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Twenty-five cents

# Residential property values increase

staff writer

Residential property values will increase an average of 16 percent in Canton next year, according to Wayne County bureau of taxation figures, but it's unlikely that taxes will rise accordingly.

The county used 1,972 sales in the township during a two-year study to

growing market in the economy," said Glenn Shaw Jr., Canton tax as-

'The trends show that the market is still strong in western Wayne County," Shaw said.

A HOUSE that sold for \$100,000 in Canton two years ago "very likely could sell for \$130,000 to \$140,000 this year," Shaw said.

increasing terrifically," he added.

Higher property values mean higher taxes. But taxes likely won't rise 16 percent. The Headlee Amendment limits the amount of tax generated by higher assessments to the rate of inflation.

A public hearing will be held followed by a vote of the township board of trustees before taxes inequalized valuation, half of the mar-ket value. The SEV is multiplied by the tax rate for municipal, county and school services

Next year's property value surge comes on the heels of a 12 percent rise this year

SHAW SAID his department will check property sales for each subditownship, a tax rate will be assessed for each subdivision.

'The method we use is the fairest way for the homeowner," said Shaw. The final amount assessed to all subdivisions would equal an average

16 percent. Industrial commercial and agricultural property values will see no increase for 1989, Shaw said. This year values on industrial property

property rose 5 percent.

Tax bills for 1988 have been delivered. They are due without penalty until Feb. 14. After Feb. 28 taxes are delinquent. A 3 percent penalty from Feb. 14 through Feb. 28 is subject to the township board of trustees' dis-

The new value assessments will be reflected on the 1989 tax bills.

# Armed robbery at store is 40th of year locally

staff writer

An armed robbery Sunday at Star Stop was Canton's 40th holdup this

Gas stations, party stores and hotels on Ford Road and Michigan easily accessed by the I-275 expressway - were the hardest hit.

Expressways lure robbers, said Herta Hoper, Michigan State police

"It's easy to get out of there and it's easy to get away fast," Hoper

CANTON POLICE are increasing special patrols to businesses that are open late and have a relatively low number of employees, said Dave Boljesic, Canton police spokesman.

'The detective bureau is actively working and at times conducting surveillances," he added.

So far this year, there have been nine more armed robberies than all

Sunday's incident at the Ford and Lilley store was reported to police at

entered the store and Two men walked near a coeler out of sight of the clerk, Boljesic said. When they walked in view of the clerk, they were wearing ski masks.

One of the men produced a blue steel semi automatic handgun and pointed it at the clerk's face. He demanded all the money.

The robbers said the the register wasn't enough. The victim handed over more money from under the counter.

through a back exit. The direction they fled and a description of the car are unknown, said Boljesic. Police are without suspects.

Both men were described as black, between 25 and 35 years old, 6-feet tall and 180 pounds. One had long fingernails, big eyes and a deep voice, police said. Both robbers also were wearing black jeans and black leather jackets with red fox collars.

HOPER PROVIDED these tips to prevent robberies, as well as suggestions about what to do during and immediately after a holdup: When you're in a store the clerk

should be able to see everything between all exits, including windows. This prevents'someone from sneaking behind you. Two employees should open

and close a business. One worker should open the building and the other employee should look for anything unusual.

• The police telephone number should be taped to the telephone. Clerks should make eye contact

with customers. This often intimidates robbers, because they fear the person can give police a good de-· Good lighting should be avail-

able inside and outside the building. Windows of establishments

shouldn't be covered with advertising. Blocked windows prevent passers-by from seeing an incident and calling for help

 Businesses should have an Please turn to Page 2



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

### Snow at 57 degrees

Rebecca Goldsmith, 8, of Canton lives in the only house on Duchess, or in southeastern Michigan, for that matter, that had snow Tuesday. Her sister, Sarah, 10, and mom, Debbie, play in the two-ton, dump-truck full of snow dropped on their lawn. Rebecca was the grand winner of the white Christmas offer presented by the Canton Parks and Recreation department. More than 600 people put their names in for the drawing. Rebecca also won Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" al-

# Chief of security selected for CEP

A Michigan State Police officer has been hired as the security supervisor at Centennial Educational Park.

James P. Collins of Canton, a detective lieutenaht in the special investigation unit of the Livonia post, will start in January. His hiring was approved unanimously by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Monday.

The post has been vacant since July, when Timothy Ford resigned. Ford died Dec. 16.

'It's just time to move on. It may be a job I will be able to stay young

James P. Collins new CEP security chief

"It hasn't been filled because they have been waiting to get the right

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### **Early Holiday** Deadlines

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Ronald Hawkins, who had to wait 21/2 months for a heart transplant, is now pushing for organ donations.

# Man crusades for organ donations

By Diane Gale staff writer

A bumper sticker on Ronald Hawkins' car - "Recycle yourself, be an organ donor" - says a lot about the 45-year-old's life. Last August, doctors told Haw-

kins, a Canton resident, he had three to four months to live. He waited 2/4 months in Henry Ford Hospital before an 18-year-old Grand Rapids man was in a car accident. The teenager indicated on his license that he wanted to donate his organs.

HIS HEART saved Hawkins' life. He was so critical, Hawkins was hospitalized while he waited. He said a tree outside his room was green when he was admitted and "by the time I left, there was snow on the branches.

Hawkins almost lost hope, and

people

tried three times unsuccessfully to discharge himself. But that was last month. This month, Hawkins dedicated himself to promoting organ donations.

"The hardest part of the whole thing is the wait for the heart," Hawkins said.

Last week in Michigan, 30 people waited for hearts, three needed hearts and lungs, 10 were on the list for livers, 18 needed a pancreas and a whopping 725 waited for kidneys, according to the Organ Procurement Agency of Michigan. It costs an av-

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lected more than \$2,000 at street intersections and in shopping centers Dec. 3 were able to provide baskets of food, gift certificates and other sundries for 66 needy Canton fami-

According to Canton police Lt. Larry Stewart, Canton Goodfellow organizer, other bulk donations were

given by Canton businesses. For instance, the Super Bowl, on Ford Road, collected \$500 from a raffle, Stewart said. Carlton Heating donat-

The "No kiddle without a Christmas" theme was launched by an IRS agent and a Detroit News editor who enlisted the help of the Detroit Newsboys' Association. Old Newsboys, including business and professional leaders, agreed to meet annually to sell newspapers on their old

The tradition thrives 75 years lat-

er and has spread throughout southeastern Michigan. One Canton family receiving a

Goodfellow basket recently moved

home, Stewart said. The family, with five children, was given a Christmas tree, gift certificates and food, Stew-

This is just one of many heart-warming stories involving Goodfel-low basket recipients, Stewart add-

# Man pushes for organ donations

erage \$70,000 for a heart transplant and stay, according to Henry Ford

"ACTUALLY THE numbers are tigh right now, because we don't have a lot of donors lately," said Sharon Fragner, telephone coordinator with the procurement agency. "The need is definitely there, ragner said. "People do die while

hey're waiting." The Secretary of State issues tickers that adhere to the back of drivers' licenses indicating the person wants to donate specific or all

THE GRAND Rapids man had filled-out the sticker, Hawkins said, but before doctors could take the heart they needed permission from his family, which is mandated by the Michigan Required Request law en-

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Luckily for Hawkins, the Grand Rapids family agreed.

Critical signs that Hawkins would need a transplant showed in 1982 when he had a massive heart attack. Then it got worse and worse and started passing out, because my

heart was beating too fast." That same year, Hawkins said he lost his job working in utilities at Kroger in Livonia. Doctors wouldn't release him for work, he said.

"We had to go on welfare, and I tried to work any job possible, but no one would take me because of my

Hawkins said he spends \$1,200 monthly for medication, however,

alarm that rings into the local police

doors should immediately be locked

until the police arrive. This would

prevent a person from running down

the street spotting a police car and

running back into the building. This

could result in a barricaded gunman

Don't fight with robbers. "You

can replace the goods and money, but not your life," Hoper said. "Nev-

er run after someone, especially if

they are armed or told you they are

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department.

cost. He started receiving Social Security benefits in 1985. That was the same year Henry Ford Hospital be-

gan transplant operations. Possibly it could happen to them." Hawkins said. "Someone in their families will be in the hospital and may ask for an organ. Or maybe someone in your life will need an organ and someone will have to ask someone else for an organ."

HAWKINS SAID he understands that most people don't like to talk about donating organs, because it makes them think about death.

Armed robberies up in 1988

"A person has to die before you can get another organ. That's the

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Watch for customers who loiter

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**LAST MINUTE** 

SHOPPER SALE

· Watch the direction the robbers

· Be suspicious of someone who

police said. Both robbers also were

When doctors told Hawkins he needed a new heart it was either that

"I primarily didn't have an alternative. Psychologically it feels odd," Hawkins said. "Physically you can't tell the difference except you feel

'You're actually walking around with someone else's heart in your body," he added. "I always thought it was a miracle that God let these su geons take another heart and someone else walk around with it It's a very scary thing - the operation and the idea that you'll have a new organ in your body."

Hawkins is alive because of one man's generosity. Now he wants to convince others to do the same. "If I can get one person to fill out a donor card, then I'm one up on society," Hawkins said.

Call 1-800-482-4881, for more in-

### obituaries

VIVIAN KEETH

Services for Vivian G. Keeth were Dec. 17 at Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home with Stanley Jenkins of Central Baptist Church

Mr. Keeth, 82, died Dec. 13. The lymouth resident was in produc ion control for Burroughs. He is survived by his wife. erne; sons, Michael of Plymouth, Keeth, Denald and James; daughter, Leslyn Young, 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT BENNETT

Services for Robert Bennett of vmouth were Dec. 19 at First nited Methodist Church of Plymouth with the Rev. John Grenfell r. officiating. Mr. Bennett, 84, died Dec. 15. He came to the community in 1942

from the Upper Peninsula. He

worked for the U.S. Forestry Ser-

vice and also was a superintendent at Kinnely & Sisman Packaging Co He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Colony Farms Condominium Association.

He is survived by his daughters, Connie Heidt and Carolyn; brothers Carl and Thomas; daughter, Hildur; six grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren.

Memorials can be given to the First United Methodist Church organ fund. Arrangements were by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral

JAMES MATHIS

James Mathis of Canton died Dec. 9. He was born in Georgia. Mr. Mathis is survived by his wife, Alice, children, Liesha Beechum of Canton, Mary Alice, Ronald, James, Mima Jean, Frank, Betty Zube, Clifford, Donald, Douglass. Sharrie Mason and Robert; brothers Robert and Billy, sister

# Security chief selected

person," said Norman Kee, the dis-

trict's assistant superintendent for employee relations. Ford's title was director of security, but Collins will be called the security supervisor. Kee said the name of the position was changed because Collins will be "more a working su-

pervisor than a directing supervi-

THE SALARY has not been set, but it will be between \$19,000 and \$30,000. Kee said.

Collins, 48, has worked for the state police since 1963 and is eligible "It's just time to move on," he said

Wednesday. "It may be a job I will be able to stay young with." Some people may think working school security is "a headache," he said, "but I don't look at it that

Collins worked as a state trooper n White Pigeon and Flint. From 1972 to 1985 he was a detective ser geant at the Northville post. He was promoted to detective lieutenant and noved to the Livonia post in 1986.

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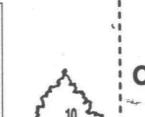
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Shawna Currie, a student at Bird Elementary School in Plymouth, applies glue to a piece of paper that will become a reindeer

# 5-year-old 'elves' create holiday gifts

fighting crowds in stores and wrapping gifts, school children have been creating their own Christmas presents. The fruits of their labors are apt to grace the family Christmas ree for years to come.

The kindergarteners in Jackie Boye's class at Canton's Field Elementary school made handprints for their parents. Their little 5-year-old palms were placed in fingerpaint then on construction paper. The paper was laminated and it will be gift wrapped before week's end.

Young Robert Carron, describing

Christmas card she made.

WHEN I grow up I'll see how little my hand was when I was in kindergarten," he said. Boye said handprints are a popu-

his work of art, said he was sure his

stick your hand print on, I did that,'

parents would appreciate it

value of his handprint.

teacher Carol Dombkowski set aside Carron explained. "I'm going to give areas of their respective classrooms t to my mom and dad. They'll say Santa's workshops. Summer mith used the workshop to create a Matthew Jones displayed a certain Christmas countdown chain made of

because it's lasting," she said.

"The parents really seem to like it

Bove and fellow kindergarten

amount of foresight in discussing the construction paper links. "Every day starting today I have

rip one of these off. Then when I rip this one off, it's Christmas," she aid, motioning to the top link. In Connie Jacobs' kindergarten class at Bird Elementary in Plym-

outh, the students glued glitter onto

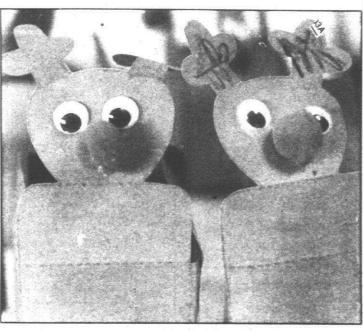
on doorknobs. They were to be gift wrapped with paper decorated by "I told my mom not to rip the

wrapping paper because look at all the neat stuff," Nicholas Schulz said while pointing to the homemade wrapping paper. The project was closely su-

pervised by the teacher. I did the cutting, and they did the gluing," Jacobs said. "It's real hard to find something 5-year-olds can



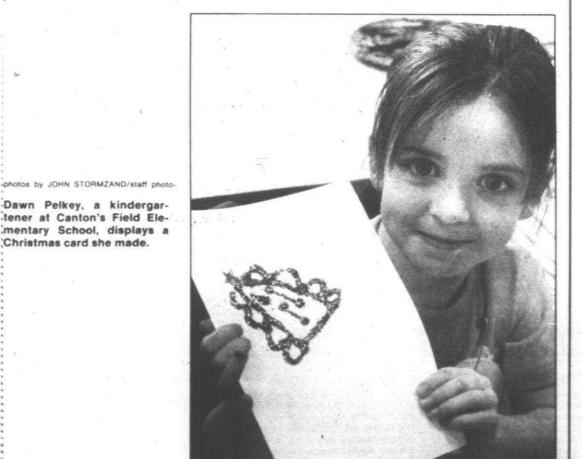
Nicole Holcomb applies glitter to a Christmas card as Jeanne Buikema looks on.



Some reindeer boxes created by Bird Elementary students



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cate programs are praised among

lenders and housing officials as an

innovative, effective means of keep-

ing home ownership as an option for

MISH-da' in the trade.

Two widely acclaimed programs

ager for Fleet Mortgage Corp., said

# Traffic plan is eyed for sculpture show

Motorists may have to make alternate plans for getting in and out of town both weekends of the seventh annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spec-

No through traffic would be al-lowed on Saturdays and Sundays at the intersections of Main and Ann Arbor Trail and Main and Penniman near Kellogg Park, according to a plan developed by the city police de-

Additionally, only traffic to local destinations would be allowed on: • Main between Wing and Ann

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sistant to the city manager. Ann Arbor Trail between Har-"We've had as many as 11 people running traffic and pedestrian con-• Forest between Wing and Ann trol at one intersection," he said. Arbor Trail. 'We've got to do something different. We can't tie up that many peo-

ple for that operation. "From 2 to 5 (p.m.), it's just very,

MARKET \*\* "PEOPLE WERE paying no atention to traffic signals, just walk-OPEN ing into the street," Sincock said. "If you're lucky, you got one car through on a green light. Sincock concedes that the traffic Electronics • Diamonds

into the city to view individual sta-

tues carved of ice on stands along

Main, Ann Arbor Trail, Forest and

Penniman and larger displays in

The crowds have been especially

makeshift details to close down

streets in order to relieve traffic and

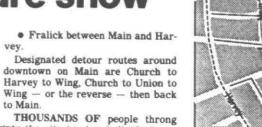
town area," said Paul Sincock, as-

edestrian movement in the down-

the past, we've had to do

arge weekend afternoons.

Kellogg Park.



plan might not sit well with some locals. He hopes that advance publicity will alert people to what's happening and prompt some thought about temporarily changing driving

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Ice Sculpture- traffic control

'They may not like it, but it's certainly better than the alternative makeshift closing of streets," Sin-

Highlights of the 11-day extravaganza include a student chef carving competition Saturday, Jan. 7, and a professional chef carving competiion Saturday, Jan. 14, both at The

# 2 member communities OK Nankin Transit ballot plan

By Brian Lysaght

It's two down and three to go on the Nankin Transit

ommission's scorecard. The city councils of Garden City and Westland unanimously approved Monday the NTC proposal to place on the ballot a 1/2-mill tax levy that would support the

The governing bodies of three other NTC member communities, including Canton, won't consider the issue until at least January

All five must approve the proposal in order for a spring special election to be held. Voters would be asked to authorize the bus service's reorganization as Nankin Transit Authority. As an authority the bus service would be empowered to collect the millage reve-

"If one of the five rejects it, it's a no go," said Jim Plakas a representative to the NTC board. One half-mill would cost the owner of a \$70,000 nome \$17.50 per year.

Plakas said he was elated by the Garden City vote and added that he thought it indicated strong support or the service throughout the area.

nly means of transportation many of our seniors and andicapped residents have." Plakas said.

THE PROPERTY tax money would be used to shore up NTC finances, which have suffered the last

This year, SEMTA, the regional transportation which distributes most NTC revenues, cut funding by \$114 000 NTC officials then went to the state Legisla

The authority would still get federal money through

SEMTA, but would be better able to protect itself against SEMTA budget cuts. NTC has recently cut back to 12 from 16 buses; but NTC officials say if the property tax is approved, bus

ture and obtained a \$114,000 grant.

service could expand. The Canton Township Board of Trustees has disussed the issue but not voted on it

The Wayne and Inkster city councils have not yet velopment Authority offers two programs for low- and moderate-in-"I don't know what's going to happen with it but at

this point nothing has been done," said Inkster City . In Wayne, City Manager Thomas G. Daily said, "The

Plakas said NTC officials want to make sure "every question that is asked is answered" in each of the five

# Is home ownership dream over?

staff writer Except for the picket fence, the standard dream for young couples hasn't changed much in modern times: It's a house. And the part about owning it is in trouble.

"We see a lot of senior citizens retaining their homes here," said Terry Carroll, community development director in Garden City. "Meanwhile we see a lot of kids of empty-nesters who want to move back where they grew up; but they're not making real money and the price of housing is

Carroll's assessment meshes with an array of clear signals that the al-

and previously occupied houses since

\$24,600 (\$26,300 in Detroit and sev-

eral other distressed communities)

and the purchase price ceiling is

\$40,000 (\$50,000 in distressed com-

munities). For new homes, it's a

\$30,000 income limit and a \$70,000

• The newer (1986) Mortgage

Credit Certificate program, often

called the Michigan Mortgage, has

higher income and price ceilings.

tificate while formally applying for

a mortgage from a participating

household income limit is

from rising sale prices limits up to real-world levels, has priority to a bill that would establish petitioned to raise the maximum ala loan fund so first-time buyers lowable purchase price on FHA-incould borrow money for a down sured mortgages in Oakland County payment. "Statistics have proved to \$101,250 - a \$25,950 increase. It

New buyers feel pinch

You cannot win

that the average person can't save to

buy a house these days," said Sen.

Doug Cruce, R-Troy. "If you save

\$5,000 over a two-year period.

the buyer to apply 20 percent of his

annual interest payment as a direct

credit on his federal income tax.

while using the other 80 percent as a

deduction. The tax credit can

amount to \$83 per month on a 30-

year, \$50,000 mortgage at 10 per-

ent. Household income limits for

MCC certificates are \$28,000 plus

\$4,000 overtime (previously occu-

overtime (new homes).

pied homes) and \$30,000 plus \$4,000

Most Realtors are familiar with

both programs. Lending institutions

you've saved less than the house has

• THE WAYNE-Oakland Board

· 'Developers are building new ousing at the upper end of the market but not at the starter end," said Pete Cornell, president of the Michigan Association of Realtors. "It's a serious problem. And it's going to have a dramatic effect in years to

approved, a similar request, will fol-

low in Wayne County. "We're not

talking about a mansion, even at

president of the Wayne-Oakland

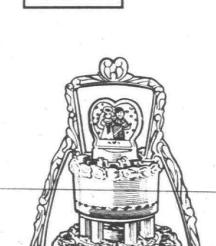
\$102,000," said Marjory Pickett,

ow-income couples. (See accompa nying story for details of how th -cost housing disappears from programs work.) the drawing boards, young adults' But because of ceilings on incom real income is going down. Census and purchase price, the geographical data reveal that, measured in 1987 trend of MSHDA mortgages lends dollars, median income for males weight to the disturbing proposition ages 25-34 declined from \$24,027 to that moderate-income buyers are \$20,112 between 1971 and 1987. Inbeing forced out of the suburban come of families headed by a person age 25-34 declined slightly in the same period, despite an increase in two-income households. Data are not available for Wayne County alone

Family Mortgage program, 26 per cent of the 4,417 MSHDA mortgages written in Wayne County were used but the loss of high-paying factory to purchase homes in Canton Townjobs while the service-oriented econ ship, Garden City, Livonia, Redford my expands indicates that the local ownship and Westland, while 43.5 percent of mortgages were used to

### ouncil at this time is not in a position to endorse or Nankin Transit's 12 buses charge a \$1 fare to riders, deny it either way. cluttered, quiet view of the festival nostly senior citizens and handicappers. Peak ridership across the five NTC communities is are weekday evenings and before 10 a.m. and after midnight weekends, Sincock and Lorenz said THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TOY STORE!





