. If they assign a 10-page term paper they have 1,500 pages to correct and may as well kiss their next couple weekends good-bye. That is why the Writing Process and focus writing makes more sense to me than grading papers for every error recognizing eventually a student will build skills in many areas over the period of a year through this intensified instruction.

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The answers provided here are the opinions of Dr. James Doyle and not the Troy School District. Questions for this column should be sent to Doc Doyle c/o the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

Newspapers need features for children

To the editor: Newspapers are a main source of information. Many people read them every day. Kids in this area like to know what is going on in the world too. Usually newspapers are aimed toward adults and not kids so the kids who read the newspapers don't always understand what is being said.

If the newspaper had features for younger readers, it would not only increase the newspaper's popularity but the business it would get. The youngsters of our community would also know a lot more about what is going on, and maybe, in some things, do something about it.

There could be a children's section

of the newspaper so kids could write in and tell other kids about what is happening or anything else that other kids might be interested in. Kids could also write about problems that parents should think about and fix.

It would give the paper time to collect articles if the children's sec-

Still gnawing on turkey bones and blessings

Gnawing on the turkey bones is one of my favorite after-Thanksgiving pastimes, a soul-satisfying ritual that's also finger-licking good.

As years go by, I find myself gnawing also on the thoughts that when the refrigerator's crammed with turkey day leftovers, and we reflect on our blessings and pots to scour.

Sure, I am grateful that for a day or two I don't have to cook, but I'm thankful for a lot more than that.

Business in Southfield brought my parents home this holiday, a warm, wonderful, priceless bonus. Dad reminded me that it was 65 years ago on Nov. 1 that he first set foot in this promised land. No need to ask him about grateful.

In her own inimitable way, my mother makes her presence felt in a holiday kitchen, at the table and merely for time to touch one another and talk about the big things and the trivia that wrap us up in blessed closeness.

Who else has a mother who comes to town for a week or so and cooks up four flavors of homemade soup for the freezer? Her price is far above rubies.

NOW WE'LL be able to get



Shirlee Iden

through December, January and February on the mushroom barley, split pea, bean and lentil.

I'm grateful that the Wolverines "went true blue" against Ohio State and I am ready to take any bets we'll be hailing the victors at the Rose Bowl.

You can quote me on this. The election is over and I'm glad. I'm bored with the extent of the campaign and appalled with the negative focus on personalities. As one who adores national politics, it's enough already. There have to be some changes made. But it's over for now and three years is only too soon to get through all that again.

It's a plus that our family is basically in good health, including my about-to-be 84-year-old parents. Although I can measure aches and pains with anyone, I can see, hear, talk and walk and look forward to quite a few more Thanksgiving dinners and bone-gnawing sessions afterward, praise be.

HAVING BEEN BORN to freedom, plenty and opportunity, a recent nine-day visit to the Soviet Union brought home to me how thankful I am to live in decent housing, have ample clothing, food and other consumer goods available, necessities and splurges alike.

I appreciate walking down the street without having to look behind me to see if I'm still being followed, gabbing in an elevator without knowing that big brother is listening, and knowing that, in my synagogue

I appreciate walking down the street without having to look behind me to see if I'm still being followed; gabbing in an elevator without knowing that big brother is listening; and knowing that, in my synagogue or anyone's church, no sinister government agents are lurking around watching the worshippers and the worship.

My gratitude extends to having wonderful old friends and courageous new ones who trooped through Riga, Vilnius and Leningrad with Jack and me, bringing hope, medical succor and encouragement to oppressed people who so envy our freedom and joy de vivre.

Now I have been to Poland, China and the Soviet Union. I was grateful to leave each when departure time came, but Russia's the most oppressive, brutal and barren. It's only taken a peek at other lifestyles and other types of government for me to reinforce what I've always been told anyhow: We've got it pretty good.

I am grateful for so many things, but right now I am overwhelmingly charged up about being an American, can an American with a turkey carcass at that.

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How to handle plastic waste

This is the last part of a series about plastics and their effect on our environment.

There are three ways of dealing with the plastics waste problem. They are recycling, incineration and source reduction.

RECYCLING

First, not all plastics can be recycled into new products. Some resins will not tolerate the reheating; the rest degrade (breakdown) with repeated heatings.

This is due to the unique properties of each plastic resin. Each resin has different physical and chemical characteristics and, therefore, react differently to reheating and have varying melting points. As a result, most plastic recycling is limited to single resin containers, such as milk jugs and soda pop bottles.

However, a new process, called ET/1, now allows the reprocessing of previously chemically-incompatible plastics, including bottles, multi-layer containers, film. The recycled material is molded into an assortment of lumberlike products. There are currently two companies in Michigan that produce this plastic lumber product.

Recycled plastic applications are further limited by the FDA. Their regulations require that any recycled material that is to be used to



Terry Gibb

package food must be guaranteed by the manufacturer to be free of any contaminants. Because recycled plastics cannot be reheated to a high enough temperature to insure this, plastics are not currently reused to make food packaging.

INCINERATION

While recycling and reduction are slowly gaining support, incineration is accelerating as a disposal alternative. There are 111 municipal incinerators currently operating in the U.S. According to the EPA, 210 additional ones are planned or under construction. The plastics industry is a strong supporter of incineration of plastics citing that plastics release more energy (because it's made from petrochemicals) when burned and helps to burn the whole waste stream more efficiently.

There are several major concerns with burning plastics. One, many of the additives used to process or color plastic products contain toxic heavy metals, including cadmium, nickel

and lead. These metals do not combust and have been found in air emissions and ash from municipal incinerators.

Second, hydrochloric acids (HCL) are released when PVCs are burned. In low concentrations, HCL does not affect humans, but it can result in significant damage to plants, buildings and the incinerator itself.

The main controversy in the incineration of plastics centers on dioxins. Dioxins are formed when certain products of incomplete combustion combine with chlorine. Studies have been inconclusive as to the extent of emissions at this point.

SOURCE REDUCTION

Source reduction simply means that consumers must reduce the amount of plastic they use and, ultimately, discard. This can be done in a number of ways. Omit single use, disposal products, such as lighters and razors, from your purchases.

Ask for paper instead of plastic when possible. Find new uses for plastic products that would normally be thrown away. Recycle plastic jugs and containers at nearby recycling centers that accept plastics.

Another way to reduce solid waste in landfills is through the use of degradable plastic products.

Plastics will not normally breakdown unless exposed to high tem-

perature or intense ultraviolet light. However, by altering the chemical makeup, plastics can be made susceptible to decomposition.

There are two processes used to make plastics degradable:

PHOTODEGRADATION or degradation in the presence of sunlight is achieved by mixing light sensitive additives into the normal plastic resin or in the structure of the polymer itself. Several American and Canadian companies manufacture products, such as six-pack rings and trash and grocery bags, currently in use.

BIODEGRADATION or degradation through microorganisms is achieved by mixing the resin with an additive, usually starch, that can be eaten away in a landfill or other microbial active environment. Biodegradation does not require sunlight in the process.

While both of the degradable plastic processes will reduce the amount of solid waste and litter, some safety concern have been expressed in their use.

Packagers, environmentalists and health officials feel that degradable plastics may leave unwanted or toxic residues in package contents or in landfills.

Clearly, the many benefits in using plastics are counter balanced by the pollution and disposal problems they create. Each consumer must decide how to balance convenience with human and environmental health and economic costs.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit, 48226.

WSU seeks 'holiday hosts'

Wayne State University seeks area families to act as holiday hosts for foreign students.

The university's English Language Institute seeks to match students and families in time for Christmas.

The programs is designed to help students improve their English skills before attending university classes, as well as to ease their isolation and loneliness.

Students come from around the

world, especially from the Middle East and Far East.

The university seeks at least 20 host families. Families must file an application and pass a university interview.

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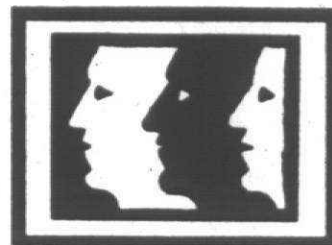
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Sarah Mulcahy, 8, meets with Santa Claus during the "Santa Comes to Canton" event. Santa had some help from several elves, including Jennifer Blaszkiewicz (left) and Melissa Emory.

Airborne Santa arrives



Santa Claus meets 16-month-old Annie Holdsworth. The "Santa Comes to Canton" event was designed with families in mind. Youngsters visited with Santa, and some watched a Christmas movie at the Canton Cinema Six.

Staff photos
by John Stormzand

SANTA CLAUS showed up right on schedule Friday, Nov. 25, in Canton. He didn't bring the reindeer with him, however.

Instead, St. Nick arrived by helicopter, courtesy of Jet Services Inc. The reindeer stayed at the North Pole, resting in preparation for their work on Christmas Eve.

The occasion was "Santa Comes to Canton," an annual event sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Santa had a busy morning ahead of him after arriving at the Canton Cinema Six on Ford Road. Gerald Brown, Canton Township treasurer, presented Santa with a key to Canton.

Santa spent his morning greeting children, working with the capable assistance of Christmas Carol and several elves. Some of the youngsters watched an appropriate movie, "Here Comes Santa Claus."

"Of course, this is the real Santa," said Joan Bolek, executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

RECEIVING THE key to Canton's homes means Santa will be

able to get into all of them, including those without fireplaces.

"Or they have a fire going in the fireplace," Bolek said. "We wouldn't want Santa to get burned."

The movie was offered free of charge to the first 500 people.

"It's nice to include the kids," said Dr. Jim Glinski, president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

THE EVENT has been held for a number of years.

"We felt it'd be a great way to bring the community and the businesses together," said Glinski, a local dentist. "We have a lot to offer."

Canton has large stores and many smaller specialty stores, he said. Holiday shoppers can find what they need in Canton.

At the "Santa Comes to Canton" event, children were given goodie bags full of small toys, balloons and candy canes. Their parents also had something to take home, packets of coupons and flyers from area merchants.

"Everybody wins," the chamber president said. "Everybody benefits from something like this."

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— Dr. Jim Glinski
chamber president

Major contributors for the "Santa Comes to Canton" event were McDonald's of Canton, Burger King, the Community Federal Credit Union and Draw-Tite Inc. The Canton Cinema Six, Jet Services Inc. and many other businesses, organizations and individuals helped out, Bolek said.

Plans are to continue to hold the "Santa Comes to Canton" each year right after Thanksgiving. The event has been popular with merchants and residents, with hundreds of residents attending each year.

"We publicize it," Glinski said. "It's spreading by word of mouth."

Group plans to focus on kids' needs

Early childhood education is a subject that is very much in the news these days.

Research is looking at how early childhood education can work best for children.

Local educators are well aware of that interest. The newly formed Plymouth-Canton Early Childhood Association was created partly in response to that.

The interest in forming such a group came from preschool and kindergarten teachers and from others, said Mary Fritz, acting membership chairwoman for the group. Fritz is director of Chapter I and Head Start for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Among those instrumental in forming the group were Shirley Spaniel, the school district's executive director of elementary education, and Claudia Kulnis, a teacher.

EDUCATORS BELIEVE there is a need for a forum to share ideas, Fritz said. The group, which will focus on the needs of children ages 3 through 8, isn't limited to public school educators.

Representatives from licensed private child care facilities, such as Red Bell Children's Nursery and Kinder Care, are among those invited to participate.

"We're interested in friends, people who maybe have an interest in this," Fritz said.

THE GROUP'S primary focus will be on getting to know each other, sharing information and ideas. Some

kind of public service activity will be included.

The group's invitation is open to administrators and teachers from schools and child care facilities, both public and private. Paraprofessional staff members and parents are also being encouraged to participate.

"It's a very broad arena," Fritz said. "We would welcome interested parents to come forward."

The Plymouth-Canton Early Childhood Association will meet from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, in the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road in Canton.

The speaker, Dr. Leonard Kaplan from Wayne State University, will discuss "The Role Parents Play in the Developmental Learning Process."

THE MEETING is for teachers, paraprofessional and support staffers, administrators, parents and others interested in early childhood education. Parents are asked to leave their children at home that evening.

Admission is free of charge; participants should register in advance by calling 451-6656. Refreshments will be served.

The Dec. 5 session will include a short business meeting featuring information on the association's objectives. Officers will be elected that evening.

"We're really kind of excited about it," Fritz said. "We want to reach out to as many people as we can."

PROFESSIONALS IN her field are hearing more about the need to collaborate with the private sector, Fritz said.

"I think communication with these people is really important," she said. "We feel that's the way to go."

The network between the public and private sectors isn't as good as it could be, she said. As more children go into some kind of day care program, there's more of a need for such communication.

"We want to find out what they're doing," Fritz said.

There is also a need for communication among kindergarten teachers and first grade teachers, she said. That year involves a major transition for children.

(Membership dues for the Plymouth-Canton Early Childhood Association are \$15 per year. For more information, call 451-6656.)



Mary Fritz

Safety

Season's shoppers need to be aware of their surroundings

By Julie Brown
staff writer

POLICE OFFICIALS know people tend to be a bit forgetful these days. The busy holiday season can unfortunately be a time for crime.

"Everybody becomes a little complacent about one thing or another," said Officer Robert Smith of the Plymouth Township Police Department. Holiday shoppers need to be aware of their surroundings.

Those who have suspicions should report them promptly to local police or mall security personnel.

"Let people know," said Smith, who worked for three years in security at Twelve Oaks in Novi. "It might be the worst. Without it being brought to our attention, we'll never find out."

Smith recommended that shoppers keep track of their holiday purchases; when he worked in mall security, some forgetful shoppers would leave packages at cash registers.

THERE ARE safety steps shoppers can take. Officer David Boljesic of the Canton Police Department and Chief Richard Myers of the Plymouth Police Department said. Those precautions won't eliminate the possibility of a crime occurring, but will reduce the likelihood.

Storing packages in a car's trunk — rather than on a car seat — is important, Myers said. Thieves will

be more likely to take packages that are visible.

"It makes a pretty tempting target," the Plymouth police chief said.

Boljesic agreed that's a good step for shoppers to take. It's best to put packages in the car trunk in between shopping stops, he said. If a thief sees you put packages in the trunk, he'll be more likely to try to get to those packages.

Shoppers also need to be careful in parking areas.

"There's a lot of area that is well-lit," Boljesic said. It's best to park in those areas, rather than in more distant ones.

"You can be in some desolate areas, even at Christmas time," the Canton officer said.

Parents who are shopping need to keep an eye on their children. It's not too likely that children will be kidnapped, although they could easily get lost in crowded stores.

"Keep a close eye on your kids and what they are doing, especially the young ones," Plymouth Township's Smith said.

OTHER SAFETY tips police offer include:

- Don't carry a large amount of cash. Using credit cards or checks is a good idea.

- Lock your car and take your keys with you.

