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'Death trains' put area at risk to toxics

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

State Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, is calling for government and industry to accept greater responsibility in making it safer to transport hazardous materials by rail and truck.

"We're living on the hazardous waste equivalent of the San Andreas Fault without being adequately prepared to handle a transportation accident involving toxic materials," said Kosteva at a press conference he called in Lansing Tuesday.

Kosteva, who chairs the House Subcommittee on Rail Safety, was joined by Reps. Roland Niederstadt, D-Saginaw, and Nick Ciaramitaro, D-Roseville, who worked on the Michigan Right to Know Act.

Niederstadt's district includes Freeland, a rural town that was evacuated after a recent derailment involving toxic chemicals.

"It's tragic and frightening that hundreds of thousands of lives are at risk, simply because we

lack the resources required to protect the people of Michigan," said Kosteva.

Dow Chemical's Unit Train, the so-called "Death Train," travels through the Plymouth-Canton area every week.

Kosteva outlined five major problems:

- The failure of companies to comply with the Right to Know Act, which among other things requires manufacturers to inform local residents about toxic materials being produced in their communities.

- A lack of federal funding to develop local emergency planning commissions.

- The need for Congress to accept greater responsibility and increase funding for rail car inspections, training of rail personnel and improvement of tanker car design.

- Inadequate plans to inform residents about materials transported through their communities and across the state.

- Lack of sufficient resources for training emergency response teams handling rail and

truck accidents involving hazardous chemicals.

"What it boils down to is we don't know what is being transported by rail or truck, and we don't have a plan," said Kosteva. "We also don't know what's being manufactured in Michigan."

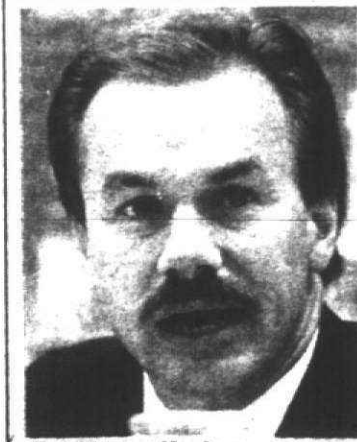
Last year, the number of train accidents in the state involving toxic materials increased to nine, said Kosteva. Trucks carrying hazardous materials were involved in 126 accidents in Michigan last year.

The National Transportation Safety Board has reported that the majority of train accidents are due to track failure.

Track inspection in the Plymouth-Canton area, and throughout Michigan, concerns Kosteva.

"Inspection is inadequate, even if you look strictly at the numbers," he said. "There are three state rail inspectors and one federal inspector."

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Rep. James Kosteva

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New zoning rules pass over residents' objections

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A stand-off between residents seeking changes in Canton's zoning ordinances and the township ended Tuesday when supervisor Tom Yack asked residents where they've been for the last two years during revisions of the ordinances.

The residents sought to postpone board approval of the ordinance package that will regulate what residents do with their property.

However, the Canton Township Board rejected the request to fine tune the ordinance package by voting 6-1 to approve the new measures.

The package governs activities that range from what can be parked in driveways to what kind of buildings can be put in backyards.

Trustee Bob Shefferly, who voted against the package, said it would be a good idea to hear the residents' ideas before approving the package.

Voting for the package were: Trustees John Preniczky, Elaine Kirchgatter and Phil LaJoy, clerk Loren Bennett, treasurer Gerald Brown and Yack.

However, board members promised to review ordinances upon the request of residents. Amending those ordinances would take about six weeks now that the package has been approved.

Before the package goes into effect Jan. 1, a group of volunteers will go door-to-door to explain it and

board actions to residents, according to Leon Adkins, a spokesman for Concerned Citizens, an off-shoot of a group that fought restrictions on recreational vehicles.

"And if the citizens of Canton feel that there were any occurrences of improprieties in the conduct of township government business in the Yack administration, then the citizens will request the state attorney's office to conduct an investigation," said Richard Petryl, a member of Concerned Citizens.

The township administration has

lost touch with the average person in the township, Adkins said.

"We'll show at the polls who's boss," he added.

Prior to the board, vote Adkins asked members to wait before taking actions.

Yack said residents had two years to react to the proposed ordinance changes.

"I like to think I have not lost sight of why people voted for me," he said. "I'm confident the zoning ordinance,

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Deed restrictions bring angry response

A memo from Canton Supervisor Tom Yack on deed restrictions angered residents who complained the supervisor was losing sight of the average resident.

Leon Adkins, a member of Concerned Citizens, said average Canton residents would find the restrictions in the memo unreasonable.

He read from a memo condensed in the planning commission minutes of Oct. 2, regarding subdivision deed restrictions.

Yack asked the commission to look at the following standards in some residential subdivisions with

an eye to banning them.

They are: Recreational vehicle storage, fences, satellite dishes, sheds, above ground swimming pools and free standing basketball poles.

Also to be looked at are the use of single poles for mailboxes, a requirement that sprinklers be underground and that landscaping be installed within 90 days of occupancy.

When questioned by residents at a Canton board meeting on Tuesday, Yack said, that although he asked the planning commission to look at

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A new view of Canton

Helen Clinansmith checks out the view from her new home in the recently opened Canton Place, a new high rise apartment com-

plex for senior citizens and the handicapped. See page 3A for more photos and story.

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Students improve scores on state tests

By M.B. Dillon
staff writer

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are pleased with student performance on a standardized test called the Michigan Educational Assessment Program.

Student scores in math and science were higher than last year.

It isn't possible to determine whether students improved in reading, because the reading portion of the test was redesigned and graded differently than in past years.

In math, fourth graders, seventh graders and 10th graders did better than their counter-

parts did last year. The percentage of fourth graders scoring in the top quarter increased from 87.8 last year to 91.5 this year.

The number of seventh-graders in the top quarter also went up — from 73.7 percent in 1988 to 80.2 percent.

The percentage placing in the top quarter also went up in 10th grade — from 74.2 to 80.2.

THIS YEAR, the science portion of the test was taken by fifth, eighth and 11th graders.

The percentage of fifth graders scoring in the top quarter was 79.4. As fourth graders, 56.2 percent of the same students scored in the top quarter.

Among eighth graders, 66.7 percent of students scored in the top quarter. Fifty-six percent of last year's seventh graders were in the highest quarter.

Among 11th graders, 46.5 percent of students scored in the top quarter. Last year, 32.2 percent of the 10th grade scored in the top 25 percent.

"Like any test, this should be viewed with some skepticism for the primary reason that no assessment instrument is completely accurate," said Dr. Michael Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction.

"This clearly is not a be-all or end-all. It's

merely a snapshot of student performance in given areas at a particular time. But we are pleased with student performance across the board. We feel pretty good about the outcome in all areas."

THE REVISED reading test reflects the state's new definition of reading, which is: "The process of constructing meaning through the dynamic interaction among the reader's existing knowledge, the information suggested by the written language, and the context of the reading situation."

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Private schools reject MEAP; officials say it's 'too easy'

Only a small portion of local private schools participated in the recent Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests.

According to the administrators of many private schools in western Wayne County, the test is too easy for their students.

A lot of Catholic schools stopped giving the test for that reason, said John Klipp, superintendent of the 64,000 students in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

"Too many of students score in the upper range, so it doesn't give us information on the individual students," Klipp said. "The wider the distribution in the test, the more information you get in terms of what students actually know."

"When the majority of our students get a very high

rating, how does that help us? How do we improve in math and reading if it doesn't tell you where you are?"




Part of the problem with MEAP is the way the test is scored, say private school administrators. Questions are lumped into three question categories known as objectives. In the math portion, for instance, there are three questions on measurement. Students don't get any more credit for three correct answers than they do for two.

Theoretically, a student could score 100 on the MEAP test by answering only two-thirds of the questions correctly.

"Is that really mastering something, to be wrong on a third of the questions?" asked Klipp.

Staff writer Tom Henderson contributed to this report.

MEAP Scores - Plymouth/Canton Schools

Grade	1989	1988	1987	1980
Mathematics				
 4th	91.5	87.8	85.6	78.7
7th	80.2	73.7	77.7	71.3
10th	80.2	74.2	73.6	75.1
Reading				
 4th	47.1	Percentage of students receiving a satisfactory rating on both reading selections.		
7th	47.2			
10th	40.7			
Science				
 5th	79.4	56.2	48.0	
8th	66.7	56.0	37.6	
11th	46.5	32.2	24.6	

Numbers are the percentage of students scoring 75% or better on tests

Students improve in math, science; find reading test tougher

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This year's reading test included a story selection taken from children's literature, and an informational section from a social studies text.

Scores were broken down into sub-scores indicating topic familiarity, knowledge about reading, a student's performance, effort and interest, and a test of basic skills. A proportions report shows the percentage of students who received a satisfactory score on both the story and informational sections.

In fourth grade, the percentage of students receiving satisfactory scores in both areas was 47.1. For grade seven, the figure was 47.2 percent, and for 10th graders, 40.7 percent.

Michigan Department of Education officials say the new test is tougher than last year's. Scores are expected to advance each year as districts adapt reading instruction to the state's revised goals.

MEAP results will be sent home to parents within 10 days, and individual schools are scheduling meetings to go over test results with parents.

Statewide results will be available in January. Administered earlier this fall, MEAP is mandatory for all public school students in Michigan.

MOST PRIVATE SCHOOL students in the area didn't administer the MEAP test. Plymouth Christian Academy was an exception. Its pupils took the math and reading portions of the test.

In math, the number of fourth graders in

the top quarter was 95.1 percent. For seventh graders, the figure was 84.4 percent. In grade 10, the percentage was 85.3 percent.

In reading, Plymouth Christian fourth graders in the top quarter was 41.5 percent. The figure was 46.7 percent in the seventh grade and 35.3 percent in the 10th grade.

Greg Hovermale, a counselor at Plymouth Christian, said the science portion wasn't given because the school gives a standardized science test in the spring.

Math scores were up 5 or 6 percent over last year, Hovermale said.

Hovermale said that while he likes the new reading test, scores are misleading because they indicate only reading comprehension, not performance on all portions of the test. "It's not averaged out, and that bothers me," said Hovermale. "That was my fear when I first saw the test."

Also, a large number of students scored just below the state's "satisfactory" standard, he said.

St. Peter's Lutheran Day School didn't administer the MEAP test, but is planning to next year, said principal Jerold Meier.

carrier of the month

Canton



Becky Heneveld

Becky, 15, a 10th grader at Plymouth-Canton High School, has been named the Carrier of the Month for November by the Canton Observer. She is the daughter of Harvey and Elaine Heneveld, of Canton, and has had a paper route since October 1987.

Her favorite subjects in school are English and history. Her hobbies are reading, shopping and singing. She has been listed in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and is a member of the Honor's Choir.

Her plans for the future are to attend Hope College and become a teacher. She likes her route because it's a chance to earn spending money. On her route, she has developed her sense of responsibility and record keeping skills. She said other young people could benefit from a route because it helps develop responsibility.

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Police apprehend three vehicle break-in suspects

Two youths and an adult have been arrested in connection with more than 36 vehicle break-ins last weekend, according to Canton police.

An estimated \$6,000 worth of goods were taken from the cars and more than \$4,000 worth of damage was reported, said Pat Nemecek, Canton public safety spokesman.