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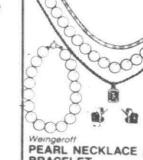
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'A lot of people have more time off from work, there are more parties, more drinking. Yes, violence does have a tendency to

• The MSHDA Single Family

Mortgage offers 81/4 percent, 30-

year mortgages (conventional, FHA

or VA) through participating lenders.

MSHDA single family mortgages in Wayne County

Community

Canton Twp.

Livonia

Plymouth

Westland

Detroit

Difficulty in finding affordable starter homes is illustrated by

location of mortgages written under MSHDA Single Family

Home program. MSHDA loans have been available since 1971

for new homes, and since 1983 for previously occupied homes.

income guidelines, and there is a Single Family Mortgages have been

Violence often

mars holidays

Redford Twp.

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9 4.5%

Loans are available to first-time buyers

% of

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loans total

# of

Canton Twp.

Livonia

Plymouth

Detroit

Plymouth Twp.

Redford Twp.

% of

0.1%

loans total

298 6.7%

156 3.5%

165 3.7%

3 0.07%

233 5.3%

305 6.9%

1921 43.5%

Source: Michigan State Housing Development Authority

first house. Buyers must fall within

'Tis the season to be jolly, right?

the holidays often reflect an increase

in domestic violence, local officials

year," said Lt. Robbin Crosby of the Westland Police, a veteran of 22 Christmas seasons on the force.

Beyond the glitter and the gifts,

"It can be a depressing time of

"A lot of people have more time

off from work, there are more par-

ties, more drinking. Yes, violence does have a tendency to increase.

John Santomauro, Canton Town-

bers arriving as a patrol officer on

the scene of a domestic dispute

"It was a young couple arguing

There were kids. We thought we had

settled it," he said. "The third time

we came back, the husband had a

shotgun to his wife's head. He came

Santomauro, who taught a course

on how to deal with domestic assault

for 12 years at the police academy,

said such violence crosses all socioe-

have problems," Santomauro said.

vears ago on Christmas day.

close to killing her.

conomic lines.

By Mary Rodrigue

Westland police

weeks of 90-degree temperatures

Police agencies are powerless be fore the fact, but once violence has occurred in a family, authorities can get the battered party (usually the wife) into a protective shelter, or get the family into counseling.

lved," he said. "Under the spouse "There's a fallacy that domestic violence occurs only in lower economic levels. That's not true. It's all the same. People are people. They

MOST LOCAL police departments allow officers to use their own discretion when mediating a family "Family trouble is the most dangerous run an officer can get," said Officer Julie Worden of the Livonia

Police Department. The wife may have called police to have her husband arrested, but when the officers arrive, she's in de fense of her husband." Worden said. "Things can get out of hand.

Often the officer will suggest that one party leave home to cool

Livonia Police Sgt. Philip Beyer said it's hard to break down the actual number of domestic violence cases reported because federal regulations stipulate that non-support of payment of alimony and/or child support be included in those figures. Although he and officers from several other local departments were unable to give exact figures, they said that family trouble complaints do increase around the holidays.

"All crimes where there are victims increase over the holidays," Beyer said. "Christmas and New Year's adds stress to people. They don't have the money for presents or dad said something stupid at the par- Lt. Robbin Crosby

Suicides also peak at the holidays."

Sometimes a weapon is used in the assault, but more often it's punching, slapping and pulling hair, according Sgt. William Quinn of the Redford olice Department. Usually there is alcohol in-

abuse law, if the wife says she was beat up and she has marks the officer can arrest the husband immedi ately. But if one party claims assault and there are no visible signs, the of er doesn't make an arrest.

If there are young children in the nouse, the officer has added respontake them into custody for safekeeping. Often the children accompany the mother if she leaves the house Or the children could stay with another family member or a family

SOME OFFICERS believe incirise, others feel such cases remain constant year after year.

First Step, a western Wayne County shelter for abused women, serviced 2,300 clients in 1987-88 compared to 2 200 in 1986-87 That includes those sheltered and/or

"Coming to the shelter is usually the last step," said Karen Porter, program coordinator. The 10-year-old agency services 35 western and downriver Wavne

County communities, with offices in Westland and Brownstown Township in addition to the shelter, whose ad dress is anonymous for the protect tion of its clients. The shelter houses 29 people and

# McNamara: Ruling is soon due on jail

staff writer

County executive Edward McNamara said he expects Chief Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman to rule early in January on McNamara's motion that he be appointed receiver of the county The inmates are also asking that a

receiver be appointed. County Sheriff Robert Ficano is arguing that he Final briefs by all sides were due

Previously there has been a lengthy process of preliminary briefs and depositions. THE ISSUE was complicated

when Ficano asked Kaufman in September to disqualify himself from the case. Kaufman declined that re-

guess - that we'll hear in early January," said McNamara. A member of Kaufman's staff said Thursday: "It (a decision) could be a

Another staff member said Friday that Kaufman has not been returning phone calls about the case and hasn't been commenting on the timing of

day. It could be a week. It could be a

month. It's up to the judge.

Inmates first requested in 1971 that a receiver be appointed because of overcrowded conditions and other alleged abuses. Ficano claims that conditions

have improved greatly at the jail. Kaufman has been overseeing conditions at the jail, which has frequently resulted in the premature

release of convicts because of over

can tell you whether they are participants. Further information can be rend is at least as strong. Despite all that bad news, where found by calling MSHDA in Lansing

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McNamara, a Democrat, has

made two trips to Washington to lob-

by GOP leaders for the \$90 million-

\$100 million necessary for the

help from former Gov. William Mil-

The freeze committee is an ad hoc

group that monitors the county work

force. The committee was subse-

quently restored in a budget compro-

mise between McNamara and the

McNamara said the group was

absolutely necessary" to keep the

"THAT WAS extremely important

to us. We would have had that if we

The debt agreement with the state

and the agreement on health care for

had to challenge it in a court of law."

county from sliding back into debt.

McNamara said he is also seeking

### community calendar

• COLLECTING TOYS Nov. 22 to Dec. 15 — Mels Golden Razor is collecting for the ninth year new and used toys from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 595 Forest, for needy,

handicapped and abused children.

### CAN GOODS

Shurgard Self Storage will be collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items until just before Christmas. The food will then be donated to the Salvation Army for Registration is limited and will be needy people in the area. The local held for Preschool at 9:30 a.m. Tuescampaign is part of a national pro- day, Jan. 3, and for Parent/oddlers gram called Project Can Do. Drop on Thursday, Jan 5. Phone registraoff your cans at 41877 Joy. Canton. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

### TEEN SKI TRIP

Friday, Jan. 6 - The Canton Parks and Recreation Department is who live in the attendance areas of sponsoring a teen ski trip to Alpine Eriksson, Farrand, Field, Hoben and Valley Ski Area. The bus leaves Canton Township Building at 5 p.m. and returns at approximately 12:15 a.m. The cost is \$12 with your own equipment and \$18 without your own equipment. All transportation and sur ervision is provided by the Recreation Department staff. Register in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Department.

### ADULT STUTTERING THERAPY

Wednesday evenings - An Adult Stuttering Therapy Group is being formed by the Department of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center in Canton. Participants will learn techniques to control dysfluency, as well as discuss sorelated to stuttering. The group will meet on Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Janice Pagano at 459-7030. The Oakwood Canton Health Center is at 7300 Canton Center Road in Canton.

OPEN SKATING The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will be offering the following open skating hours at the Plymouth Cultural Center. 1-2:20 p.m., 7-8 p.m. Monday; 8:30-10:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m. and 3:50-5:50 p.m. Tuesday; 8:30-9:30 a.m. and 1-3:20 p.m. Wednesday; 8:30-11:40 a.m., 1-2:50 p.m. and 4-5:20 p.m.Thursday; 8:30-10:40 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Friday; noon to 1:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday. Fees: adults \$1.15, children \$1. Skate rental is 75 cents. For information,

### JANUARY

Parent/Toddler: Ages 2-31/2. Two groups are planned: 10 and 11 a.m. for four consecutive Thursdays beginning Jan. 12. Make arrangements for siblings, as parents must participate in this storytime. Preschool: Ages 31/2-5. Two groups are planned 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. for four consecutive Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10. Parents must remain in the Library. tion will be taken at 10 a.m.

### • PLUS PRESCHOOL

PLUS Preschool is taking registrations for the 1988-89 school year. This free program for 4-year-olds and their parents is open to children Gallimore Schools. Children must be 4 on or before Dec. 1, 1988. PLUS is operated by the Plymouth/Canton Community Schools in conjunction with a grant from the federal government. Classes for parents and children will be held at Central Middle School, 650 Church St., Plymouth. For registration and more information, call 451-6656.

### PROJECT COLLEGE

BOUND Tuition assistance, personal development workshops, tutoring and jobplacement support are being offered to a limited number of 18-21-yearolds who are interested in enrolling at Schoolcraft College for either the fall or winter semester. A high cial and emotional problems often school diploma or GED is not necessary for enrollment at Schoolcraft College. Call Growth Works Inc. and ask for Jim Grimmer for more information at 455-4090.

### · IPSEP

The Plymouth Canton School District offers a special education program for children with special needs from birth to age 6. If you have a child who may have mental, physical or emotional difficulties or who may have a vision, speech or hearing problem and need special educational help, call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Elementary School, 451-

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### LITTLE TOTS

Little Tots of Plymouth Day Nursery has opened a new center in the Church of Latter-day Saints, 12401 Ridge Road, one-half mile west of Beck and one block south of N. Territorial Road. The business is li censed by the Department of Social Services for day care and nursery school programming. Little Tots is for ages 1 year to kindergarten. For information, call 459-9494.

Tiny Tots Nursery School has a few openings for 3- or 4-year-olds. Two- or three-day-a-week classes are offered. Classes are held at the Plymouth Salvation Army. For information, call 453-5464.

### ME AND MY SHADOW

Registrations are being accepted for "Me and My Shadow." the winter parent-toddler class at New Morning School, the Pre K-8 parent cooperative school at 14501 Haggerty, Plymouth. The introductory preschool class is for 2- and 3-year-olds and their parents. Parent and child will participate in play, planned activities and parent discussions. Music. movement, rhythm, art and language activities will center on a weekly theme. For information or to register, call 420-3331

 JOB HELP The Community Employment Ser vice offered through Growth Works Inc. provides job search assistance western Wayne County residents. Using a computer data base, job seekers are matched with local employment opportunities.

Those who wish to register with the Community Employment Service, and those employers with job openings, should call 455-4093. Growth Works is a non-profit, community-based organization

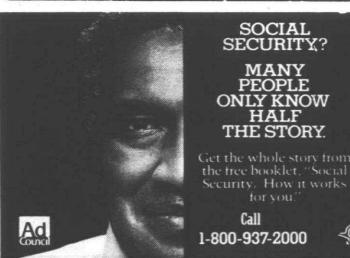
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The Romulus Help Center of West-

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The program is funded by Senior-

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SENIOR CHORE SERVICE

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this fall in the following areas:

 TOUGH LOVE Tough Love, a self-help group for parents troubled by teenage behavor, meets at 7 p.m. Mondays in the Faith Community Church on Warren at Canton Center Road, Canton

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Plymouth Police Department is organizing a Neighborhood Watch program for city residents. Anyone iterested in becoming involved in the program may call 453-8600 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The program is a protection against residential break-ins and burglaries.

 SENIOR CITIZENS The Senior Network will answer questions and help solve problems for people 60 and older. The program, provided by the Out-Wayne County Area Council on Aging, has information about programs and services for older people. Call 422-1052 between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

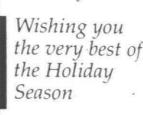
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GREENSTONES

# McNamara: His county band in tune in '88

By Wayne Peal

Wayne County Executive Edward ing. McNamara said he didn't get everything he wanted in 1988

But the county CEO is hard pressed to come up with any major disappointments, either.

"There were so many major, positive accomplishments that it's hard- jor drug suppliers of illegal drugs ly worth dwelling on what we didn't get," McNamara said. McNamara recounted the year's

highlights and pointed the way to next year during a 45-minute interview at Observer & Eccentric offices sale value on the street. It was being Among his comments

County officials learned certain

doctors were prescribing more drugs

than necessary under the county's

old indigent health care program and the county is taking steps to correct the problem. The county and three community ties are considering a new park featuring a man-made lake created

by redirecting storm water runoff

S'craft chefs baste pro rivals Canton: Canton Township Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. Site manager Madeline Schoolcraft College culinary arts dents against professional chefs. Home-delivered meals are providstudents received two gold medals. three silver medals and a best of show award while competing against professional chefs at the recent

> Rather than compete against fellow students, Schoolcraft Master received a gold medal in the cold

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's

time to register with Selective Service

at any U.S. Post Office.

American Culinary Federation Culi-

nary Salon competition in Balti-

Mary Brady of Northville, owner of Diamond Jim Brady's restaurant. received the best of show award for best display. In addition, she received a gold medal in the hot entrees category for her turkey ham ζ platter chevenne.

Rob Welker of Sterling Heights Chef Jeff Gabriel entered his stu- food category for his seafood and

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was the state government. There

careless - and that's putting it kind-

ly - could write a drug prescription

every other day for a drug that has a

The new plan, which gives the

"At this point, we're in a position

to know which doctors are writing

which prescription for which pa-

ients. We can call it up at any

Doctors suspected of prescription

The new program, with greater lo-

abuses, McNamara said, will be re-

ferred to medical authorities.

county greater monitoring ability,

should correct the problem,

McNamara said.

was just no way a doctor who was

ound that one-third of the total cost

indigent health care was for

'WHEN WE took over the state's

Chris Kocsis of Westland received a silver medal in the hot food category. Joe Garon of Plymouth received a silver medal in the hot food category. Kathleen Stewart of Northville received a silver in the appetizer

cal monitoring, is saving the county

an estimated \$50,000 a day in health

The new park is the subject of dis-

cussion between the county, Dear-

New construction at the airport,

born Heights, Romulus and Taylor.

including two new frunways and a

care bills, McNamara said.

ed to increase storm water runoff.

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'WHEN WE'RE putting all that concrete in the ground we're generating more run off," McNamara said. "We could have a retention pond at the airport, but that would attract birds and a very negative effect on airplanes."

A county/city run park is the best solution, McNamara said. "We could condemn 200 acres, dig

roads is "the real key to airport de-

velopment," McNamara said. "If we

had it, we could triple the size of the

a hole and put a fence around it, but something like this has more merit. It would cost more but it would benfit more people."

The proposed south access road, stretching from Wayne to Goddard

planned south access road, is expect-

Edward McNamara

Wayne County executive

needy county residents were the year's chief accomplishments, McNamara said. "The county was near bankrupthe said. "When we went to Lansing for help one of the things we had to do was show them we could get it

he said.

under control." McNamara's insistence upon tight budgeting, he said, has prompted disputes with county Sheriff Robert Ficano and certain commis-

> McNamara said his long-running dispute with the sheriff stems from what he called excessive overtime payments for jail deputies. (Ficano, however, said he hasn't been given adequate staffing from the executive

Chief Wayne County Circuit Judge Richard Kaufman is expected to rule in the next few weeks whether Ficano should retain control of the jail or whether control should be given a monitor, as sought by

McNamara. The dispute, McNamara believes is forcing other county departments

to live within their budgets. "WE'RE NOT seeing other depart ments get out of line," he said. "I think other people assume that if we will do this to the sheriff than we will be not to kindly to other depart-

ments that are out of line.' His relationship with the commis sion is "normal," McNamara said.

"I think we have a tendency to stop communicating, and I think we're somewhat at fault for that But I think my office has greater feeling for the need to balance the budget, and I sometimes feel that feeling isn't unanimous with the commission. There are certainly some commissioners who don't fee that way. But we have to convince them it's going to be a way of life as long as I'm there."

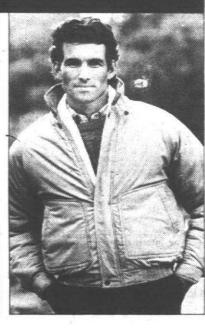
Strengthening ties with local govenements is one of McNamara's goals for 1989. He said he would try to allay fears the county was become ing a "super government" that ignored its communities.

After calling 1987, "the most stressful year of my life," McNamara said he's enjoying the job more now.

"Last year it was a son of a gun but now it's fun," he said.







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# Sober celebrations

# Traditional holiday office parties becoming teetotaling affairs

By Carolyn DeMarco

HE TRADITIONAL holiday office party where liquor was carried in near closing and the "liquorized" carried out hours later may have gone the way of the dinosaurs and the three-martini lunch.

Large corporations are opting for such things as catered dinner parties, continental breakfasts, in-house lunches and potluck luncheons. Most

Dan Lutzeier of Ross Roy Advertising in Bloomfield Hills said his company has no written policy regarding holiday parties. But the move from Detroit to the three-story building on Long Lake in 1987 began what may become a tradition, he

This year as last year the company made use of the three-story atrium in the center of the building, inviting the 550 employees to gather for an hour for a continental breakfast while a school choral group sang

from the spiral staircase. "It's a way to say Merry Christ-

employees," Lutzeier said, "A holi day breakfast salute is more sensi ble. It sets a better tone for the day

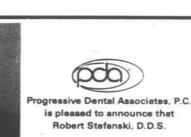
parties that attracted attention years ago. The martini lunch has also disappeared.' Ross Roy employees will also take

The K mart Corp. in Troy has opted to give employees an extra day off in lieu of an office party, accord-

ing to Leslie Kota of the company's ublic relations department. "K mart does not sponsor any party," Kota said. "We're too large and since it's a retail company i

would be too difficult to implement When it comes to celebrations, each store operates autonomously she said. At the main office employ ees will bring in finger foods Thursday that are set out. Alcohol is never brought in, Kota said. "This is still a normal work day.

Andrea Englehart, secretary to Erb Lumber head Fred Erb said the Birmingham-based corporation is



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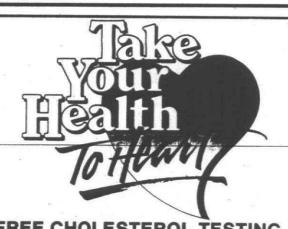
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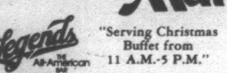
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> — Dan Lutzeier of Ross Roy Advertising

may have their own celebrations she

said, but company policy is no alco-

"There's no formal mandate from

the top," said Lorna McEwen, public

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now so large it has become complicated. Main office employees, store managers and their spouses attend an annual cocktails dinner dance at the San Marino Club. A companywide celebration is reserved for summer when a no-alcohol picnic is planned for all employees.

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celebrations including catered lunches and house parties, but none is sponsored by Henry Ford, she

Other departments have other

New York Carpet World of Southfield has stopped the lavish parties held in the ballrooms of the Westin Hotel in Detroit where steak dinners were served amidst table after table of desserts and the bar was always open. Managers of southern stores were flown in for the event.

President Marvin Berlin said past practices have been discontinued this year, but not because of economic reasons or problems. "People were losing interest in it." Berlin said. "We had good attendance, but when we asked they said they'd rather have the money in their enve

AT CROSS AND Trecker Corp. in Bloomfield Hills, Fred Welch said his company will follow the traditional approach with a dinner fo employees and spouses and the board of directors at the Orchard Lake Country Club. An in-office potluck luncheon is

held on the last day of work before tee and financed in part through Christmas, but alcohol is never brought in, he said. year. The remainder of the ticket The business at Alexander Hamil-"self-financed," McEwen ton in Farmington Hills is life insurance, so there was no tippling when

for lunch at the company's offices last week, said Jeffrey Kulesus of the firm's public relations office. "We have a caterer who does al

our lunches, and they put a luncheon together for us," he said. At Hamilton the party is a family affair, with spouses and retirees in

vited to the event, he said.

the firm's 650 employees sat down

THE EXCEPTION in the small sample of companies surveyed was McLeod Carpet in Bloomfield Township. Malcolm McLeod, owner of the company, said he continued a 30year-old tradition of an open house cocktail party in the store Friday complete with bagpipers. "We've had it here at the store

where it started for 30 years, McLeod said. "Well, 27 years actual y. For the first three years we didn't have any money.

Invited are employees and "every body we've dealt with in the past 30 years from the postman on up. There's no difference in our eyes Christmas is a time for giving and doing good." While he serves mostly wine and

champagne along with hors

d'oeuvres, liquor is also available for the chosen few who demand it We've never had a problem."

Staff writer Jeff Counts con tributed to this story.