- Be careful when putting change in your wallet or purse. Money should be carried and handled discreetly.

- Be careful when using 24-hour bank teller machines.

- Shop with a friend, a family member or as part of a group. Women and senior citizens should be particularly careful about shopping alone.

- If you're uncomfortable walking to your car alone, ask mall personnel to provide you with an escort.

- Don't leave a purse unattended in a shopping cart, even for a second or two.

- Keep track of your wallet's contents, including recording all credit card numbers. Also keep track of toll-free telephone numbers used to report cards having been lost or stolen.

- Take charge card receipts with you; take carbons with you or see that they are destroyed.

"A thief isn't above looking in a garbage can at a store," Boljesic said. He recommended that holiday shoppers check their credit cards after making purchases; it'd be easy for a salesperson to give a shopper back the wrong person's card.

MYERS, PLYMOUTH'S police chief, would be hesitant to give a credit card number to someone seeking business by telephone. That can be a trap, designed to get a credit card number from an unsuspecting consumer.

People need to be cautious when handling solicitations for charitable donations, police officials agree.

"The holidays are an emotional time for a lot of people." People are often in a generous mood this time of year, Myers said.

"But we have to be selective with it." He suggested making donations to well-established charities, such as your church, the United Way or the Salvation Army.

Experts say that people who look more confident are less likely to be

come crime victims, Myers said. Thieves tend to look for those they think will be easy prey.

"And shop in an area where you're comfortable. I think that's important too."

The downtown Plymouth area is relatively crime-free, according to Myers. Assaults are particularly uncommon.

Large shopping centers pose

greater problems for law enforcement personnel, he said.

Downtown Plymouth benefits from involvement of citizens and merchants, Myers said. The area's design also makes it less of a crime problem than some shopping centers are, as does its highly-visible police presence.

"Everybody looks out for everybody else."

Travel calls for caution

Shoppers aren't the only ones who need to be careful during the holidays. Travelers also need to heed some of the common-sense advice given by local police officials.

Most crimes around airports involve pickpockets, said Officer David Boljesic of the Canton Police Department. Travelers need to make sure their purses and wallets are secure. "Not flashing your money around" will help avoid attracting a thief's attention.

"Just remember where you are and what you're doing," Boljesic said. Women should hold onto their purses securely; men should be careful about putting a wallet in a back pocket, an easy spot for a thief to reach.

Chief Richard Myers of the Plymouth Police Department advises

travelers to leave for the airport in plenty of time.

SOME RESIDENTS think that's not necessary, due to this area's proximity to Metro Airport; the airport does, however, become increasingly congested during the holidays. Travelers can call first, to check on a flight's progress.

"Metro Airport's a pretty safe place to be," Myers said. Even so, travelers need to be careful.

Baggage should be well-marked and well-secured, Myers said.

Officer Robert Smith of the Plymouth Township Police Department recommended that travelers park in places with adequate security.

"A lot of places will offer shuttle service." Travelers' companions can

wait at the airport, to see that travelers board safely.

Police officials agree shoppers and travelers alike should promptly report any suspicious activity.

"Anything that looks suspicious to the average shopper should be reported," Myers said. Police officers or security personnel can check out the situation.

"Flag one down and tell him something doesn't look right," Myers said.

Smith and Myers said people shouldn't feel embarrassed about contacting police to report something suspicious. Without knowing about those activities, police can't do anything to take care of the situation.

"We don't become aware of what the problems are," Smith said.

Chorus plans yule concert

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual Christmas concert, "Merry Christmas With Love," on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, and for 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, Joy and Canton Center roads in Canton.

The 15th annual concert will feature sacred and secular songs of the Christmas season. Those include "Away in a Manger," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Calyso Carol" and "The Christmas Song." The concert theme, "Merry Christmas With Love," is borrowed from a song recorded by Sade Patti.

The Plymouth Community Chorus was organized in 1973 with fewer than 25 members. The chorus now includes 140 voices representing the area from Highland to Wayne and most communities in between.

THE CHORUS performs under the direction of Michael Gross of Westland. Tickets for "Merry Christmas With Love" may be bought at Sideways in Plymouth, at The Book Break in Canton and at The Gifted in Northville. Tickets are also available from Plymouth Community Chorus members.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and children. Group rates are available. For ticket information, call 455-4080. Solo numbers to be performed include "Love Is the Meaning of Christmas" by Barbara Koberstad and "Mary's Song" by Wendy Becker. Others are "Lullaby" and "From Our House to Yours" by Sherrie Northway and "A Christmas Trilogy" arranged for piano and performed by Lesley Morrison.

Other concert selections include: "Christmas Choral Fantasy," "Jingle Bell Schemo," "O Little Town of

Bethlehem," "Merry Christmas With Love," "Bell Carol," "The King," "Worship the King," and "A Winter Medley."

Others are: "Deck the Halls," "We've Got Good News To Tell," "The Canon Carol," "Johnny, Bring the Pine Tree In," "The Christmas Waltz," "An Irving Berlin Christmas" and "Silent Night."

Arts council plans class

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will offer a "Christmas Printshop" class for children age 7 and older.

Participants will be able to create a unique gift or some holiday cards during the three-session class. Children will decorate plain notecards or writing paper with their own printed design.

Stencil and other printing techniques will be used. Students should bring at least one box of plain stationery or notecards to the first class.

Students will choose from one of two "Christmas Printshop" classes. Session I will be held from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Session II will be held from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

Classes will be held at the PCAC office, 332 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Price is \$18. To register, call 455-5260 between 9 a.m. and noon Monday through Friday.

The PCAC, founded in 1969, is a non-profit organization offering arts and recreation programs for the Plymouth-Canton community. PCAC programs are funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Shoppers gather at the Plymouth Cultural Center for the Christmas arts and crafts show.

Show brings in lots of shoppers

Approximately 75 exhibitors will participate in the Christmas arts and crafts show this weekend at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"It's pretty much completely different crafters from this first week," said Tom Willette, director of the juried show.

The two-weekend show is sponsored by the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department. The first show was held Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St.

The show will continue this weekend. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, and

noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Admission and parking are free of charge.

A handful of longtime participants are in the show both weekends, said

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Food and friendship attract area seniors

By Julie Brown
staff writer

FRIENDSHIP WAS something the Canton Seniors gave thanks for recently. The Canton Seniors held their annual Thanksgiving luncheon Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the Canton Recreation Building. They enjoyed a tasty turkey lunch with all the trimmings. A raffle and musical entertainment were part of the fun.

The lunch was part of the year-round nutrition program for seniors, offered at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Canton Recreation Building.

"We could do this every day if people were inclined to come down every day," said Dianne Neihengen, seniors coordinator for Canton.

Typically, the lunch program attracts some 25 people per day. Some 100 participated in last week's Thanksgiving luncheon.

"The holiday season, we get 100 just like that," Neihengen said.

The program, featuring a complete hot meal, is offered for those age 60 and older, Neihengen said. Eligibility isn't based on income.

THE PROGRAM helps many seniors who have difficulty cooking. Neihengen said.

"Some really know how to cook, but they don't want to eat alone," she said. "They use it as a social hour."

The nutrition program has been offered in Canton for a number of years, and serves as an anchor for other Canton Seniors programs.

"We can design classes and clubs around it," Neihengen said. "It's a great place for people to make friends."

Reservations for lunch should be made by 12:30 p.m. the previous day. For reservations, call 397-1000, Ext. 277, 278 or 279. There is a suggested

donation of \$1 per person. (Younger guests pay \$2.80.)

The program is offered through the Wayne County Office of Health and Community Services/Nutrition, and funded by The Senior Alliance. The Senior Alliance is a Regional Area Agency on Aging, serving western Wayne County and the downriver area.

ERWIN PRIEST of Canton was among those at last week's Thanksgiving celebration. He is a



Lois Moore eats Thanksgiving lunch. The nutrition program is one of many offered for the Canton Seniors.

RUNGE found that seniors benefit from being out and about, rather

Canton Seniors member and came to the meal with a former neighbor, Rose DiMassa of Westland.

"I think it's great," Priest said. "The fellowship is what I like about it. And I don't have to prepare my lunch."

Priest's wife is retired, but works for Fred Sanders during the holidays. He enjoys coming to the lunch meetings occasionally.

ROSE DIMASSA attends more frequently, coming to lunch each Wednesday. She is a Canton Seniors member and a former Canton resident.

"I just can't say enough good about it," she said. "You have to get away from the house once in a while."

She enjoys the company of other seniors and the food.

"To me, it's excellent," she said. "You could not do this kind of meal at home for a dollar. I look forward to it."

Helen Runge of Canton, a Canton Seniors member, agreed.

"It's the meeting of people that really counts," she said.

IN ADDITION to the daily meals, a variety of other activities are offered for Canton Seniors. There are three seniors clubs, the Royals, the Zesters and the Pioneers. Classes and other activities are held as well.

Runge has found that seniors benefit from being out and about, rather



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Mike Gootee (left) and Melvin Rising get their meals from Madeline Carpenter. The program

provides tasty food and treasured friendships for the seniors.

than staying at home all the time.

"But we had no idea of getting married, none."

Vi Smith of Canton wasn't thinking about romance when she became involved in Canton Seniors activities.

"That was the furthest thing from my mind," Smith, who was widowed at that time, told people she'd never marry again. She was looking for friendship in her Canton Seniors activities, and

became friends with Elmer Smith. "But we had no idea of getting married, none."

That started to change when Vi Smith traveled to California after her daughter had been in an accident.

"I went out to take care of her, and then we wrote back and forth." The Smiths have been married for about a year and a half now. Their

wedding was a family affair, although the later celebrated with the Canton Seniors, bringing a large wedding cake to a group gathering. "I think I got the best of the lot here," Vi Smith said with a smile.

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Soloist Marilyn Hirtzel with George and Gina Williams will perform in Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church's annual madrigal dinner. The old English madrigal concert will offer fun, food and music performed by the Chancel Choir of Rosedale Church. The

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Felicians appoint superior

Sister Mary Dennis Glonek was appointed provincial superior of the Felician sisters in the Presentation BVM Province, Livonia, whose 350 members serve in education, health care and pastoral ministry in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Glonek replaces Sister Mary Cynthia Stralkowski, who is superior general for the Felician Sisters order in Rome.

Other sisters appointed as provincial councilors to serve on the administrative team headed by the new provincial superior are Sister Mary Danatha Suchy, Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski, Sister Mary Alexander Mikolajczyk and Sister Mary Alfonsa Van Overbergh.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Sister Dennis is a graduate of Madonna College and earned master's and doctoral degrees in chemistry from Creighton University and the University of Notre Dame.



Sister Mary Dennis Glonek provincial superior

AT THE time of her appointment, Sister Dennis was completing a sec-

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Our Lady of Loretto Church will have three Advent Holy Hours in December on 4, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18. The Holy Hours will include Scripture reading, preaching, singing and reflection, from 7-8 p.m. Refreshments will follow the services. The church is located at Six Mile and Beech Dale Roads in Redford. For more information call 255-9676.

CANDLE LIGHTING
Dr. Bartlett Hess will speak at special second Sunday of Advent services, 8:30, 10:00, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 6, at Ward Presbyterian Church of Livonia, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Director of Music Dr. Jerry Smith will narrate an Advent candle-lighting ceremony.

GREAT THINGS
The Christian Community Chorus will present Handel's "Messiah," performed by a combined choir from several area churches, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Power Road at Shawneese, Farmington. Tim Bartlett of the Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia, will conduct the church choir and featured professional soloists.

NO HUMBAG
"A Christmas Carol" will come to life at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, thanks to the dramatic reading skills of University of Michigan English professor Bert Hornback. Dick Dickens, Hornback travels with a reading stand, and his performance peoples the stage with a wonderful cast of characters. Scrooge and Tiny Tim will be heard from at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Tickets are \$3. Call 453-4464 for information.

REMARriage SEMINAR
Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia, will present a remarriage seminar for those who are considering remarriage from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Topics will include "Self-Prophecy" and "Choosing the Right Mate" along with discussion on children, money, trust and problems/solutions. The seminar is open to the public. A donation of \$10

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Women for Jesus meet to celebrate Jesus' birthday at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5 in the Maury Lighthouse Annex on the northeast corner of Outer Drive and Dix Ave. Jeanne Buzzo, wife of Pastor Tony Buzzo

NEW START
New Start, especially for widows and widowers, meets every second Tuesday of the month. We need your speakers and to enjoy Christmas Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington roads, Livonia.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
In the spirit of the season, Bethel Baptist Temple at 29475 Six Mile in Livonia will give a free box of candy to each child and a present to each lady at their annual Children's Christmas Program, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. For more information, call 525-3664, or 261-9276.

COLLAGE CONCERT
Choirs, brass quartets, and woodwind quintets are only part of the musical collage in the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church concert entitled, "Christmas Jubilee," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. It's billed as a fast-paced concert that proceeds without interruption, with performers spotlighted in areas of the church. An afterglow will follow the performance at the church's sanctuary, 9601 Hubbard, in Livonia. For more information, call 422-0494.

UNITY CRUISE
Unity Church of Livonia will have an inspirational, seven-day cruise starting Feb. 25. The Rev. Gene Sorensen, minister and speaker, will be leading personal development seminars aboard Costa Cruise Lines' Dolphin.

Commission on disabled address their concerns

Patrick Cannon is legally blind. He is also executive director of the Michigan Commission on Handicapper Concerns, so the unusual attitude of some persons toward the handicapped touch him on a personal as well as professional level.

Cannon relates a situation encountered by many blind persons, including himself. "A server in a restaurant, rather than addressing the handicapper, will say to a spouse, 'Would he like cream in his coffee?' It's as if the handicapper is unable to communicate or think for him or herself."

Most people are not intentionally mean-spirited, he says. Rather, they simply don't understand or are misinformed about the handicapped.

In the same way, employers may unconsciously discriminate against handicappers out of ignorance, suggests Cannon. "Too often employers look at a handicapped worker

and only see what they view as a limitation or disability. They don't focus on the ability of the worker."

Such misunderstanding probably has contributed to the 70 percent unemployment rate among handicapped people.

"My recommendation to handicappers who go into a job interview is to address the issue of their handicap characteristic," says Cannon. "It's my feeling that even if the question is not on the lips of the employer, it's on their mind."

Cannon says many employers have the misconception that a handicapped worker will require extensive special accommodations. But a study of 367 corporations done for the U.S. Department of Labor revealed that out of 19,000 handicapped workers employed by those companies, only 4,000 needed any type of special accommodation.

bazaars

SENIOR CENTER

Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, will have its annual Christmas craft boutique from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Table fee is donation of a \$10 craft item to benefit S.C.A.N. For more information, call 522-2710.

BECK ELEMENTARY

B. Beck Elementary School's annual Christmas bazaar takes place from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at 27100 Bennett, Redford Township. Included are: crafts, bake sale, games, wish tree, food, raffle and Santa Claus.