Two 16-year-old boys from Westland were arrested on larceny charges and released pending a juvenile court hearing. A 21-year-old Ann Arbor man was arrested and is expected to be charged and a 15-year-old girl was apprehended and released, Nemecek said. She wasn't

charged, he said.

Most of the break-ins happened sometime late Friday night or early Saturday morning and involved door locks that were punched out, police said. The break-ins occurred in the north and south part of Canton.

The largest number of break-ins were near Palmer and Sheldon, and Proctor and Sheldon, Nemecek said. In one case, a 1984 Topaz Toyota parked on Vineyard was broken into and a \$104 radar detector was taken. A stereo, valued at \$450 was reported stolen from a 1985 vehicle parked in the 44000 block of Chervon during the same time, police said.

In another case, golf clubs valued at \$750, a briefcase valued at \$125, a calculator valued at \$75, \$30 sun glasses and a \$130 radar detector were reported stolen from a 1986 Dodge Daytona parked on Arbor Way, police said.

Some of the other streets where vehicle break-ins were reported include: Cavalier with more than eight thefts, Ardmore, Brookfield, Pilgrim, Brookpark, Yorktown, Fredricksburg, Arbor and Briarfield, according to police reports. Nemecek said the investigation is continuing and police have more suspects in connection with the break-ins. He also said police patrols have

been increased.

CONCEALED WEAPON: A 20-year-old Detroit man was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon after a Canton police officer stopped him. Nemecek said. The man reportedly ran across Ford Road from Haggerty Road at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 25, Nemecek said.

"He ran in front of the police car," he said, adding that the man was wearing all black clothing. The arresting officer found a gun hidden in the man's pocket. The man reportedly told police that he had the gun for protection, because he

crime watch

planned to go to a Detroit bar later that evening.

These are some of the incidents recently reported to Canton police. For police and fire emergencies call 9-1-1. And for business calls dial 397-3000.

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Critics claim township forgot average citizen

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the ideas, it doesn't mean he supports them. Yack said he often asks the commission to explore all avenues of change.

"You did not read the whole

memorandum," Yack said, adding it was taken out of context. "The memo you referred to was a suggestion to the planning commission that they might want to look at deed restrictions for areas that were suggested."

Ordinance critics take fight door-to-door

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except with minimum corrections, do reflect what the people want."

Yack said residents still have the option of asking the board to amend the ordinances.

"We watched the planning commission fairly resolve the recreational vehicle issue and we as citizens expected like action on other ordinance issues that appeared to be unfair to a large number of Canton citizens," said Addins, speaking for Concerned Citizens. "We've come together and said as the ordinances currently stand, there's too many

areas left to be open."

Some ordinance terminology isn't in the best interest of the residents, he said.

He said the ordinances have ambiguous language that could restrict residential use of pick-up trucks and tow vehicles, certain materials for fences, basketball backboards, decks, sheds, swimming pools, sandboxes and detached garages and screens.

Zoning ordinances affecting house occupations, landscaping, driveways and lawn watering are other areas residents said were unfair.

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Area on 'San Andreas Fault' of chemical transportation

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"We've learned of instances in which federal inspectors would go by the same set of tracks the state inspected the week before. They'd find six, seven or eight additional rail defects."

"We're proposing legislation that would address these issues by requiring compliance with safety laws and regulations, enforcing stronger penalties for non-compliance, adding emergency personnel, generating funds for emergency planning and training, and requiring officials to notify communities of which materials are being transported on their highways and rails," he said.

"PERHAPS MANY people don't realize that the question is not if a hazardous waste accident is going to happen but when," Niederstadt said. "It has already happened in my district, where luckily we were able to respond quickly. But we need to make sure every community is prepared to react to a hazardous material spill or leak."

Niederstadt is looking at legislation that would prohibit or control the transport by rail of large imbalanced loads along with chemical materials.

It is believed that an imbalanced load caused the Freeland derailment.

The subcommittee is examining what other states are doing before recommending specific legislation.

"I think within the next 30 to 60 days, we will have some broad outlines," said Kosteva. "Then we'll begin the discussion process."

The lawmaker predicted legislative action within the first six months of next year.

"We should have clear sailing. Funding might be the anchor weights that will be cause for some concern," Kosteva said.

Plymouth Township restaurant is bouncing back, Italian style

By Kevin Brown staff writer

A Plymouth area landmark business is trying to rebound from its financial woes of recent years. The 55-year-old Hillside Inn — recently renamed Ernesto's, an Italian Country Inn — is "going great," said owner Sam Messina.

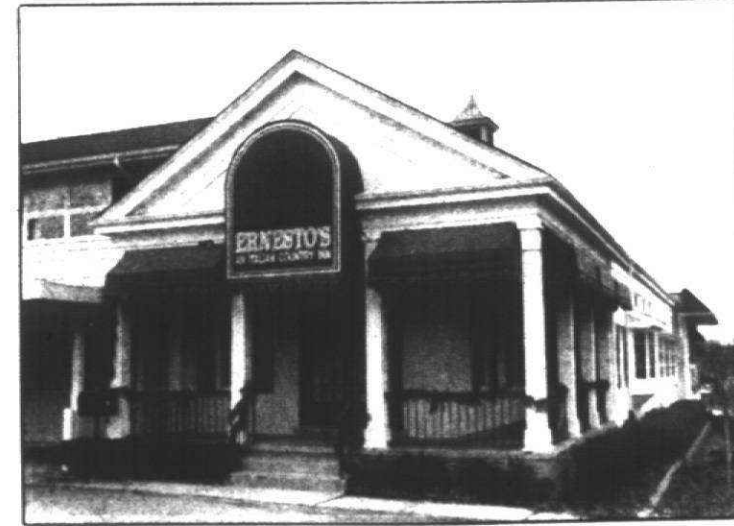
"We were very nervous about the name change," said Messina, of Bloomfield, who changed the name of the restaurant this spring.

Messina is a Chrysler Corp. director of investment. This is his first restaurant venture. He said he wasn't sure about how the public would accept a new name for the Plymouth Township landmark.

"But people have been absolutely ecstatic about the food," he said. Messina and his brother Stephen bought the restaurant in March 1983 from the Stremich family, which converted the restaurant from a house near a branch of the Rouge River in 1934.

By early 1986, Messina said "staggering overhead" caused the restaurant to operate at a loss. Former owner Betty Stremich filed a lawsuit alleging the new owners owed \$57,000 on a land contract and promissory note payments relating to the sale.

And records in the township and county treasurer's offices showed the Messinas owed \$67,000 in property taxes. Meanwhile, some area residents who frequented the restaurant said the quality of the food was inconsistent.



The 55-year-old Hillside Inn in Plymouth Township, recently renamed Ernesto's, is making a comeback from past financial woes.

But this spring, "We brought on board an absolutely spectacular Italian chef," Ernesto DeMichele. "I thought it was the right thing to do."

Italian cuisine "is zesty, flavorful, and there is the perception of it being very healthful and very affordable," Messina said.

While county and township township tax officials said the restaurant is still behind in its tax payments, Betty Stremich said her lawsuit with the Messinas "has been resolved."

Messina, who paid nearly \$1 million for the restaurant, calls it "a



Helen Clinansmith puts her kitchen together.

Canton Place opens doors

New complex offers new life for its residents

By Diane Gale staff writer

Mary McAninch has been waiting for Canton Place to open for more than five years and by week's end, she'll finally move in.

McAninch, who is handicapped, is among the first residents to occupy the 118-unit federally subsidized senior and handicapped housing complex on Ford Road at Sheldon.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," she said while giving her son, Todd and granddaughter, Crystal, 2, a tour of her new home.

"I was so happy when I saw it," she said. "I didn't think I'd get something so nice."

ALTHOUGH SHE'S relieved that the wait is over, McAninch has mixed feelings about leaving her three-bedroom home in Canton, downsizing her belongings and moving to the small apartment.

The only thing that will make it

different is the space," she said.

In fact, she invited her family, which includes seven children and eight grandchildren, to a Thanksgiving meal for the last holiday dinner in her house. Most of the family made it.

As McAninch opened the blinds of her apartment window, revealing a birds-eye view of the landscape and development below, she said, it will be convenient living a stone's throw from K Mart and Meijers.

"I hope I don't watch Canton grow too much," she said.

McAninch, a victim of Parkinson's disease, said the affliction made it too difficult for her to continue living alone in her Canton home. And now, she said, she looks forward to her new life, which will include decorating her apartment.

ONE OF HER many neighbors in the building is Helen Clinansmith, 68, who has lived in Plymouth most

of her life.

"The area is home," she said. "They're (the rooms) are small, but suitable for a person my age," said Clinansmith, adding she has a queen size bed that will span most of her bedroom.

She was given a penthouse suite on the eighth floor.

"There's an advantage to be with others so we can enjoy each other's company," said Clinansmith adding that she looks forward to potlucks and other building activities.

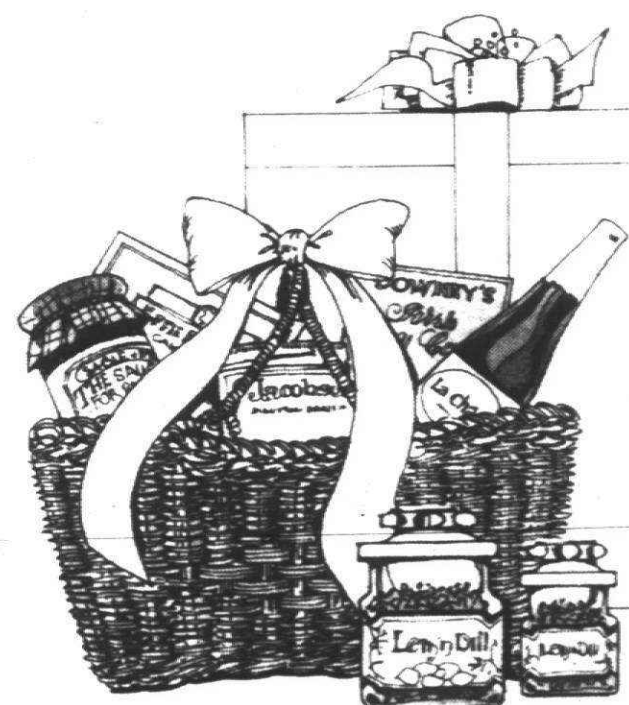
"There's so much to be offered here," she said. "There's a lot of diversions to keep people busy. If they stay in their apartments it deteriorates their health."

CLINANSMITH AND McAninch were among more than 2,000 people who inquired about the facility operated by National Church Residences, a non-profit organization. And of those, 300 actually applied for the 117 apartments. One additional

apartment is used for the resident manager, David Stephens, his wife, Sharon, and son, 18-month-old David. Residents must be at least 62 years old or handicapped to be eligible. Single people must earn no more than \$13,950 annually and couples must earn no more than \$15,950 annually, Stephens said.

There have been many delays since Canton's former supervisor, James Poole and past grants coordinator Terry Carroll began working on getting Housing and Urban Development to approve Canton as an appropriate site among other proposals nationwide. Recent delays were caused by building problems and code inspections.