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to pay back longstanding county lebt, 1988 also saw: · Agreement on a new health

care plan for indigent county resi-• A successful campaign for a new 1 mill county jail tax.

• Initial steps toward a far-

reaching plan to dispose of county

"ON THE whole, I'd say it was a pretty good year for the county. aid commissioner Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, who represents Livonia, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Health care payments for needy county residents were considered a major reason behind the estimated \$110 million in county debt. The new plan caps county pay-

ments while giving needy residents health-care cards to encourage them to seek medical attention before minor ailments become major. The health care agreement was

'the county's major accomplishment this year," according to Heintz, who last year supervised a study of the new jail, its site hasn't yet been Wayne County's previous, debt-prochosen nor have its construction contracts been authorized. Commissionducing system While expressing some reservaers said they'll keep a close eye on

site selection and construction in the Inkster, nonetheless called the new plan a major step forward. "I know there are some people are things we're obviously quite interested in," said Beard, whose dis-

who aren't going to be covered, and we need to do something for them, too," Beard said. "Still, this is a quantum leap from what we had. It was degrading for people to continually have to be recertified. Now, they have a health care card just like everyone else. A new year, however, brings new

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erate or otherwise dispose of waste "We've taken the plan on the road at two public hearings, and we've generally gotten good response said commissioner Milton Mack, D-Wayne, who heads up the county's solid waste implementation commit-

"But there will be a lot of work on it in the coming year, a lot of revisions," Mack said. Mack said he expects a final draft will be presented

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while occasionally strained, were generally solid throughout most of Despite their successes, commis sioners made little headway in other areas, including developing a program to combat youth crime and drug abuse, as well as to develop a eatment center for AIDS patients All ranked high on their 1988 agen

Mack gave the executive's office

IN OTHER disappointments, economic development didn't blossom

near Metro Airport or on 1,040 coun-"I'D GIVE McNamara an A "I'm especially disappointed we minus." Mack said. "His office really didn't make more progress on the did solid work on the debt-reduction package. I'd give the commission a B Northville land, but I expect we'll minus. I believe the commission see something next year." Heintz said. "If anything interest in the needs to do more to represent the needs of all county residents, partic ularly those in western Wayne Coun-Delays in a consent judgment inty. For instance, public services has volving a buy-out plan for a statelittle representation from western owned section of the property

Wayne, but that's where most of its squelched any development this ponsibilities lie.' Beard, however, said relations between the executive office and comed leasing a portion of the 1,040 mission could stand improving.

acres, Heintz said it's now likely the There needs to be more dialogue entire property could be sold to pri It's one thing to have discussion when there's something you want A four-year Metro Airport expanpassed. But we need on-going diasion project could begin and will logue, too," she said. "McNamara is likely prompt more development, a good communicator and a good negotiator, but he has to be more insaid Mack, whose district includes volved in the process. Some of the the airport as well as Canton Towneople he sends to meet the commis-

"I suspect we'll also see substansion lack his style." tial growth and development near Nonetheless, commissioners the airport in the coming year," he agreed 1988 was a successful year. Sometimes we get too tied up in Relations between the county executive's office and commission.

Heintz said. "But when you step back and look at it, this huge, aging, urban county has really begun to solve its

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Like police departments, Porter cites money woes and higher substance abuse as reasons for more cases of domestic violence occurring near the holidays.

Santomauro said when he taught police officers how to deal with do nestic assault cases at the academy the philosophy at the time favored mediating the problem instead of ar resting the violent person.

"Now the belief is that that's not correct. To minimize the domestic violence, arrest is often necessary he said. He cited one communit where a local ordinance makes officers responsible for victims in cases where they answered a complaint but failed to take action against the

violence occurs only in lower economic levels. That's not true. It's all the same. People are people. They have problems."

There's a fallacy that domestic

 John Santomauro, public safety director. Canton Township

Explains Peter Roseman, a limited licensed psychologist affiliated with a Livonia clinic: "The nature of domestic violence is philosophically that it arises out of poor self esteem. The man is statistically the perpetrator. As the result of poor self esteem, inappropriate modeling as a child, coming from an abusive famiy, he projects his own poor self concept onto his victim.

"At the holidays, we often find a generalized depression anyway."

Often people might feel inadequate because they can't keep up with all the gift giving that is suphe said.

"They have to understand that physical gifts are nothing more than a manifestation of our spiritual heartfelt intent. The process of giving and taking is not the point." First Step offers a 24-hour crisis hotline for victims of domestic vio-

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SIDNEY BLITZ, executive director of the Redford Housing Commission, confirmed that young couples can still find a starter home there. 'We're finding that younger families are moving into the older subdivisions as the elderly move into nurs'Developers are building new housing at the upper end of the market but not at the starter end. It's a serious problem. And it's going to have a dramatic effect in years to come.

- Pete Cornell, president Michigan Association of

ing homes or maintenance-free apartments," Blitz said, noting that the township has the highest percentage (91.4) of owner-occupied housing among U.S. communities with 50,000 or more residents.

But the opportunities are clearly becoming fewer and farther between, and a lot of people are be

tors who fear that a dwindling starter market will spread along the buyand-trade-up chain.

Sen. Cruce's proposed Home Equity Fund is perhaps the most startling evidence of the problem. Certainly children of the Depression would be startled at the concept of borrowing money to borrow money But as Cruce said, "it's not a premise but a fact" that many young wouldbe buyers can handle monthly payments but not the down payment.

Cruce's legislation would create a Home Equity Fund by doubling the real estate transfer fee (now 55 cents per \$500 of a home's sale price).

"In my opinion, this is the only way to have a real impact, to provide cash for the first-time buyers,' Under his proposal, borrowers

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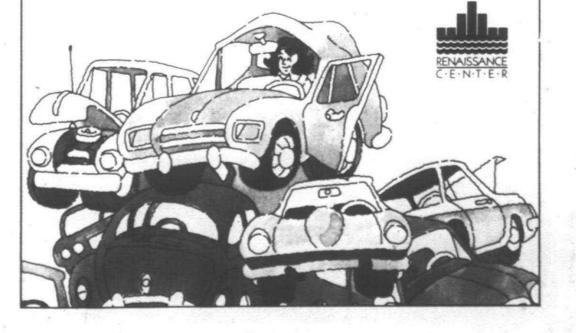
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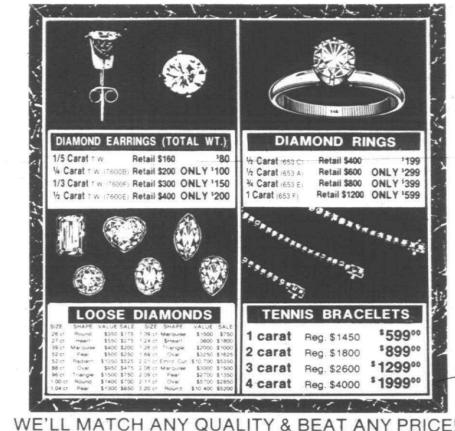
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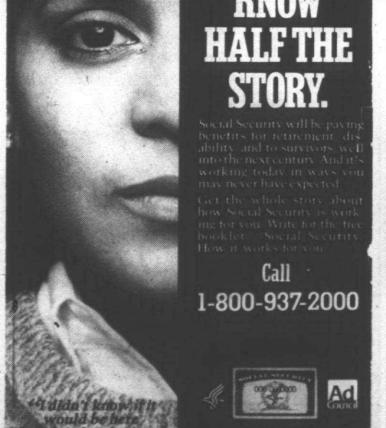
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# Westland site is exec's jail pick

Westland will be the site of the new Wayne County Jail - unless another community steps forward.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara said Tuesday he would recommend building a new county jail on county-owned property in the Merriman/Michigan Road area unless another community offers jail

"Our fall-back position is Merriman and Michigan," McNamara said. "I've told Westland about this. and they're not too happy about it.'

McNamara, however, said "three to five" communities have expressed interest in the jail.

"We've had communities with an income tax that recognize what 500 employees on the payroll would mean to them," he said. McNamara acknowledged Hamtramck was among the possible sites but declined to comment on other potential jail

# Airport sets parking line

Metro Airport has added a holiday parking hot line. By calling 942-3838 travelers can learn of parking condiare expected to pass through the airport between now and Friday, Jan. 6, airport officials said.

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about this, and they're not too happy about it.' — Ed McNamara

v that will open its arms and say, Come to us we'll be happy to have you.' " McNamara said. "But if there is no other community that will accept us then we're going into Westland, though I think that site could be put to better use."

county exec

Westland officials said they hoped to encourage private commercial development on the land.

County commissioner Kay Beard, D-Inkster, whose district includes Westland, said she believes a West-

"I believe Westland is further down the list than it once was," Beard said. "Certainly the mayor is opposed to it, and there are other mniunities that are more hospit-

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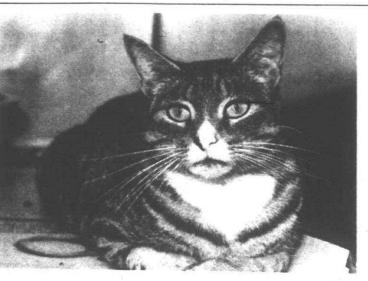
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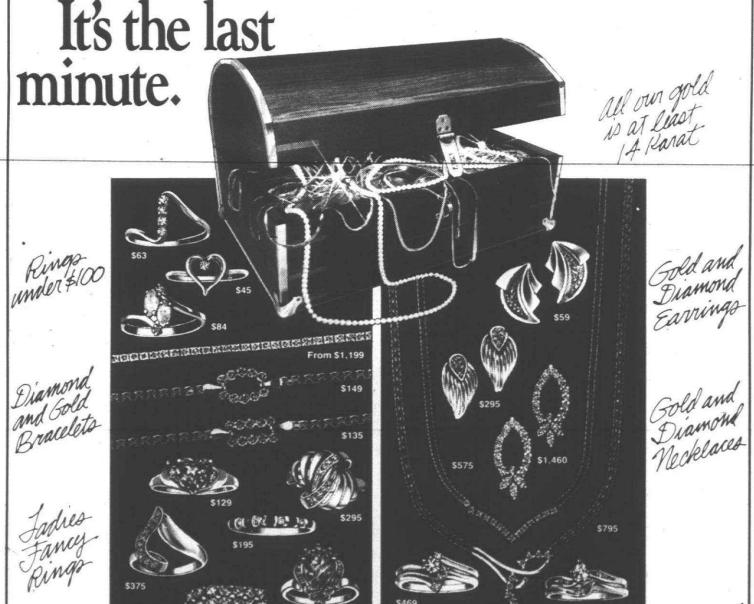
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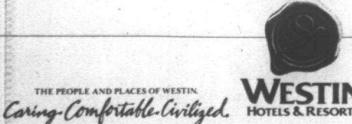
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Christmas star is really the planet Jupiter

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Look to the southeast 45 minutes before sunrise, and you cannot fail to see a brilliant 'star.' This is Venus. It dominates the sky whenever it is visible. Only the sun and moon are

When seen before sunrise, a planet might be called the "morning star." Seen after sunset, it's the "evening

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ly 2,000 years ago.

another question: how far into the

other name: the "Christmas Star. And that makes people wonder about a special "star" that appeared near-

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record of birth.

past do we look? When was the time of the wise men and birth of Jesus? That's very difficult to determine IN OUR ATTEMPT to calculate a date for the birth, we must take clues from early historical records.

rom the Bible PEPLACE... 'REFACE' "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came MODERN & EUROPEAN STYLES wise men from the east to Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1). SOLID WOODS

We know when Herod was king. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus wrote that Herod died shortly after an eclipse of the moon, which occurred just after the feast of Purim, and shortly before the Passover. Astronomers understand the moions of the moon well enough to calculate eclipses. Calculating backwards, it was determined than an eclipse was visible to that part of the world on March 14, in the year we call 4 B.C. Herod died after that clipse, so Jesus must have been

ANOTHER CLUE explains why

orn before that year. But how much

skywatch

in antiquity, birth records for only Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlethe most important people were made, so we can't simply look up a .(T)here went out a decree

from Caesar Augustus, that all the Besides, the calendar in use at the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius time was very different from the one we use today. It was based on the was governor of Syria.) And all went legendary founding of the city of to be taxed, every one into his own city." (Luke 2:1-3.)

It is also possible to determine when that taxation (actually a census) occurred. In 1923, archaeologists discovered an ancient tablet in The first clue is a direct statement the ruins of a Roman temple. On it were inscribed three dates for taxa-

tions demanded by Caesar Augustus. One was in 28 B.C., the next was 8 B.C., and the third in 14 A.D. Assuming the decree of 28 B.C. to be too early and the decree of 14 A.D. to be too late for our consideration (re-

member Herod died around 4 B.C.) we are left with the decree of 8 B.C. Perhaps the birth occurred in late or early 6 B.C. That would be a few years before the eclipse of 4 B.C., and coincide with the death of Herod. We can almost be certain the birth did not occur on Dec. 25.

ANOTHER CLUE (Luke 2:8) tells us there were shepherds tending their flock by night when they learned of the birth.

Shepherds watch the flock at night only when lambs are being born in spring and the flock is vulnerable to attack by predators.

why is it celebrated in December'

In order to avoid Roman persecution, early Christians had to practice their religion in secret. The best time to have a Christian celebration was when the Romans were having a pagan festival. The Roman Satur nalia was held around the end of De cember, so if the Christians chose to celebrate an event, such as the birth of Jesus, during the same time, they

would not be noticed. It wasn't until more than 400 years later that Dec. 25 was made the official date, and that date may have been chosen only because, after 400 years, it would have become a major tradition.

SO LET US consider the spring of B.C. and see if anything spectacular was occurring in the sky that might have been interpreted as the

Could the "star" the wise men saw have been what we call a "falling" star' Probably not. Falling stars are not stars at all; they are bits of rock phere from space. As they fall, they heat up because of friction and burn. producing streaks of light.

Most meteor showers do not attract much attention, although in 1833 one shower produced an estimated 30,000 meteors in a single minute. Sometimes a large meteor, called a fireball, falls into our at-

but only for a few seconds, and meteor showers last only a few days at best. That would not be enough time to guide anyone on a long jour

A "HAIRY" STAR, or comet, would last long enough. Comets can appear in any part of the sky, at any time of the year, and last for several weeks. They were called "hairy" stars because the comet's tail looked like a wispy beard.

It turns out that Halley's Come was visible in 11 B.C. Even though that is four years before 7 B.C., # could have been an event many peo ple could have seen and remem

But they would have remembered t for the wrong reason. The appearance of a comet terrified people Comets were blamed for the deaths of kings and the falling of empires

A comet is not a good candidate to be used to herald a birth and it is unlikely that anyone would have followed a comet anywhere.

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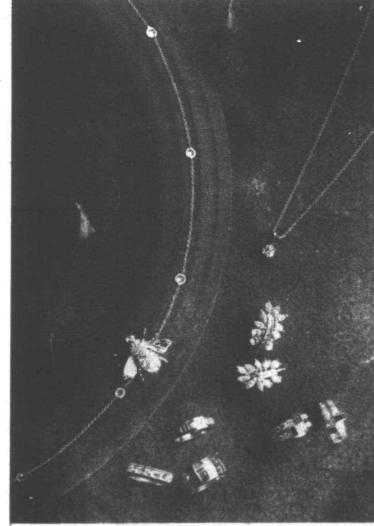
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# Cooperation

# Group must take some action

WICE THESE GROUPS have met to review common concerns and problems. And twice members have come away with a better understanding of each other but little in the way of concrete goals or

While a great deal can be said for just getting together and talking, we feel some definite ac tion needs to come from this group of elected

Earlier this year, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided to reach out and meet with other governmental bodies in the school district.

The first meeting in May brought together school officials, representatives from the townships of Plymouth and Canton as well as the city

A similar meeting occurred late last month.

WHILE WE applaud any effort to promote cooperation and communication, these two meetings have left us wanting.

There has been much discussion about parks and recreation, joint purchasing, tax breaks and development. But it has not gone much beyond

Everyone agrees the area needs additional recreational fields, especially for soccer. Joint purchasing could save tax money. More information about development and growth trends could help school planning. And some requirements or regulations on tax breaks and downtown development authorities could help the financially strapped schools.

Participants have cautioned against expecting too much from these meetings. After all, this type of get-together does not happen in too many communities, they say,

BUT WE would like to take a different ap-

While a great deal can be said for just getting together and talking, we feel some definite action

And that means working together. Let's start with recreation. That is an appro-

approve the plan and put it into place.

This kind of effort will take leadership. David Artley, school board president, has pushed for these meetings. Maybe he is the one to take command and start seriously pushing for more ac-

Or possibly Tom Yack, newly elected Canton supervisor, could find time to delve into these regional concerns

t doesn't matter who takes the lead, just as long as somebody realizes the importance of this action and makes sure this talk of cooperation develops into something substantial and beneficial for residents

The group is scheduled to meet in the next three to six months. We hope the agenda includes

# In school

# Peace, goodwill worth celebrating

OR DECADES, CHRISTIANS have been bemoaning the secularization of Christmas. But the trend continues and maybe it should — at least for part of the holi-

Many religions celebrate holidays at this time of year. The original celebration was the winter solstice, which marked the point at which the sun was lowest on the horizon.

Now Jews celebrate a winter festival and Christians celebrate a holy day in December Hanukkah commemorates a military victory, while Christmas, according to Christians, marks the birth of a savior for mankind.

There is a difference, however, between a religious holy day and a secular holiday. The holy day implies certain obligations, and its public observance in an increasingly pluralistic society becomes difficult

SENSITIVITY TO the issue has caused area petition asking that Christmas activities not be school districts, such as Livonia, to limit their taken out of the schools. Instead, activities from celebrations to secular recognition of Santa other cultures should be added. Claus and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.

In other districts, from Bloomfield Hills to Ro-Madeleine Adamec, an elementary school teachchester Community Schools, the use or non-use er who started the petition. "The changing comof Christmas symbols is stirring up vehement munity provides us with an opportunity to grow protests. Parents are projecting fantasies of and to respect one another's cultural experiencwhat they think the holiday should be like, with magic-like expectations of happiness. Their un-

realistic expectations are a cause for concern. Whatever happened to the peace and goodwill among men that the season was supposed to gen-

It is with caution, however, that Irv Wengrow, About 100 supporters of a campaign to put president of the Troy Jewish Congregation, "Christmas back into Bloomfield Hills Schools" warns that Christmas celebrations cannot be met last week, calling for the board of education separated from their religious aspects. to allow Christmas celebrations in grades K-12. We wonder if that's still true.

They also asked for a more responsive board and a "God-centered curriculum," a thought that ought to strike fear in any freedom-loving heart. with its significance as a national and religious Toby Jones, a co-founder of the protest group holiday, and its observance in the schools? Per-TORCH (Taxpayers Organization to Restore Culhaps the answer lies partially in realizing that



needs to come from this group of elected officials.

We expect our elected officials to do what they can to improve services and wisely spend our tax

priate area for joint efforts. Members of the various recreation departments should meet with school staff to set up

some sort of program. Then, when something concrete has been drawn up, have the group meet to discuss the proposal and offer other suggestions.

The final step would have the various boards After that success, other projects could be

Holy day services and

iday in America and in the world.'

By whose standard, we wonder.

ry bit as spirited, but less dogmatic.

over another, he added.

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and in church. But there is plenty

of room in school for teaching the

goodwill on which this earth must

tural Heritage), even had the audacity to pro-

claim that "Christmas is the most important hol-

IN THE ROCHESTER area, the debate is eve-

In one instance, 150 staff members signed a

"It's far richer to add than to take away," said

And Episcopalian rector Michael Link said:

"All cultures of society need to be honored, held

HOW DO WE resolve the status of Christmas,

there are many reasons to celebrate Christmas.

of what are appropriate observances. They in-

clude education about religious freedom, inter-

cultural programs focusing on the development

of society, use of religious symbols as models of

self-expression, religious music appreciation and

prayer, public display or presentation of relig-

ious symbols in school, religious plays or pro-

Certainly holy day services and commemora-

tions belong at home and in church. But there is

plenty of room in school for teaching the secular

values of peace and goodwill on which this earth

Inappropriate observances include organized

an excused absence for religious holidays.

grams and singing religious songs or carols.

That is a trend to foster.

The Jewish Community Council has examples

both as a holiday and as a holy day.

up and looked at." No one should be promoted

secular values of peace and

Meetings Act. It's that simple. The Open Meetings Act provides only a short list of things that a public body can discuss behind closed doors. Even when it closes the doors, the public body must keep minutes and can't vote in secret.

THE STATE Legislature played a

nice little trick on the Big Four when

it passed the transportation reorgan-

The Big Four, you'll recall, are the

Oakland and Wayne county execu-

tives, the mayor of Detroit and the

chairman of the Macomb County

board. In recent years, they have

come together sporadically, behind

closed doors, to pow-wow over ma-

At their request, the Legislature

made the Big Four the new Regional

Transportation Council, replacing

the 15-member board of the

Southeastern Michigan Transporta-

Well, the RTC is a public body em-

powered by state law to exercise

governmental authority. It is gov-

erned by the Open Meetings Act.

jor issues affecting the region.

tion Authority.