ST. NORBERT

St. Norbert Church holds its 16th annual holiday art and craft show

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the parish hall, Inkster Road between Cherry Hill and Avondale roads. Admission \$1. More than 70 craftsmen will be there. Lunch, snacks, bake sale available.

FAITH LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran Church sponsors its cookie walk and mini bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Faith Lutheran Church between Merriman and Middlebelt. Proceeds go to charity and church improvements. Home baked Christmas cookies will be sold as well as handcrafted gift items and ornaments.

TEDDY BEAR BOUTIQUE

Teddy Bear Christmas Boutique

conducted from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at \$1901 Balmoral, two blocks west of Merriman between Warren and Ford roads.

MDA CARDS

The Muscular Dystrophy Association sells its Christmas cards through its office at 20270 Middlebelt Road, suite 5, Livonia. Call 476-2920. Box of 25 cards priced at \$14. Imprinting offered.

REDFORD EAGLES

A bake sale and bazaar will be held from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Redford Fraternal Order of Eagles, 24401 Five Mile.

Besides baked goods, many handmade items - including dolls - will be included in the benefit sale sponsored by the Eagles Auxiliary.

LEUKEMIA BENEFIT

All proceeds from a Christmas Craft Bazaar will be directed to the research department of Children's Hospital of Michigan for work on leukemia and other childhood cancers. The bazaar, sponsored by Leukemia, Research, Life Inc., will be held Friday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

GRAHAM SCHOOL

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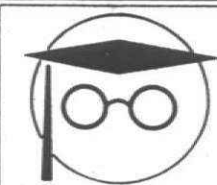
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For sale: Houses complete with an idiosyncrasy or 2

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

Tramps and bootleggers, sweet young couples and people on the lam find a place in real estate agents' professional memories.

For every sold sign stuck in the middle of a lawn there remains memories of houses that couldn't attract a bid.

For Joan Davis of the Century 21 J. Scott Inc., Livonia, that memory may well be of the vacant house with a few unofficial tenants, both human and non-human. Davis remembers the day she showed a potential buyer the handyman's special abutting an industrial property in Livonia. Vacant for several years, the house had become the unofficial home of two vagrants and their cat. According to neighbors, the two men kept the cat on a red harness and took it for a walk when people came to see the house.

Like some homeowners, they managed to turn a liability into an asset. "There were bees in the chimney," Davis said. "The neighbors later told me that the two men waited until the fall so they could get the honey from the bees. Then they sold it to finance their trips down South. It was their travel money."

If that wasn't enough, once the agent and client sniffed out the fact that there were snuffs living under the house, the two squatters didn't have to worry about losing their summer home.

If chimneys can double for beehives, then basements can become walk-in refrigerators. That was the case when Davis showed a home several years ago. As she and her clients checked the basement and agreed that its fireplace offered possibilities, they turned a corner and came upon a walk-in refrigerator. The new owners turned it into a shower.

The same house features an unusually deep walk-in front closet. "You can walk in from the front coat closet all the way to the closet in the master bedroom," she said. "But it is a beautiful home."

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES of home prompted an older woman and her sons to convince Davis to show a house in the middle of a blizzard. "They insisted on me showing the house. It was an exact replica of a mansion only on a smaller scale. I went out at 8 p.m. on a Sunday in a blizzard. She said it reminded her of her childhood home in the Upper Peninsula. She paid for the house in cash."

There may be nothing like a cold

'The neighbors brought in kerosene heaters. They brought in blankets and brought me hot coffee. People would come in and talk to me, and you could see their breath.'
— Bunny Huckabone

cash deal but sometimes owners put a real chill on a sale. Bunny Huckabone, now with Michigan Group Realtors in Livonia, remembers the winter she spent selling a two-bedroom home.

"It was a little house. It was an estate. The mother died and left it to her son. But the seller wouldn't turn on the heat. They wanted me to have an open house every Sunday. I asked them if I could have a fire in the fireplace, but they didn't want to smudge the walls," she recalled.

To prevent the water lines from freezing and bursting, the owners had the pipes pumped and the water turned off. So Huckabone sat in the living room of the little home, unable to use the kitchen or bathroom. She threw her coat over her knees and huddled near two space heaters.

"The neighbors brought in kerosene heaters. They brought in blankets and brought me hot coffee. People would come in and talk to me, and you could see their breath," she said.

Her chilly tale carries a warm ending. After she sold that house, the neighbors called on her to sell homes for their relatives as well as themselves. "I kept on meeting people through that house. I sold a dozen houses from that house," she said.

HUCKABONE'S BEEN in the real estate business for seven years. At the start, it was planned as a temporary job before she entered graduate school. But the course and the test proved so tough that she felt obligated to stay.

"I always made a big thing with my children about failing. So I had to succeed because I had all these people looking at me. It was such hard work that I decided I'm going to do something with it," she said.

Her first sale remains a sweet memory. "It was a young couple and a little house in Dearborn. They had one baby. No one on either side of their family had ever owned a house; they had always rented. I found a little house in Dearborn for them. They

had put together a couple thousand dollars and they bought it FHA.

"Now here I was new, and handling the FHA paperwork. They were so excited. She began packing as soon as soon as the offer was accepted. And you know with an FHA it takes months before closing. When they did close, they came to the closing with all of their belongings in a truck, ready to move," Huckabone said.

"They send me a birthday card and a Christmas card every year," she said.

HOUSE SALES run the gamut from the long-held dreams to mad-impulse buys. On their way to buy a camper, a family drove past a home Huckabone was showing. They stopped out of curiosity. It became a case of they came, they saw, they bid.

"Within four hours, they had bought that house," she said. "They said, 'We didn't want to buy a camper, we're going to buy that house.'"

Quick buys can sometimes get a sales agent in a jam. "I once accidentally sold the wrong house," Davis said. "It was dark and there were two ranches next to each other with for sale signs in front of them. I didn't know I had the wrong house until the people (from the correct house) called the office and wanted to know when I was going to show their house next." The buyers liked the wrong house right away and bid on it without ever seeing the house next door.

Then there are homes that attract repulsive renters instead of impulsive buyers. The owner, living in Florida, leased the home to several tenants. Not only were they uncooperative about showing the house, the tenants refused to move, and Huckabone started eviction proceedings in court. It took a trip to court to learn that the tenants were wanted by the police.

"It's lucky I didn't get shot. I don't know what they did, but they were not nice people," Huckabone said.

In Davis' 10 years as a real estate agent, the closest she's come in contact to the less than law abiding was when she sold a former speakeasy. The home was built from plans and materials once sold by Sears Roebuck. Among the reminders of the home's lawless past is a seat across the toilet in the upstairs bathroom. It was used by patrons when they became too ill to stand.

Although the boiler room looks like anyone else's furnace area, it's purported to be the scene of a crime. Back in the days of backroom boozing, local legend says someone was murdered in the boiler room.



Illustration by Barney Judge

Patent attorney has an eye toward history

By Mary Rodrigue
staff writer

It has a history as old as the U.S. Constitution.

Thomas Jefferson was the first one responsible for it. And since 1837, patents — the legal protection of new ideas in technical and other fields — have been enforced the same way.

Bernard J. Cantor has been a part of that history for 35 years. An engineer who worked in the U.S. Patent office in Washington D.C. for four years, Cantor is a patent attorney who recently joined the Birmingham office of Harness, Dickey & Pierce.

He is also the author of a traveling exhibit called Patents that Made History.

"As an examiner, I started collecting old, interesting patents," said Cantor.

On his own first day on the job, a worker from the archives section impressed the new examiners with a patent signed by Queen Elizabeth I in the 1600s.

Included in Cantor's collection are Thomas Edison's patent for the light bulb, the Wright Brothers airplane, the Colt pistol, barbed wire ("a very important invention which made it possible for the West to be settled"), Fermi's atomic reactor, the Gillette razor and blade, and Edison's phonograph.



Included in Bernard J. Cantor's collection is Thomas Edison's patent for the light bulb.

The collection was on display recently for the 20th birthday celebration of the Bloomfield Township Public Library. Cantor is a Bloomfield Township resident.

PATENTS EXIST to protect original ideas.

"Patents are enforced in federal court," said Cantor. "And there's enough infringement to keep lawyers busy. A suit usually arises with a successful product."

Cantor has worked on both sides of

the fence — either bringing suit or denying infringement.

"About 100,000 patents are issued each year," he said. "Today, there are close to five million."

A patent is valid for 17 years, after which time it becomes part of the public domain.

"There are some exceptions. A drug, for example, may take several years to market because it must be approved by the government."

In such a case the patent would be extended to give the creator time to reap the benefits of a successfully marketed drug.

The 47 years of validation was decided by Congress in the late 1800s, according to Cantor.

"The question was raised: Should (a patent) be valid for 14 or 20 years? Congress split that down the middle and 17 was decided."

BEFORE THE current office was established in 1837, a commission was charged with the task. Prior to that, Thomas Jefferson was the patent investigator — with President George Washington signing the approved patents.

Every country in the world issues its own patents. And if a company is interested in marketing its product abroad, representatives must deal

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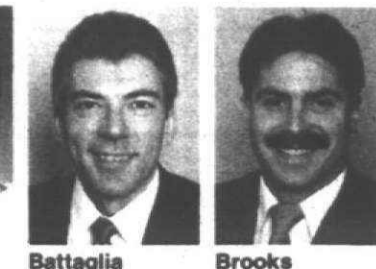
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business briefs

Susan Matthews of Livonia was promoted to director of print production at Group 243 Inc., an advertising and design agency based in Ann Arbor.

Gari Feldman was promoted to customer service representative in the Corporate Accounts Group of Contract Interiors in Southfield.

Frank Battaglia and Stephen Brooks were named to the merchandising staff for the Palace of Auburn Hills. Battaglia, 41, was named director of merchandising for the Palace and the two new retail stores scheduled to open for the holiday season at Lakeside and Twelve Oaks malls. Brooks, 27, was named manager of retail operations, assisting Battaglia in the overall operation.



Matthews Feldman Battaglia Brooks
Doug Bailey of Livonia advanced to the position of senior sales administrator in the Corporate Accounts Group of Southfield.

Kenneth P. Berry joined the New York Stock Exchange member firm of Roney & Co. as an account executive. He will be located in the Birmingham office.

Glenn A. Ryan was promoted to assistant chief estimator of Walbridge Aldinger in Livonia.

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Patent history

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with the patent office in the targeted country.

Earlier this year, Cantor visited China on behalf of a Canadian client investigating a joint venture.

"The company wanted to protect its technology," he said.

The Chinese patent office, established only three years ago, made Cantor feel like he was back in Washington, D.C.

"I was giving them as much information as they were giving me," he said.

Chinese examiners trained in the U.S. patent office as well as in Germany to set up their operation. Much of the process is universal, Cantor said.

Examiners deal with a written description of the material and ink drawings. To determine if the idea is new, the examiner must look through office records of similar subject matter.

"Computers are not advanced enough to do this work," Cantor said. Each examiner has one particular area of specialty. Many, like Cantor, are trained engineers. Others might be biologists or chemists.

"The difficulty in finding something is that descriptions are subjective," he said. "You try to go by concepts, not words. It's a lot of searching for a needle in a haystack."

If someone thinks they have an original idea, they should first see a patent attorney.

IF THE IDEA appears to be original, a patent application is sent to Washington, D.C. The examination process then takes months.

"If the finding is negative because the examiner found the same idea, that's the end. If it's negative because of a similar concept, it can be argued and, hopefully, a patent granted. If there is no objection, the patent can be granted promptly."

Close to 2,000 examiners work in the U.S. patent office.

Patents are granted in about half of all requests made. Several thousand more requests are screened through attorneys' offices across the country.

The purpose of a patent is to get people to invest time and money in new products.

"It's a dual philosophy. To encourage business to invest time and money is fundamental," Cantor said. "There's also the political conservatism, a sense of public fairness. To protect our interests."

The new administration will continue to enforce patents vigorously, Cantor predicts.

Cantor represents companies as large as General Motors but also individuals and "everything in between."

He has taught at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University.

The Yugo stumbled, but others might not

If you are one of those people who believes that what this country needs is a good \$5,000 car, the trials of Global Motors aren't encouraging.

Global Motors imports Yugos. Brainchild of promoter Malcomb Bricklin, Global is in the midst of what is politely referred to as "re-organization." The aftermath of Bricklin selling it to a group of investors represented by Mabon Nugent and Co. for \$20 million.

Almost from the start, the Yugo was not a well-loved automobile, whether it was voiced in spray paint on expressway underpasses by irate Albanians or in frequent consumer studies that indicated it had the worst quality record of any car sold in the United States. Regardless, it had one ingratiating quality: the \$3,995 advertised price tag.

On the surface, there should have been a strong market for such a car, whether as a second-car commuter, a first-car buy, or even an act of desperation. Along with being one of the few Western nations without a national health insurance program, the United States and Sweden are among the few car-making nations without cheap cars.

One reason cited is that domestic manufacturers chronically complain there is no profit in cheap cars.

BRICKLIN TRIED to sidestep the manufacturing cost problem by importing cars from underdeveloped nations. First the Yugoslavian-built

Yugo, and later the plan was to include a Japanese-designed car built in Malaysia.

The idea wasn't as crazy as it seemed on the surface because established manufacturers were supplying the expertise for the projects, and the lure of export earnings prompted the local governments to bend over backwards to supply the cars if Bricklin could sell them.



auto talk
Dan McCosh

As it turned out, he couldn't. Yugo sales are about a 30,000 annual rate — about a third of the volume a reasonable import franchise network needs to be profitable.

Loosening credit requirements translated into credit-card-like interest rates in terms that offset the initial low price of the car.

In the same market, U.S. urban car insurance rates quickly equal a monthly car payment, and the total

Global's troubles can be quickly traced to product quality, consumer mistrust or problems with setting up the dealer organization.

On the other hand, I suspect the most significant factor in the Yugo saga may have been the nature of the cheap car market in the United States.

ONE OF THE problems Yugo ran into was qualifying credit for first-time or otherwise indigent buyers. Loosening credit requirements translated into credit-card-like interest rates in terms that offset the initial low price of the car.

In the same market, U.S. urban car insurance rates quickly equal a monthly car payment, and the total

of the two monthly installments on a \$5,000 car lands in the neighborhood of \$350. In other words, the paper costs of car ownership — mainly interest and insurance, is such a big portion of the total, the low cost of the car becomes almost irrelevant.

Regardless, the Yugo enterprise is being closely watched by others interested in similar imports, including the Romanian Dacia, the Indian Mahindra and the Grecian Dacia — all built in countries poor enough that a Yugo seems like a luxury beyond their wildest dreams.