"Moving into Canton Place is something we looked forward to with great anticipation," Stephens said. "We're very excited to finally have the building open. And I haven't waited as long as some people who have waited for more than three years."



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Tom Swarthout (left), who plays the Bandit in "Rashomon," rehearses a fight scene with fellow student Mike Gee, who appears as the Husband.



Young actors to stage battle

By Julie Brown
Staff writer

Armed combat on stage isn't typically seen in high school theatrical productions.

Combat is very much a part of the Plymouth Park Players' performance of "Rashomon." Two major

leagues, vicious battles — frightening to watch but safe for those involved — are included in the production. "It's a wonderful piece of theater and it's not tackled by high schools very often," said Gloria Logan, director of the Centennial Educational

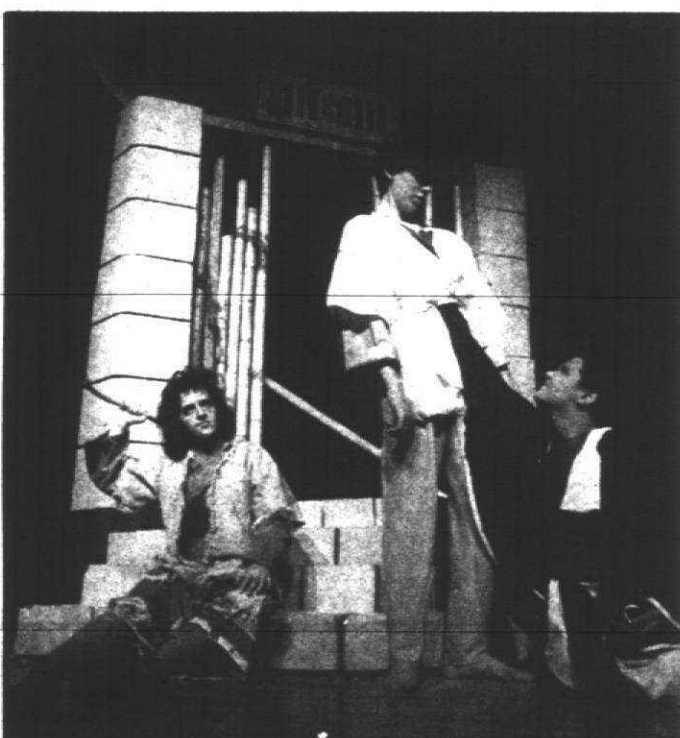
Park production.

"RASHOMON," BASED on the Japanese stories of Ryunosuke Akutagawa, was written by Fay and Michael Kanin.

The story involves the trial of a bandit accused of having murdered a samurai after raping his wife. Each witness tells his or her story of what happened in the bamboo forest of Kyoto more than 1,000 years ago. The play's theme is that the truth isn't always what we'd like it to be. "It's a wonderful piece of literature," Logan said.

PERFORMANCES WILL be at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 8-9, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, on Joy west of Canton Center in Canton. A dinner theater production is planned, with dinner served 6-7:45 p.m. each day. Ticket prices are \$10 for the dinner theater, \$3 for the show only.

At the gate, the cynical Wig-maker (Kim Baldwin) is bored. The Woodcutter (Scott Mancha) is shocked when grabbed by the Priest (Leo Moschouris). Centennial Educational Park students have been busy rehearsing for the upcoming performances of "Rashomon."



Sarah Romine appears in "Rashomon" as a Medium who brings a man back from the dead.

The audience has to work along with us, that's for sure," Logan said.

Each year, the Plymouth Park Players try to present a variety of productions, some more lighthearted than others. "When we do 'The Robber Bridegroom' in the spring, no one's going to have to think about anything," Logan said.

"RASHOMON" won't provide food for thought. Chinese food will be served each evening before the performance.

Catering will be by The Pagoda Inn of Plymouth. Dinner tickets must be bought in advance, by noon the day before each performance. For ticket information, call 459-3518. Tickets for the show only will be sold at the door.

Dinner will include egg rolls, wonton soup, almond chicken or sweet and sour pork, and fortune cookies. Dinner will be served by costumed student waiters.

Diners won't be required to use chopsticks those evenings.

"We don't want them chasing their food down with a stick," Logan said.

Using silverware means theatergoers will be done with dinner in time for the performance.

THE "RASHOMON" cast includes: Leo Moschouris, appearing as the Priest; Scott Mancha, Woodcutter; Kim Baldwin, Wig-maker; Tom Swarthout, Bandit; Mike Gee, Husband; Melanie Farrow, Wife; Sarah Romine, Medium; Jim Carson and Julie Prince, understudies.

The production staff includes: Gloria Logan, director; Chris Barbeau, combat master; Charles Gregory, auditorium manager; Tonya Thomas and Sarah Romine, assistant directors; Jeri Silber, costumer; Scott Mancha, Mark Schmidt and Meghan Lynch, construction/painting; Liz Bain and Jill Benton, makeup; Kristie Howell and Jena Thiele, cuisine.

Also, Kim Strong and Amy Sullivan, publicity; Paul Croll, sound; Todd Linsley, Heather Murley and Beth Turonsha, lights; Karyn Gniwew, house manager.

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Speed limits for 'death trains' split lawmakers

By Tim Richard
Staff writer

The state lawmaker who led an investigation of "death trains" said Michigan needs more training and planning to deal with toxic chemical spills.

Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, also called on the federal government for more emergency planning money.

"We're living on the hazardous waste equivalent of the San Andreas Fault without being adequately prepared to handle a transportation accident involving toxic chemicals," Kosteva told a Lansing news conference Tuesday.

But he stopped short of advocating a 25 mph speed limit for trains carrying toxic chemicals. Such trains travel from Dow Chemical Co. plants in Midland south along CSX Railroad tracks through Milford, Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Westland and Wayne.

BUT REP. Willis Bullard, R-Highland, is holding out for a state-imposed speed limit on chemical-hauling trains.

"His position is the opposite of Sen. (Richard) Fessler's and mine," said Bullard, who lives near the site of a CSX derailment at Pettibone Lake in western Oakland County last April 25.

"They (Kosteva and Democratic leaders) believe federal law pre-empted in this area. I hope Fessler moves his bill in the Senate. They rejected this approach a little too summarily."

Fessler, R-Commerce, chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. Bullard said discussing such a speed limit might prompt the railroad to modify its speed, perhaps to a compromise 30 mph.

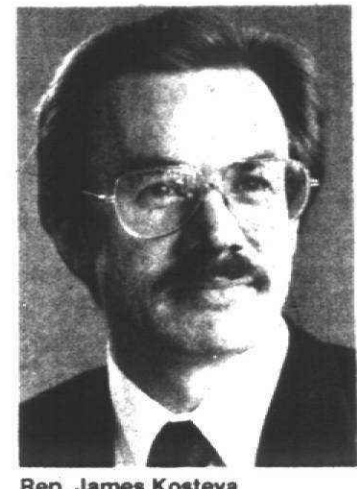
Bullard also disagreed with the contention of House Transportation Committee chairman Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, who said, "I see this as another classic catastrophe of the Reagan-Bush era of deregulation."

Said Bullard: "The Federal Railroad Agency sets speed limits. I don't know that that has been changed by deregulation."

KOSTEVA CHAIRED a special subcommittee of the House Transportation Committee that investigated rail crashes after the July 22 derailment of 14 CSX cars near Freeland in northern Saginaw County. About 3,000 people had to be evacuated for nearly a week, and 40 people were injured.

Kosteva proposed state laws to:

- Require rail and truck companies to comply with safety laws and regulations.
- Enforce stronger penalties for non-compliance.
- Add emergency personnel.



Rep. James Kosteva

Kosteva had no figures on how many state employees would be needed (Bullard said that could be worked out in the on-going budget process).

Give money for emergency planning and training.

Require rail officials to notify communities of which materials are being transported on nearby highways and rails.

Kosteva did not adopt the suggestion of some residents near lines that the state set up a revolving fund to aid small communities, in particular, whose budgets are strained by the costs of evacuation, traffic control and clean-up of toxic train spills.

REP. NICK Ciarraitaro, D-Roseville, said residents have a legal right to know about toxic chemicals near their homes.

"When we crafted the Michigan Right to Know Law, we were determined that rail and truck officials would tell people what was being manufactured and transported through their back yards," said Ciarraitaro, who helped draft the law.

Bullard said lawmakers, beside advocating legislation, also could meet with communities to discuss changes that companies should make.

"We had two meetings with Dow Chemical," he said of his Highland Township area. "Dow was more sympathetic with the views of citizens."

No one was injured in the derailment at Highland, north of Milford, although 50 people were evacuated briefly.

In August of 1977 Novi saw three derailments in two weeks. In January of 1978, 12 freight cars derailed near the intersection of Northville and Five Mile roads. Late last July, a Grand Trunk Western Railway freight with toxic chemicals derailed near the southwestern Michigan village of Cassopolis.

Groups support check lane plan

AP — Six state and local government organizations are joining Michigan's effort to win U.S. Supreme Court approval of police checkpoints to nab drunken drivers, a policy Michigan courts ruled unconstitutional.

"The usefulness of roadblocks in deterring impaired driving overrides the relatively minor inconvenience they cause motorists," said a friend of the court brief filed by the organizations.

"They are the National Governors' Association, International City Management Association, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors and Council of State Governments."

"Over the last decade, sobriety checkpoint programs have become a recognized tool in battling drunk driving," the brief said.

Arguments before the Supreme Court are expected in January.

IN A SIMILAR though unrelated issue, a decision on the legality of Wayne County Sheriff's Department checkpoints to combat drug dealers is still pending.

The sheriff's department conducted the check lanes just one day, Sept. 18, in Inkster. A hearing Thursday, Nov. 30, is expected to determine whether the check lane case will be tried in federal or state courts.

The court's ruling in the sobriety check lane case likely will have a significant nationwide impact on checkpoints as a tool in the fight against impaired driving. All 50 states have used checkpoints to some extent, the National Commission Against Drunk Driving said.

GOV. James Blanchard called on the Michigan State Police in 1986 to begin using sobriety checkpoints as part of a state commission's 84-point

program to combat drunken driving. But only one checkpoint was established — on May 17, 1986. It operated less than an hour, during which 126 motorists were stopped for an average of 25 seconds each. Two motorists were charged with impaired driving.

After opponents of the program filed suit, a Michigan judge ruled the checkpoint program unconstitutional. The Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling, citing "the potential for an unreasonable subjective intrusion on individual liberty interests."

The Michigan Supreme Court let the lower court rulings stand, announcing Feb. 22 it would not review the case.

FILING THE suit were the American Civil Liberties Union Fund of Michigan and six state legislators who oppose the checkpoint program. The program violates the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches and seizures, they contend.

It allows police without a search warrant to stop people who have done nothing suspicious, said Mark Granatowski of Detroit, one of the attorneys handling the suit.

Checkpoints do little to deter impaired driving, opponents also say. H. Ross Lawrence, a University of New Mexico sociologist, testified at the trial that they have the opposite effect, occupying police who otherwise could be patrolling the roads in search of drunken drivers.

"Fewer than 1 percent of the cars going through (roadblocks) are ever stopped for drunk driving," Granatowski said.