DAN MURPHY, the Oakland County executive, is aware of the forthcoming change. I talked to him about it. It doesn't bother him. "Dan's the most open guy there is." says one of his colleagues, cor-

Ed McNamara, the Wayne County executive, is much the same. But Detroit Mayor Coleman Young? That's another matter. As a mayor, he doesn't deal with the Open



### Tim Richard

Meetings Act, but he has some strong views on the Freedom of Information Act — all negative. Young let the economic development director go to jail before re-

Will the sunshine law

shed light on Young?

vealing public information. This year Young let the city attorney go to jail for hiding records about the \$40 million hosing the city took on buying and selling machinery in the Chrysler land deal.

Over the weekend, two city chem-And since the Big Four are the ists who work in the sewage treat-RTC. they come under the Open ment plant were punished for giving technical papers at a meeting of the Detroit River Bi-National Public Advisory Council without prior city ap-The chemists contended it was all

public information anyway. Tough luck. They were suspended for three It will be interesting to see Young's attitude when and if he real-

izes the Big Four must meet in public as of the day in January the RTC NEWSPAPERS, this one included.

found themselves printing clarifications about reports on the state Legislature's closing days, Dec. 6-8. The Legislature let bills pile up and passed things in a rush in the

The Senate, in its final session, took 182 roll call votes compared to 741 in the rest of the entire year. The House took 160 roll call votes -Rep. Lyn Bankes of Livonia said it was a one-day record - compared to 909 for the rest of year.

The Senate gave 53 bills final passage on the final day. The House gave 108 bills final passage. Togeth-31 percent of all bills passed by both chambers for the year came during the final day.

Why? A lot of it is screw-around games: I won't pass your chicken bill unless you pass my widget bill. A lot is sloppy work habits, particularly among House leaders who tend to put off everything to the last minute.

I FELT particularly sad for the women seeking laws to allow them to do day-care work in their homes despite local zoning ordinances. To accomplish their goal, they needed three separate bills - one each to amend city, township and county

During its final 21-hour day, the Senate failed to concur in House amendments, and the city zoning bill failed. Unless the Senate acts on it during its formal adjournment session Dec. 29, those women will have wasted two years of work.

Tim Richard, political writer and columnist, is the Oakland County editor of the Observer & Eccentric Newpapers.

### from our readers

### **CREW** view was distorted

I was appalled at the distortion of truth in the letter from Mary Dah. regarding the CREW Committee She makes claims of misinforming new rules added midstream, ar outright personal attacks on CREW Committee chair Annette Remsburg as well as the curriculum commit

In each instance the truth has been twisted and misrepresented to make it appear as though "Christian conservatives" have been done a grave injustice by CREW. Nothing could be further from the truth. CREW has strived from its outset

to be sensitive to the needs of all citizens and groups. CREW's goal is for a combined effort from all factions of the community. We want, and have asked countless times, for involvement from all interested citizens. We want to work together . do you, Mary? Peggy Kalis,

### Headline raises ire

To the editor Headlines like this, "Schools pro-

competing with the Star or Enquirer for sensationalism? You are on your way to earning a place right next to them in the john where we read trash and relax.

ty of your entire publication. Are you

Kathleen Shoheer

Plymouth Township appreciate

# appreciation

I wanted to share with the comunity a recent lunch discussion at Salem. As we chatted about National Education Week, we talked about ranking jobs (whether paid or unpaid positions) by importance. After some conversation, the top three named were: 1) parents - nurturers of physical, emotional and psychological development, 2) medical staff because, to use a truism, if you have your health, you have everything, and 3) teachers - who touch the future by providing life skills in the

I also wanted to thank those who provided recognition to PCCS staff during National Education Week: Scott Lorenz of the Ma; flower Hotel, Jackie Powers of the Little Professor on the Park, Jim Mc eon of McKeon Inc., Anne Massey and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, Dave Artley and the board of Main, Plymouth 48170.

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reader seriously question the integri- Ostoin. This was surely the most rec-

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years with the Plymouth-Canton

ommunity Schools and I "appreci-

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Grade." Winding down a mountain

side. I could hear a small voice ask-

ing whether I was frightened.

Naw," another small voice answer

ed "He's an adventurer, remember?

Ultimately there was a cluster of

lights and sentinel-like towers and a

gold, or brass, sign which read "Hoo-

ver Dam." First it was on my right,

then my left. Parking lots were bare,

for this was hardly the tourist sea-

Then came a neon explosion an-

nouncing arrival at Boulder City's

Gold Strike Inn, and never was a

In the morning. I made small talk

with a guy at the Chevron station

across the street while the gas tank

was being filled and I told him my

eerie tale. He was a native and an-

swered, "Didn't you know the high-

way runs straight across the top of

the dam? You were sitting right on

Several hours northward from

there, the day brought another of

this trip's mounting cache of vig-

nettes when I reached Beatty, Nev.,

and saw a billboard identifying this

as "The Gateway to Death Valley."

night's rest so acceptable.

The nice lady said so.

# Read this before you kiss

special writer

HUMAN ROMANCE and plant parasites come together for the Christmas season. More then a few offices and homes are adorned with clumps of that magical plant, mist letoe. Before you take part in the traditional kissing ritual you might want to hear the rest of the story.

other voices

At the risk of sounding like a real Scrooge, mistletoe is nothing more then a well-adapted parasitic plant. There are over 100 species of mistle toe with some favoring oaks in California, while others attach themselves to the desert plants of Arizona. It is found in the east from Indiana, south to Florida. Mistletoe, that romantic little

clump of pale green leaves, attacks and often injures a wide variety of trees by literally sucking water and minerals out of the "host" plant. If the host tree is healthy, the mistletoe will survive, until Christmas harvest A long pole with a noose-like con-

traption is used to harvest it commercially, but in the back country of Appalachia it is often hunted with a gun. Yes, thats right, the mistletoe is shot. A .22-caliber rifle is aimed at the mistletoe high up in the branches of an oak, maple or tupelo. Careful aim, and a steady trigger finger brings a healthy sprig of mistletoe tumbling to the ground.

According to research, the Old English considered mistletoe an aphrodisiac. The plant was considered a symbol of fertility. Kissing under it was supposed to be a magical way to have children. In Old English times a male had

the liberty to kiss a woman as long. as there were berries on the plant. As he planted a kiss he plucked a berry. When the berries were gone, the kissing was supposed to stop.

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sidered an aphrodisiac and a symbol of fertility. Kissing under it was supposed to be a magical way to have children. But before you take part in the traditional kissing ritual, you might want to hear the rest of the story

MYTHS about mistletoe don't tumble out of existence as easily as the spring tumbles out of the tree. We all know about kissing under the mistletoe. But some legends are a bit more intriguing then the smooth

Ancient Celtic Druids cut mistletoe with a golden sickle on mid-summer's eve and would then sacrifice two white bulls to ensure prosperity. Other sun cults considered mistletoe a potion against poison. Some Scandinavians believed that mistletoe was born of fire, produced by light-

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The belief that mistletoe increases fertility and is holy may have come

al and effective method of spreading. Birds eat the berries, then excrete the dung coated seeds in tree branches. Thus, the miraculous appearance of the plant high up in the ost tree is nothing more than evidence of a "perch and poop" method of plant propagation Keep in mind that the local police

from knowledge of the plants unusu-

get yourself a sprig and pucker up. Jonathan S. Schechter is a na-

will be very uncooperative if you are found hunting mistletoe with a rifle A: Begindergarten, developmental So make a call to your local florist,

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to work with such children in a developmental kindergarten setting can pay positive dividends. Developmental kindergarten takes into consideration the fact that children are different, some walk sooner than others, talk sooner than others, and

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gan which identies Clare as "The

IN CASE you should ask, yes, this

is the real Death Valley. I made a pit

stop at Cowboy Joe's Saloon which I

measured to be 2,273 miles from my

favorite table at the Crow's Nest

Not that this is off the beaten

track, but when I put two quarters in

a USA Today rack I got the previous

day's edition. I asked about that

day's paper and was told it would ar-

pah, Nev., where unchecked winds

howling through a treeless mountain

pass at an altitude of 6,256 feet kept

trying to push my Chevrolet into the

gorge below. It was a location I'll

never see again, unless I want to

hide. In that case, pursuers likely

would say, "Call off the hunt; let him

However, on the next day I would

get the Christmas present that made

this entire brainless, one-man, De-

ember expedition worthwhile by ar

wife to spend the holidays together

for the first time in years. Maybe I'll

send you a postcard of how Lake

May yours be as happy an occa-

Tahoe looks on Christmas Eve.

riving at the home of my son and his

stay there and suffer.'

Nightfall brought a bed at Tono-

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# Prekindergarten often a boon

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In football parlance, it can be lik-

ened to a broken play which went for

a touchdown. I'll tell you how it hap-

recent morning because of warnings

of an impending storm, I picked

Kingman, Ariz., as the day's target,

476 miles west on I-40. It is there

that anyone bound for Nevada turns

north on U.S. 93, as I-40 wanders on

to Los Angeles. It also was at King-

man that I expected to spend the

HURDLING Gallup and Flagstaff

p in the mountains, I got to King-

nan while there still was dayligh

broke right in anticipation of more

motels because this is less than 100

miles from Las Vegas, and then dis-

covered there were no immediate

To the west, the sky was beauti-

fied by the sun descending behind a

mountain range. But as I sped on, I

discovered there is no dusk. When

the sun is blocked out, it becomes

Through that darkness, my head-

lights picked up such signs as "Watch Out for Mountain Sheep" and

overnight stops.

pitch dark. Quickly.

Hastening out of Albuquerque on a

they were there

kindergarten or pre-kindergarten is for those students who are old enough to attend regular kindergarten but who may need the luxury of another year of schooling before entering the mainstream. It does not mean that your child is stupid. Assuming appropriate testing has been given, it could mean his fine motor some are not necessarily ready for going into regular kindergarten. kindergarten just because they are 5

Research has clearly indicated that some 5-year-old children, especially boys, that enter kindergarten may not be ready and can have problems in school because of the lack of vision. Another problem is that the readiness. Allowing trained teachers

Doc

A major problem to many school districts is cost and space. It requires additional teachers, space, materials, transportation and super-

ontinues to grow. In one school district, the percent went from 6 percent to 34 percent in three years. Some districts put a "cap" on the number to be admitted. What is realneeded is a revised curriculum hat is driven less by textbooks and dittos and more by a developmental approach, which allows students to progress in hands-on activities in a cooperative learning environment which takes into consideration the social, emotional and academic readiness of the child.

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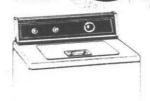
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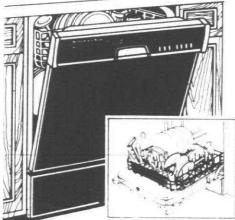
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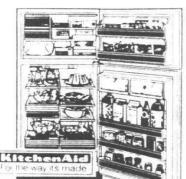


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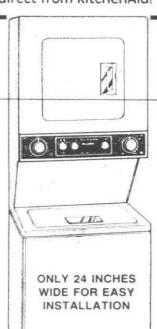


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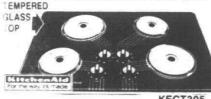
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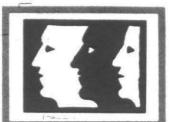
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Caution: It's called for at

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By Julie Brown staff writer

A little planning can go a long way in seeing that holiday parties don't end in tragedy.

Holiday hosts who let drunken guests drive home, however, are asking for trouble.

There are legal issues that are more and more prevalent," said David Breeden, director of Plymouth Family Service. "So there's a legal pressure to be a responsible host.'

The most important thing is to plan parties carefully, said Breeden, a social worker. Hosts should keep in mind that many people are comfortable not using alcohol at all; approximately one-third of the U.S. population doesn't drink at all, for a variety of reasons.

Hosts should advertise where the non-alcoholic drinks are, easing the awkwardness for guests who don't drink. Hosts can help set a tone that says it's OK not to drink.

A NON-ALCOHOLIC punch and other non-alcoholic drinks are party options. Having someone other than guests - such as a bartender hired for the evening — handle alcohol can

Those non-alcoholic drinks should be as attractive as alcoholic drinks are, if not more so, said Carolyn Stark, director of the Employee Assistance Program at Catherine McAuley Health Center in Ann Ar-

'And then have other kinds of activities that break the ice and reduce anxiety," she said.

Stark and Breeden recommended serving plenty of food early during

the party Serving a lot of salty food isn't a good idea, as it tends to make guests thirsty. Foods rich in protein are

good choices, Stark said. She recommended that hosts follow those practices at social gatherings year-round. Pregnancy, illness other conditions mean some guests shouldn't drink; hosts may be

unaware of those conditions. Our bodies can process approxiately one drink said. Serving snacks or meals will help slow the absorption of alcohol.

'Coffee, cold showers, exercise they don't work."

IT'S BEST to plan ahead to see that guests don't drink too much at holiday gatherings. Guests who've had too much to drink shouldn't be allowed to drive home.

Partygoers can pick designated - people who won't drink during the evening, or who will limit their alcohol consumption. Calling a cab for an intoxicated guest is an op-

'But the biggest thing is you're not going to let that person drive home, Breeden said.

The holiday season can be a difficult time of year for recovering alcoholics. "It's very difficult, not just for

drinking but for eating too," Stark said. So many holiday activities are based on eating and drinking. Planning can help alcoholics cope

with the season, just as it helps hosts. They too have to be organized and prepared for the holidays, Breeden said.

Plymouth Family Service, a Plymouth Community United Way agency, offers a variety of services. including substance abuse counsel-Other support services are available to recovering alcoholics.

The Northwest Alano Club, at 33344 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, will offer a variety of social events during the holidays. For more information, call 421-9790.

Recovering alcoholics can make plans not to attend certain gatherings, or to limit their visits, Breeden

SOME RECOVERING alcoholics take Antabuse, a prescription drug, as a backup during the holidays. Those who are taking Antabuse will become violently ill if they drink.

Being prepared for a particularly tough day, by knowing where to go and who to call, helps recovering alcoholics. Those who have found new ways of appreciating the holidays do

"That seems to be the biggest variable," Breeden said. Some recovering alcoholics do

at CEP. She spent 12 years before that at Central Middle School.

This community is predominantly

WIENER'S STUDENTS have been

There has been a lot of perform-

Students have traveled throughout

busy in recent months.

Christian, and has accepted hearing

Christmas songs at the schools, she

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lights on a 40-foot tree, using a

"I couldn't do that without him. I

don't know how to run a cherry

cherry picker they'd rented.

Making gift bags is a fun holiday project for (from left) Gretchen Hudson, Whitney Endicott, Katie Darling and in-

structor Sharon Holton. The "Christmas Printshop" class was offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

picker

# Gifts made with love

By Julie Brown staff writer

Some Plymouth-Canton area parents can count on getting handmade gifts this Christmas.

Their children have been busy in recent weeks, making a variety of gifts in a "Christmas Printshop" class, offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Class sessions have been held on three consecutive Monday afternoons, Dec. 5-19, at the PCAC office in downtown Plymouth.

Cards, stationery and wrapping paper are among the gifts they've

'These girls are just wonderful. They seem to be busy the whole time. I haven't had any trouble with them at

> Sharon Holton instructor

said Sharon Holton of Plymouth Township, the instructor. "They seem to be busy the whole time. I haven't had any trouble with them

The class includes children age 7 and older. They've stenciled gift tags and note cards, and have used a variety of Christmas stamps.

You can decorate paper with those." Holton said.

**DURING THE first two sessions** students worked mostly with paint. They used sponges, dipped in red and green paint, to decorate plain brown paper. That paper was then made into a gift bag, by folding the paper around a fireplace brick and fastening the edges. Jute rope han-

dles were attached to the gift bags. "I'm always looking for ideas." She got that idea from a crafts book given to her by a friend; Holton also works on the vacation Bible school at her church and needs crafts ideas for that.

Students in the "Christmas Printshop" class made cloth gift bags. They stenciled a Christmas goose in white paint onto red bags.

fered this class," said Holton, who has taught other PCAC classes. For a first-time offering, the response was fairly good.

One parent of a child in the class wanted to stencil; she asked Holton about buying supplies.

"I really love to stencil," the instructor said. "I've been doing that for years." She saves her house paint to use for stenciling.

Holton studied art during her two years at Michigan State Uni-

SHE DOES the window design

for Me and Mr. Jones, Me and Mr. Jones Petites, Fred Hill Haberdashers and Wild Wings Gallery in downtown Plymouth. Holton was recently asked to do the decorations for a women's spe-cialty store in Howell. She'll also

do the decorations for a shopping plaza in Farmington Hills. A recent assignment was a bit more unusual. Holton and her husband did the decorations for the McCabe Funeral Home in Farm-

ington Hills. They put Christmas



Julie Stafford does some stenciling during a class session.

Last week's concert included the

CEP Concert Choir, the CEP Cho-

rale, the Madrigal Singers, the Cen-

# Concert puts the spotlight on musical talent

MENTENNIAL EDUCATION-AL Park students do a fine job singing "Jingle Bells" and other songs of the sea-

That was among the songs fea-tured at the "ChristmaSING," pre-sented the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School. The concert also included more serious works.

Wiener.

The annual holiday concert, pre-

sented by the vocal music department at CEP, featured the talents of approximately 175 students in ninth through 12th grades.

The evening started with students performing "A Ceremony of Carols" by Benjamin Britten.

"I think it's important that the students do more than just the music that everybody's familiar with," said Laura Wiener, vocal music director

Guest performer Ruth Myers played the harp during "A Ceremony of Carols." She plays with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

more serious masterwork to be performed at the holiday concert. "It's also for the audience." she

Audience members hear works they wouldn't hear in church or at

tennial Singers and the Singsations EACH YEAR, Wiener selects a Show Choir. The second half of the concert featured more traditional songs, including "White Christmas," "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Jingle

> MANY OF Wiener's students go on to major in music at college Works such as "A Ceremony of Carols" - which is on the advanced list for the Michigan School Vocal Association - are usually performed at the college level.

Wiener has found her students are well suited to learning more advanced works. She has a number of outstanding seniors this year; some 10 of them will study music in col-

Wiener hopes to provide all of her students with an appreciation of music. Even if they only sing along with a car radio as adults, she hopes they learn to love music.

"That's all I really want to do," she said. "I think that's a really important part of our educational pro-

SHE TRIES to provide students with a variety of musical experienc-

Some other school districts don't include religious songs in their holiday concerts. Wiener, who is Jewish, has her students perform Christmas songs, both secular and religious.

It doesn't concern me at all," she

Some very religious songs and stories belong in church instead of in school, she said. At the same time, it is important to educate students in all kinds of traditions and all kinds of music

"That's really what my focus is," said Wiener, who is in her fifth year

the state to perform in competitions. CEP students are active participants in the Michigan School Vocal Association, said Wiener, who is a state board member for that organization. "They really are dedicated kids," she said

ing going on this fall," she said.

STUDENTS MUST fit the elective choir classes into their busy schedules at school. They spend many hours-working on their music and

also participate in fund-raising projects, including a fall car wash and a sale of evergreen items at Christ-"It's something they really are motivated to do. It's really inspiring.

It's a pleasure to be their teacher, Wiener said. The holiday concert is the first major performance of the school

year, family members, other students and some community residents

"Also it is a popular one for my alumni to come to," Wiener said. Former CEP students participated in the benediction at last week's

concert, walking on stage to join the students in singing.
"It is popular with the whole community," Wiener said. "I'm really pleased with the community sup-



The Madrigal Singers perform "Jingle Bells." The annual holiday concert was presented by the vocal music department at

photos by BILL BRESLER/staff pho The Centennial Educational Park Chorale performs "Festal Gloria" under the direction of Laura

Centennial Educational Park.

### weddings and engagements

### Andrus-Hebner

Mary Jo Andrus of Canton Township and John C. Hebner Jr. of St. Louis, Mo., were wed June 10 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Detroit. The bride is the daughter of Cyril and Ruth Andrus of Canton Township. The groom is the son of John

and Carolyn Hebner of Westland. The bride's attendants were Kimberly Engerer, matron of honor, Marcia Thyrion, Julie Hebner-Burker, Kathy Wagner, Jody White and Michelle Johnson. The bride's niece, Julie Andrus, was junior bridesmaid.

Christopher Hebner was the best man. The ushers were Brett and Brian Burke and Pat, Rick and Rob

The bride's nieces and nephews formed a procession before the bridal party. In the procession were Christopher and Kellye Andrus, Andrew and Stephanie Wagner, Kristine, Nicole and Kyle Andrus, Heather, Jeremy and Sean Andrus and Nicholas, Kimberly and Kari White. A reception for the newlyweds

### Mozak-Borneman

Lisa Anne Mozak of Westland and Karl James Borneman Jr. of Alexandria, Va., plan an April wedding at St. Robert's Church, Redford Town-

She is the daughter of Clara Mozak of Westland and James Mozak of Gainesville, Fla. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Borneman of Plym-

The bride-to-be is a 1984 Franklin High School graduate and a 1988 graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she received her bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy.