Dan McCosh is the automotive editor of Popular Science.

datebook

CPA TAX LECTURES

Thursday, Dec. 1 — Federal Tax Lectures offered 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Dearborn. Fee: \$95. Information: 855-2288. Sponsor: Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

PSYCHOLOGY OF SELLING

Thursday-Friday, Dec. 1-2 — "New Psychology of Selling" video-based seminar offered at the Quality Inn at Six Mile and I-275 in Livonia. Information: Bob Kayda, 229-6300. Sponsor: Accelerated Success Dynamics.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — "Managing Professional Development" offered from 8:15-11 a.m. in Room 200 of the Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile in Livonia. Non-member fee: \$20. Information: 427-2111 or 453-1540. Sponsors: Chambers of Commerce of Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Schoolcraft College.

NEW 401(K) RULES

Thursday, Dec. 8 — "Clues for Unraveling the New 401(k) Plan Regulations," 9 a.m. to noon at Fairlane Manor, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn. Free. Information: Barbara Glebovsky, 353-4500. Sponsors: American Society of Employers, the Wyatt Co., Dykema, Gossett.

FUNDAMENTALS OF VALUATION

Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 8-11 — "Income Property Valuation Methods" for appraisers offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to noon Sunday in the Livonia West Holiday, 17123 Laurel Park Drive North, Livonia. Non-member fee: \$425. Information: 1-703-478-2228. Sponsors: American Society of Appraisers.

CAREER ASSESSMENT

Saturday, Jan. 14 — Career assessment and planning seminar offered 7-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn-Livonia West, Six Mile and I-275. Fee: \$10. Information: 451-6888. Sponsor: Traveling Women's Information Network.

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Plymouth Insurance Agency of Plymouth joined the Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan.

Ideal Underwriters Inc. of Livonia has joined the Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan.

Foodland Distributors is serving two new independent grocery chains, bringing the total number of stores the Livonia-based wholesaler serves to more than 100. Joining Foodland is Bazley Farm Markets of Williamston and Apollo Markets of Southfield.

Alvin's is opening its 17th store at 924 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth.

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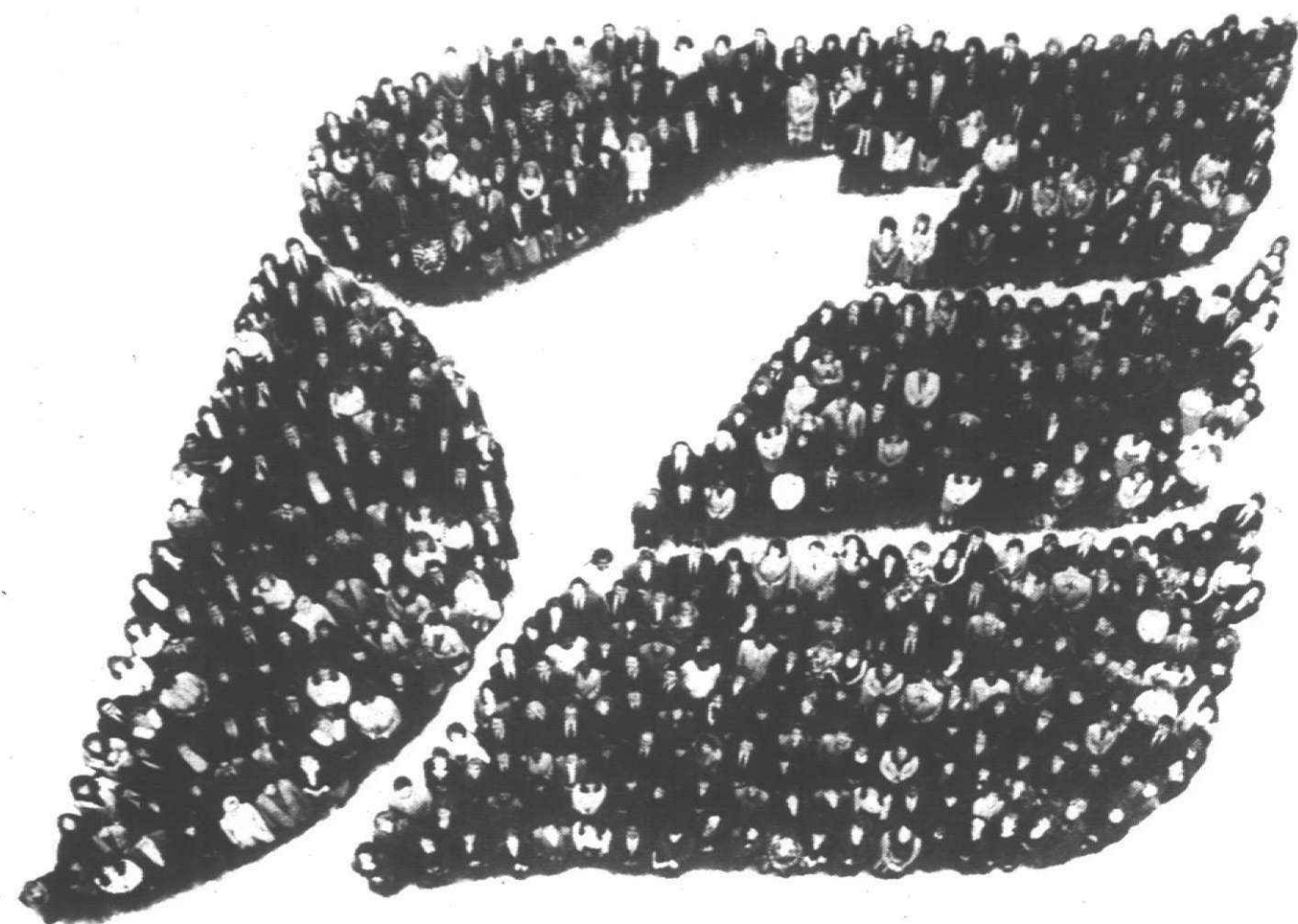
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Youtheatre for all Kids, parents, volunteers and seniors enjoy it

By Cathie Broidenbach
special writer

KIDS AREN'T the only people who love the musicals, biographical dramas, international entertainment and puppet shows produced by the Detroit Youtheatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

A total of 410,000 young people last year saw Youtheatre shows. Nobody is surprised when preschoolers whose feet can't touch the floor and first graders missing one or another of their teeth love the shows, or when their older brothers and sisters applaud with enthusiasm. The surprise comes with the number of adults who count themselves fans of the Detroit Youtheatre.

Some grownups bring children as cover for their secret relapses into the whimsical enthusiasms of childhood. Some volunteer with the Friends of the Detroit Youtheatre and get to see the shows as a perk that comes with volunteering. Others abandon all pretext and buy tickets just for themselves.

Detroit Youtheatre curator Mick-

ey Miners says senior citizens particularly like the shows and their attendance increases yearly as word gets around about the live, professional performances at one of the best prices in town. The most expensive tickets for Youtheatre productions cost \$5. Most are \$4.

He says seniors, especially those on fixed incomes, appreciate the affordable tickets, and they like the fact that Youtheatre productions are during the day. Shows run an hour to an hour and a half, designed to please wiggly youngsters who can't sit still long.

REASONABLE-LENGTH shows also please older folks who find sitting for long periods difficult for entirely different reasons than those of the younger crowd. Miners feels strongly that entertainment for young people should not be the condescending "kiddie" variety. "We don't insult the intelligence of the audience," he says, so shows that mesmerize 5-year-olds also please adults.

Many adults start coming with their children and decide to support

the Youtheatre by volunteering regularly, with 63 members of the Friends of the Detroit Youtheatre.

Diane Wahl, who chairs the Friends, says the group welcomes new volunteers and invites those interested to leave their names with the Youtheatre Ticket Office, 832-2731. She has been a member of Friends for 15 years.

"I love it," she says. "It's not only nice for me, but my children have benefited." The Friends are divided into groups according to the day of the week volunteers work. There's a group for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, two for Saturday, as well as a group that runs the Lobby Shop where children can buy gifts and souvenirs priced from 25 cents to \$10.

Wahl says, "With more mothers in the work force, it's more and more difficult to find weekday volunteers. The majority of our volunteers during the week are senior citizens." Many working mothers find Saturdays an ideal time to do volunteer work without guilt because their children come with them to enjoy the show and the outing with Mom.

WHAT DO Detroit Youtheatre volunteers do? Those who work weekdays greet busloads of schoolchildren when they pull up at the DIA door. They guide classes to their assigned seats in the auditorium and keep an eye on students during the show. Afterwards they dismiss classes row by row and make certain stragglers don't miss their buses.

Besides ushering, volunteers also prepare and serve a hot pot-luck lunch for players. Cast members don't have time to take off their makeup and costumes to go out for a sandwich between the morning and matinee shows, so volunteers provide a homemade lunch. Casseroles, big pots of soup, nut breads and giant salads satisfy the appetites of cast members hungry for home cooking because they're so often on the road. On Saturdays, volunteers serve lunch to the cast and to the Wayne State University students who usher for performances.

The Lobby Shop group uses proceeds of the non-profit shop to buy Youtheatre tickets each year for 200-300 underprivileged and handicapped children. Lobby Shop volunteers arrive an hour before curtain time to arrange merchandise in the shop, which opens one half hour before show time and remains open a half hour after the show.

Vickie Rubin of West Bloomfield discovered the Youtheatre when her daughter's nursery school came downtown for a show. "I couldn't believe how terrific it was," she recalls. For the last year she has vol-



Ten performances of the Prince Street Players musical production of "Alice in Wonderland" will be presented Tuesday-Saturday, Dec. 27-31, at the Detroit Institute of Arts' Youtheatre.

unteered in the Lobby Shop. Almost every Saturday, except when chicken pox intervened, she comes downtown with her son, Scott, who's almost 6, and her eight-year-old daughter, Stephanie.

She works the Lobby Shop, catches the show with her children, and they get the thrill of having lunch with the players dressed in full costume. Afterward they roam the art museum. Rubin says, "I'm having a ball. The Youtheatre came at a perfect time in my life. I was looking for something."

A YEAR AGO Georgia Lacey of Birmingham signed up as a volunteer with Friends of the Detroit Youtheatre because she wanted to put in some worthy service time and because she admits she was looking for a group to legitimately indulge her craving for childhood pleasures. "It feeds the little kid inside me and gives me a real people experience," she says of working with the Friends.

Lacey's children are teenagers now, and the former nursery-school teacher no longer had a class of children to shepherd to the theater. For

the last year she has worked a schedule which averages about one Friday a month during the fall, winter and spring when the Youtheatre stage shows.

Lacey chairs the Friday group of volunteers and says her group particularly needs more helpers. She delights in watching children's reactions to the shows. "For some kids coming to the Youtheatre is the first time they've seen live theater and the first time they've been in Detroit," she says.

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"We enforce age restrictions, much to the chagrin of some parents, but we want young people to enjoy the show and want to come back," Youththeatre curator Mickey Miners said. "We could make more money if we let anyone in, but we want it to be a positive experience."

For almost 24 years, the Youththeatre under the direction of Miners has been bringing to Detroit the best in family entertainment from all over the United States, Canada and the world, adding variety to the shows

All ages enjoy Youththeatre

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She is enthusiastic about exposing children to theater and to the exciting resources in the city — resources like the DIA. "I get real concerned when I hear people from the suburbs talk about being afraid to come downtown. There's some danger anywhere, but I'm not going to let life go by me while I sit in my house." Most volunteers park in the nearby Detroit Science Center lot and say they feel completely safe walking around the Cultural Center.

Elizabeth Donohue Colvin of Southfield, treasurer and membership chair for Friends, began volunteering 12 years ago when her son was 4. Early exposure to theater made an impression on him, and at

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By Bob Weibel
special writer

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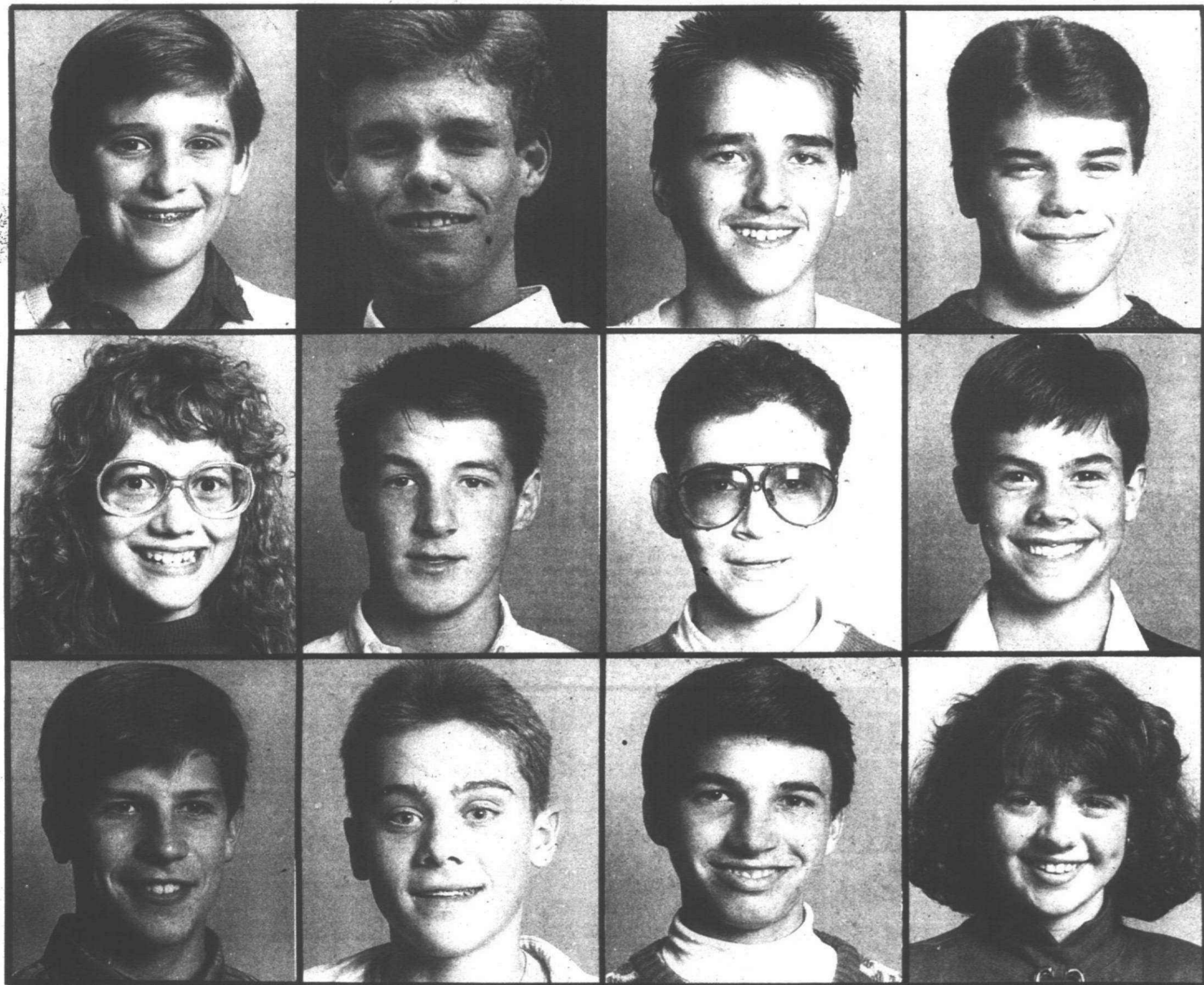
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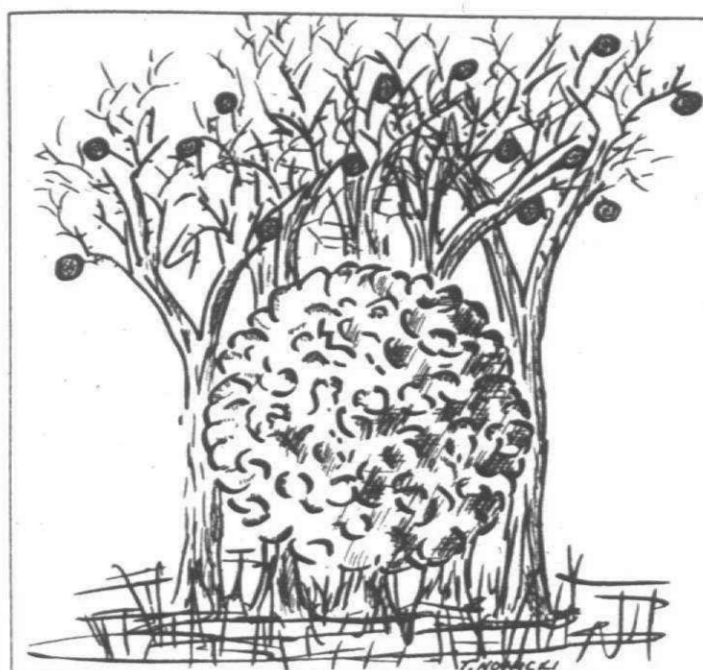
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The osage-orange tree was used by Indians for archery bows. In the foreground is a closeup of the brainy textured fruit.