Because chances of being caught at a checkpoint are so remote, the

Going west County to send prisoners outstate

By Wayne Peal
Staff writer

Some Wayne County prisoners will soon be sent to jail in western Michigan through a new contract with Allegan County.

But local police, while appreciative, consider the move a symbolic gesture that won't solve the county's jail crowding problem.

Bed space for 32 prisoners has been secured in the Allegan County jail, Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara's office announced last week.

"This is significant because it's the first time we've contracted with another county for direct District Court sentencing," deputy county executive Michael Duggan said.

Though the county has maintained a contract with the Alpena County Jail, prisoners sent to that northern Michigan facility have been offend-

ers, already sentenced to the county work force, who failed to show for county-assigned duties.

The new space will prevent prisoners "from thumbing their nose" at the county, said Judge Robert Brzezinski of the 16th District Court, Livonia.

"WE HAVE a hard time getting people (we sentence) to do anything," said Brzezinski, who pressed for jail space as president of the Wayne County District Judges Association. "Even if they're on probation, the threat of jail has to be there."

Livonia has already been sending prisoners to outstate jails due to local crowding, he said.

Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers, president of the Wayne County Association of Chiefs, said he and his fellow chiefs supported the executive's bid to acquire the new jail space, but even more space was nec-

essary.

"This is a symbolic gesture," Myers said. "What this does is put a Band-Aid on a gaping hole."

Despite the additional space in Allegan County, construction of new cells at the existing jail and the possibility of leasing more space in the Oakland County Jail, local chiefs are concerned the county sheriff's department could lack resources to transport prisoners.

"THERE'S a long-standing frustration that sheriff's department resources aren't being allocated enough to support functions like this," Myers said.

The frustration could be the result of a misunderstanding of how the sheriff's budget operates, Sheriff Robert Ficano said.

"Just as I don't know how their budgets are allocated, they might not know how ours is allocated," Fi-

cano said. "What we have is what we get from the county commission."

Metro Airport patrols are handled through a separate contract. Drug services are financed through forfeiture, and the park patrol is mandated under the county charter.

The executive's office is taking jail space concerns seriously, Duggan said.

In addition to leasing additional space, the county work force — designed for less dangerous offenders — is growing.

"There's about 200 people a day out there cleaning up the highways," Duggan said.

Crowded conditions at the county's downtown jail have been a source of frustration for police and judges alike.

While the new 840-bed county jail in Hamtramck is expected to substantially reduce the crowding problem, it is not yet complete.

Madrigal Dinner tickets still available

Tickets are still available to Schoolcraft College's annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners, though they are going fast.

The four dinners will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, through Sunday, Dec. 10, though seats for the Saturday dinner are becoming especially scarce.

Madrigal singers will enter the hall in full costume at 7:30 p.m. Their entrance is followed by presentation of the wassail and a toast to the Christmas season.

The menu includes whole Cornish hens with trimmings, a hot wassail, figgy pudding and Christmas bread. Each course is presented with

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Christmas concert this weekend

The Plymouth Community Chorus will present its annual Christmas Concert, "Come Home to Christmas," on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, Canton Center and Joy Roads in Canton.

The 16th annual concert by the chorus will feature sacred and secular songs of the Christmas season, including "Away in a Manger," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," "Joy to the World," two arrangements of "Silent Night, Holy Night," and "Let's Make a Christmas Memory," an original composition by Lesley Morrison, the accompanist of the chorus.

Organized in 1973 with less than 25 members, the Plymouth Community Chorus now has 125 male and

female voices. The chorus is under the direction of Michael Gross.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at Sideways in Plymouth or The Giftedder in Northville, as well as from any chorus member. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children. Group rates are available. For ticket information, call 455-4080.

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Rape victim fights for state assistance program

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

Sheila Mandt was a 19-year-old University of Detroit coed, a self-described child of privilege from Bloomfield Hills, when in January of 1985 she was brutally raped in broad daylight and left on a Detroit street.

Only now, nearly five years later, is she able to confront the savage attack that irrevocably changed her life, emotionally scarring her with continuing terror and straining relationships with family and friends.

"I grew up in a very affluent house," she said. "My father was very successful. I attended private schools. I had everything a kid could ever want. But it was a glass bubble and people in the bubble are completely unaware of what's really going on in the world."

"I never thought it was as gruesome as it is," said Mandt, now 24 and living in Birmingham.

Part of Mandt's healing process is fierce dedication to the Michigan Victim Assistance Network, a non-profit organization that provides training seminars for law enforcement officers, members of the judiciary and others who deal with victims of crime.

Because of a recent change in law, the program has lost 50 percent of its state funding, placing it in serious economic jeopardy.

During the nearly four years the Michigan Victim Assistance Network has provided service, the organization has received U.S. presidential commendations for its efforts in training some 3,500 law enforcement officers and others in dealing with victims of crime.

Founded by the Michigan Sheriff's Association, the network "deals with the plight of victims, understanding what the victim or the family is actually going through," said Judy Nichols, director of the Lansing-based

organization. Training is provided free of charge upon request.

"Anybody can request it," including ordinary citizens, said Nichols, whose interest in victims' rights stems from the 1983 murder of her son Denver while he was a security officer in the Air Force.

The network offers five courses of training, ranging in length from four hours to four days each. Training is based on criteria established by the National Organization for Victim Assistance.

"Fifty percent of all crime goes unreported. If people can count on a

'A program like this needs to be around. With every single crime, there are many people who suffer. The actual victim may be dead, but there are other survivors.'

— Sheila Mandt

positive reaction from the criminal justice system, more victims will come forward," Nichols said.

THE NETWORK is the result of the Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act, co-authored by Detroit Recorder-Courier Judge Michael Talbot and state Rep. William Van Regenmortel, R-Jenison.

Based on the law, a victim must be informed of his or her rights within 34 hours of a crime. The law also provides protection for the victim, guarantees his or her participation in all judicial proceedings and allows for restitution from those who are convicted of the crime. When it implemented the law in October 1985, Michigan was the first state to enact such a comprehensive law, according to Nichols.

"I NEEDED HELP" then, but I didn't realize it. It was not until a friend noticed

her extreme distress at the mention of crime that Mandt was finally able to confront the terror of her experience.

"We were watching the (TV) news when I thought, my God, crime is going on everywhere. I became enraged."

When the friend, a male, asked if she had ever been raped, Mandt at first denied the truth. Then, "sensing he would not judge me," she told him what had happened. For the first time in more than three years, "I was able to say the word rape."

Tragedy struck Mandt again, a year ago when her father, Edward, 53, died suddenly at home. Mandt discovered the body.

Her father, a successful businessman who was active in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Michigan, had instilled in Mandt a strong sense of social justice, Mandt said.

"I grew up wanting to save the world," she said.

Her fierce devotion to the Network for victims of crime is Mandt's attempt to "do my best at something. When I die, they can say she gave 110 percent to this."

Mandt's rape has shown her that dealing with resulting feelings of guilt, shame and fear is difficult under the best of circumstances. Dealing with it alone is "hell. People may not want to face such things, but they can't be swept under the rug."



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Fitness Factory Aerobics — Beginning Nov. 21, a five-week holiday extension class is offered in the lower level of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Two classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays; one, 9:30-10:30 a.m., combination of high/low impact; and 10:30-11:30 a.m., low impact. Price is \$23 for two days a week. Baby-sitting services are also available for a minimal charge. Call 397-5110 for further information. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HATHA YOGA — Monday, Nov. 20-Dec. 18 — The Plymouth YMCA is combining physical conditioning with mental relaxation through controlled breathing while in a variety of yoga postures in a hatha yoga class, 8-9:45 p.m. Two classes are offered. The price of the seven-week class is \$55; members, \$35; non-members, the four-week class prices are \$30; members, \$40; non-members. Call 453-2904. (Note: No class Dec. 11.)

ENJOYING THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, Dec. 7 — Speaker Barbara Colmery from the Women's Health Center of Chelsea Community Hospital will speak at the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. She will tell you how to make this holiday season one of fun and fulfillment without feeling frazzled. The Friends of the Library will provide refreshments, making the evening a festive one. Registration begins Monday, Dec. 4 at 455-4345 for reservations by Monday, Nov. 20.

LEGAL NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that 1989 Winter Taxes for Plymouth Township are due December 1, 1989 and are payable without penalty through February 14, 1990. Payment is to be made to Plymouth Township Treasurer, Mary A. Brooks, at the Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48176. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone 453-8830.

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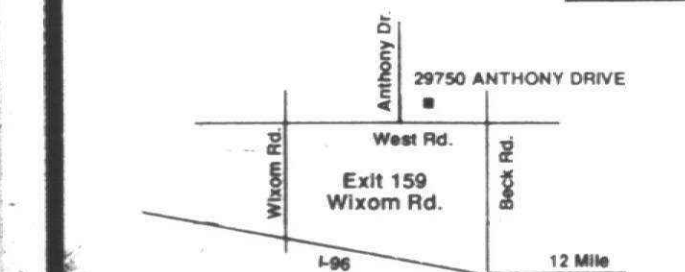
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Thursday, Nov. 30 — Plymouth Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a one-day trip to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada to tour the area and play bingo. Proof of citizenship is required. Price is \$40.50 for city residents, \$41.50 for non-residents. Call the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

PITTSBURGH LUAAU AND CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Plymouth Parks and Recreation is offering a three-day/two-night trip for \$220. Call 455-6620 for more information.

Trips

CHRISTMAS SHOW

Wednesday, Dec. 13 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a trip to the Whiting Auditorium in Flint for the annual Christmas show. The price of the tour is \$38 for Plymouth residents and \$39 for non-residents. A tour of the Sloan Museum is included. Call 455-6620 for more information.

Seniors

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Monday, Dec. 4 — The Salvation Army Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. at the Salvation Army building on S. Main at Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For reservations call 453-5464. First come, first served. 150 people.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Monday, Dec. 4 — All senior citizens are invited to a noon luncheon in Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. The program will be "Ventriloquism and Christmas Carols" by Sandy Goga. Tickets are \$5. Please call Merle Minehart at 455-4345 for reservations by Monday, Nov. 20.

SUNNY FLORIDA

March 18, 1990 — City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a seven-day/six-night trip to Florida, featuring Lido Beach in Sarasota and Orlando. Tour price is \$699. Contact the Recreation Department at 455-6620.

YOUTH

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Saturdays, Dec. 2-16 — This class is designed to teach youngsters ages 4 and 5 years basic social etiquette. Class is 12:45-1:30 p.m. at Plymouth YMCA office. Price for members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Call 453-2904.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, Dec. 9 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a party, 9:30-10:30 a.m., for Canton children, ages 3-7, at Canton Recreation Center (Michigan Ave. at Sheldon). Children will enjoy games, prizes, movie, refreshments and a surprise visit with Santa. Call in advance for reservation, 397-5110.

EDUCATION

Registration for the winter session (Jan. 29 to June 8, 1990) of Canton's preschool program, Canton Crickets, continues at Canton Township Administration, first floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. The program is designed for Canton residents, ages 3 and 4. Children must be 3 years old before Jan. 1, 1990. Birth certificates are required. Class is limited to 14 students. Classes will be 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. The price is \$65. Call 397-5110 for further information.

CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Jan. 27, 1990 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a seven-day Caribbean cruise aboard the cruise ship, The Norway. The departure date is Jan. 27. The price is either \$1,349 or \$1,469, based on accommodations. For further information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

Friendly Rainbow Day Care has preschool openings for ages 2½-5. Michigan certified teachers. Contact Markita Gottschalk at 420-0495.

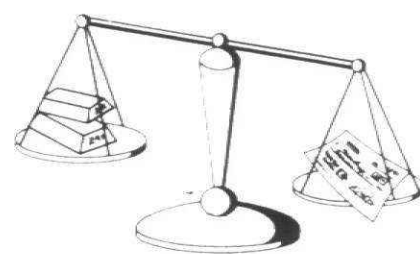
SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools offers a program for children with special needs from birth to the age of 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 may need special educational services, please call the Infant and Preschool Special Education Program at Tanger Elementary School at 451-6560.

School Age

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Fundraiser to aid crime victims

Judge Michael J. Talbot of Detroit Recorder's Court is a known friend to victims of crime.

A member of the bench since 1980, Talbot, 44, a Livonia native noted for tough but fair sentences, helped author Michigan's Crime Victim's Rights Act in 1985.

"He doesn't believe a criminal should just be able to walk free," said Sheila Mandt, a rape victim from Birmingham who is helping organize a dinner-dance on Jan. 13 at the Rostertail in Detroit.

THE EVENT, intended to raise

money for the Michigan Victim Assistance Network, is expected to generate \$30,000, or slightly more than the amount needed if the network is to continue training law enforcement and judicial professionals involved with victims of crime.

Wayne County Prosecutor John O'Hair, Jeff Steffe of the Michigan State Police and William Van Regenmorter, the state representative who sponsored Crime Victim's Rights legislation, are keynote speakers for the evening.

It is hoped that large corporations will underwrite the price of tickets, permitting attendance by members of such organizations as the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Common Ground and Parents of Murdered Children, who otherwise could not afford it, Mandt said.

Tickets are currently on sale. For tickets, call 1-800-875-5500 or 540-3545, or send a check to Fundraiser, Victim Assistance Network, 4410 East Kalamazoo, Lansing 48912. Network memberships are also available at \$25 each.

Funding cuts hurt program

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cording to Van Regenmorter, who said victim rights are guaranteed as of January 1988 by the state constitution.

"We take care of the victim from the time of the crime all the way through, including notification in the event of a prison escape," Van Regenmorter said.

Until recently, the Network received some \$25,000 annually in grants from the Michigan Justice Training Commission, nearly half of the organization's annual operating budget. However, new criteria has eliminated this source of funding and the Network is now dependent on membership dues and other contributions.

"Training is an obvious aspect, if the language and the spirit of the law is to be implemented," Talbot said.

Van Regenmorter agrees, adding "if training is not presently funded under the law, it should be. I intend to investigate the situation and, if necessary, correct it."

Stempien tapped for California court lecture

Wayne County Circuit Judge Marvin Stempien was selected to be a guest lecturer this month for judges of the San Diego Superior court.

Stempien was scheduled to discuss improvement in docket management made in Wayne County courts since a computerized system was installed in July 1986.

Stempien, a Plymouth Township resident, has been a circuit court judge since May 1983. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Detroit College of Law, he served as a Livonia-area state representative from 1965-72.

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Others join state's check lane effort

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program does not deter impaired driving, he said.

"These things make for good PR and good politics, but they don't work," he said.

IN THE friend of the court brief, the state and local government groups cited a National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration study that contends drivers are more fearful of being caught in a roadblock than by a patrolling officer. Most people think they can drive carefully enough not to attract attention even if they've had too much to drink, the study said. But even if the program does little good, the Supreme Court never

has based a constitutionality ruling on whether a program or technique is successful, the brief said. Checkpoints don't violate the Fourth Amendment, as police have no discretion over which cars to stop, the brief said. When a checkpoint is in operation, all drivers who pass through must be treated the same way.

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community calendar

ET CETERA:

Family Events

SUNFLOWER CRAFT SHOW
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 — A variety of crafts will be on display at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough in Canton, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Call Donna at 459-0752 for information.

USED SPORTS EQUIPMENT
Saturday, Dec. 2 — Canton Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to sell used sports or recreational equipment. Sellers can bring their equipment 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, to Coventry Commons Shopping Center, 43335 Joy Road (corner of Joy and Morton Taylor Roads), to be priced and tagged for sale 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. You set the prices, you get the money. Canton Parks and Recreation keeps 15 percent. Volunteers do the selling, so you need not be present. Call Bob Dates at the parks office at 397-5110 for further information.

CHRISTMAS/BAKE SALE
Dec. 8 and 9 — Plan to purchase

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Classes are offered for all levels at Canton Parks and Recreation Center, corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Road on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Price is \$35 per person for 10 weeks of classes. Registration is on a continuous basis, prior to the evening class.

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Education

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Seniors

DAY CARE
Plymouth Family Service is taking referrals for supervised care and a day of planned activities for people 60 and older living in Wayne County. For more information, call 451-1455.

FOOD

The Canton Recreation Center at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon is an official food distribution site for Focus: HOPE, which provides monthly food to Canton senior citizens. Eligible Canton residents may pick up quantities of juice, meat, dry beans, peanut butter, egg mix, cheese and other items. To determine if you are eligible, call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

Health Care

ADULT STUTTERING
Wednesday evenings — An Adult Stuttering Therapy Group is being formed by the Department of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center, 7300 Canton Center Road, in Canton. Participants will learn techniques to control dysfluency, and discuss social and emotional problems often related to stuttering. The group will meet 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Janice Pagnato at 459-7030.

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Group calls on newspapers to use recycled paper

By Wayne Peal staff writer

News must be fresh, but newspapers need not — at least according to a resolution recently adopted by the Conference of Western Wayne. The multi-community group is calling on local daily and weekly newspapers to make greater use of recycled paper.

Motorcycle classes set
Motorcycle safety classes will be offered this month through Schoolcraft College's continuing education services division.

Holocaust talk focus
Dr. Leon Bass, a member of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council Education Committee and a witness to the liberation of Buchenwald, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

WOMENS SOFTBALL
Team members 50 and older practice at the same location, also at 10 a.m. For more information, call 397-1000, Ext. 5444.

Volunteers
The Michigan Eye Center needs volunteers to assist in vision testing for senior citizens throughout the suburban area. No medical background necessary. Seniors welcome. Call 433-3399.

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HOSPICE SPEAKERS
Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations regarding the hospice concept of care. If you would like a speaker for your organization, call the hospice office at 522-4244.

Bell will offer safety service
Michigan Bell will soon offer a service providing a 24-hour security alarm for homes and businesses, officials said.

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will be to use the second-hand newspaper. "It's no secret there's a tremendous glut in recycled newspapers," CWW executive director Daniel Gilman said. "We're asking papers that circulate in our area to do what they can to help relieve that glut."

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Thus far, Gilman said, he has yet to hear any response. "We haven't heard, but we hope newspapers are at least thinking about recycling," he said. As much as 30 percent of the newspaper used by the Observer & Eccentric chain has been recycled, general manager Richard Isham said. Its newspaper, bought from an Ontario supplier, contains a mix of virgin pulp and recycled paper.

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is, we have to be sure it can run on a press our size. Recycled paper tends to be weaker." On Sept. 28, the O&E published all six of its Wayne County editions on recycled newspaper, to coincide with a series of articles focusing on solid waste issues.

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Going upscale Don't forget older residents

CANTON TOWNSHIP is trying to become more upscale. These days it's a challenge.

That means turning the community into a more expensive place to live for new residents. New zoning calls for larger lots, and larger houses in the western portion of the township. We think that's a good idea. Development such as that would help preserve the landscape and produce more tax money for the township and the Plymouth-Canton schools.

However, creating an upscale community has a downside. And that was evident in the recent tussle over an ordinance that would have severely restricted the storage of recreational vehicles next to houses.

The ordinance went nowhere after being proposed at the township planning commission. That was in a good part due to organized opposition by RV owners.

Ironically, the RV ordinance wouldn't have affected residents with larger lots because under it, residents could have parked RVs if they were 150 feet from the property line.

To us, that's at the crux of the problem of trying to come up with zoning ordinances in a township such as Canton, which has diverse types of housing that ranges from smaller houses on smaller lots to larger houses on larger lots.

THE PROBLEM is that a single, uniform ordinance doesn't treat everyone fairly. Such ordinances would probably work better in communities such as Livonia where lot sizes don't vary as much.

During the dispute over the RV ordinance, one resident pointed to a rich Chicago suburb where pick-up trucks had been banned and claimed that Canton was trying to do something similar. Such a ban may be the right thing for that community, but Canton is too large and varied for such ordinances.

To us, that's the challenge faced by Canton. Come up with ordinances that take into consideration the variety of neighborhoods.

We also think that ordinances should be better researched than the proposed one for RVs. Upon questioning, planning commission members said they came up with a more restrictive RV ordinance because some residents thought it would be a good idea.

We wonder how much of a demand there was for that ordinance. Was it just a few neighbors? If it was, the township wasted a lot of time.

Making Canton a more upscale community as the western portion develops is good. And we understand that becoming more upscale means having more restrictive ordinances such as one proposed by Supervisor Tom Yack to control the cutting of woods.

However, in the rush to become upscale we hope that the township doesn't forget about the residents now living in the community, like the planning commission did when it proposed the RV ordinance.

It will be a delicate balancing act for the township, but if successful it will create a community environment in which new and old residents can live in harmony.

Such an act will call for creative solutions and lots of contact with residents in all neighborhoods. Often what will play in one subdivision won't play in another.

And that's what Yack and others need to take into consideration when coming up with ordinances such as the one that would have dealt with RVs.

Becoming upscale is one thing, but alienating older residents is another. They are the reason Canton has grown, and we hate to see them neglected in the move to make the township more upscale.

Honest effort Humane Society faces challenge

WE'RE GETTING out our checkbook for the Michigan Humane Society this holiday season, and we encourage you to do the same — but we need some answers before we'll do so again next year.

It's no secret the Humane Society is in trouble. It's already met with creditors, pleading for time to repay bills.

Nor is it a secret that a former high-ranking Humane Society official is on trial for alleged embezzlement.

What is needed is a clear sign that the society's new management is on the right track in building an honest, open agency that can be trusted with its supporters' contributions. But that takes time.

WHAT WE'VE seen so far, however, has been encouraging. We're impressed the Humane Society seeks to repay all creditors in full, rather than begging them to forgive a portion of the debt.

We've also been impressed with the candor ex-

pressed by Humane Society staff in responding to questions about the crisis. Rather than stonewalling media coverage, they've encouraged it.

For an agency that lives or dies by volunteer contributions, that is a courageous stand to take.

We're aware of how important Humane Society work is in finding homes for stray or unwanted animals, as well as in controlling the animal population.

And we're aware the holiday season is the time most area residents will decide whether to contribute to those activities.

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Contributing to the Michigan Humane Society this holiday season is a leap of faith. But faith after all, is what the holiday season is all about.

Now, it's up to the Humane Society's new management to prove that faith is not misplaced.

Christmas spat Conflict could be positive

CHRISTMAS is a-comin' — but not to the public schools in our towns if some people have their way.