Her fiance is a 1982 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and a 1986 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He is a civilian em-

### Bertrand-Kitze

Cheryl Lynn Bertrand of Canton Township and Kevin Douglas Kitze of Westland are planning an April wedding at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. She is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Lawrence Bertrand of Canton Township. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kitze of Garden City. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High and attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She is employed by the Ford

Her fiance is a graduate of Garden City East High School and also attended the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed by Ernst



was held at Divine Savior Church in Westland. The couple honeymooned on Paradise Island, the Bahamas They live in St. Louis.

The bride is a graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia. She was employed by MacArthur, Cheatham & Acker, P.C., Detroit.

The groom is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne. He is employed by ATI Medical in Brentwood, Mo.

# Club to offer scholarships

will sponsor its annual Invitational Club of Plymouth, P.O. Box 670 Scholarship Ball for outstanding high school seniors from the Plymouth-

All students invited to attend will e recognized and honored at the ball, scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 1989, at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth.

Many students will be further honored as recipients of scholarships and merit awards. The annual event is supported by the Mayflower Hotel and the Observ-Newspapers of Plymouth and

All students who are invited are in competition for awards. Recipients will be announced the evening of

April 29. The number of recipients and the amount of the awards are deter mined by the support received from the community. Last year, a total \$4,200 was awarded.

REQUIREMENTS ARE: · Students must be seniors with residency in the Plymouth-Canton

 Students must apply to a college or university for fall 1989. · Students must have a minimum 3.25 grade point average. · Service to a student's place of

worship, school and community are · Students must submit two letters of recommendation, and must complete an application form.

Financial need is not a require nent. The event honors students for academic achievement and for service to the community through clubs, work, sports and other outside There are separate categories for

with a student with a 4.0 average. THERE IS no charge for the dinner for honored applicants or their dates. The evening will include dinner, the awards presentation and

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's time to register with Selective Service

Instructor Sharon Holton shows the students one of her craft projects. Students



the metropolitan Detroit area. This year, the Camp Fire candy sale will feature seven products Those are: Chocolate Cream Mints Chocolate Nut Mels, Chocolate Cov-

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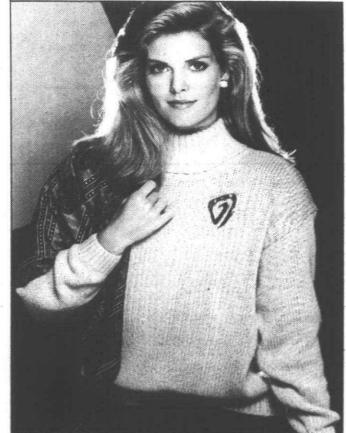
, will be "Downtown Sales Days." Camp Fire youths will sell candy at a number of locations in the downtown Detroit business area. Camp Fire boys and girls will also sell can in neighborhood stores and will take individual orders. Selling candy helps Camp Fire

boys and girls learn to plan for a club's financial needs. They learn to set goals for the sale, to handle money, to work together, to deal with the public and to keep records. The annual candy sale is the larg-

est fund-raising project for the Detroit Area Council. The sale is held to supplement the allocation received from the United Founda-The Camp Fire Detroit Area Coun-

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# Campaign stresses safety

the disease of alcoholism, she said.

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lition includes the Michigan Office of

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gan, Michigan Traffic Safety Infor-

mation Council, and Michigan Sub-

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lice, the National Council on Al-

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tion Education (SAPE Association),

AAA Michigan and the Michigan De-

For those who choose not to drink,

a variety of non-alcoholic drinks are

available. Many drink ideas are in-

Guide to Festive Holiday Parties,

partment of AAA Michigan.

cluded in the "Great Pretenders

roduced by the Public Relations

That booklet is part of AAA Michi-

gan's "First a Friend, Then a Host"

effort, a holiday traffic safety pro-

gram encouraging sensible use of al-

This is the eighth year AAA Michi-

gan has held a "Zero-Proof Mix-Off

Contest," in which contestants cre-

ate a variety of non-alcoholic drinks.

Matzke of Birch Run, Mich., a bar-

Lodge in Frankenmuth.

Yule gifts made

with lots of love

This year's winner was Michele

tender at the Bavarian Inn Motor

changes the window designs at Wild

really have a good time doing

I love it." She also designed a

Christmas card for customers of

Country Charm, a Plymouth store,

During Michigan's sesquicentenni

the state's history

partment of State.

Others are the Michigan State Po-

Safely" campaign is a basic one.

The campaign, sponsored by a number of organizations, reminds revelers to celebrate safely and not to abuse alcohol.

"Enjoy Michigan Safely" pamphlets give guidelines for those hosting parties this holiday season. The campaign reminds hosts that it's OK for partygoers not to drink; it em phasizes moderation for those who do choose to drink.

At Catherine McAuley Health Center in Ann Arbor, information on that campaign is being distributed to department heads. They're being asked to think about that in planning office parties, said Carolyn Stark, director of the Employee Assistance Program at the health center. Department heads are being asked to distribute that information to their

The campaign has a "Zero, One, Three" theme. That reminds hosts that some people choose not to drink at all; moderate drinkers choose to have one drink per hour or a maximum of three drinks per party.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE prevention efforts have been ongoing for years, Stark said. Those efforts have emphasized abstinence; there's now ac ceptance of the fact that some people drink socially That message of moderation is di-

That work keeps Holton busy. She

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changes the windows at the Me and

and those at Fred Hill Haberdashers

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Holiday hosts need to help their friends

best by avoiding functions where alcohol is served; others who have been in recovery longer may not have any problems, Stark said. "It would be good to talk to them out it ahead of time.

Certain factors may trigger drinking during the holidays, Stark said; there's also more unstructured time.

Some people, women in particular are more likely to drink at home Others drink at public gatherings For recovering alcoholics, getting together with family members who haven't accepted their change can be

On New Year's Eve, people often

cup Kellogg's Nut & Honey

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of Vernors may be added for extra

at AAA Michigan offices, or by writ-

ing to: Public Relations Department,

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Crunch cereal

much, Stark said. Breeden's seen some shift in public attitudes in recent years; it's become more acceptable to celebrate without using alcohol

'Some shift in that is my sense,' he said. "It's a beginning, anyway. We're not there, but it's a begin Stark has also seen some shift in

attitudes. Among other things, some communities now offer "safe ride" programs for people who've had too uch to drink.

"We definitely haven't gone far enough," she said.

# clubs in action

• TRI-COUNTY

Tri-County Singles will hold the annual Christmas party from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Plymouth Hilton Inn, 14707 Northville Road. The party is for singles over age 21. Dressy attire should be worn. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the

al, Holton created a quilt celebrating

will hold a Christmas party "I was really excited about that." from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday She drew designs and appliqued Dec. 23, at the Plymouth Hilton Inn. them onto the quilt, now on display 14707 Northville Road. The party is at a hotel near the Michigan Capitol or singles over age 21. Dressy attire should be worn (no blue jeans). Price "I like doing different things. It's is \$4. For more information, call the

interesting. Holton, who has two sons, ages 11 and 15, enjoys teaching PCAC classes. She hasn't had trouble fitting the "Christmas Printshop" class into her

holiday schedule. In fact, teaching the class has allowed Holton to get some of her own work done.

give people." She's found that people key. Price is \$4. For more informashe knows appreciate receiving handmade gifts.

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was perceived. The exercise/learning seminar emphasizes the listening echniques and dynamics of under standing the speaker. It was developed through a grant from the Ralph . Smedley Memorial Fund. Guests may attend. For more information, call Phyllis Sullivan, 455-1635

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# Helping out

John Schwartz from the Canton Rotary Club accepts a donation for the Salvation Army from Brandon Wiegand, 3. of Plymouth. Service club members from the Plymouth-Canton community are among those donating their time this holiday season. Volunteers are ringing bells and braving the wintry weather to help with the Salvation Army collection. Schwartz, a Canton resident, was working at

### Early deadlines apply for local club material Early deadlines have been set for day. Dec. 29, edition will be noon

'Clubs in Action" items because of

The deadline for the Monday, Dec. 26. edition will be noon Thursday. Dec. 22. The deadline for the Thurs-

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to greet the season the vast number

of folks are into give the other guy a

The marvel of it all is that it

works. Someone told me vesterday

that his trip to the mall had been

good. He spoke of having a bad day

but told me that it changed wher

someone went out of their way to

Perhaps it is not the season at all

Maybe it is what people do in the

season that makes the difference. Is

the magic in the tree or in the people

who decorate it? Can it be found in

the fruitcake or in the people who

share more food with the needy this

If the truth were known it would

probably come out that both the sea-

son and the people make a differ

ence together. Maybe we need the

season to remind ourselves what a

difference we can make. But the les-

son is for more than the week or two

that we call the holidays. It is one

that could also make a difference in

AND IF we learn it well then

someone who is lonely may be less

so because we had a spirit to go with

our holiday and beyond. Some fewer may be homeless because we be-

that we can see with the hope of chil-

dren and create reality rather than

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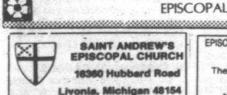
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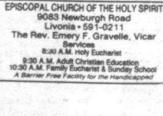
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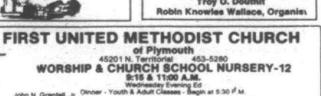
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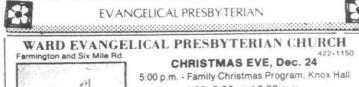
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Laura Nichols, a volunteer, sorts through winter coats at the Presbyterian Thrift Shop in Plymouth.

# Presbyterian store caters to penny-wise

By Julie Brown

doesn't have quite as much floor space as a degood use.

Clothing and other items are sold at the shop, at 187 W. Liberty in Plymouth. The shop is operated by the Women's Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, with proceeds used for missionary work.

cent of Plymouth Township, co-president of the Women's Association. Records are hard to come by, but those who operate the shop think it's been going since the late 1950s.

has been at its current Old Village location for at least half of that time. Marjorie Ackerman and Vincent oversee operation of the shop as co-presidents of the Women's

sort of share it." MANY VOLUNTEERS keep the shop going year-round. One volunteer, Leora Norgrove, is in

"She puts in a lot of hard work." Vincent said day. Members of the Women's Association take turns working three-hour shifts.

The association includes five circles. Members ining up volunteers

teering at the shop. They're members of the Handicraft Circle and enjoy their work.

Keith got involved in 1985 after she retired om a secretarial position at Adistra Corp. in Plymouth. Nicholas has been volunteering for about three years now; she also volunteered a few years back and then took some time off to stay home when her husband was ill.

"It's the best job in the church," Nicholas said of her thrift shop work. VOLUNTEERS WORK 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tues-

days, pricing items donated to the shop and putting them on the shelves. Those volunteers straighten the shelves and get things in order. The shop is open to the public each Thursday, income restrictions dictate who may shop there. There are no refunds, exchanges or laya-

'People come from various neighborhoods.' Vincent said. "We have a lot of local people." Shoppers come from other communities; some visitors to Old Village stop by "They see the thrift shop and they stop in and

look around." The summer's a slower season at the shop; business picks up in the fall and continues throughout the school year.

The shop sells clothing and shoes for men, women, boys and girls. Household items, including pots and pans, dishes and small appliances are sold, as are books. Some children's toys and games are

available. 'We do get some very nice clothes at times," Vincent said. Items are priced to sell. "We've brought out the winter things now." A back room provides some storage space, although there's no room for furniture or large appliances.

Shop are given to the Salvation Army.

Items that don't sell at the Presbyterian Thrift

'We don't like to keep things out on the shelf too

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Donations may be taken to the shop 8:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays or from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Some donations are dropped off at the First resbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church and taken to the shop.

MONEY RAISED goes to the pledge for the Detroit Presbyterial Association, the women's branch of the Detroit Presbytery. Each November, the Women's Association at the Plymouth rch makes a pledge to send money for mission-

ork. Just a few churches in the metropolitan area give more, Vincent said. Money is used for missionary projects in the United States and overseas. Women's Association members have expenses

they must meet. A church member owns the building in Old Village; the association pays for rent and utilities, including the phone. Donations of clothing and other items come from church members and the community.

"We need everything. We need seasonal clothing for the winter, of course," Vincent said. Dishes, small appliances, utensils and toys are needed as is clothing for children and adults.

Some people aren't aware there's a need for such a shop, Vincent has found. "We really do have a lot of needy people." Vincent retired in 1986 from her position as osychiatric nursing administrator at Northville

Regional Psychiatric Hospital. She'd worked there for 31 years and became involved with the church group after her retirement. There apparently are a lot more people than I was aware of in this community who need help." The Presbyterian Thrift Shop will be closed

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tures of caring that seem to pervade Somehow, even amid the confu-

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• FREE 'MESSIAH' CONCERT The Redford Civic Symphony and several area choirs present a-free performance of Handel's "Messiah" on at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, as part of the Village Presbyterian Church's Sundays at Four concert series. Village Minister of Music Craig Scott Symons will conduct. An offering will be taken for expansion of the sanctuary organ. The church is at 25350 Six Mile between Telegraph

and Beech Daly.

**BOOK OF JONAH** Dr. Althea Helbig, Eastern Michigan University professor of Biblical literature speaks on the Book of Jonah, sharing the universal mes sage of forgiveness and love, at 7:30

 AGING SEMINAR A seminar, "Our Aging Loved Ones — Dealing with Life Changes" is set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, No 30, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Road, Livonia. Conducted by Penny Conn, head of Geriatric Services Counsel-

church bulletin The church bulletin is published related to the aging process and how every Thursday in the Observer. it effects parents and spouses. Public

ed. For details, call 421-0749.

"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. Like Dickens, Hornback travels with a reading stand, and his performace peoples the stage with a wonderful cast of characters Scrooge and Tiny Tim will be heard

• CANTATA The Merriman Road Baptist Church choir presents its annual Christmas cantata, "O Holy Night," at 7 p.m. Sunday. Dec. 4 in the church auditorium, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. the performance will be interpreted for the deaf. Nursery provided. Following the program, refreshments will be served in

**® REMARRIAGE SEMINAR** 

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-Preparation" 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 is requested. For more information,

ADVENT RETREAT
 Madonna Coffege holds an Advent

retreat from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the Founders' Room, Residence Hall. A liturgy will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the college chap-el. Morning refreshments and luncheon served. Admission is \$7. For details, call 591-5006. Madonna College is at I-96 and Levan in Livonia.

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the church, 26212 West Six Mile, Redford. The afternoon includes congregational singing of carols as well as selections by the church choir and performances on the organ and by a string

ensemble. No charge.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, the Sunday School children present their

Wednesday 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist Sunday 7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist





# Saved

The Presbyterian Thrift Shop in Plymouth partment store does. Even so, the space is put to

"It's been going for a long time," said Lila Vin-

The shop has been at a number of locations, and

Association. "We're both retired now," Vincent said. "We

charge of the thrift shop. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thurs-

of three circles - Active Christians Through Service (A.C.T.S.), the Helen Beavers Circle and the Handicraft Circle - take turns working at the shop. Each circle chairwoman is responsible for

On a recent Thursday afternoon, Plymouth residents Bea Keith and Laura Nicholas were volun-

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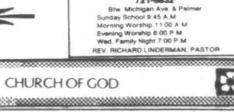
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the social hall next door.

Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 36, in Sacred Heart Byzantine Rite Church, 29125 West Six Mile, Livonia.

ing, Farmington Hills Counseling

• FESTIVAL OF CAROLS Good Shepherd Lutheran Church presents a "Festival of Carols" at 4

pageant, "A Tiny Child will Come." A fellowship hour follows the Sunday

Marilyn Fitchett editor/591-2300

classifieds inside

Thursday, December 22, 1988 O&E

# He records natural sound

The sounds of the woods are sweet Muzak to Wayne Smith's ears.

So sweet that Smith, a Redford resident, taped them - the chirping of birds, the whispering of leaves, the rustling of deer hooves, the murmur of a creek - and convinced the Muzak music company to distribute the forest sounds nationwide.

The company says you'll be able to hear its new "Natural Sounds" for mat in office atria, outfitters and camping shops, florists and maybe even an elevator or two.

While the company doesn't expect the sounds of the birds and the bees to approach in sales the ubiquitous dentist (and newspaper) office background music that has made Muzak famous - or infamous - it does expect Smith's format will do better than its "Sunset Inspirational," which is what the Seattle-based company sells to funeral homes.

BY DAY, Smith is a production manager at WJR. He writes and produces station promos, writes a few commercials, and is responsible for the quality of all recorded material that goes out over the airwaves from the tower of the Fisher building.

In his spare time, he markets a non-Muzak version of his woods sounds, a business he plans to expand with a seashore version of crashing waves and blowing wind.

"I've always had an interest in nature. I wondered if there was a way to combine my skills in recording with an interest in nature. The two fields could hardly be further apart,"

About three years ago, the idea came to him. He and his wife, Kathy, who helped design some of his equipment, trooped off into the woods ing some 35 hours of background

Then came the hard part: trying to convince Muzak that there was a market for such a thing, and that he was the one to provide it. That was especially difficult since Jeff Cifka marketing director for the company already had heard and rejected several similar proposals. But Cifka was impressed.

"He is by far the best in the busi ness at what he does. It was a good product," said Cifka, who signed Smith to a royalty agreement based on the number of tapes Muzak dis-

Fewer than 100 clients have taken the four-hour tape Muzak began distributing in September, "but ultimately it will be in the thousands," said Cifka.

The tape is a real-time slice of woods noise, said Smith, not a condensed version of one sound pushed up against another. The way it happened in New York is the way you MUZAK DISTRIBUTES its five

wide-appeal formats by satellite, and 35 more narrowly focused formats like Smith's by tape. The satellite versions include the elevator music we have come to know and love (or hate), top-40, classical, newage comtemporary and soft rock. The company has about 150,000

customers nationwide. Of Smith's tape. Cifka said: "It's pretty subtle. It's not up front at

Smith has talked with Cifka about Muzak marketing his seashore tape, too, which was recorded at Point Pelee. Smith said he thought Muzak was interested. Cifka went him one further. "I'm

sure we'll release a seashore pro-



deal with Muzak) is a meager ar-

no matter how they're exposed to it

- that means more to me than any

Wayne Smith plans to expand his recordings with a seashore version of crashing waves and blowing wind when he's not on

In the meantime, Smith sells a tion of whether I'll get my original non-Muzak version of woods sounds, investment back at this point. It (the \$10 for a one-hour cassette and \$12 for compact disc. Write: Natural rangement," said Smith. "But if Sound, P.O. Box 40450, Redford can get people to appreciate nature.

"I'm not getting rich. It's a ques-

# Discounts for health services

By Mary Rodrique

Imagine getting health care benefits without an insurance company - no paperwork, no time consuming wait for reimbursement - just up-front cash discounts for some basic medical

That's the idea behind SuppleMed, a West Bloomfield company founded by two health care

ndustry veterans. SuppleMed is aimed at small reployers who can't afford to pay comprehensive health benefits for their staffs. But anyone, including the self-employed and

retirees, can join by paying the \$40 annual membership fee. For the cost, members get a discount card good for: · Dental work from about 35 participating dentists in the tricounty area, with savings of up to

30 percent for basic cleaning. exam and X-ray; 10 percent discount for fillings. · Save-Mor Drug Stores, Con cord-Wrigley and other pharmacies - 100 in all - discounting 0 to 15 percent off prescription

drugs and a 15 percent savings on over-the-counter drugs. DOC Optical Centers and 1st ptometry will offer members a 20 to 25 percent savings on eyeglasses, also offering discounts on the eye examination and contact

"The health care industry has always been directed at the larger employer," said Sefton of Birningham. "Smaller employers have stayed away from the bene fits my program offers because of the expense. Sefton was marketing manager

for Health Alliance Plan of Mich-

keting for Medicost Services, a Southfield prescription drug preferred provider organization, before his solo venture.

His partner, Ronald Feinberg of Farmington Hills, held planning and development jobs for three local health maintenance organizations: Independence Health Plan in Southfield, Health Plus of Michigan and Michigan

HMO in Detroit. "We have 25 years combined experience in the health care industry," said Sefton.

SuppleMed was conceived about six months ago. It has been in the marketplace less than three months.

Clients include Fantastic Sam's haircutting franchise, Jax Car Wash and the Teamsters Union Health and Welfare Fund, which is offering the discount to re-

CareLinks, a senior citizen group affiliated with St. Joseph's Hospital in Pontiac, is offering SuppleMed to 3.000 seniors. United Health Services in Detroit is considering it.

SuppleMed is already looking at expanding services. Bell Tone Hearing Centers has been added, offering discounts on hearing One health care specialist

gressive in questioning the cost of health care services. "It sounds like the Entertain ment Book of medicine," said Franklin Elias, a Southfield-

urged consumers to be more ag-

pased health care consultant. "My real concern is what is the real discount? It's not like walking into a restaurant and seeing the prices on the menu, knowing you're paying \$16 for one dinner and half price for the second," he said. "Walking into a doctor's office is like ordering a blind item off the menu. Is the discount off the full insurance rate? The Blue

"I'm not familiar with the par ticulars of this program. I don't know if it's good or bad.'