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Schoolcraft College announces that the financial audit for the fiscal period ending June 30, 1988, has been completed by Plante & Moran, Certified Public Accountants, Southfield, Michigan. It has been presented to the College Board of Trustees and has been accepted by them.

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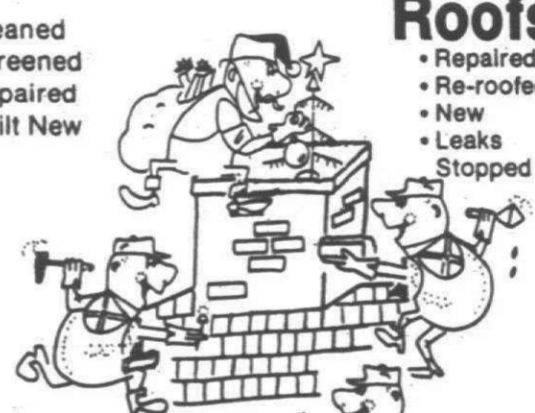
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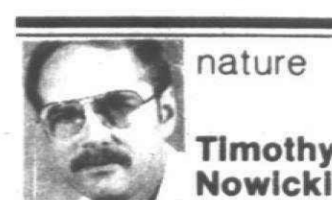
Osage-orange tree is useful

A GREAT deal of discussion was generated when we placed an osage-orange fruit on display at the nature center.

This green, brainy textured, baseball-sized fruit is unfamiliar to most. Those of us who have seen them will likely remember spotting them along the road, serving as a natural fence.

They are fast-growing trees, resistant to pests and fungus, and are armed with stout thorns. For these reasons, farmers planted them as fence rows.

IF YOU EXAMINE a fruit, you will find it does have an orange-like fragrance. Wood of the tree is orange in color. The sapwood just under the bark is yellow, hence another common name — yellowwood. Osage comes from the Osage Indians.



nature

Timothy Nowicki

ans of the American southwest where osage-orange is native. Probably these people discovered the wood of the osage-orange was very good for making archery bows.

Before the days of iron ore and modern metallurgy, man used wood for many things that are now made of metal. And just as we use different metals because of their differing qualities for various purposes, so were different woods used for different functions.

BLACK LOCUST, for instance, was fashioned into pegs and used in shipbuilding because they did not shrink.

Basswood is a very soft, even-grained wood commonly used by woodcarvers. It was also used to make rope. Long fibrous strands were peeled from inside the bark and woven into a strong rope, often used as the string of an archery bow. Hickory was and is used for tool handles. It was a good thing I had a

hickory handle on my ax when I was trying to split some elm for the woodburner. I learned the hard way what they mean by elm being very stringy. There were several calories and choice words used during that session.

BUT BECAUSE of this quality, elm was used as the hub of wooden wheels. Sycamore was often used as the rim of the wheel.

Large trees suitable for wheels were often hollow already, so pioneers only had to cut it to the proper thickness. Although all wood is cellulose, different species of trees bond and arrange their cells in various ways to produce stringy, hard, soft or tensile qualities.

The writer is staff naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park.

State's tree growers hope for jolly Yule

AP — Michigan Christmas tree growers expect to harvest about 6 million trees this year and hope better quality trees will help them beat back their artificial competition.

"If we can sell a clean tree and a straight tree we are not going to lose customers to the artificial tree," said Wilbert Matthes, owner of Matthes Evergreen Farm in Ida, 40 miles southwest of Detroit. Experts say about one-third of the

trees used every year are artificial. Barry Brand, executive secretary of the Michigan group, said about 6 million of the trees felled in the United States this year will be from Michigan forests or tree farms.

Edward Cole, owner of the Ed-Mar Tree Farm in Mayville, said he expects tree prices to range from about \$20 for a 6- to 7-foot scotch pine to about \$30 for firs of the same height.

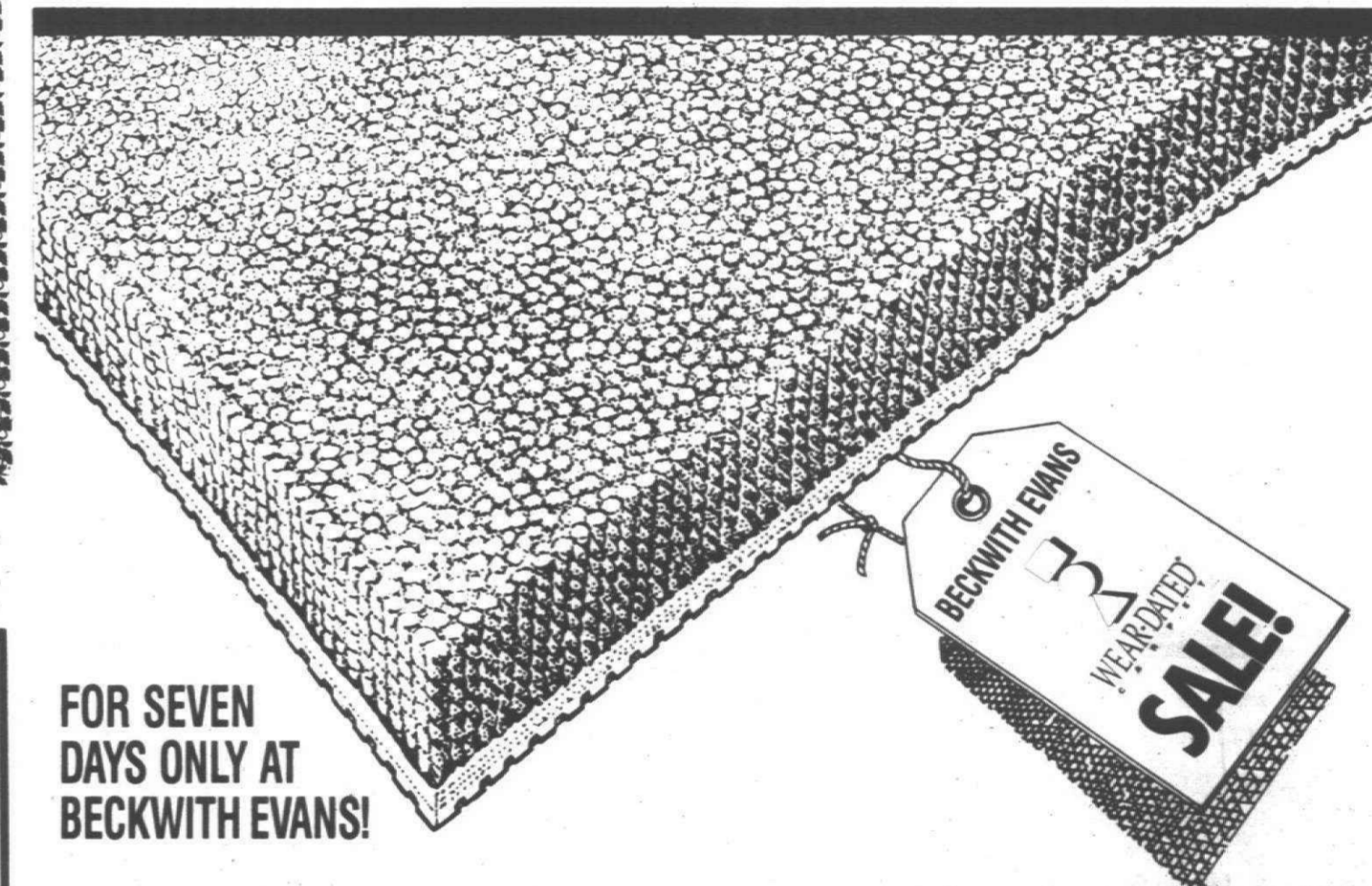
For the past two years, the Michigan Christmas Tree Association has been involved in a program to boost the quality of the trees grown and harvested in the state.

THE TREES, which carry a "Snowflake" tag, usually cost about \$2 more than other trees. Requirements for the special tag vary, including whether the tree is commercially cut or if buyers are allowed to cut their own.

While other states market their own Christmas trees, "Michigan probably has the most defined program," said David Baumann, associate executive director of the National Christmas Tree Association in Milwaukee.

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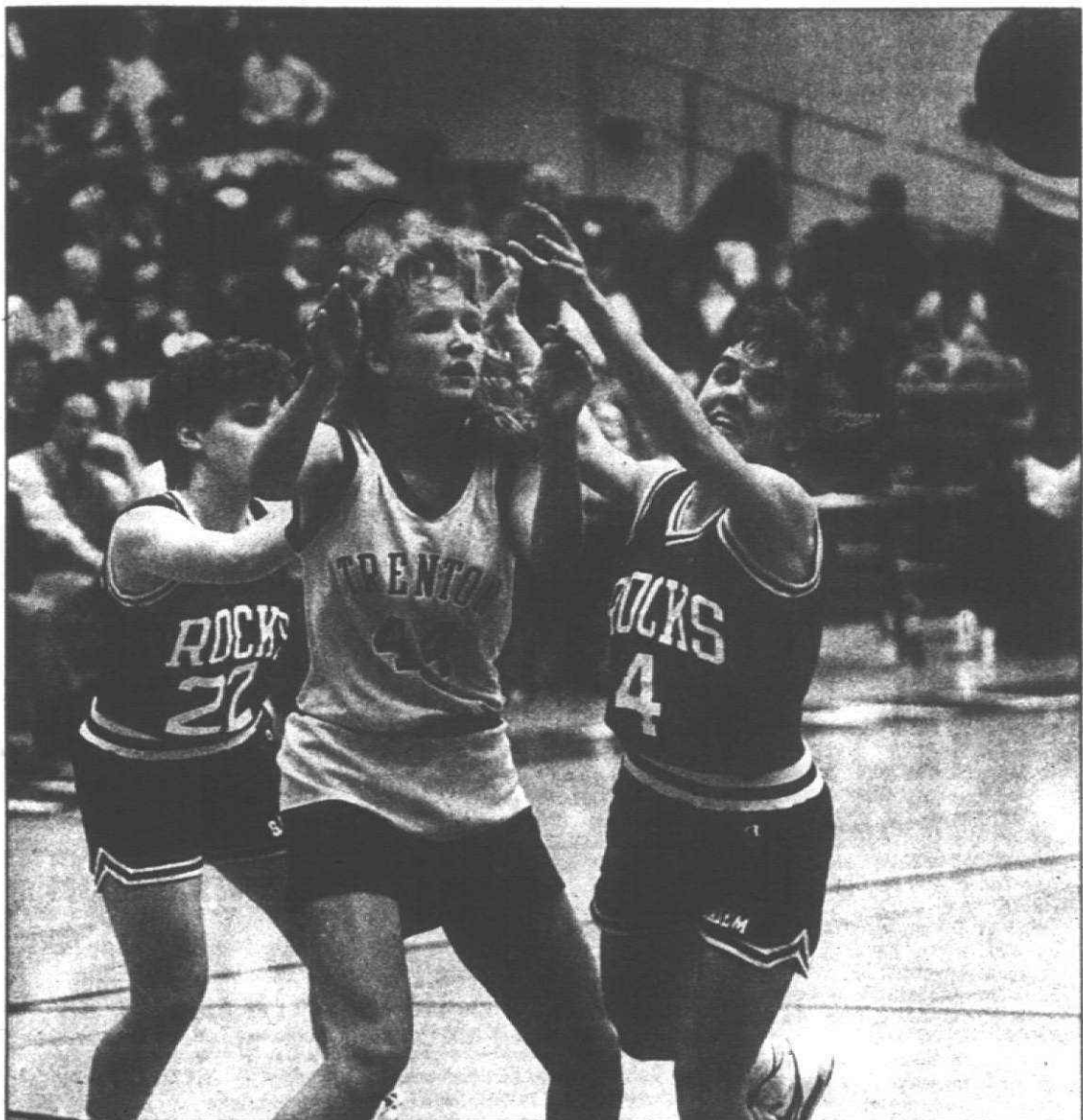
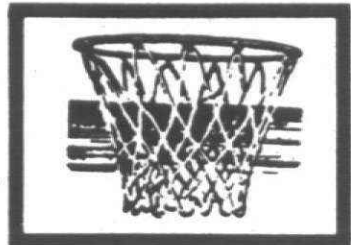
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Jill Estey makes a determined effort to cut off a pass intended for Trenton's Katie Mans. The Rocks couldn't stop their opponent often

enough in the Class A regional game, falling 55-47.

Trenton dictates outcome to Salem

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

Dictators force their will, their way, then enforce it with power. Such a description fits Trenton's girls basketball team.

The Trojanettes were at their tyrannical best in Tuesday's Class A regional semifinal, crushing every Plymouth Salem uprising to secure a 55-47 triumph at Plymouth Canton.