The issue of Christmas in the classroom (read: religion in the public schools) has the potential to become "an emotional free-for-all," in the words of one area administrator.

It's no secret that, over the past few years, pressure has been applied in some suburban districts by religious minorities to keep the traditional symbols of Christmas out of the public schools.

THOSE WHO favor keeping Christmas (or any other religious holiday) from becoming an official part of public education have a strong argument.

Remember the First Amendment? You know Congress shall make "no law respecting an establishment of religion."

We've said it before, but it bears repeating: Perhaps dismissing the issue as a Constitutional one is too simple an answer.

Perhaps a potentially harmful situation can be defused — and turned into something positive for all concerned.

What we have here is a bad case of culture shock for both sides. Come Christmas in suburbia, two or more cultures are forced to look each

other squarely in the eye during a season that's supposed to be filled with kindness and joy.

Rather than an "emotional free-for-all," parents and educators should view the issue as an excellent opportunity for working together to teach their children about the various cultures and religions that must coexist on this planet.

THAT'S NOT religious education. That's simply learning about life.

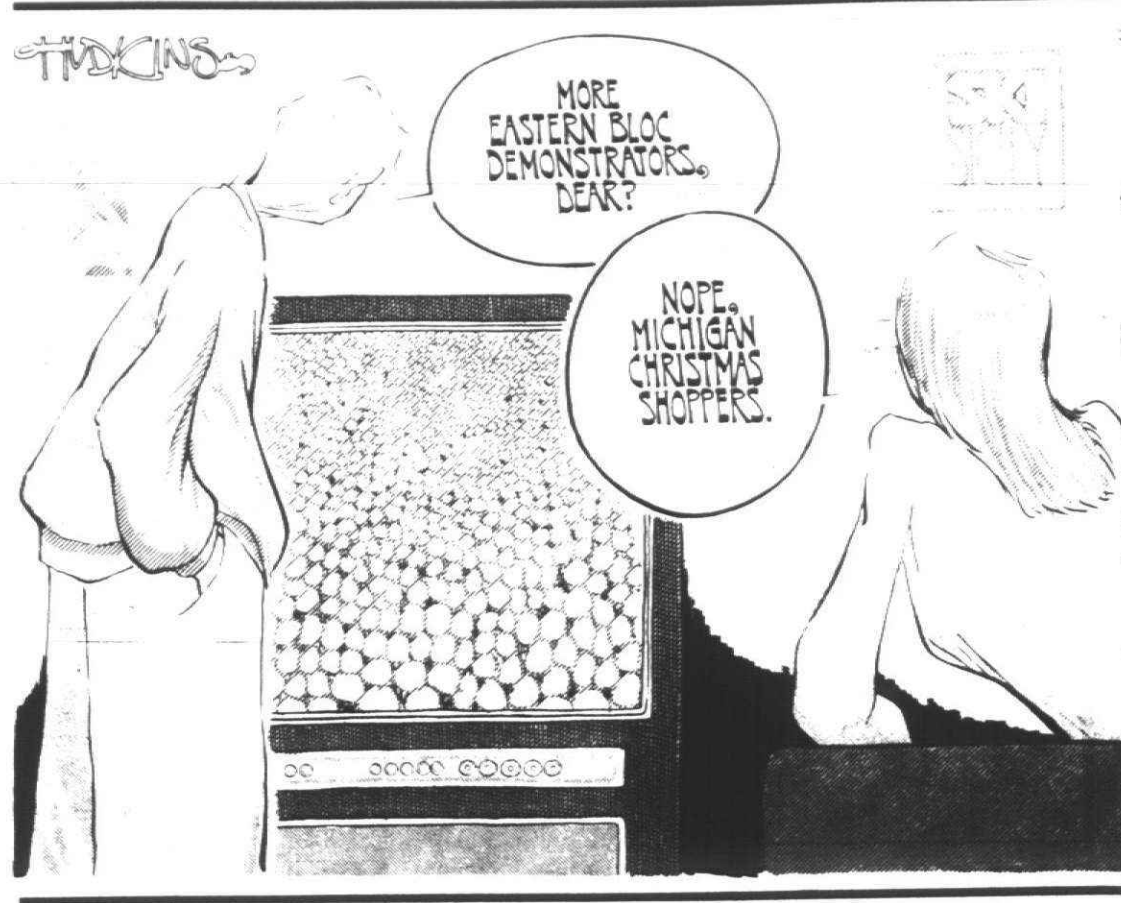
As experienced in the ways of the world as we think we are, few of us really have a very good understanding of each other's cultural values or why we feel the way we do.

And, unfortunately, some of us tend to pass on this lack of knowledge and misunderstanding to our children. The whole thing in this December Dilemma issue is that both sides have to understand.

The Christians — and most of our communities are overwhelmingly Christian — have to understand why the religious minorities feel the way they do about Christmas in the classroom.

And the religious minorities have to understand why the others are finally fighting back after years of silence on the issue.

Just understand why people feel the way they do. That's not too much to ask this holiday season. Is it?



Happy holidays — stay safe

I HATE TO BE the one, but somebody's gotta do it. Tomorrow is Dec. 1 and you know what that means.

You'd better watch out, you won't have to cry, if you just BE CAREFUL.

It's time for the annual warnings from those concerned folks who want to let you know that Christmas can be dangerous. So here we go.

War toys are definitely out this year. If you don't believe it, you won't have to ask. Just try to get into your local Toys "R" Us store, past that person carrying the placard that says "G.I. Joe Has Got To Go."

A professor at Goshen College down in Indiana agrees. She says toys associated with violence should be eliminated from a child's environment because their presence suggests that parents approve of violent behavior.

Today's toys, the professor says, aren't the same thing as the cap guns and toy soldiers that some of us grew up with. At a program called "Disarming the Child," Professor Katherine Auschman said children's toy boxes today are veritable arsenals of imitation weapons and that aggressive play results in aggressive behavior in later life.

You don't want to turn your little darling into a lean, mean fighter, do you? Rather than stonewalling media coverage, they've encouraged it.

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The toys on the list include such things as a Jaunty Jolopy Tot-A-Bout, a Sesame Street Musical TV Wind Up, Big Bird's Motor Boat, a Donald Duck Plush Toy and a particular brand of a wooden train set.

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show at Salem High, put on by Canton High last Friday night.

Christina Branham, the director, did a great job with her girls. However, the emcees and the skits were barely audible because of the intermittent heckling by some members in the audience, primarily the Salem football team.

Where was the principal of Canton or some other authority? Where was an adult to make an announcement that the families were there to enjoy the program and those constantly disrupting would be told to leave?

You would think you were at a rock concert, basketball or football game, not in a school auditorium.

I had empathy for the students in the show.

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points of view

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THE MORE one looks into this "teen pregnancy" problem, the more shattering to society it appears.

"Teen pregnancy" is a euphemism developed by social workers to dress up the notion of out-of-wedlock births. For three straight decades, the percentage of babies born in this social condition has risen steadily. And the cost to society has risen even faster.

We already knew, for example, that an unmarried girl who has a baby is far more likely to require welfare (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) than any other group in the population.

Now we're finding out that their kids are far more likely to have expensive illnesses.

TEEN MOTHERS as a group have about 20 percent of the babies born in the United States each year.

But about 50 percent of babies in hospital neonatal intensive care units (NICU) were born to teen mothers. In other words, the teen's baby is far more likely to require NICU treatment.

Intensive care for babies costs about \$1,500 a day. The average stay is 60 to 90 days. That's a staggering \$90,000 to \$150,000 per child.

The foregoing numbers were gleaned from a ton of statistics by the Adoption Option, a Huntington Woods-based informational group which promotes adoption.

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ries mentioned a father or his whereabouts. The inescapable conclusion was that fatherless kids were far more prone to premature death by violence than kids in two-parent families.

Now I find — again from the Gorwitz article — that the new media aren't alone in dancing around this delicate question of fatherless kids.

"Further, community service agencies commonly do not acknowledge the existence of adolescent fathers-to-be and fail to provide services for them," he wrote.

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And then folks wonder why there never seems to be enough revenue in the state coffers for school aid, state colleges and toxic cleanups.

Why are science scores low?

Q I have been a middle school science teacher for 17 years and I just found out that our Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores are not very good. As a matter of fact, the scores are a little embarrassing. We have a good science teaching staff in my building. My question is, is the new MEAP science test fair or are we science teachers doing that bad a job in science teaching?

A Depends on who you talk to. One of the problems in regards to not scoring better is that your curriculum doesn't match the eighth grade MEAP science test.

In your district, you teach earth science (geology) at the sixth grade level, biology (sometimes called living science) at the seventh grade and a combination of introductory chemistry and physics at the eighth grade level. When your eighth grade students took the science test last September they had not been taught the physical science (chemistry and physics) portion of the test because your curriculum doesn't teach chemistry and physics in the sixth or seventh grade to any extent.

Said another way, how can you (or I) expect students to score well on a state mandated eighth grade science test when the students haven't yet been taught the concepts tested (physics and chemistry)?

Nevertheless, this typical educational "guarded" position or rationalization isn't going to "fly" with the general public.

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Meteor showers twinkle in December skies

Everyone knows that the start of winter (and the shortest days of the year) occurs in December. This month's events also include two meteor showers, Venus at its brightest and an opposition of Jupiter.

Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn are evening planets this month. Mars will be visible before sunrise.

The length of the day decreases by 11 minutes this month. On Dec. 1 the sun rises at 7:42 a.m. and sets at 5:01 p.m., for a possible nine hours and 19 minutes of sunlight. On the 31st these times are 8:01 a.m. and 5:09 p.m. for a possible nine hours and eight minutes of sun. (All times are Eastern Standard Time.)

Face southwest, 45 minutes after sunset, on Dec. 1 to see a nice grouping with the moon, Venus and Saturn. Venus is the brilliant "star" to the south (left) of the moon. Saturn is about the same distance to the west (right) of the moon.

On the following night, the moon has moved to the south of Venus. (Keep watching Saturn during December. Later this month it will help you find Mercury.)

Use a small telescope to observe Venus before total darkness. You may be surprised to see that planet looking like a one-third crescent moon. Venus, like the moon, reflects the light of the sun and has phases. Watch Venus during the month and you'll see its phase growing smaller.

The moon is at first-quarter phase at 8:26 p.m. Dec. 5. It is one-quarter of its way around the earth.

JUPITER'S FOUR largest moons will put on a nice display on the evening of the 8th. They will be lined up with Io (EYE oh) and Europa (yur OH pa) to the east of Jupiter, Ganymede (GAN ee mead) and Callisto (cal LIS toe) will be on the west.

On the next night, all four moons will be aligned to the west of Jupiter. These largest moons are visible through binoculars, so don't let the lack of a telescope stop you from observing.

Look for Jupiter in the east-northeast, two hours after sunset. It looks like a very bright star in the constellation of Gemini (GEM in eye).

The moon is in the constellation of Taurus on the evening of the 10th. Below and to the left of the moon is the beautiful Pleiades (PLEE a dees) star cluster. The Pleiades looks like a tiny dipper, but the light scattered by the moon will make the cluster difficult to see.

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Full moon occurs at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 12. The moon will be fully lighted by the sun tonight and rise in the east northeast as the sun sets in the west southwest.