Cross/Blue Shield rate? There

are many levels of pricing.

# BASM honors builders

John Scaccia, president of Polsi-nelli-Scaccia Building Co. in Rochester Hills, has been named Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM). Scaccia, who has been in the construction business since 1963, received the association's top honor earlier this month at the organization's awards banquet at the Novi

BASM has some 1,450 members, including suppliers, in Oakland, Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair coun-

vidual professionalism and service to the association are: Rex Rosenhaus, corporate secretary of Uniland Construction in Farmington Hills, named Young Builder of the Year; Frank "Bud" Dunford, contract sales manager for Whirlpool Corp., named Associate Member of the Year, and Herbert Lawson, president of Herbert Lawson Inc., Southfield, who received an award for service as president of the association in 1988. Three builders were inducted into

the association's Hall of Fame in recognition of exceptional leadership qualities and devotion to the uilding industry. They are: Gilbert B. Silverman, chairman of Holtzman & Silverman, Farmington Hills; the late Bert I. Smokler co-founder of the Smokler Co.; and the late John D. Harrison, a former Birmingham contractor and past president of the

SCACCIA WAS born in Broccostella, Italy, and moved to the Detroit area in 1954. He and his brother-inlaw, Vittorio Polsinelli, started a brick business in 1963 and eventually expanded into construction of singlefamily homes. Polsinelli-Scaccia builds single-

family homes and subdivisions in Sterling Heights, Rochester Hills and Clinton and Macomb townships. Scaccia has been a member of BASM since 1974 and has been co-

chairperson for Homearama pro-

grams, during which builders show case individual homes. He lives in

Oakland Township ROSENHAUS, A 1978 graduate of Michigan State University, has been to the associate who provides "exwith Uniland Construction for almost 10 years, and has been involved in numerous phases of commercial and residential construction and

building management. He is currently working on "senior independent living" projects that emphasize individual living accommodations with common, or shared, facilities for dining, recreation and other group activities. He is a West and multi-family dwellings. Today



Rex Rosenhaus receives congratulations from BASM president Herbert Lawson. Rosenhaus was named Young Builder of the



John Scaccia earned the Builder of the Year award.

Dunford received the Associate of the Year award, customarily given emplary support" to the objectives of the BASM and the housing indus try. As contract sales manager, Dunford provides appliances for singlefamily and apartment construction He lives in Birmingham

Lawson and his wife, Carol, started Herbert Lawson Inc. more than 20 years ago, specializing in office buildings, commercial development

the company is known for condominiums and land development As president of BASM, Lawson of

tions with trade unions. SILVERMAN IS a 1947 graduate of the University of Michigan. In 1968 he founded Village Green Management to operate residential income properties developed exclusively by Holtzman & Silverman.

Birmingham was involved in numer-

ous issues including labor negotia-

Village Green operates 55 projects, containing some 14,000 apartment units in eight states, and manages some 500,000 square feet of commercial space in office buildings and shopping centers.

Silverman is a past president and director of BASM and a life director of the National Association of Home Builders. In 1988 he was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard to fill the Republican seat on the Michigan State Housing Development Authori-

A Southfield resident, he is also treasurer and a trustee of the Founders Society of the Detroit Institute

SMOKLER, WHO graduated from the Detroit College of Law during the Depression, initially earned a liv ing by collecting rent for a property management company.

He started building houses in the

Detroit area in 1938. In 1946 he and his brother-in-law, Mandell "Bill" Berman, formed the Smokler Co.

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books, the inventions of the automobile, airplane, moving assembly line and safety pin were no big deal at kind of snuck up on you, and it took a couple of years before their true import finally hit home.

On the other hand, there was an innocuous remark made last week in a speech in Pittsburgh by Ford chairman Donald Petersen that the company had developed a new automotive catalyst that works without

It was the kind of offhand remark that meant little unless you were, say, a member of the Baokeng tribe in South Africa, selling platinum to the auto industry, or a platinum

In which case, last Thursday was probably the worst day in your life. Just as traders were getting a little smug as precious metals ignored last year's stock market crash, the Ford announcement pricked the speculative market that had been developing in platinum for a year or so like some well-honed dart.

The \$100 drop in the spot price for platinum tested the daily trading imits for platinum futures for three straight days. Literally overnight, prices for platinum collapsed to their year-ago levels, a shock to that market on par with the record stock crash of last year. As brokers apparently pawned everything in sight trying to cover margin calls, gold and silver dropped as well.

WHILE THE STATE of the preci-

auto talk Dan

tated such a crash in any case, the Ford announcement may have set a record for a mundane technical announcement shaking up the financial All of which left a few people won-

that use a variety of metals that can ability of material at hand. In fact, several auto catalysts tomainly by substituting equally scarce, but less expensive palladium.

pected to last 100,000 miles or more

The best speculation is that the something to panic over.

editor of Popular Science.

# Retaining, creating jobs is Bell's focus

Retaining and creating jobs in Michigan is the focus of Jobs 2000, a effort program managed by the economic

evelopment staff of Michigan Bell. It was structured to analyze activity and identify job opportunities within the county's small- to medium-sized business community.

Six segments were reviewed: the county's agricultural and natural resource industry, retail sector, busi ness and personal services trade, tourism, government and education, and manufacturing base.

Through the analysis, plans were developed assess strengths and made for individual segments.

THERE IS a natural affinity between economic development and education relations in all of the communities that have been served, said Robert L. Morris, Michigan Bell's director of economic development.

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THE CITIZEN'S Education Committee has been working with Michigan Bell to guarantee a "certainty of opportunity" among students now rolled in Detroit Public Schools.

Through its "Detroit Compact" agreement, people have promised both career and college opportunities for students who meet certain requirements during high school.

Requirements pertain to attendance, grade point and civic behavior. The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, Business Education Alliance and Detroit Strategic Planning are three of the organizations work-

For more information about pro-"The educational community has grams developed by Bell's economic development department, call Mor

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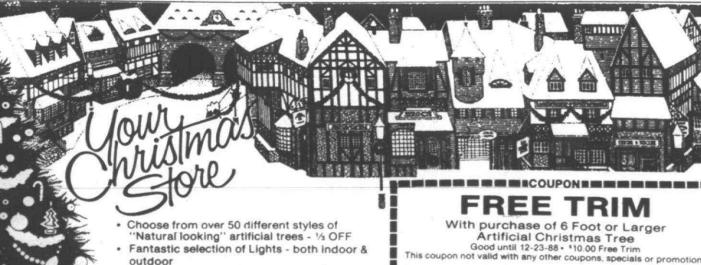
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ter's in composition.

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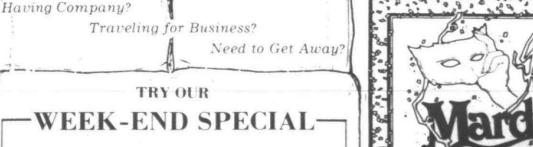
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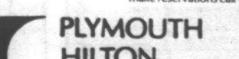
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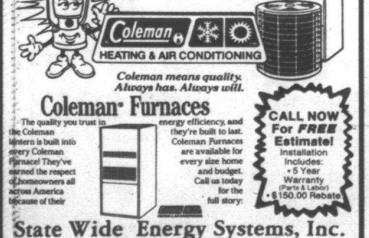
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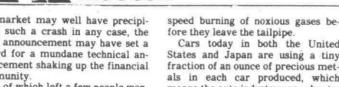






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precious metals is complicated by the fact that they are mainly found mixed in the raw ore from mines in South Africa and the Soviet Union Like Siamese triplets, if you mine for one, you get the other two as

There has been considerable research done to use all three precious

metals in the proportions found in nature, or better vet, build catalysts be changed according to the availday are running without platinum

Despite the huge shock value of its uncement. Ford so far refuses to talk in detail about its invention. Even stranger, it ignored the breakthrough when it was introducing its 1989 models although now it says the new catalyst is already being tested

new "non-platinum" converter is mainly palladium-based, rather than radically new technology. An interesting refinement and a partial solution to a critical problem of limited supply in the world industry, but not

Dan McCosh is the automotive

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Sid Mittra is a professor of finance, school of business at

Dakland University and owner of

Since last Valentine's Day, pianist Martin Scot Kosins has been playing mellow, sentimental songs and easylistening dining music at Sebastian's in Troy's Somerset Mall. PAPPAGALLO We're one of the few places in

town where you can dance cheek to cheek," he says of the intimate restaurant where he offers hold-eachother-close music dating from as early at 1915 and moving through the '20s, '30s, the war years on to the

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pride in being able to play anything and to fulfill even obscure requests A BUSINESSMAN from Lloyds of London had dinner at Sebastian's recently and was amazed that Kosins could play from memory so many songs that were popular in London

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the way a special song can spark

memories and make years seem to

"I don't do top-40 songs," he points

out. Kosins specializes in "songs you

can't hear anywhere else" and takes

romanced to," he says, recognizing

people onto Sebastian's dance floor

Entertainment

during World War II. Another regu lar listener pulled a cherished record out of her purse and asked him to

mood with solo piano, and Friday and Saturday nights the other two

Martin Scot Kosins plays nostalgic songs at Sebastian's in

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"If someone asks for a song I can't

play, the next time the person comes

in, I know it or I'm working on it," he

Kosins scavenges for old records

at thrift shops, rummage sales and

auctions. From them he learns new/

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old songs to add to his repertoire.

Although he usually doesn't know

to follow the requisite "Auld Lang

Syne" played at the stroke of 12.

what he's going to play until he sits

down at the keyboard, for New Year's,

Kosins has planned a sentimental set

for him.

"No way am I a modernist," he from forgotten movies as well as in-

says of the charm that "simple and

singable" songs of past decades hold

Staple tunes by George Gershwin

Cole Porter and the Best of Broad-

way form the nucleus of his reper-

toire of literally thousands of songs,

but he likes to sprinkle the American

mainstream with lesser-known gems

good dancing beat. song, I'll play him eight," he says. His personal favorites are French

Jay Wesch is the drummer in Kosins' trio, which also includes Al Martin on bass. Couples enjoy twirling on the restaurant's tiny

songs flavored with the romance of and the Dearborn Inn. Then in 1978 Paris and the Seine. With a little enhe quit cold and said, "Never again." He wanted to compose classical mucouragement he will play an hour of French songs - all from memory

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mental set to follow the requisite

stroke of 12.

'Auld Lang Syne" played at the

He will resurrect a forgotten, ro-

mantic song called "You're My Past,

Present and Future," a song he

thinks captures the nostalgic,

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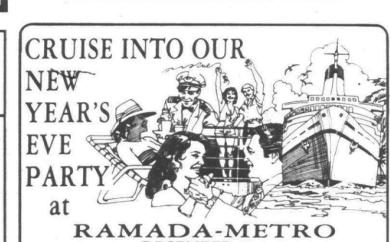
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Although he continues to compose Detroit Center for the Performing and to produce occasional records and commercials, Kosins says he is delighted to play music for listening and dancing once again. Call it a fluke, or call it fate, that led Martin Scot Kosins to return after 10 years to spend his evenings at the key-Last February he was wandering through Somerset Mall and decided

coffee. Sebastian's owner Matt Prentice, who had worked with Martin on some commercials for the mall and for Sebastian's opening, asked him to The best of Broadway comes to pinch hit at the piano for just one evening because he was stranded without a pianist on Valentine's Day Martin agreed.

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Loretta Swit.

as the Ink Spots, John Carradine and

He had given away all his tuxedos and performing suits and had to rent one for the night. At the end of the evening, Prentice commanded, "Tomorrow we talk terms," and Kosins has been at Sebastian's ever since.

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be the best-dressed people in the One tuxedo won't suffice because just as he takes pride in never playing the same song two nights in a row, he also makes it a point never to wear the same suit on consecutive evenings. So he has bought a whole

Kosins memorizes all his songs and refuses to use sheet music on the He takes his cues from the great

new performing wardrobe.

pianists of the '40s and '50s - Eddy Duchin, George Sever and Carmen Cavallaro - and tries to emulate their high standards and subdued

Plan the perfect

"They played listening and dancing music so people could talk with-

out being intruded on. They let music speak for itself. I've been in clubs where I wish the band would take a break," he says. "You have to know when to be background and when to be foreground."

He takes his lead from the crowd and is more likely to sing on weekends when the crowds seem in a dancing mood. Then he steps up the beat and the banter for a lively crowd out to dance.

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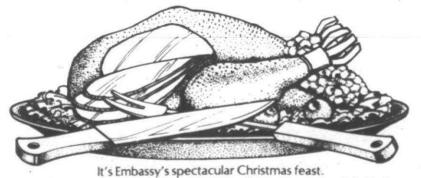
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• TEXAS TRIP

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• FERMI 2

Canton Township is sponsoring a one-day trip. On Wednesday, Feb. 25, they will tour the Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant. The cost is \$5.50 for residents and includes roundtrip motorcoach transportation via deluxe highway coach, tour of the Fermi plant and dinner at Mabel Kahres High Rise — Monroe Senior Center. Registration begins Monday, Nov. 28. For further information, call 397-1000 Ext. 278.

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one night Murder Mystery trip on Sunday-Monday Jan. 15, 16. The murder mystery package is \$99 per person (based on double occupancy) and includes the following: round trip motorcoach transportation via deluxe highway motorcoach, one night deluxe accommodations at the Novi Hilton, cocktail party with dixieland band entertainment, one dinner, one breakfast, and a cast of professional actors and actresses will be performing an intriguing and exciting murder mystery which you will help solve. The entire \$99 is due when you sign up for the trip. There is a \$20 cancellation fee levied on cancellations made within two weeks of departure. No refunds will be given within 48 hours of departure. Any interested adult may get information about the trip by contacting the Plymouth Recreation Department at 455-6620 or Canton Senior Citizens Department at 397-1000, ext. 278.

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The tour date is Feb. 1 and the cost is \$729 (based on double occupancy) includes the following: round trip airfare, round trip transfers, motorcoach transortation in Texas, 3 days/3 nights accommodations in San Antonio, 4 days% nights accommodations on South Padre Island, dinners and 1 lunch, and a variety of sightseeing tours. For further information, contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

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# Woman 'covers' different type of news

By Leonard Poger editor

Janice Fritz used to cover Westland's history in the making — local elections, candidates' forums, city council fights, school board meetings and the police beat for a community newspaper. Now she is "covering" another

Now she is "covering" another kind of history — the just-completed renovation of the Fox Theater and the related redevelopment of Detroit's theater district on Woodward Avenue, north of Grand Circus Park.

Part of the new job she began in September has some fun to it — handling duties as assistant publicist for performers who come to Joe Louis Arena and the Cobo Arena on Detroit's riverfront and the Fox Theatre.

At one point, she helped promote her "favorite" singing pair, Daryl Hall and John Oates, who performed this fall in Detroit.

Fritz, 25 and a life-long Westland resident, got into the "covering" of the renovation of the Fox Theatre last month as part of her new job as assistant publicist for Olympia Arenas Inc., which is the management company for Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Arena and the Fox Theater.

Among the "celebrities" she has met are John McEnroe, in town for a professional tennis tournament, and Mickey Mouse, performing with a professional ice-skating troupe as part of his 60th birthday party.

BUT FRITZ, daughter of Daniel and Mary Fritz, admitted that while the events she is covering now are exciting, "I miss the closeness and interaction of a community," noting that she grew up in Westland and knew its community leaders.

knew its community leaders.
Fritz, a 1981 John Glenn High
School graduate and crowned Miss
Westland Summer Festival that
year, worked for the Westland Eagle
for nearly a year before leaving her
reporter's job 10 months ago.

She has a bachelor's degree in telecommunications and journalism from Eastern Michigan University, graduating in 1986.

Fritz was a WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) news writer and production assistant before coming back home to Westland to cover community events and groups for the Eagle.

She applied for the Olympia Arenas Inc., post last summer after friends joked with her that since she goes to Joe Louis Arena events so often, "why not work there?"

"I sent my resume to the administration but there was no word for several months," Fritz recalled.

"Then, out of the blue, Brendy Barr, publicity director, called me for an interview." It was the same day Fritz

It was the same day Fritz received a job rejection letter from Ford Motor Co.

IN HER NEW job, she has handled the public relations for the Detroit Drive, a new arena football team which won the 1988 championship THE ULTIMATE EVENT FRANK LIZA SAMMY SINATRA MINNELLI DAVIS JR. NOV. 30. DEC. 1 2 3 4

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Janice Fritz is in front of the Fox Theatre marquee shortly after the renovated downtown theater reopened last month.

last summer, as well as helping the Red Wings hockey organization publicity staff.

Added to her work this coming year will be publicizing the new Turbos lacrosse team.

But clearly the biggest "story" covered so far was the Fox Theater reopening in mid-November which attracted national coverage from papers including the New York Times, she said.

A highlight was the formal opening of the Fox with her co-workers looking like kings and queens for a She admitted feeling like Cinderella for the evening.

But one thing she would rather forget was the circus held at Joe Louis Arena "with the smell right next to my office."

Since starting hew job three months ago, Fritz was surprised to learn "hew many friends I have" asking for free tickets to hockey games or concerts. Actually, she has no influence there since the requests for free tickets have to go through the promoter of events.



# Sports

Dan O'Meara, Brad Emons editors/591-2312

Thursday, December 22, 1988 O&E

# Canton ends Salem streak with upset win

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Daryl Magreta might enjoy basketball practice more if he learned to shoot free throws the way he did Tuesday against Plymouth Salem.

Magreta, a reserve guard for Plymouth Canton, made four free throws without a miss in the last 1:06, helping the Chiefs secure a 54-51 upset win over Salem. Magreta is the same guy who often has trouble making free throws in practice for the Chiefs, and coach Tom Niemi makes his players run laps if they don't shoot up to his standards.

Magreta must be exhausted after one of Canton's practice sessions.

"I run a lot during practice," admits Magreta. "If we don't hit 19 out of 25 free throws during practice we have to run as many laps as coach decides. But I had confidence tonight. They came to me tonight. Maybe I'll be fighting for playing

Said Niemi: "All the kids work hard on free throws in practice. That's what we practice them for.'

THE LOSS WAS Salem's first of the year after beginning the season with four wins. Canton improved to 3-2 overall.

The Chiefs made 13-of-19 free throws against the Rocks and got another standout performance from Brian Paupore, who matched his scoring average with a game-high 25

Paupore gave the Chiefs the lead for good, 50-49, when he buried a 15footer with 1:28 left. Salem was un-

all-area

able to regain the lead and Magreta's perfect foul shooting gave the Chiefs a 54-49 lead with less than a

Two free throws by Salem's Tim Noonan made it 54-51, but a desperation three-point shot by Noonan at the buzzer didn't come close.

"This is a heck of a Christmas present," Niemi said. "We played an extremely talented team and this is a tremendous rivalry.

"THERE IS A mutual respect for both teams. This was a tremendous ball game for Plymouth Canton."

An 18-point effort by Jeff Elliott wasn't enough for Salem. Noonan added nine points for Salem and Mike Albertson scored seven off the bench, but the Rocks had trouble all night with Paupore, especially in the third quarter.

Paupore made 12-of-22 shots from the field, including one from threepoint range that gave Canton a 41-38 lead at the end of three quarters. The senior forward scored 11 points in the third quarter when the Chiefs managed to turn a 28-25 halftime deficit into the three-point lead.

'We had people on him, we just didn't do defensively what we wanted to do," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "We played behind him down low instead of denying him the ball. He can shoot the ball well both inside and outside, and he goes to the

"We were ready. We just didn't look like it tonight. They deserved to



BILL BRESLER/staff photographe

Gordie Risbridger threaded his way through Salem's defense Tuesday during Canton's upset of the previously unbeaten Rocks.

Scott Hale took turns guarding Paupore, but none was successful.

Paupore and Elliott have played against each other since seventh grade, but Elliott said he'd never seen a performance like this from his rival

"Nothing like this," Elliott said. We let him post up on us, and he can hit anything inside 10 feet. He's a great shooter. Nothing bothers ELLIOTT, CRAIG Marshall and him. Hopefully, we'll get another

shot at him."

Troy Waldron, who led the Chiefs with eight rebounds and eight assists, contributed 11 points for the Chiefs. He scored five of his points in the first quarter when Canton jumped out to an 8-0 lead. Salem pulled to within 11-10 after one quar-

The Rocks regrouped in the second quarter, getting seven points from Noonan and outscoring Canton 18-14 to take a 28-25 halftime lead. Niemi said senior leadership from Paupore, Waldron and Gordie Risbridger helped save the Chiefs.

"Paupore has been a leader all year, and we expect that out of all our seniors," Niemi said. "Troy Waldron showed a tremendous effort, and Gordie did a tremendous job off the bench. Our bench played very well. Our guys are starting to come

# Rocks rip Chiefs, rule **CEP** mats

Plymouth Salem routed Plymouth Canton, 56-17 Tuesday in a boys wrestling dual meet hosted by Salem pitting the two CEP rivals.