Trenton gained control of the game from the opening tip, powering to an 11-0 lead. Salem never evened it, although the Rocks did pull to within two, 47-45, in the game's final minute.

"If we don't start 0-11, we've got a shot," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose team bowed out at 18-5. "I think we pressed a little bit after they came down and got that lead. We were a little tight, but they put us there."

And kept the Rocks there, for most of the game. Every Salem outburst was answered, even in the last quarter when it seemed Trenton's grip might be slipping.

THE ROCKS trailed 43-32 early in that final period, but their pressure defense began to wear their opponents down. The Trojanettes had nine turnovers in the first three quarters; they committed eight in the last. With more than four minutes of the period gone, they had taken just two shots.

Salem was hardly shooting the lights out, but the Rocks made enough to get to within 43-39 with 2:05 to play. Jill Estey, her team's

girls basketball

only offensive threat, had stepped into three-point land to try and save the game.

"We had to get back in it with threes," explained Thomann. "If we had connected, we would have been all right."

But Estey couldn't deliver on enough of them. She made four-of-14 fourth-quarter shots, including two triples, after making seven of her first 15 attempts (one triple). She finished with 25 points.

"If only I had made a few more of my other shots," the senior guard lamented afterwards.

SHE HARDLY deserved any fault. Estey never surrendered. After Stephanie Chaffin drove past her to put Trenton back up by six with 2:05 left, Estey answered with two triples in a 35-second span, sandwiched around two free throws by Trenton's Kim Hoppes.

It was Estey's shooting that trimmed the Trojanettes' lead to 47-45. But that was as close as the Rocks could come. Trenton hit eight-of-10 free throws in the final 43 seconds to clinch the win and move into Thursday's regional final against Adrian, which beat Belleville 48-45 at Canton earlier Thursday.

"That Estey is something," said Trenton coach John Biedenbach, shaking his head. "She can shoot the lights out."

Unfortunately for Salem, she was on offense. The Rocks' next highest scorer was Sarah Ruete with seven.

Trenton, by comparison, had three players reach doubles in scoring: Katie Mans (17), Hoppes (14) and Chaffin (13).

"I think that's the whole story — balance," said Biedenbach. "It wasn't one person."

FOUR TROJANETTES scored in the opening quarter, with Mans doing most of the damage with six. Chaffin added five. Trenton hit four of its first five shots, including a Chaffin triple, while Salem when 4½ minutes without scoring, missing six straight.

Estey started to connect in the second quarter and Salem came to life, closing to within 22-17 with :54 left in the half. But baskets by Hoppes and Mans allowed Trenton to rebuild its nine-point cushion.

The third quarter was much the same, the Rocks getting to within 44-39 with three minutes left, then Trenton closing the quarter with a 7-3 spurt to again lead by nine with one quarter to play.

The win was Trenton's first over Salem in four meetings, spanning five seasons. In their second game this season, Salem beat the Trojanettes — in their opener — 41-39. That was the last time Trenton, now 23-1, lost.

Chiefs counting on program's strength

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

In three years as Plymouth Canton's boys basketball coach, Tom Niemi has won three division championships and built the foundation for a solid program.

As he enters his fourth season, Niemi is depending on the continuity an established program affords to keep the Chiefs among the best teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The 1987-88 ballclub was the most

successful in Canton history, posting a 19-5 record and winning its first district title in eight years.

But the Chiefs lost eight seniors from that team, six of whom made key contributions to a well-balanced outfit.

Graduation losses included Roger Trice, Brad Carey and Matt Littleton from the backcourt and Mitch Fyke, Jeff Anulewicz and David Foxworthy from the front line.

"WE LOST some tremendous players who did a lot for us," Niemi

basketball

said. "It's difficult to replace players of that caliber. But that's what our program is about. You continue on."

"I have to believe we've developed a program, and you have to expect younger players to step in and replace those who distinguished themselves."

But the Chiefs aren't starting over

completely. The cupboard certainly wasn't left bare, and Niemi's task is to mesh six varsity holdovers with a eight newcomers.

The key returnee is 6-foot-5 senior Brian Paupore, who averaged 10½ points and 4½ rebounds. He's a three-year starter who can play any position but is at home on the wing.

"I think he's one of the outstanding shooters in the area," Niemi said. "He's an all-around athlete. Many colleges are interested in Brian."

While most of the other top scorers and rebounders were lost to

graduation — Fyke averaged 13½ points, Trice 11, Carey eight, Littleton 7½ and Anulewicz six — Canton returns a core group that saw considerable court time.

THE CHIEFS play an up-tempo brand of ball, and the other five veterans frequently gave the aforementioned players a rest during fast-paced games.

Jim Young, Troy Waldron, Fernando Johnson, Ray Penman and

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— Tom Niemi
Canton basketball coach

Unusual coaching style always wins for Teeters

EVERY COACH HAS a style. Tom Teeters is no exception.

"Tom tends to get in your hair," was Chris Paciero's description. Nikki Stubbs was more eloquent as he recalled last summer's running in sand dunes.

"Tom, I hate you, I hate you," she remembered thinking.

If communication is how a coach is graded, Teeters deserves an A. But it isn't. Coaches are judged on cold, hard, black-and-white figures. Won-loss figures. Explanations may be allowed, but are rarely remembered. The record is.

Which makes Teeters all the more unusual. He gets through to his players. His love-hate relationship, a style he relishes nurturing, works.

And he wins. Always. "To get the kind of results Tom does, well, I just don't know how he does it," said Paciero.

The results are remarkable. A volleyball coach since 1974, the 35-year-old Teeters has guided two different high school teams to state titles. Of the four prep teams he's coached, three have won league championships. So have both his college teams.

LAST WEEK came the crowning achievement in his career — thus far. He prodded, goaded and eventually guided Schoolcraft College's volleyball team to an NJCAA championship. The Lady Ocelots — thanks to great performances from Stubbs (the NJCAA tournament's most valuable player) and Paciero — defeated Texas Southmost 15-11, 15-9, 12-15, 15-5 in last Wednesday's final.

How does he manage it? His teams aren't the most talented.



C.J. Risak

Their success sometimes even surprises their coach. Like last week. "I didn't think we had a good chance (as previous SC teams) because of our lack of height," he said.

But win they did, maximizing their talents and overcoming their deficiencies. Well, maybe not maximizing. Teeters would never admit one of his teams had reached full potential.

"He's very demanding," said Paciero. "He expects 100 percent all the time."

Not just at SC, either. Last spring, Teeters led Livonia Ladywood's team to the Class A state title in just his second season as coach.

NEITHER WAS accomplished by the good fortune of having great talent. Nor was his first state title, at Livonia Clarenceville in 1978, his first stop on a circuitous coaching trip. "When I first started at Clarenceville," he said, "we practiced in the cafeteria. They wouldn't give us any gym time."

The Trojans reached the state semifinals in 1979 and finished second in the state in 1980. He also coached at Wayne State in '79 and '80. The Tartars rose from the Great Lakes Conference cellar the league title in his second season.

His other coaching stints, at Garden City and Farmington Hills Mercy, have been equally successful. He

coached at SC in '77 and '78 before going to WSU. He returned to SC in 1985; the Lady Ocelots haven't lost an Eastern Conference dual match since. They finished fifth in the nation in '85 and fourth in '86.

ALL THIS from a 1971 Garden City West graduate who played two years of soccer at SC, and never got his four-year degree. His interest in volleyball was initially kindled by Artur Wyszinski, a Pole who played on his homeland's national team before defecting. His team later won the '76 Olympic gold medal.

Teeters played on Wyszinski's club team in Hamtramck. Wyszinski was hired to coach Clarenceville, but broke his leg. He suggested Teeters take his place.

Since that first practice in Clarenceville's cafeteria, Teeters has never let up. He works at United Parcel Service, but he lives to coach.

"He's always thinking about something new to try," said Stubbs, who has been coached by Teeters for five years — three at Garden City and two at SC. "He comes into practice with all this stuff written on scraps of paper."

Like running sand dunes between matches at a beach tournament in Grand Bend, Ontario, last August. Or, instead of the dunes, running in chest-deep water in Lake Huron — "with our arms up, for 45 minutes," according to Paciero.

And what did the team do for fun while at the summer resort? "That," Stubbs said, "is his idea of having fun."

EVERY SC player has had moments when they would have

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Teeters always gets results



Tom Teeters a coach who wins

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liked to strangle Teeters. "He'd call and ask me why I didn't come in early to practice," said Stubbs, the team's most gifted player and a certain NCAA All-American. "I'd tell him, 'Tom, I spend my life here now.'"

His idiosyncrasies are all part of that love-hate relationship. Teeters is a vegetarian; he snacks on sunflower seeds. He delights in imposing his eating habits on his players. For example, he won't allow them to drink pop in his presence.

After winning the title last week, Teeters relented — somewhat. "At our Thanksgiving dinner (in Miami), he let us have pop," said Stubbs.

"But we had to pay a dollar for it," said Paciero. "Friends asked me after we won, 'Didn't you celebrate?' I told them, 'Well, we had some pop.'"

His practices border on unbearable. SC started lifting weights in May, continuing through the heat of summer right into the season. It was more common than unusual for them to do a workout in the weight room before or after matches.

"I THINK I'VE had almost all of them in tears at one point in the season," Teeters admitted. "You're bound to hit those breaking points. But I don't think any of them would have wanted it any other way."

Besides, Teeters noted, disagreements during practice didn't matter.

"What was more important was how they interacted on the court," Paciero reflected. "I think he makes us get mad at him so we have a common bond."

And it does work. Neither she nor Stubbs would have it any other way. "The experience was something I'd never trade," said Paciero. "The closeness of the team... It'll be really sad to leave because we have such good relationships. We had a lot of fun this season."

Stubbs put her five-year relationship with Teeters in this perspective: "I'd see something and tell him, Tom, that's not fair. Know what he says? 'I'm never fair, Nikki.'"

"I consider him a good friend — but he still makes me mad."

Taylor Center fights off Franklin

By Brad Emons
staff writer

When the Taylor Center girls basketball team takes the floor, the first question that comes to mind is "How's the weather out there?"

Livonia Franklin got caught looking up at the towering Lady Rams, who boast one of the state's tallest teams, falling Tuesday in a first-round Class A regional game at Southfield, 59-45.

The weather inside Southfield's gymnasium ended up stormy for the Patriots, who bowed out with a 16-8 overall record.

Taylor Center (23-1) advances to Friday's regional championship final. The Lady Rams will play against the Livonia Ladywood-Detroit Cooley winner. (See related story).

Wendy Jamula, a 6-foot junior guard, paced the winners with a game-high 22 points. Jennifer Miller, a 6-3 junior center, added 16 points, hitting 12 of 16 from the free throw line. And 5-10 sophomore Tila Thomas surprised, scoring eight of her 14 points in the decisive fourth quarter.

"PART OF OUR game plan was

to get their big people in foul trouble," said Franklin coach Dan Freeman. "I don't know how many times we had the ball on the block — down low — and didn't put the shot up."

"We just passed off too much when we had the ball inside. Not to blame the kids, but I think we were a little intimidated by their size."

Franklin appeared tight at the start, missing three uncontested layups.

Taylor Center, behind the passing and scoring of Jamula, pared out to a 17-4 first-quarter lead and led by as many as 12 before the Patriots got untracked.

Dawn Warner, the freshman guard, helped get the Patriots back in it by halftime. Her basket with 13 seconds left pulled Franklin to within six, 22-22, but Miller made a free throw with three seconds to go to put the Lady Rams up by seven at intermission, 29-22.

Franklin then started chipping away in the third quarter, eventually taking the lead, 36-35, with 28 seconds to go in the period on a shot by freshman Patti Shea.

LESLIE SZARFLARSKI then made the first basket of the fourth

girls basketball

quarter to give Franklin a 38-35 advantage.

But then the Patriots got a little careless with the ball, and Taylor Center answered with 20 straight points. Franklin went without a point for nearly seven minutes.

"It was nice to see Thomas get strong in the last quarter," said Taylor Center coach Mike Leever. "They were pressing us and our girls lost their composure."

"It was nice to get it back in the fourth quarter. I didn't know if we'd ever get it back."

"They made some adjustments defensively and it took our girls while to figure out what they were doing. We were just not rebounding at all in the middle part of the game."

Freeman, whose team had a hard time solving Taylor Center's 1-3-1 and 2-3 zones, got back into the game with a defensive spurt.

"THE REASON we got back was because we started pressing," he said. "We considered it, but I wasn't confident about it coming in."

"We started to frustrate them and they started taking shots that they normally don't take. We ran a good, solid half-court defense, but I think we ran out of gas."

Franklin's inability to take the ball inside was never more evident than in the final free throw statistics.

Taylor Center hit 19 of 26, while the Patriots were two of three.

"Had we taken it to them inside, that would have complemented our outside game a lot better," Freeman said. "But they (Center) are just not tall. They're a good club."

Warner paced the Patriots with 19 points, while Szarflarski and Julie Steski added six each.

And while the Patriots had their problems at the offensive end, they also had a hard time on the defensive side.

"They didn't do anything that we were expecting, but we had a tough time defending," said the Franklin coach. "It was a tougher assignment than some of the girls expected."

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Clarenceville Swim Club gains places at Windsor Invitational

Nancy Watson of the Clarenceville Swim Club placed in four "A" Division events last weekend at the 15th annual Windsor (Ontario) Aquatic Club International Invitational.

The meet attracted 30 teams and 450 swimmers.

Watson, competing in the girls 11-12-year-old category, finished third in the 50 and 100-meter freestyles with times of 27.33 and 59.86, respectively. She also grabbed fourth in the 100 backstroke (1:10.51) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:28.89).

swimming rankings

OTHER C.VILLE FINISHERS (all B Division events)

Girls 10 and under: Rebecca Bea — third, 100 individual medley (1:24.1); fourth, 100 freestyle (1:14.28); sixth, 50 freestyle (33.76); Janet Fisher, third, 50 backstroke (40.16); Becky Noehel — fourth, 100 breaststroke (1:34.43); Lynn Knapp — fourth, 50 freestyle (33.76); Lynn Knapp — fourth, 50 freestyle (33.76).

Girls 11-12: Carla Karoub — first, 200 IM (2:35.4); Jamie Hillard — second, 100 backstroke (1:15.93); Rene Tomlinson — fifth, 100 backstroke (1:17.53).

Boys 11-12: Stephen Scario — third, 100 freestyle (1:08.32); fourth, 100 backstroke (1:18.91); Greg Tracy — fifth, 50 butterfly (33.62); sixth, 100 freestyle (1:06.20).

Girls 13-14: Jenny Fisher — second, 200 IM, 2:32.43.