When the moon is full, it is always opposite the sun. Since the sun is at its lowest in the sky for the year in December, this full moon will be at its highest for the year.

WATCH THE MOON move through Gemini from the 12th through the 14th. The full moon is about 12 degrees above Jupiter on the 12th, and five degrees to the left of Jupiter on the 13th.

On the 14th, 2½ hours after sunset, the moon forms a straight line with Pollux (PAUL lux) and Castor, the "heads" of the twins.

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meteor showers reaches its peak during the predawn hours of the 14th.

The Geminid (GEM in mid) shower is named for the constellation of Gemini, from which all the "falling stars" appear to radiate. The Geminid shower is one of the years best, with as many as 50 meteors visible each hour.

Also on the 14th, Venus attains its maximum brightness. The planet is so bright, some people claim they have seen their shadows cast by Venus-light.

If you have been keeping track of Saturn, you can use it to locate Mercury. Mercury will be 2½ degrees below Saturn on Dec. 16. Both objects are low in the southwest, 45 minutes after sunset.

You may need to use binoculars to find them in the glare of evening twilight, and you will certainly need an unobstructed horizon. Mercury will be slightly higher in the sky within a week, but Saturn will be long gone.

The moon is high in the southwest 45 minutes before sunrise Dec. 17. The bright star above the moon is Regulus (REG u lus), the "heart" of Leo the lion.

By the morning of the 18th, the moon has passed Regulus. On the 19th, the moon is below the star Denebola (da NEB oh la), the "tail" of Leo.

The moon is officially at last quarter phase at 6:45 p.m. Dec. 19. It is beginning the last quarter of its orbit around the earth.

Raymond Bullock was the former coordinator of the Cranbrook Institute of Science planetarium and observatory. He now works for a Troy company that specializes in laser displays and effects.

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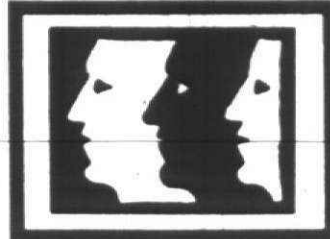
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Dancers put best foot forward

By Julie Brown
staff writer

MUSICIANS FROM the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra don't mind sharing the spotlight with dancers.

Musicians are preparing for performances of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker." Performances will be

at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy, Canton.

Dancers — children, teenagers and adults — will share the spotlight with the PSO musicians.

"We're glad to collaborate with kids like that, and get them involved," said Russell Reed, music director and conductor for the Plym-

outh Symphony Orchestra. He and the others know eyes will be on the dancers during "The Nutcracker" performances and that's just fine.

"I don't think that's a concern at all," said Reed, a professor of music at Eastern Michigan University. "We're trying to enhance what they're seeing."

THE FULL-LENGTH performances will attract a number of people who aren't regular concertgoers.

"And we hope they'll come back later. It's probably the best known and most popular seasonal work, at least dance work," Reed said. "It's one of the best known works by Tchaikovsky."

"The Nutcracker" tells the story of Clara, a young girl who receives a Nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve. Her new toy comes to life and leads Clara on a series of adventures.

About 55 of the dancers appearing in the production are from the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Open auditions for dancers were held in September.

Dance rehearsals are under the direction of Barbara Raschke, owner of Dance Unlimited in Plymouth, and Carol Scharp, director of the Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre.

Some of the local dancers study at Dance Unlimited, said Raschke, a Canton resident, while others take classes at other studios.

Raschke's working with younger

dancers ages 6-12. The teenage and adult dancers are working with Carol Scharp in Ann Arbor. Some older dancers from the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area are working with the ballet company in Ann Arbor, rehearsing for the performances.

THE ANN ARBOR Ballet Theatre has presented "The Nutcracker" annually in recent years in Ann Arbor. Plymouth Symphony Orchestra members and others thought a local performance would be well-received.

"We explored a number of different things," said Reed. Last year, the PSO presented "Amahl and the Night Visitors," and musicians thought "The Nutcracker" would be a good choice this year.

"It's a wonderful story," Reed said. "It's easy to understand and easy to follow. It's a delightful work and it's fun to conduct."

Many orchestra members have played the music before, he said. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has performed "The Nutcracker" in the past, although not during Reed's tenure. This is his third season as PSO music director and conductor.

Orchestra members plan to rehearse with the dancers, and to hold rehearsals on their own, Reed said. The musicians are looking forward to the holiday performances.

"Some of them have expressed an-

ticipation," he said. "It's fun music to play."

About 55 musicians will play for "The Nutcracker." The strings section had to be cut by about half, Reed said, because space in the auditorium is limited.

THE LOCAL dancers have been rehearsing weekly at Dance Unlimited, Raschke said. Dancers are rehearsing in smaller groups, based on what scenes they appear in.

A recent rehearsal in Ann Arbor included the entire cast. The Ann Arbor Ballet Theatre plans to perform "The Nutcracker" in Ann Arbor again this year, in addition to performing in Canton.

The dancers are also looking forward to their time on stage, Raschke said.

"They are excited about it. The children that I've been working with know their roles. They've all been working really hard. I have no doubt they will be well-prepared."

Some dancers will appear as mice and as soldiers, while some will appear as children at the party in the first act. Some will appear as toys under the Christmas tree, including Raggedy Ann and Andy, dolls, teddy bears and clowns. A group of Sugarplums will dance with the Mother Ginger character.

Appearing in "The Nutcracker" gives young dancers a chance to develop a certain presence and self-confidence, Raschke said. Students must learn to work with different dancers and not just with people they know.

Dancing as part of a live performance is also a good experience for the students. Taped music will always be the same, but that's not so for a live performance.

"But the live performance is nice because the conductor can adjust the tempo according to the needs of the dancers," Raschke said.

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Kate DeRoche leads the way for one of the scenes in "The Nutcracker."



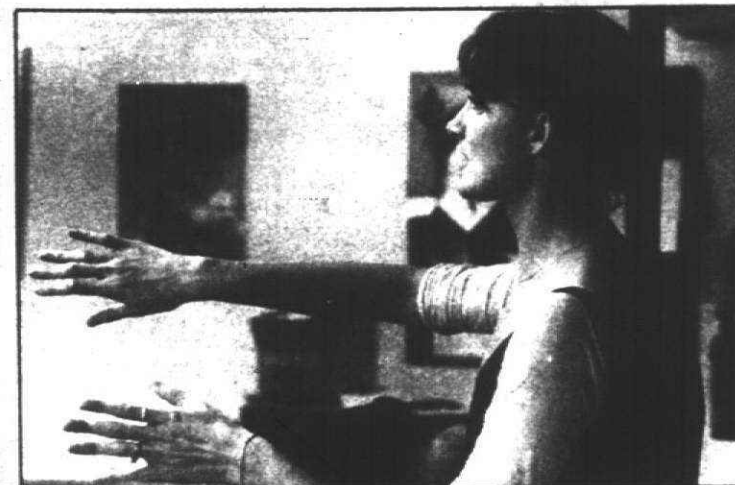
Katie O'Connell concentrates on her performance during a dance rehearsal.

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by Guy Warren



The cast includes (from left): Rachel Palczynski, Laine Hardy, Lauren Blasier, Andrea Miller, Elizabeth Sattler, Devin Burn-

stein, Kelsey Frazer, Katie O'Connell and Beth Roselle. The students are rehearsing with Barbara Raschke, dance instructor.



Dance instructor Barbara Raschke provides some guidance during a rehearsal for "The Nutcracker." Performances will be at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, in the auditorium of Plymouth Salem High School.

Holidays celebrated with jazzy style

By Julie Brown
staff writer

CHRISTMAS IN the 1920s had a different look than modern-day celebrations do.

"The Roaring 20s Christmas" is the theme of the current main exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum. A visit to the museum, at 155 S. Main in Plymouth, provides a glimpse into Christmases past.

"We got the idea because of the wonderful clothing we have in our collection already," said Beth Stewart, museum director.

The museum's central area upstairs shows a group celebrating a 1920s Christmas. The mannequins wear clothing of that era while listening to music on a Victrola.

A 1923 Sears Roebuck catalog, the "Thrifty Book of a Nation," rests on a table in the exhibit. Sheet music for such songs as "Doin' the Raccoon" is displayed.

THE MUSEUM'S Alter car is included in the exhibit upstairs. The cars were assembled in Plymouth from component parts made elsewhere. About 1,000 cars were assembled from 1915 to 1918.

"As far as we know, this is the only one left," Stewart said.

The car sold for \$658 back then, "which seems really cheap to us." At that time, Ford's Model T cars were rolling off the assembly line priced at about \$300 less.

Jeanne MacDonald, exhibits chair-

woman, did much of the work on the exhibit, which will continue through Jan. 21. A variety of items from the 1920s are featured.

Musical instruments are included, along with a number of 1920s toys. One exhibit describes the 1929 stock market crash which signaled the end of the era.

Postage stamps are on display, along with a model of Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" plane made by Phil Lundy. Jewelry is included in the exhibit, along with 1920s Fox Theatre programs.

Holiday buttons, some featuring Santa Claus designs, are on exhibit. One button includes the slogan "Meet Me at Crowley Milner's" and shows Sant with his arms around that Detroit department store.

Various holiday buttons were used by retailers, banks, insurance companies and other businesses during that era.

ONE PART of the exhibit tells the story of Christmas Seals, which have been used throughout this century to raise money for charitable projects. Decorations in the museum, including Christmas trees and wreaths, were provided by members of the Trailwood Garden Club and Lakepointe Garden Club.

The 1920s was a decade of tremendous change, Stewart said. Dress styles and social attitudes that would have been unthinkable in Victorian America became more acceptable.

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The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, is decorated for the Christmas season. The museum's annual Christmas party will be noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gifts found at museum in Canton

HARD-WORKING members of the Canton Historical Society don't mind sharing the fruits of their labors with others.

A holiday craft sale will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at the Canton Historical Museum, at the corner of Canton Center and Proctor roads in Canton.

Gift items for friends and family will be easy to find at the sale.

"They've all been made by members of the society," said Melissa McLaughlin, Canton Historical Society board member.

Crocheted angels and snowflakes — perfect for decorating Christmas trees — will be sold. Homemade jams and jellies will be sold, along with baked goods, decorative pillows, various Christmas ornaments and wooden decorative items.

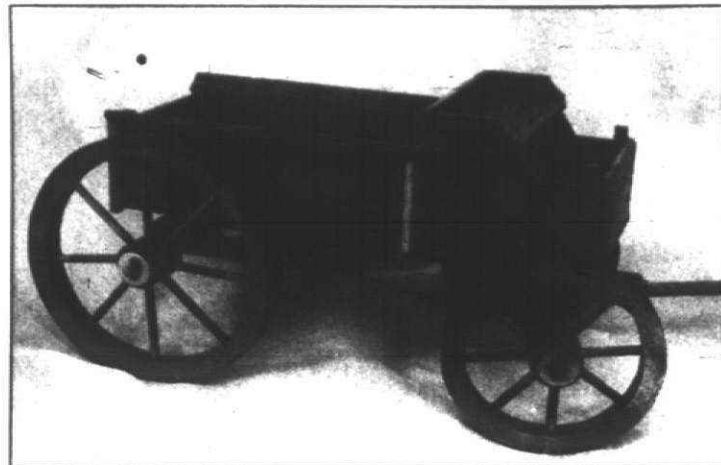
Country crafts, such as stuffed an-

imals, Christmas stockings and mittens, will be sold. A raffle will be held, with a baby quilt and a sewing kit to be raffled off. Raffle tickets, priced at \$1, will be available at the Canton Historical Museum during the sale.