The Rocks, who placed seventh last Saturday at the Lansing Eastern Invitational, improved to 7-1 in duals after Tuesday's tilt

Canton's only individual wins came in the first and last matches. and one in between, by Liam Rentz at 135. The Chiefs won the 103-pound division when Jason Fortin defeated Dan Bonner by default. Rentz recorded a pin in 52 seconds over Salem's Ron Miller, and heavyweight Mike Kelly pinned Scott Breithaupt in 1:06

Eight of Salem's 10 wins came by

Matt Konenski (112) registered Salem's first pin, taking care of Brian Fortman in 1:26. Others recording pins for Salem included Craig Richardson (119), Ken Stopa (125), Mike Shumate (130), Ed Barlage (140), Charlie Apatian (145), Pete Israel (152), Steve Burlison (160), Brian Burlison (171) and Tony Perkins

CANTON REMAINED shorthanded because of injuries.

"Canton had most of its kids up a weight trying to fill a lineup." Salem coach Ron Krueger said. "They weren't at their best. It wasn't the score you typically expect from a Salem-Canton meet

Saturday in Lansing, the Rocks finished with 94 points, placing seventh among 17 teams at the Lansing Eastern Invitational. State powers Temperence-Bedford (175) and Redford Catholic Central (167) finished one-two respectively.

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Canton wins Relays, 2C

# State qualifers swimming

SWIM TEAM Individual events

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Kerry Doran, N. Farmington Karen Neyer, Mercy 50 freestyle lenny Raschella, Churchill Audra Martin, Churchill 100 butterfly Laurie Oswald, N. Farmington. Nicole Drake, Canton Julie Jensen, John Glenn 100 backstroke ennifer Knapp, Stevenson, 100 breaststroki Lauren Weary, Farmington

### Relays

200 medley relay - Katle Westhoff, Katle

Knipper, Liz DeMattia, Karen Neyer, Farm-ington Hills Mercy 200 medley relay — Gina Bennetts, Jenifer Knapp, Dawn Gurney, Jane Whitney

400 freestyle relay — Laurie Oswald, hristie Duthie, Kristen Celko, Kerry Doran, North Farmington.

400 freestyle relay — Ellen Lessig, Tara Ditchkoff, Katle Hamann, Audra Martin, Livonia Churchill

### Honorable mention

(The following list includes all state quali fiers from the Observer area. Following each name is the event in which they bettered cuts

Farmington: Katie Hohl (400 free relay, 50 free, 100 free); Tonya Slicker (diving); Jill Hawkins (400 free relay, 100 free); Missy Kendall (400 free relay).

Ptymouth Canton: Cassie Cummins (200 IM, 100 back, 400 free relay); Lori Engel-huber (50 free, 400 free relay); Jean McLen-aghan (200 medley relay); Val Gildhaus (200 medley relay); Chris Lang (200 medley relay). Tami Santomauro (200 medley relay); Kelly Rische (400 free relay).

Redford Thurston: Tanya Holleck (200 ree, 500 free).
Farmington Hills Mercy: Polly Tenuta (500 free); Cindy Grush (500 free, 400 free relay); Michelle McCaffrey (400 free relay); Becky Wiquist (500 free, 200 free, 400 free

Livonia Churchill: Angle Neville (100 breast); Michelle Berry (200 medley relay); Jenifer Danner (200 medley relay); Stacey Tomasewski (200 medley relay)

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North Pairmington: Julianne Markey (200 medley relay); Cady Carnko (200 medley relay); Amy Duthie (200 medley relay); Amy Duthie (200 medley relay); Erin Otson (200 medley relay); Sarah Andrews (200 medley relay); Julie Hickey (200 medley relay); Tammy Hickey (400 free relay); Dawn Shiek (400 free relay); Nicola Boost, (400 free relay); Nicola Boos cole Bossy (400 free relay); Stacle Anderson (400 free relay).

headline squad

staff writer

Every swimmer scored.

Every swimmer selected to the 1988 Observer all-area team scored points at the Class A girls state meet. Among the most successful were Livonia Churchill's Audra Martin, North Farmington's Kerry Doran and Westland John Glenn's Julie Jensen. Each finished in the top six in two individual events.

No state champions resided in Observerland, but in three events at the state meet local swimmers finished second.

In other words, it was another strong season for female swimmers

Coaches selected 10 individual performers and four relays to the first team. Also, all those listed for honorable mention were state qualifiers, a distinction worth noting.

North Farmington coach Pat Duthie was named the Observer's coach of the year. The Raiders won the Lakes Division dual-meet championship, then finished fourth in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet.

Their best performance came a bit later, when North placed sixth in the state, higher than any other Observerland team.

Here are the all-Observer swimmers for 1988, listed in order of their events.

Farmington Hills Mercy 200-yard medley relay (Katle Westhoff, Katle Knipper, Liz DeMattia, Karen Neyer): All four medley Marlins scored points in individual events at state meet, a good reason why Mercy placed second in the medley at state in a school-record 1:50.76. They also placed second at the Oakland County meet and won at the Catholic League, tying the meet record.

At state, Westhoff, a junior, was 10th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:02.58); Knipper, a freshman, placed ninth in the 100 breaststroke (1:09.48); and DeMsttia, a junior, took 11th in the 100 butterfly (1:00.58). Neyer's accomplishments will

Livonia Stevenson 200 medley relay (Gina Bennetts, Jennifer Knapp, Dawn Gurney, Jane Whitney): The Spartans best race came at the WLAA finals, in which they placed second to Northville Stevenson's best clocking was a statequalifying 1:56.50.

"This relay tried all year to make

and they did an excellent job at the consecond.

Bennetts qualified for state in the 100 back and Knapp placed second in the 100 breast ,

Christie Duthie, North Farmington 200 freestyle: A junior. Duthie did just what every good swimmer aims to do --race their best at state. Duthie's best times both came at the Class A finals, in the 200 free (1.58.51), in which she finished 12th, and in the 100 butterfly (1:00 38), in which she took ninth

In addition, Duthie recorded her best split in her 100 free leg of the 400 free relay (53.69) at state. North placed

Kerry Doran, North Farmington, 200 individual medley: Doran was never out of the running. She won the 200 IM at the Oakland County meet (and was second in the 100 breaststroke) and was second at the WLAA meet (and was also second in the 100 breast)

At state, Doran placed third in the 200 IM in 2:08.66 and was fifth in the 100 breast in 1.08.39 She, too was on North's fourth-place 400 free relay team Doran has team records in the 200 IM. 100 fly and with the 400 free relay. Best of all, she's just a sophomore, her brightest days are ahead of her

Karen Neyer, Farmington Hills Mercy, 50 freestyle: Neyer was only fifth fastest in the 50 at the Oakland County meet, but she got better fast. The junior won both the 50 and 100 free at the Catholic League meet, then finished seventh in the (24.88) and 12th in the 100 (55.24) at state.

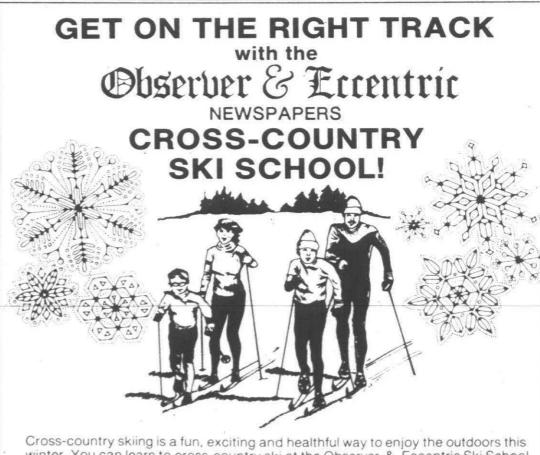
'Karen has grown so much this year in her self-confidence, her training, her will to win," said Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "She is the most natural sprinter I've ever worked with. How fast can she really go? I'm not sure, but I think her (200 medley) relay split of 23.70 gives you an idea.

Jenny Raschella, Livonia Churchill, diving: Raschella's story may be the most unique of the season. Until this fall, Raschella had never dived in competition. She got her training in gymnastics, and made the most of it.

Raschella, a junior, won the WLAA title and had 11 firsts in dual-meet competition. At the state regionals she placed seventh, and at state she was 16th. Not too shabby for her first year.

Audra Martin, Livonia Churchill. 100 butterfly: Martin holds five individual

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# **Canton wins** with balance

The power in boys swimming is supposed to reside at CEP, it's true. But at Salem, not Canton.

And yet, it was Plymouth Canton that reigned at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays. The Chiefs juggled their lineup well enough to place in the top three in seven-of-10 events, and although they managed just one first-place finish, they totalled 230 points.

Plymouth Salem, which hosted the meet, finished second with 213 points. The Rocks set meet records in winning two relays, but they couldn't match Canton's scoring bal-

North Farmington, with two victories, was third with 198, followed by Westland John Glenn, 181; Livonia Stevenson (two firsts), 177; Northvi.le (two firsts), 172; Livonia Churchill, 131; Farmington Harrisor, 117; Livonia Franklin, 103; Farmington (one first), 100; and Welled Lake Western, 40.

"OUR LINEUP made the difference," said Canton coach Hooker Wellman. "We were balanced better. But I still think Salem has the stronger team.

"Still, I think we have a decent enough team to challenge them. I'm going to have to be real careful with our kids after this, so they don't get

The Chiefs should be allowed a measure of uppityness. Their only

Geddes, Scott Swartzwelter and Bryce Anderson going 1:49.64 to break the meet record of 1:50.70, set

and four thirds. Steve Wetz, Drew Lang, Geddes and Mike Helmstadler were second in the 500 crescendo relay in 4:38.18. Salem's Steve Wells, Mike Hill, Fred Seidelman and Ron Orris established a new meet record (4:21.61) in winning the crescendo relay, busting the former mark of

3:56.88; the old record of 4:00.06 was set by Northville in '84.

Salem had one other first, and that, too, was a meet record. Seidelman, Rick Steshetz, Hill and Orris combined to win the 400 free relay n 3:22.01, bettering the mark of

Knoche, Eric Maxon, Dan Knipper and David Adams in the 200 breast (2:00.54) and Doug Schwedland, Eric Maxon, Steve Turney and Jim Nicholas in the 200 fly (1:49.81) relays. Stevenson's Reider, Cantoni, Caranicolas and Mike Goecke also captured the 400 medley relay (3:55.17). And the Farmington foursome of Scott Hawkins, Pat Inch, Brad Moore and Brian Railey finished first in the 200

Canton also had a pair of seconds

in the 400 individual medley relay, with Hartnett, Dave Nevi, Anderson and Jeff Homan going 4:00.26. Stevenson's Aaron Reider, Tony Albert, Brian Cantoni and Taki Caranicolas

North's victories came from Chris

armington, 190, 4 Westland John Gerin, 101, Livonia Stevenson, 177, 6 Northville, 172, 7, Ivonia Churchill, 131, 8 Farmington Harrison, 17, 9 Livonia Franklin, 103, 10 Farmington. 100: 11 Walled Lake Western, 40. FINAL RELAY RESULTS

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BOYS SWIM RELAYS Saturday at Plymouth Salem

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Bryce Anderson was a key member of two Canton relays: the 200-yard backstroke, which the Chiefs won, and the 400 individ-

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derson), 1.49.64 (meet record), 2. N. Farmington, 1.54.33, 3. Farmington, 1.55.49, 4. Salem, 1.58.40, 5. John Glenn, 2.01.05, 6. Churchill, Schwedland, Eric Maxon, Steve Turney and Jim

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bounder, but he was limited to four

Koronka's 15 - and 15 boards

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13 points. Larry Walker's 27 points

topped Delta; Corey Holliday added

# Revived 2nd-half defense helps keep SC win streak intact

ual medley, in which they placed second.

But the ninth-ranked team in the National Junior College Athletic Association handled it with ease, powering past St. Clair County CC 94-80 Monday at St. Clair.

The win kept SC unbeaten through 10 games. The Lady Ocelots are 4-0 in the Eastern Conference. St. Clair slipped to 5-3 overall, 3-1 in the con-

SC, which had blown out eight of its previous nine opponents, led by just 46-39 at the half. "At halftime, we wanted to get more help defense," said SC coach Jack Grenan. His team supplied it, with first Darlene Bazner stealing the ball and



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Wendt taking an offensive charge, which also led to a score to increase SC's advantage to 11. The closest St. Clair got after that was eight points, with three minutes left.

"OUR EXCELLENT help defense really got us going in the second

Michelle Dyksinski led SC with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Wendt and Tracy Osborne, playing her first game since spraining her ankle two weeks ago, netted 15 apiece, Bazner had 13 and nine steals, Lisa De-Planche scored 12 and Ann Hardy totalled 11 points, eight rebounds and

The Lady Ocelots connected on 65 percent of their field goals, with Osborne making three-of-four three-

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Dec. 27-28, where it will play three games in two days. SC'S MEN'S TEAM was headed in a different direction. A 10-point second-half lead dissipated under a barrage of free throws at Delta CC Saturday, leading to a 89-81 defeat.

The Ocelots led 46-43 at the half, in spite of the loss of leading scorer Ed Hudson Hudson suffered a sethe game and is out for two weeks.

top, though, thanks in part to Al Hud-

vere ankle sprain five minutes into Hudson had five points when he went down. SC managed to stay on or 477-4891

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Dyksinski sinking 10-of-15 from the bined for 18 first-half points. Howevfloor. Only free throws kept St. Clair er, the two were no-shows in the secclose (25-of-35, compared to SC's 11ond half: Hudson scored one point SC travels to the Moraine Valley (Chicago) CC Holiday Tournament

and finished with 11, while Smith didn't score at all and ended up with

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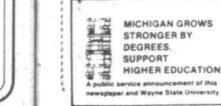
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### wrestlina outstanding wrestler. He scored four straight falls en route to the title

Clemens in the final with a pin in

Glenn's other champ was Rob Ma-

135. He dominated Rice's Todd

Snooks, a state qualifier last year.

Both Matigian and Tharp are re-

champions in Kurt Will, who took the

come away with any first-place tro phies, but fared well over the weekend in separate tournaments hosted by Westland John Glenn and Garden City high schools. beating Jim Papke of Mount

Birmingham Brother Rice, shunning the Oakland County Meet, repeated as Glenn's Big Red Invitaional champs with 216 points, edgtigian, who remained unbeaten at ing Romulus by 14. (See statistical summary.) Mount Clemens took third with scoring a technical fall in the final.

1891/2, followed by host Glenn with

Area wrestling teams did not

staff writer

Other Area schools competing The Rockets also got strong per amongst the 16-team field included: formances from Kraig Kuban, who Livonia Stevenson, sixth, 75 1/2; Livolost in the 160-pound final to state nia Churchill, eighth, 62, Plymouth champion Dean Moscovic of Rice, Canton, 11th, 45; Redford Thurston, Nate Kemppainen, third at 130; and 13th, 26; Wayne Memorial, 14th, 22; Mike McKinney, third at 145. Canton 'B' squad, 15th. . and Glenn Stevenson boasted two individual 'B' squad, 16th, 3.

Glenn's performance encouraged coach Tom Buckalew, whose team placed in all 12 weight classes. (The Rockets dropped out in the 152pound class because of an injury to "Rice and Romulus are extremely

sports shorts

The Plymouth-Canton Cruisers

champions, winning the fall champi-

Second place went to Ann Arbor

Milan (1,209), Pinckney (758), Chel-

totals in three of four age divisions:

9-10 (457), 11-12 (402) and 13-14

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ute lessons (two per week). The price

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the week

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view Highlands.

The Cruisers had the highest point

onships with a total of 1,890 points

(1,540), followed by Ypsilanti (1,441

sea (557) and Brighton (430).

finished their fall swim season as they start at 5 p.m. Skiers must pro-

CRUISER CHAMPS

to et for us this early in the DERECK THARP, a senior at 180, was voted the meet's line  $(150^{12})$  and runner-up Dearborn

t ugh," Buckalew said. "But it was a ond in the 103-pound class to Derek Moscovic of Rice. REDFORD UNION, meanwhile, finished third behind champion Sa-

Clemens' Ray Stevens in the final.

Kramer also surprised, finishing sec-

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ing second-session team registra-

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teams. The entry deadline is Thurs-

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Lansing Sexton was third (163)

followed by Eaton Rapids (117);

Mount Pleasant (110): East Lansing

Barlage (140) and Brian Burlison

(171) each claimed thirds in their

weight classes. Both wrestlers fin-

ished the day with 3-1 records. Bar- nament.

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Salem wrecks Canton

nual Garden City Christmas Invitational. (See statistical summary.) The Panthers scored 98 points.

Canton finishes 11th at Big Red

The host Cougars gained seventh with 59. Chris Woodbeck of RU won the

for his 11th straight victory. The Panthers' Eric Buckberry ran his overall record to 10-3, pinning Greg Andrews of Dearborn for the 52 crown.

140-pound crown to stay unbeaten,

beating Mike Olivero of Divine Child

Third-place finishers for the anthers included Robert Garbacz 103). Mike Bianchi (125) and Chad Stoddard (145).

showing since Jeff Fagan took over as coach three years ago. "This is very good for us since we finished 14th out of 16 two years

ago," Fagan said. "We're moving up

It was by far the Panthers' best

152-pound crown with a 6-2 win over Ricky Champagne of Romulus, and Todd Rockwell, the 171-found GARDEN CITY COACH Phil champ who decisioned Mount Freeman said RU could contend fo the Northwest Suburban League title

> this season. "They will compete well in our league this year, but Woodhaven will be tough to beat," Freeman said. But RU has the bodies to win the league if they keep improving."

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lage is 11-1 for the year (including

Richardson earned fourth place at

the 152-pound class. Grabbing fifth-

place honors were Steve Burlison

(160) and Steve Israel (152). Burlison

and Israel were 4-1 after dropping to

the loser's bracket early in the tour

the Canton meet).

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surchill, 62, 8. Sterling Heights, 56, 9. War oth Canton B. 4 15 Westland John Glenn

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

103 pounds Dean Moscovic (Rice) dec d Kramer (Thurston), 8-6 consolation in Paguio (Grand Blanc) dec Scott Lefter

ing six sophomores on the varsity. claimed one individual title when junior Jim Horvath, the No. 3 seed. took the 119 crown by pinning Saine's Jesse Peterson in 2:53. Howie Boucha added a third for

sey Krause (Churchill) dec Gene Zegar (Grand Blanc), 8-4 130 Tim Kosikowski (Romulus) dec Ricky

Heavyweight Paul Nowick (Romulus)

112. Clarence Weaver (Mount Clemens)

lurns (Sterling Heights) dec Dan Pareizs 119 Keyn Kinane (Rice) dec David Gehr er (Romulus), 12-3, consolation Darin dek (Church), dec Rich Starkey (Mount

ment MVP Matt Starosciak, who decisioned Saline's Rod Maelinczak for the 145 crown. "Divine Child did a nice job, but

189 Dereck Tharp (Glenn) pinned Ji

scoring in every weight class," said Divine Child came away with five the Garden City coach. St. Mary's stumbles,

Lake Superior State was superior Friday when the Soo Lakers marched to a 116-107 upset win over St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake in men's basketball action. St. Mary's slipped to 6-8 overall,

missing an opportunity to even its

record. Lake Superior, meanwhile mproved to 2-5. A .500 record isn't the only thing he Eagles lost out on Friday. Knowing that both Aquinas College and Saginaw Valley State had lost earlier in the week. St. Marv's could have passed both in the NAIA District 23 power point standings

THE SOO LAKERS led 63-51 at halftime and enjoyed a 21-point second-half lead before St. Marv's staged a comeback.

baseball

James Curtis scored 26 and James Lakes added 18 for the Eagles. Also scoring in double figures were Jim Butcher, Jerome Washed 14, 13 and 10, respectively.

St. Mary's is idle until Dec. 2 and 29 when it hosts the Optimist International International Classic at Dombrowski Field House. The niversity of Guelph meets the Wednesday in the tournament's opening game. St. Mary's plays Chris Wooley led Lake Superior Fanshawe College at 8 p.m.