Boys 11-12: Stephen Scario — third, 100 freestyle (1:08.32); fourth, 100 backstroke (1:18.91); Greg Tracy — fifth, 50 butterfly (33.62); sixth, 100 freestyle (1:06.20).

Girls 13-14: Jenny Fisher — second, 200 IM, 2:32.43.

RELAY EVENTS

Girls 10 and under: Janet Fisher, Lynn Knapp, Becky Noehel and Sharon Emwegh — second, 200 medley (2:34.97); Fisher, Knapp, Noehel and Annemarie Scario — third, 200 freestyle (2:15.85).

Girls 11-12: Nancy Watson, Alison Pinta, Rebecca Campos and Mandi Falk — second, 200 freestyle (2:36.79); Watson, Pinta, Campos and Carla Karoub — third, 200 freestyle (1:52.90).

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OBSERVERLAND GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING RANKINGS

The following is a list of the girls top swimming times and diving scores by Observerland athletes. Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wellman compiles the list weekly, and coaches can phone him with their results at 451-6600, Ext. 313, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.

200-Yard Medley Relay (state qualifying time: 1:59.59)

Livonia Mercy 1:54.38
Livonia Stevenson 1:56.50
Livonia Churchill 1:57.98
Plymouth Salem 1:58.19
North Farmington 1:58.74

200-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 2:01.59)

Nicole Drake (Canton) 1:58.73
Laura Oswald (N. Farmington) 1:58.89
Christie Duthie (N. Farmington) 1:59.66
Katie Hohl (Farmington) 2:00.06
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill) 2:01.00
Becky Wiquist (Mercy) 2:01.00
Katie Hamann (Churchill) 2:01.50
Patty Tenuta (Mercy) 2:01.63
Liz DeMatteis (Mercy) 2:02.04
Cindy Grush (Mercy) 2:02.82

200-Yard Individual Medley (state qualifying time: 2:18.79)

Audra Martin (Churchill) 2:12.17
Kerry Doran (N. Farmington) 2:12.25
Julie Jensen (John Glenn) 2:13.68
Cassie Cummins (Canton) 2:17.70
Tara Ditchkoff (Churchill) 2:18.10
Nicole Drake (Canton) 2:19.61
Laura Oswald (N. Farmington) 2:20.47
Angie Neville (Churchill) 2:20.90
Tonya Halleck (Thurston) 2:22.40
Liz DeMatteis (Mercy) 2:22.67

50-Yard Freestyle (state qualifying time: 25.99)

Karen Neyer (Mercy) 25.22
Jill Hawkins (Farmington) 25.12

swimming standings

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Team scores: 1. Farmington Mercy 379; 2. Royal Oak Shrine, 240; 3. Birmingham Marian, 230; 4. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 111; 5. Harper Woods Regina, 101; 6. Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea, 49.

400-yard freestyle relay: 1. Mercy, 3:51.80; 2. Shrine, 3:55.92; 3. Marian, 4:07.98; 4. Regina, 4:29.6; 5. Star of the Sea, 4:36.75; 6. Bishop Foley, 4:40.28.

200 freestyle: 1. Audrey Francis, Regina, 2:00.19; 2. An. Bernacchi, Shrine, 2:01.17; 3. Becky Wiquist, Mercy, 2:03.83; 4. Patty Tenuta, Mercy, 2:04.31; 5. Cindy Grush, Mercy, 2:05.27; 6. Michelle McCaffrey, Mercy, 2:05.48.

200 individual medley: 1. Audrey Janelle, Shrine, 2:20.28; 2. Liz DeMatteis, Mercy, 2:22.67; 3. Katie Knipper, Mercy, 2:23.00; 4. S. Kosterhaus, Shrine, 2:25.10; 5. An. Bernacchi, Shrine, 2:28.31; 6. Karen Campbell, Shrine, 2:28.73.

50 freestyle: 1. Karen Neyer, Mercy, 25.87; 2. Megan Hoppe, Shrine, 26.48; 3. D. Duran, Marian, 26.91; 4. Jenny Mison, Mercy, 27.03; 5. Ruth Tincoff, Shrine, 27.27; 6. Mary Quinn, Mercy, 27.35.

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Friday, Dec. 2
Liv. Churchill at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne at Westland Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Berkley, 7:30 p.m.
West Kettering at Farm. Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Mill. Lakeside, 7:30 p.m.
Taylor Baptist at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Imm. Concept, 7:30 p.m.
Canton at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Temple vs. Vermontville Maple Valley at Beth Tournament, 6 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 3
Redford CC at Trenton, 7 p.m.

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Bill Pinnell (left) of Garden City and Richard Wilson of North Farmington were both inducted into the Michigan High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame during ceremonies Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome. Pinnell, currently the athletic director

at GC High, was cited for his 31 years of coaching cross country, track (compiling a 135-50 record), wrestling and football. Wilson also served 31 years coaching golf, basketball, football and track. He remains the Raiders' golf coach.

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Paupore among area's top players

By Brad Emons
Staff writer

Who are some of the top returning basketball players in Observant?
The faces will be new to many as all seven first-team All-Area picks have graduated.

Where are they now?

Borgess's Parish Hickman scored six points for Michigan State in Monday's victory over Furman.

De Juan Smith of Borgess is at Eastern Kentucky, while teammate Dwayne Kelley, a Proposition 48 victim, is spending a year in junior college in Florida before reporting next season to Central Michigan.

Of CC's All-Area contingent last year, Bill Vitti and Brian Dugas are members of the Saginaw Valley State team. Teammate Anthony Arrington attends Albion College.

Wayne Memorial's Shawn Wimberly attends Owens Tech in Toledo. He scored 19 points in a victory last weekend against Schoolcraft College, of all teams.

Here is a look at the area's preseason top 10:

PRESEASON TOP 10

1. Shawn Rospert, junior guard, Bishop Borgess: The school has produced several outstanding players over the years including Lewis Scott (Eastern Michigan), Joe Gregory (Bowling Green) and Hickman. Rospert will be the next. The 6-foot-2 guard is a sweet shooter with range and could be the school's all-time scoring leader before he's through.

2. Matt Hoffman, junior guard, N. Farmington: Only 5-10, but the point guard led his team to the WAAA title in 1986, averaging 16 points per game on the year. An adept ball-handler who can

penetrate and find the open man. A decent three-point shooter as well. A basketball junkie who is a genuine floor leader. He will be slowed early in the season by an ankle injury.

3. Chad Burgess, junior forward, Harrison: His job is to score as evidenced by his 19-point per game scoring average last season. He tallied a school-record 44 points last year against Claremont. At 6-2 he is a good leaper. If Burgess improves his ball-handling, he could attract interest among Division I college coaches.

4. Terry Boykin, senior guard, Redford CC: A good ball-handler who gained confidence running the point last year for the

Shamrocks. Boykin, a 6-footer, can shoot off the dribble and create. He is an intense competitor who should come into his own this season.

5. Ray Richards, senior forward, Redford CC: At 6-5, the lefty can shoot with range, but like Richards, he needs to toughen up on the boards as Vitti did for the Shamrocks a year ago. He could be the key to CC making a run at the Central Division crown.

6. Brian Paupore, senior forward, Plymouth: At 6-5, the lefty can shoot with range, but like Richards, he needs to toughen up on the boards and be a force inside. Tends to float at times, but has the scoring touch to be a reckoned with in the WAAA.

7. Bryan Washburn, senior forward, Farmington: We all know what he could do in football and he'll be a treat to watch in basketball. His leaping ability is second to none. He dunks easily and will be a stopper on defense. He's worked on

his shooting and should make life miserable for WAAA opponents.

8. Mike Boyle, senior center, St. Agatha: A bruising center who averaged 14 points per game last year. He's a good athlete, making the All-Catholic League football team. The 6-8 returnee likes to rebound and mix it up inside.

9. Chris Poplin, senior forward, Westland Glen: Maybe a surprise to some, but not to this writer. At 6-4, he's got an inside-outside body and will be the man the Rockets look to for scoring in the paint. A good touch for a big man. Came on strong last year and should complement Glenn's two outside shooters, Greg Anderson and Casey Killingbeck.

10. Jason Belaire, senior center, Liv. Churchill: The only returning starter from last year's team, Belaire is a 6-3 leaper who should get his points in the paint. His outside shooting and ball-handling is a question mark, but his inside game is solid.

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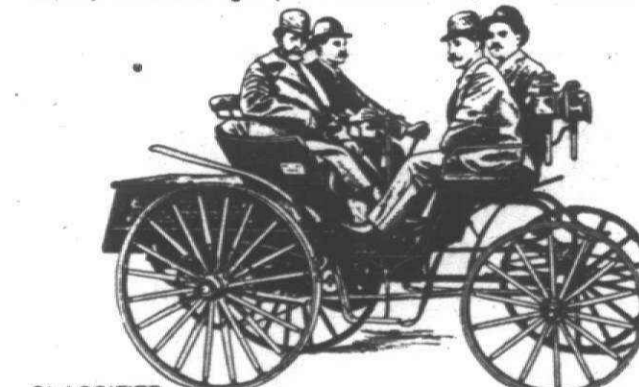
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591-2300 Ext. 302

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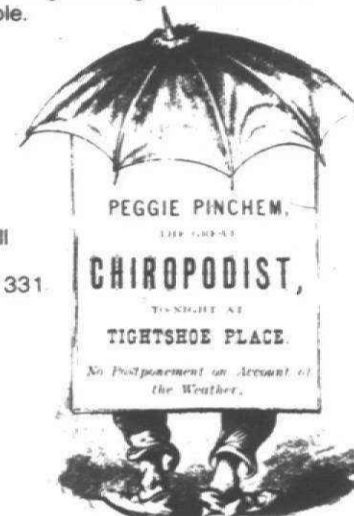
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591-2300 Ext. 325

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591-2300 Ext. 305

Entertainment pages appear Thursday and include feature stories, theater and other entertainment reviews, **TABLE TALK** restaurant news column, and the **UPCOMING** calendar, which deadlines each Thursday (for items to appear the following Thursday). Submit all information to Ethel Simmons, entertainment editor.

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591-2300 Ext. 302

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Steve Barnaby is Managing Editor of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; 591-2300 ext. 300

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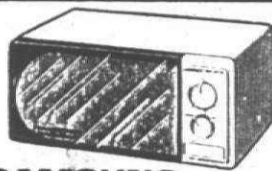
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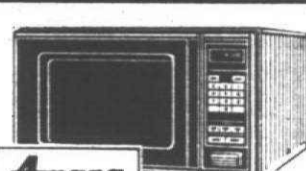
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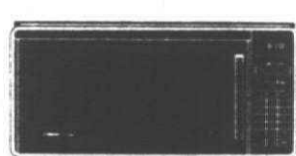
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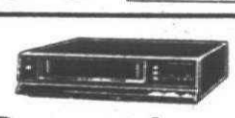
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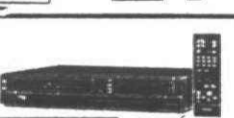
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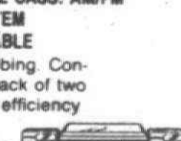
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Hot glass, heavy art

By Corinne Abett
staff writer

ings and Saturdays and at the BBAA on Wednesdays.

BARBARA WALLACE SAYS she's a glass blower because it combines three things she loves — art, music and dance. The art part is self-explanatory. The music is what she turns on to work by and the dance, more precisely choreography, is the fast-paced, timed movements she goes through non-stop for 45-60 minutes at a crack.

No hesitations, no stopping to look around, just intense activity, from the time she first puts the glass on the end of the long blow pipe or punty, until she cuts it loose to put into the annealing oven.

Between the beginning and the end, she will have the piece in and out of the furnace and the glory hole beside it (to reheat) from 20-25 times.

AT THE glass studio at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA), she and her assistant, Gerry Mace, two 100-pound lightweights, had danced and strained their way through a couple of rounds before the glass furnace and were getting ready to go one more round before they called it a day. It was a 55-degree November day.

"In six hours, we'll do three large pieces and five small ones. I can wring my clothes out when I leave here," Wallace said.

Wallace is one person you'd never choose to complain to about how busy you are. In addition to a full-time job in advertising, she teaches glass blowing at the Center for Creative Studies on Monday even-

SHE PUT herself through three years of college making stained glass, heading toward a degree in elementary education. After student teaching and more work with glass, she decided to change direction. Instead of completing her degree in elementary education, she decided to go for a degree from the Center for Creative Studies. It took six years, but in 1986, she received her degree.

Her first exposure to working with hot glass was at the Toledo Museum in 1981. She knew then it was her medium. She has since gone to glass workshops in Maine, Seattle and North Carolina.

"I've had my hands in it for a long time," she said.

SHE WORKS on two to three different levels. The small pieces like those she has in the BBAA Holiday Sales Show, through Dec. 10, are her bread and butter pieces. Larger works such as overlay vases are at Ilona Gallery of Farmington Hills, Signature Gallery in the Michigan Design Center and the Detroit Artists Market.

Yet, when describing her work, she said, "I'm known for sculpture — bronze with glass. The Detroit Institute of Arts purchased a piece of mine (like that) in April and it's been on display for four months."

She will be at the Detroit Institute of Arts doing a demonstration and talk for Founders Society members Thursday, Dec. 8, with Herb Babcock of the Center for Creative Studies. They should be a good combination, Wallace said.



Barbara Wallace and Gerry Mace (behind) wear goggles to protect their eyes when working in front of the glass furnaces. The vase is already well on its way.

"We're both sculptural types." Mace, a free-lance photographer, came into glass blowing by fluke. She arrived here from Boston to do a piece on glass blowing and ended up at the business end of a blow pipe.

"I talked her into staying," Wallace said. "She does the actual blowing for me. I have to move real fast."

WALLACE'S VASES are complicated. She uses one color glass for the inside, another for the outside. Then she adds glass shards that she makes herself ahead of time for color and texture, and canes that attach themselves to the sides when the vase is almost complete.

The vase they were doing that warm November day was to be jade green with a white overlay. The molten glass came in and out of the furnace many times — to pick up the second color, to be turned from a blob into a large teardrop by Wallace, cupping and shaping the hot glass with a damp, folded newspaper, to have the initial bubble blown in by Mace.

"By her blowing and me papering I can get a larger and a thinner piece. Besides, it's not so lonely when you have someone working with you," Wallace said.

The pace quickened as the glass at the end of the blow pipe began to grow larger and rounder. Mace blew again and again and raced over to get more shards ready as Wallace shoved the pipe into the furnace as deftly as a pool hustler putting the six ball in the side pocket.

IN THE furnace the shards became soft and congealed with the whole. As soon as that happened, Wallace would put it out quickly to pick up more shards — paper, blow, shape, heat. Repeat.

"Two more blows. Keep going — blow. Blow. Blo-o-o-ow — nice." In and out again to pick up the cones on the marvering table. It took two tries to get all of them in position.

"I got it. I'm gonna go for the other one to see if I can get it across — I got it. Perfect."

In the lightning-fast series of finishing steps, the shape had been refined and flattened, the irregular top opening cut, shaped, polished and reshaped again slightly, before it met with Wallace's approval. It would come in and out of the furnace at least 10 more times for minor but important touch-ups.

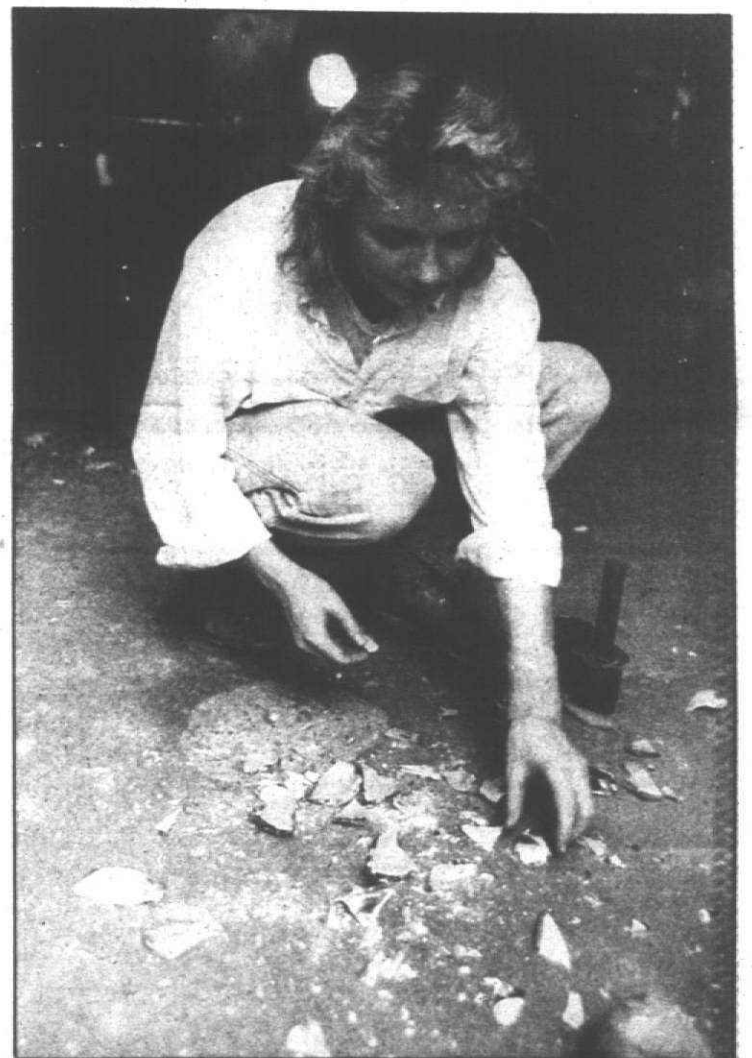
In the annealer, it would then cool down slowly for about 12 hours "so there is no stress on the glass," Wallace said.

In the entrance to the glass studio, Wallace smiled, wiped her sweaty hands on her jeans and talked about a piece she and Mace had done a short time ago, a beautiful one that got so big it wouldn't go into the glory hole and couldn't be finished. But it had been a beauty.

"This is something I always wanted to do and I love it," Wallace said.

And the future? Well, in Japan there are some incredible glass artists — and she'd sure like a chance to work with them.

Staff photos by Jerry Zolynsky



Barbara Wallace just dropped a piece of overlay glass made especially to smash for shards. She retrieves the best to use for the piece she is about to make.



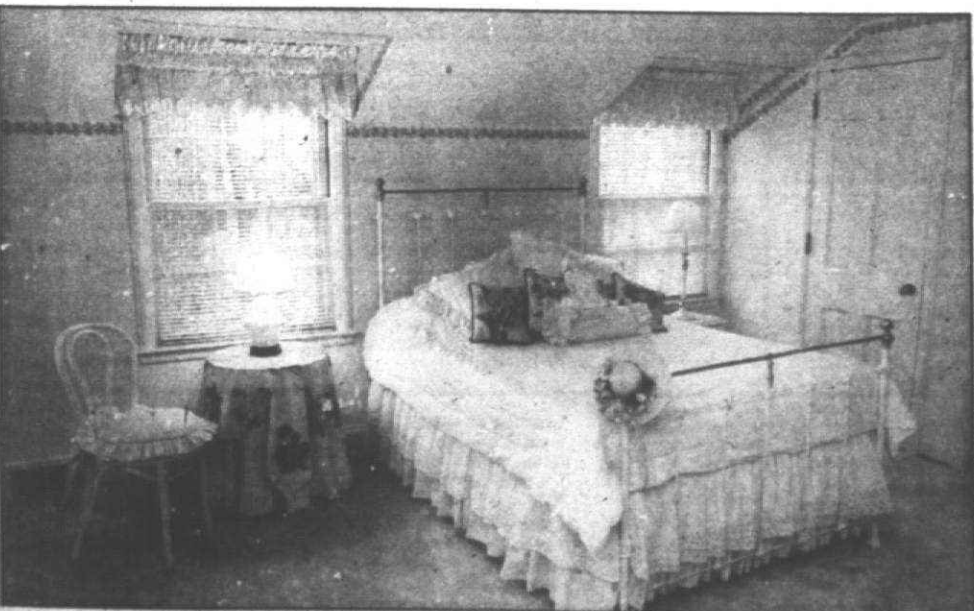
Barbara Wallace shapes the hot glass with wet newspaper while Gerry Mace blows.

Selling gift items

The Holiday Sales Show at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association continues through Saturday, Dec. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The offerings by local and regional artists include hand-crafted

jewelry, wall hangings, glass, hand-painted scarves, candles, chimes, folk art Santas, hand-decorated baby clothes, ceramics, a whimsical line of children's furniture and many tree ornaments. Open free of charge, 1516 S. Cranbrook (north of 14 Mile), Birmingham.



Tour visitors welcome

"Yuletide Treasures" is the theme of the 29th annual Christmas Walk sponsored by the Detroit Symphony League. The Birmingham-Bloomfield Walk, featuring six homes from contemporary to New England farm traditional, decorated for the holidays, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Grosse Pointe homes will be featured in the walk there from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14.

Those attending the Birmingham-Bloomfield walk will visit Magnolia Hill, the old Verner es-

tate; Victoria's basement completely decorated with Middle Eastern treasures; a charming home with seven Christmas trees; a country style home done by Bonnie L. Meyer, ASID; a home decorated in the Williamsburg style and the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Affleck House.

The door prize will be Christmas tree done by Bonnie L. Meyer, a first-prize winner in the Festival of Trees. Tickets are \$6 for groups of 10 or more, \$8 advance and \$10 at the door. For information, call 851-2132 or 642-9585.



The dining room table is set, and Christmas decorations fill the New England farm house, done in shades of blue and raspberry by interior designer Bonnie L. Meyer. At left is a lemon yellow-and-white

bedroom fit for a little princess. This family home is one of six on the Symphony League's Christmas Walk.

JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer



Symphony leads candlelight caroling

The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will present its annual "Caroling by Candlelight" concert on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Michigan League Ballroom. Due to the great popularity of this event in its first two seasons, the symphony has decided to present three performances at 5 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Featured in the sing-along concert will be the Symphony Strings Chamber Orchestra and Brass Quintet conducted by Don Schleicher, U-M professor of conducting.

Connie Barron will be mistress of ceremonies, and a handbell choir led by Carol Muehlhig will lend a special note. The Boychoir of Ann Arbor, Thomas Strode, director, and an adult chorus comprised of members of the University Choral Union, Donald Bryant, director, will lend their voices to the audience's.

General seating tickets are priced at \$6 per adult and \$4 per child. Preferred seating for patrons is priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Caroling, 305 Du Varren Road, Ann Arbor 48105. Ticket orders received by Dec. 5 will be mailed; orders received after that date will be held at the door. Call 994-4801 for more information.

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Gift books for would-be writers

THIS IS the season for wish lists and gift ideas, and I'm not about to let it go by without suggesting books, books and more books. But give me a chance to ask you for something.

The "Gift of Reading" program organized last year by Louise Reid Ritchie and the Detroit Free Press needs help from all us book people. Last week, Louise told me that though the program provided over 40,000 brand new books last year to needy Detroit area children up to the age of seven, the numbers aren't anywhere near that this year. The books will be distributed by FOCUS Hope and seven other groups, including Michigan Human Services and the Plymouth-Canton Adult Basic Education program.

You can buy books at several area bookstores serving as "Gift of Reading" drop-off points. All Waldenbooks stores will also gift wrap books for the program.

Borders in Birmingham, Novi, and Ann Arbor are participants, as are the Metro News Centers in Birmingham, and Canton, and Bookpeople in West Bloomfield. What's missing is enough people to buy the books. Please encourage potential young readers by buying a book to treasure or by sending a check to a Gift of Reading, P.O. Box 64701, Detroit 48264.

NOW FOR A FEW gift suggestions, this time for the reader who is also a writer. I like to think there is a writer in every family, and that sooner or later every writer wants to know everything there is to know about writing — business, art, craft, biography. So, though I make no promises and offer no guarantees, I can tell you that if I didn't already own the following books, they would be at the top of my wish list.

For the journalist or non-fiction writer:

- "The Complete Guide to Writing Nonfiction," by the American Society of Journalists and Authors (Perennial Library, Harper and Row). This thick compendium, now in paperback, offers up everything from research to specialization in writing habits to publication. It includes in its 871 pages the ASJA Code of Ethics and position statements on the bugaboo "Work for Hire" and "Blanket Indemnification" clauses foisted on writers by publishers. Authors like Alex Haley, Betty Friedan, Vance Packard and Alvin Toffler offer advice, along with Birmingham's own Julie Candier, former Woman's Day columnist and author of "Woman at the Wheel."

In the 1960s writers like Tom Wolfe, Joan Didion and John McPhee perfected what became known as "new journalism" — personal reportage that reads like fiction. "Dramatic nonfiction," Jon Franklin calls it in "Writing for Story," a Mentor paperback by the two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner. In this gem of a book, Franklin dissects two of his own stories and offers the secrets to this kind of writing.

"The Literary Journalists," edited by Norman Sims, a large paperback from Ballantine Books, offers up pieces by the giants of new journalism, including Wolfe, McPhee, Didion, Tracy Kidder, Mark Kramer and others.

A new annual series, "The Best American Essays," from Ticknor and Fields is a companion to the annual "The Best American Short Stories." Last year's edition included "On Boxing" by Joyce Carol Oates and "The Follies of Writer Worship" by Julian Barnes.

Each year since 1979, the Pointer Institute for Media Studies has published their choices for the "Best Newspaper Writing" of the previous year. Each winning piece is published along with an author interview, observations and study questions. The categories are deadline, non-deadline writing, commentary and editorial writing. Past winners are writers like Roger Simon, Jimmy Breslin, Bradley Graham, and even humorist Dave Barry for commentary. For the 1988 edition send \$9.95 to The Pointer Institute, 801 Third Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 or call (813) 821-9494.

FOR THE FICTION WRITER:

- "Writers on Writing," by Jon Winokur (Running Press, large paperback). Mostly one-liners by the greats and lesser — funny, thoughtful, sad, angry, contradictory. Peter De Vries "I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paper-work." Boileau: "Every style that is not boring is a good one." Truman Capote: "I've known all my life I could take a bunch of words and throw them up in the air and they would come down just right. I'm a semantic Paganini." John Steinbeck: "When those old writing boys get to talking about The Artist, I want to leave the profession."
- "The Art of Fiction," by John Gardner. Intended for what the late teacher — mentor called the "serious, literary writer," these books

offer up technique and exercises, encouragement, and often discouragement. Gardner believed that, while there was such a thing as talent, "writing ability is mainly a product of good teaching supported by a deep-down love of writing."

Then there is the rascally Rita Mae Brown. "Starting from Scratch. A Different Kind of Writers' Manual" is an infinitely funny book for serious writers. The opinionated topper of icons starts out by writing, "I believe all literature started out as gossip. I believe self-pity stinks. I believe that hen never cackles until she's finished her job. I believe in art that conceals art." She signs her introduction, "Your far from humble servant," so you can't say you haven't been warned. And if you can put her book down from there, you're a far better person than I am.

Rita Mae wouldn't write with anything but a Mont Blanc Diplomat fountain pen. She doesn't believe you can really, really write unless you've studied Latin. She has a way with words. "What's the difference between involvement and commitment. Think of ham and eggs. The chicken is involved. The pig is committed. See what I mean?" And about her first novel, "Rubyfruit Jungle," she says, "I wanted my novel to be so witty that even Republicans would be forced to enjoy it."

And last, but only because it's my newest addition, comes "Falling Through Space, the Journals of Ellen Gilchrist." The author of "In the Land of Dreamy Dreams," "Drunk with Love," and "Victory Over Japan," talks about her life and loves, her dreams, her fears, and now and then gives a lesson or two on writing.

"How often I have tried to tell writing students that the first thing a writer must do is love the reader and

the reader well... Only in such well wishing and trust, only when the writer feels he is writing a letter to a good friend, only the will the magic happen."

In my next column I'll pass along another biased list of books — my own favorites for the general reader. Bookstore on the Main in Northville will host a book signing 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, by poet Kathleen Ripley, Leo Her book, "Town One South," celebrates Northville and its people.

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Two area students will be part of the dance ensemble of the forthcoming presentation of the Nutcracker ballet by the Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre.

Acting in part of the Snow Fairy sequence as well as others will be Kathy Hoffman of Canton and Laurie Bean of Plymouth.

The complete ballet will be presented in the historic Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11.

Musical accompaniment will be provided by the Ann Arbor Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are available at

the Michigan Union ticket office in Ann Arbor or all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12.

The production is Ann Arbor's only production of the Nutcracker and the only production other than Detroit with an orchestra. The orchestra plays Tchaikovsky's full Nutcracker musical score that has been adapted for a smaller orchestra by Carl Daehler. Choreography is by Carol Sharp, director of the Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre.

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Visitors also may travel back in time to the golden age of the Renaissance by joining in a Winter Holiday Feast on Friday, Dec. 9. The feast will be provided by Moriah Caterer to the Kings, who will serve the meal and hors d'oeuvres made from Renaissance-period recipes. Entertainment will be provided by pianist Curtis Posuniak, the Livonia Civic Chorus and the Renaissance troupe of Moriah which consists of jugglers, magicians and puppeteers. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded.

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Other entertainment during the holidays will include luncheon concerts at noon on Tuesdays, Dec. 6, 13 and Thursday Dec. 15 in the estate music room. Featured at the separate luncheons will be Posuniak, director of the Michigan Bach Festival, the Trenton Senior Chorus, and Christmas music on the piano by the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Dianne McMullen. Tickets for the luncheon concerts are \$14.50.

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