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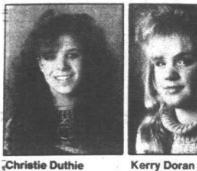
swimmers ever in the league," said

# State qualifiers pace squad

school records and is on both of Church-"Ill's record relays. At state meet this year, she placed second in the 100 fly (58.97) and was fourth in the 200 IM (2:11.00) in what might be considered an off

Martin's state meet times were slower Churchill coach Lawrence Hein. "She has Than her times as a junior (58.02 in the a winner's attitude and a strong drive to

4y, 2:08.67 in the IM), yet her perfor-, be number one. I expect Audra to be



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squad





Laurie Oswald

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Mercy



Nicole Drake







Pat Duthie



mances were still outstanding. She was a highly recruited for college swim

100 freestyle: A senior, Oswald scored at the state finals, but not in the 100 free. Oswald did have the fastest time in the came at the state meet when she led off

all-area

swimming

was a member of Stevenson's state-quali-

Weary made what very well may be her

cess by placing sixth in the state in the

first," said Farmington coach Ross Ban-

dy "Her goals are changing. This is prob-

With the amount of time she put in the

Laurie Oswald, Christie Duthie, Kristen

Celko, Kerry Doran): The Raiders peaked

Celko's 58.88 and Doran's 53.79 in the

Oswald, Duthie and Doran swam with

Livonia Churchill 400 freestyle relay

(Ellen Lessig, Tara Ditchkoff, Katie

Hamann, Audra Martin): What made this

the second fastest 400 free relay in Ob-

state finals. Churchill coach Hein octed to

the team with Audra Martin

totally load up the free relay by anchor-

the 400 free relay in 55.07. Oswald scored at state in the 500 free free with a ninth (1:57.31). At the Oakand County meet, Oswald was second in he 500 free and second in the 200 free

Nicole Drake, Plymouth Canton, 500 reestyle: A junior, Drake had an outstanding state final placing third in the 500 free in 5:08.89 — nearly five seconds

Drake also placed 10th in the 200 free at state (1:57.20). She won the 200 free the 200 IM "Lauren's academics come the WLAA meet (1:58.73).

the state's best female distance freestylers," said Canton coach Hooker Weil-I feel the best is yet to come for Nicole

Julie Jensen, Westland John Glenn, ently strong performer throughout her ca but in the classroom where she's a 4.0

At the WLAA meet, the senior won the

100 back (1:02.88) and was third in the 200 IM (2:13.68). At the state finals, Jensen finished sixth in both events. Her 100 back time was 1.02.94, in the 200 lM, it was 2:14.73.

holds school records in five events

Jennifer Knapp, Livonia Stevenson 100 breaststroke: There are two of - her talent and her age. She lost just one was at the state finals, where she 3 42 61 at state to win the consolation fiplaced second in 1:06.96.



Mercy's 200-yard medley relay team (from left): Katie Westhoff, Karen Neyer, Liz DeMattia, Katie Knipper.



pre-lims. Oswald's 55.07 got them off to a quick start, followed by Duthie's 53.69. North Farmington's 400-yard freestyle relay team (from left): Laurie Oswald, Kerry Doran, Kristen Celko, Christie Duthie.



Livonia Churchill's 400-yard freestyle relay team (from left): Tara Ditchkoff, Audra Martin, Ellen Lessig, Katie Hamann.

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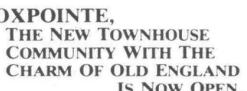
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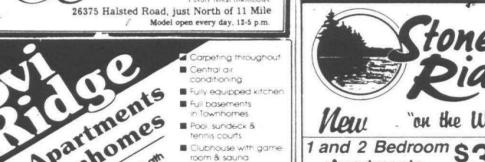
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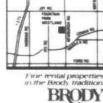
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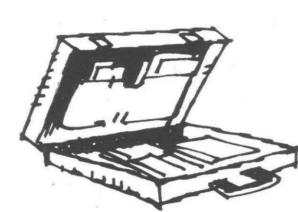
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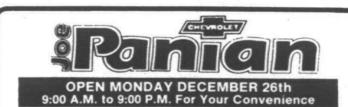
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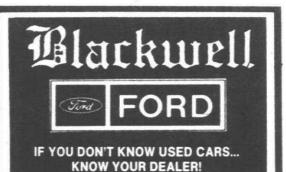
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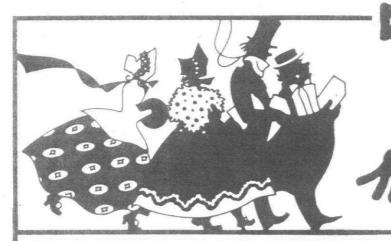


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# The fine art of holiday decorating

special writer

For many of us, the Christmas holiday season is an excuse to break away from the restrictions of the "quiet good taste" that governs our lives the rest of the

Perhaps it's our collective memory that guides us to the unrestrained disorder that characterized the pagan Saturnalia of ancient Rome

For we deck our homes with strings of multicolored lights. winking and blinking in the solstitial darkness, the drabness of everyday garb gives way to richer fabrics, and even the most abstemious overindulge. Budgets, like diets, are put on hold. Our world shimmers under layers of gold and red and green and glitter.

There are, however, pockets of poetic simplicity.

The Smith house, in Rochester. for example, is a paean to the season expressed in muted colors and elegant vignettes testifying to the taste and enthusiasm of the own-

"It just grew over the years," says Smith. "My husband and I both come from families where Christmas was really special. This house, where we've lived for three years, is especially amenable to decorating because there are so many nooks and crannies and so much natural wood indoors that complements materials traditional to the season.'

A replica of a Dutch Colonial house in upstate New York, the Smith house is appropriately surrounded by mature holly bushes laden with red berries. There is a wreath in every win-

THE TRADITIONAL BRASS the second floor.

The first of four trees in the house, and the only floor-to-ceiling tree, is in the sunlit living room. An elaborate crown of ecru lace and red ribbon caps the tree, its streamers reaching to the floor.

Glass ornaments are red and gold ("They're 30 years old"), and Mrs. Smith has fashioned dozens of nosegays from ecru lace, ribbon, tiny red roses and baby's breath. Stuffed toys, mostly bears, sit in a circle, their arms outstretched, around the base of the tree

The mantel is trimmed with nat-

In the brick-floored family room, a table-top tree is decorated with a Victorian motif - tiny bows of ecru lace and white ribbon, white birthday cake-size candles and dried baby's breath, with a "skirt" of ecru lace. The tree sits in front of a window, the sun streaming in

Beneath this tree are small



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The mantle of the open fireplace and wood paneling of the den are an ideal setting for mounds of fresh greens

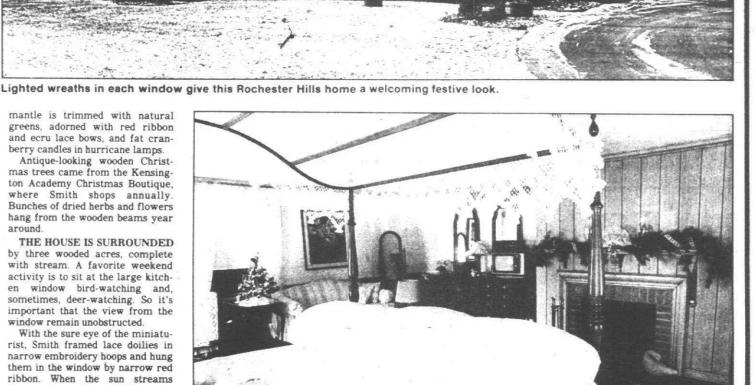


ceiling fixture in the generous fover is trimmed with small red velvet bows. Cedar roping and more red-bowed wreaths adorn the railing along the stairs leading to

ural greens and red ribbon, and are cranberry candles in brass candleholders and white candles in Fostoria ruby candleholders from the Greenfield Village Collection. (Cranberry candles are used throughout the house, in keeping with the subdued richness of the

behind it.

stuffed animals from Smith's childhood, and, nearby, a large brown teddy bear embraces other childhood treasures. The brick fireplace wall-sized, and here again the





Decorations over the fireplace and a small tree bring the Christmas spirit to the bedroom. At left the stockings are hung over the living room fireplace, and the huge tree with lace trim is in place.

white candles. The remaining tree is made of grape-vines. "I bought it on sale last year at the end of the season. I can make grape-vine wreaths, but I have never been able to get the hang of making trees," she admits. white lights and corn husk ornaments, is in the stenciled guest room.

window remain unobstructed.

through them, they look like ecru

snowflakes - and the view is in-

In the master bedroom, with its

Williamsburg-blue pickled wain-

scotting, the small tree is trimmed

with blue and white ribbons and

tiny white swans. The greens on the

mantlepiece are trimmed with lace

and dried baby's breath and here,

too, are hurricane lamps with off-

Smith has taken classes and learned to make wreaths and ornaments. She reads magazines, and visits Meadow Brook and Greenfield Village for inspiration.

We do it for ourselves," she says of the undertaking that she and her husband begin the day after Thanksgiving. "Besides, I'm: a practicing psychologist, and work-

ing with my hands is wonderful therapy.

Throughout the house, there is a consistent, joyous theme, ex-

pressed in a devotion to detail, right down to the tiniest red bow on the dining room's brass wall sconces. There isn't a hint of the

spectacular, allowing the visitor to 'discover" the delightful groupings on which the owners have lavished so much time and care.

# 'Dark Lullaby' rocks retirement

ACKIE Troutman won't forget her 60th birthday. She says it might well qualify as the most exciting time of her life. The milestone birthday arrived at the same time as the publication of her first novel, "Dark Lullaby," a romantic suspense set on the Hawaiian island of Kauai.

The Lynx Books paperback is issued under the Plymouth native's maiden name, Jackie Dalton.

At one bookstore, at least, that's a plus. "I don't know where else the book is," Troutman says, "But at Metro News (in Canton) they've reordered the book twice. When I went in the last time, the clerk told me that nearly everyone buying the book says, 'I went to school with her!' "

Troutman has lived in Plymouth all her life. She married her husband, Harvey, 14 years ago, and between them they have eight children and 14 grandchildren.

FOR 10 YEARS, Troutman taught home economics in the Plymouth-Canton Schools before becoming a partner in a company making training film strips for school cooks. The strips, marketed nationally, were a success, and Troutman found the part she liked best about running the business was writing the scripts.

When mountains of red tape mired the company down, the partnership dissolved. A cousin who dabbled in writing encouraged Troutman to begin writing fiction. Romances were really hot, the cousin said. This was in 1983, and the cousin was right, romantic fiction was hot - but not for Troutman.

"It was my own fault." Troutman says, "I was writing category romances and not bothering to read them. The agents and editors kept telling me that I didn't quite have it. My plots were too convoluted. Then I discovered that I really liked writing

When Troutman began sending out proposals for romantic suspense novels, the responses improved, though she still balked at what she calls "the narrow confines of category, the love scenes by page two and

TROUTMAN SAYS WHEN she started writing she promised herself that if she hadn't sold a book in two years she would give up and find something else to do. But, "the two

vears came and went times - and I couldn't quit. Much to my surprise, I am totally addicted to writing. I love the actual sitting down and trying to figure out which word to use, but I also love talking to people while I'm doing the research. All I have to say is, 'I'm a writer and I'm really interested in your field, and, boom, they're off and running.'

The interest in other people's stories comes naturally to Troutman, who sees herself as a storyteller rather than a writer. "I hear other writers say, 'I always wanted to be a writer.' Well. I never saw myself as a writer. I'm a talker. Just ask my husband," she says, laughing, "he tells everyone, 'My wife can say anything in 10,000 words or more.

The writing came hard for Troutman until two things happened: Her son convinced her to give his castoff "Model-A" Heathkit H89 word processor a try. She did and found it eased the reversal problems that had initially made touch typing difficult. Then, after accumulating a box full of what she calls "my first drafts, though I didn't know it at the time," Troutman read a book by a storyteller-writer who advised writers to write as though they were telling the story aloud. "They were my two

break throughs," Troutman says.
In March, 1987, Troutman met

agent Joyce Flaherty at a meeting of the Detroit Chapter of Romance Writers of America. Flaherty encouraged Troutman to send her something. But before Troutman had a chance, Flaherty called to ask if Troutman would be interested in writing for the Jeffrey Weiss Group, a book packager looking for people to write to their specifications.

WHEN DID THEY want a proposal? They wanted it fast," Trout-man found. Since she and Harvey had just returned from a one-month stay on Kauai, it was only natural that the book's setting would be Hawaii. Within five days, she had worked up a proposal - two short chapters and a five-page synopsis — and sent it off. The publishers bought her idea in June, but asked her not to start writing until she had heard from an editor. When she finally got the call, on Labor Day, she was astounded to hear that the book was due on the first of December - less than three months away.

She finished on time, "thanks to a quiet house and time on my hands,



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test and I forgot to study."
"Well it's not even 7 a.m. yet, how much do you have to study?" I asked wearily. "Well," I said. "You study here by the Christmas tree, and I'll write over in the chair. "OK, Dad, I'll be quiet," Adam pledged.

I love Christmas — the smell and the tastes of Holiday treats. I love the lights, the . . "Dad?" Adam whispered, 'where's the coastal plain?" "I gotta' know 'cuz it's gonna be on

"Adam," I whispered back, "I don't know. I'm already a day late turning my column in. I can't help you.'

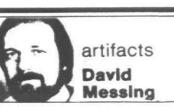
"THAT'S OK Dad I was just wondering if you knew. I love Christmas - the business, the events and even the cold weather but what I love the most is . . . "Poor little guy" I thought to myself as I glanced over by the Christmas tree and saw his little fingers fanning a great big social studies book

ooking for the elusive coastal plain. "Did you find it yet?" I asked with more than a pricked

'No, dad, but it's here somewhere, I'll find it."

Finally I gave in and sat on the floor and studied with Adam by the light of the Christmas tree. After Adam and I spent a good hour together, I slipped back to my article and tried to write. I love Christmas - the meaning, the love, the giving and "Dad," a husky voice came from the hallway,"Can you move Scott's car? I have to leave for school. I'm drivin' this

week." "OK, Kevin," I mumbled. I came in from the freezing cold with snow on my slippers, grabbed the notebook with a scribbled paragraph on it and said o myself: "Now! I'm going to write my article." I walked into



Well, I got roped into driving Adam to school and when I returned Scott had also left for school. For sure, I thought to myself. I can write with no interruptions.

I LOVE CHRISTMAS - ring! "Honey," Sandy yelled, "it's for you, it's Shirley from the store." All the special orders for Christmas had arrived, the store was full of customers and Sally had too many pictures to frame. I hung the phone up, looked at my three opening sentences and heaved a big sigh wondering if I would ever get my Christmas article completed Christmas. My family close by, one son in college, one son in high school and the other in elementary school. Our family business keeps all of us busy but at least we all work together and we enjoy the business of the season, the smell of cookies the crackle of the fireplace, the smell of the Christmas tree, it's

all part of the season. So I grabbed my pencil underlined the words, "I Love Christ mas" and rushed off to the store.

So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family Sandy, Scott, Kevin and Adam; The Art Store and More employees: Shirley, Cheryl, Steve. Sally and Peggy, my mother-in-law and business partner. June, and all of our teachers: Suzanne, Joyce, Carman, Sandi, Kim, Ellen, Rhonda, Shirley, Mike, Bet-

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wallpaper books and see what is being shown. From either a dominant wallpaper or fabric I will get my lead as to what that home will be colorwise. Even if we are working with existing colors, I still find doing this helpful.

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# **Rx:** home videos

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A Detroit television news cameraman is the author of a book that could become one of the hits of the Christmas shopping season.

Area resident John Fuller has worked as a cameraman for 20 years. He also conducts home videonaking workshops for video stores. "Prescription for Better Home Video Movies" was published by HP Books, a division of Price Stern Sloan and is available at book stores and video stores nationally.

grapher proved to be invaluable, Fuller says the idea for the work-Fuller recalled. "But even more shops and eventually the book grew valuable was the little bit of instrucout of being forced to watch some tion I received from a veteran camhorrible home video movies at a

friend's swim party.

FULLER SAID HE really became

ing home videos all night. I thought the night would never end. The only thing I could think of was how difficult it was for me to learn how to shoot motion pictures."

Fuller began taking still pictures "There were no books on shooting in high school as a photographer for video so I had to learn like most the year book. But he was forced into cameraman - by trial and error. As using a movie camera at a television station in Moline, Ill. because reportit turned out, I developed a simple ers had to shoot and edit the newsyet effective technique, one that works equally as well for the home "My experience as a still photovideomaker as it does for a news vi-

station in Flint. He said that even

while he was anchoring the 6 and 11

ing on developing his own shooting

p.m. news each night, he was work-

deographer. al material available for the amateur that gave Fuller the idea for his book. "People at my workshops kept asking where they could get more information on making home videos

in broadcasting while at a television I had read was either oriented toward the technical operation of the camcorder or too advanced for the new and inexperienced cancorder

"The very idea you can put your family on TV and relive those precious moments is incentive enough to spend between \$800 and \$2,000 for a camcorder. That's a lot of money to spend and not get good results.' Among the home videos he trea-

ents' 50th wedding anniversary in 1981. "Whenever I look at it and the other videos, it takes me back to the days when I was growing up in Ottu-

sures is the one he shot of his par-

Fuller and his wife, Jan., have two

# Plymouth Symphony's 'Amahl' a bell-ringer

The seasonal popularity of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" and Handel's "Messiah" seems to cause jus to overlook the opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors.'

Inspired by the Flemish painting "The Adoration of the Magi," Menot--ti's 37-year-old television tradition about a lame shepherd boy, who is visited by the Three Kings on their way to see the Christ Child, is more a part of American cultural heritage than the other two - and deservedly

Imagine today a televison network commissioning an opera for premiere on Christmas eve. NBC did tha on Dec. 24, 1951 and this so-called American opera was produced for live television before it was ever seen on stage, a rare occurrence for

It secured Menotti's fame as a composer although his later operas

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such as "Goya" - have not achieved the simplicity and success of this one.

The Plymouth Symphony turned from the traditional Christmas fare and combined efforts with Opera Lite to produce this endearing story Saturday evening at Plymouth Salem High School. It is not the first time Opera Lite has mounted this opera and hopefully it will not be the

OPERA LITE HAS produced a number of operas over the last several years with varying degrees of success. This is one of their best. One reason is the dramatically strong Youngerman as Amahl's mother.

year in the Metropolitan Opera District auditions, plays a could-be trivial and overdone role naturally. She is equally matched by a fine performance from Chris Wehrli whose boy-like voice and actions make her

morous interplay of mother and son. Menotti may have composed and produced this opera in America but the 77-year-old composer remains today an Italian citizen and the story of the three kings is essentially out of Italian folklore surrounding the Christmas story.

> In this production, Karl Schmidt takes the role of the hard-of-hearing King Kaspar, Frank Hull is King Melchoir; and Carl Clendenning is King Balthazar.

a fresh and genuine shepherd. David

Pulice's direction allowed for the hu

Together their voices blend, and their acting is essentially the mature nature we expect of three kings. An appropriate Tim Hamman is their

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THE SHEPHERD'S CHORUS is just one of the memorable themes in this piece. Opera Lite's musical director Beverly Labuta assembled an evenly matched group of shepherd and townspeople for that purpose. David Reynolds' sets were effect

tive with an L-shaped widow's shack to the right side, backed by a beautiful scenic painting of mountains. In Plymouth Salem High School, the lighting was so dim, the painting was barely visible. Costuming was simple but bright and effective.

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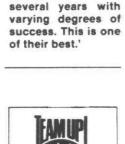
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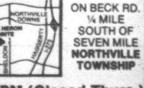
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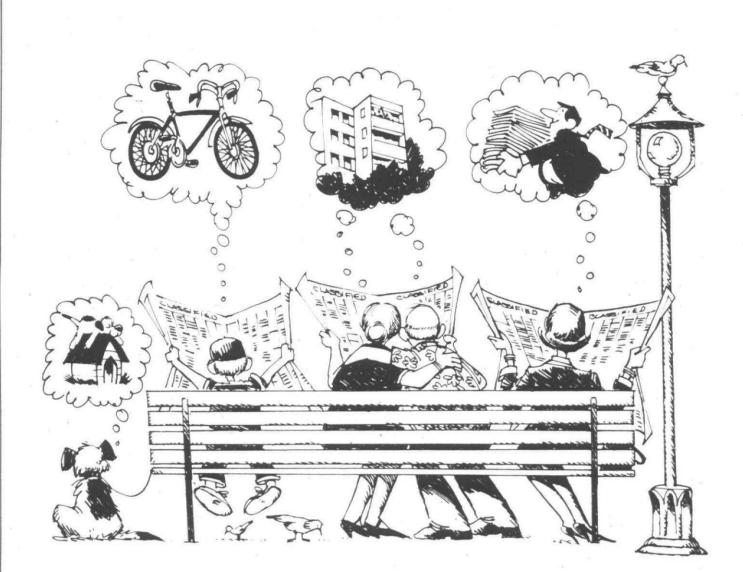
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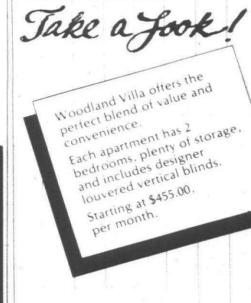
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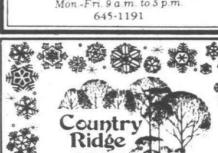
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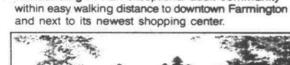
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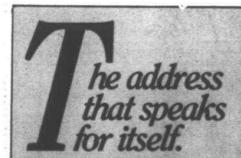
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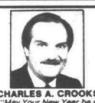
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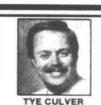
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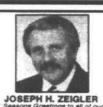
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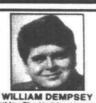
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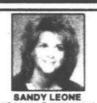
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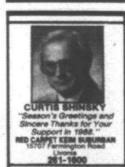
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