PLACEMATS, POTPOURRI, soup mix and baskets decorated with dried flowers will be available. Not all of the items have a Christmas theme.

"It's sort of a mixture," McLaughlin said. "There's Christmas stuff and then there's just sort of everyday stuff."

Proceeds from the sale will support the operations of the Canton Historical Museum. Bulletin boards in the museum's display cases need some work, McLaughlin said, and that project will keep society members occupied during the winter.



Wooden decorative items will be sold at the Canton Historical Museum Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2.

Craft items not sold will be available during regular museum hours, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, after the sale.

A Christmas open house will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Canton Historical Museum. Christmas caroling, with Cheryl Beauchamp playing the piano, will be part of the fun. Refreshments will be served.

An auction of "mystery" items weighing one pound is planned for

the evening of Thursday, Dec. 14. The public may attend the holiday get-together.

"It's something for the members, a nice way to get together," McLaughlin said. The get-together serves as a thank-you for people who help the Canton Historical Society throughout the year.

"It's just sort of a fun, social type of thing." The museum will be decorated for the holidays, with antique toys and other seasonal items on display.

Canton Historical Society members have also been hard at work preparing their 1990 calendar.

The calendar includes school, township and club/organization information for Canton Township. The calendar will be mailed to Canton residents in December.

Copies are also available for Canton residents at the Canton Township Administration Building (cashier's office) and at the Canton Historical Museum during regular museum hours.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Nap time

Nicholas Bresso, 15 months, naps on the shoulder of his grandmother, Marge Nori. The two went to a Christmas arts and crafts show over the weekend at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The show, sponsored by the city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, will continue this weekend at the center. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Admission is free.



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Canton Historical Society member Tillie Schultz displays a baby quilt, one of the raffle items for the society's sale.

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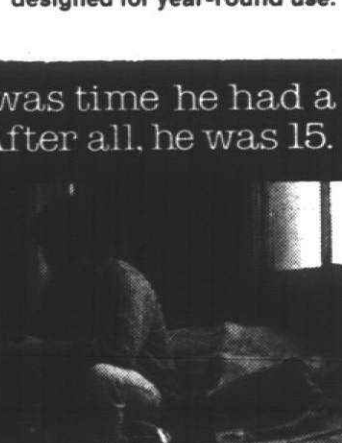
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Holiday time at museum

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Women wore shorter skirts and shorter hairstyles during the 1920s. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution became effective in 1920, and women won the right to vote. Even so, not everyone was convinced women should have that right.

The clothing in the exhibit comes from the museum's collection, which means it was worn by local women. "I think that kind of hits home as much as anything," Local women wore the fashionable styles of the era.

At the same time, Plymouth remained dry in the 1920s and well beyond the time Prohibition ended. It would be years before hotels and restaurants in Plymouth began to serve liquor.

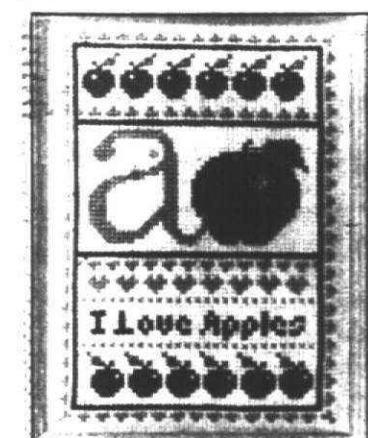
"You've still got a real conservative aspect of the town," she said.

REGULAR HOURS at the Plymouth Historical Museum are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. The museum will be closed Sundays, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. It will be open extra hours 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 29 and Jan. 5.

The museum will hold a Christmas open house noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. From 4-7 p.m. that day, the museum will host the Geer School Restoration Gala.

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the Christmas open house. Charlene Berry, a Plymouth Historical Society member, will play the dulcimer. A raffle will be held during the open house. Raffle tickets, priced at \$2, are available in advance at the Plymouth Historical Museum and will be sold during the open house.

Several raffle prizes will be available, including a lap-sized quilt that folds into a pillow. That was donated by the Plymouth Piecemakers, a local quilters' group.

A cornhusk doll made by Mary Rush and a scrimshaw belt buckle made by Bill Nelson are among the raffle items. Framed art work will be included in the raffle.

Holiday gifts are also easy to find at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The museum's gift shop includes a variety of gifts for people of all ages. Some of the gifts have a Christmas

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weddings and engagements

Johnston-Hastings

Lynne Grace Hastings of Sterling Heights and Mark Landi Johnston of Plymouth were married Oct. 13 at St. Blaise Catholic Church in Sterling Heights. The Rev. Joseph Killeen performed the ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Richard and Ann Hastings of Sterling Heights and John and Jean Johnston of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelor's degree in fine arts. She is employed at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Her husband is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she received a bachelor's degree in fine arts. He is employed as an engineer with Pacific Industrial Furnace.

Sister of the bride Denise Hastings was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Cheryl Zink, Pam Kennedy, Jeannine Andre, Kim Indish and Nicole Bone.

Brother of the bridegroom Kevin Johnston was the best man. The groomsmen were brother of the bridegroom Brad Johnston, brother of the bride Rich Hastings, Bert Sarafian, Larry Renton and Darren Tribble.



For her wedding, the bride wore a long white gown with lace and beading on the bodice. The gown had a long train adorned with lace and beads. She carried a cascading bouquet of white gardenias, roses, carnations and stephanotis with greens.

A reception was held at Roma's of Bloomfield. Following a wedding trip to the Hawaiian Islands of Maui and Kauai, the newlyweds are making their home in Plymouth.

West-Crete

Richard and Bonnie West of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Robert Crete of Northville, son of John and Carole Crete of Northville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. She is a student at Michigan State University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School. He is employed at Sunshine Honda in Plymouth.

A May 1991 wedding is planned.



new voices

Dave and Tracy Gilliam of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Lynn, Nov. 7 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Dave and Carolyn Gilliam of Ypsilanti and Roy and Jeannine Hall of Grand Rapids. Sarah Lynn has a brother, Andrew, 2.

Donald and Terrilyn Keski-Hyynila of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Leina Kristina, Sept. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Thomas and Frances Weir of Ann Arbor and Virginia Smith of Flint. Ryan has a sister, Alexa, 5.

Bill and Beth Gorman of Plymouth announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Emigh Gorman, Oct. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin P. Gorman of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Hand of Pentwater, Mich. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Felke Sr. of Plymouth, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yagelo of Brown City, Mich.

Kevin and Laurie Smith of Plymouth announce the birth of a son, Ryan Weir Smith, Nov. 5 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Thomas and Frances Weir of Ann Arbor and Virginia Smith of Flint. Ryan has a sister, Alexa, 5.

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OPEN HOUSE

An open house for parents will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Fenton, Redford. Gibson is a non-profit school for students ages 4-13. The school offers a variety of classes, and financial aid is available. For more information, call 537-8688.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS

The Canton Historical Society will have a holiday craft sale 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at the Canton Historical Museum, 1150 S. Canton Center, at Proctor in Canton. Crafts have been made by society members. A baby quilt and a sewing kit will be raffled off during the sale. Raffle tickets, priced at \$1, will be available at the museum during the sale. A variety of craft items for Christmas and year-round use will be sold.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church. The "Celebrating Christmas" program will feature music provided by the Northville High School Singers. Those attending should bring scarves and mittens for the "Mitten Tree" and canned goods for Christmas baskets. All items will be donated to the Salvation Army.

BY MYSELF

By Myself Singles is a Plymouth-based group for singles age 21 and older. Members will go to Joey's Comedy Club Friday, Dec. 1. Club meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Other activities are planned each month according to members' interests. For more information and to receive the newsletter, call 680-7765.

WESTSIDE II

Westside Singles II will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will have a dance party 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Livonia Elks Lodge, on Plymouth Road east of Merriman. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

BETHANY WEST

Bethany West will host a Christmas dance at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Bethany West is a support group for divorced and separated people. A short meeting will be before the dance. Price is \$5, including beer and setup. A disc jockey, Chico, will provide the music. For more information, call 255-4668 or 562-2805 after 5 p.m.

THREE CITIES

Three Cities Art Club will have an art show at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, during the Plymouth Historical Museum's Christmas party. The museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. A donation from the Three Cities Art Club will be given to Green School for restoration. For more information, call Kay Fill, club president, 455-8805.

TRAIL WALK

A monthly trail walk will be offered at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. The topic will be "Winter Survival — Plants and Insects." Participation is free of charge. Participants should meet at 2 p.m. in the lobby of the conservatory at the gardens; they should dress for the weather and should wear warm boots. The walk will last at least 1 1/2 hours.

CANTON BPW

The Canton Business and Professional Women will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the Roman Forum Restaurant, on Ford Road in Canton. Dinner, priced at \$10, will be served at 6:30 p.m. Members should bring one canned good for the Salvation Army and one "Toy for Tots" (wrapped, marked with age/sex of recipient). The holiday get-together will also include a gift auction.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

The St. John Neumann Seniors/50-Up Club will have its annual Christmas party at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Leight's in Westland. New members and guests may attend. For more information, call 495-1307 or 459-4091.

PLAY AUDITIONS

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will have open auditions for the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon." Auditions will be 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 5-7, at the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. (Look for the water tower on the campus.) A cast of 30 singers, non-singers and dancers will be needed, including three female and six male lead roles. Rob Morgis will be the director. Performance dates are Feb. 2-3, 9-11 and 16-17. Those who are auditioning should bring a prepared song. Auditions are open to those of all ages. For more information, call 453-8306.

NEWCOMERS CLUB

The Plymouth Newcomers Club will have its annual open house for members and prospective members 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7. A light snack and refreshments will be served. The club is for residents of Plymouth or Plymouth Township who have lived in the community two years or less. Prospective members who would like to attend may call 680-5593. Gifts from members will be accepted at the open house to be given to the Plymouth Opportunity House.

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The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). For more information, call the hot line, 562-3170.

PAPER SALE

The Plymouth Goodfellow will have their fund-raising paper sale Saturday, Dec. 2. Participants should meet at 9 a.m. at the first station behind Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main. For more information, call 453-7284 or 453-4987.

SNOWFLAKE BALL

The Plymouth Symphony League will have its "Snowflake Ball" Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing. The event provides an opportunity to celebrate the season with friends and neighbors while supporting the league and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. Ticket price is \$65 per couple. Tickets are available at Evola Music Center, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road (across from McDonald's), Plymouth, and at Me and Mr. Jones, 827 W. Ann Arbor Trail, downtown Plymouth. For more information, call 453-8984.

WEST POINT

The West Point Society of Michigan will host an Army-Navy game football party Saturday, Dec. 9. Service academy graduates who would like to attend may call Glenn Nenniger, 525-2565.

ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile east of Farmington Road. Pat Siegel from Children's Hospital of Michigan will be the speaker. For updated meeting information, call 464-8233.

PLAY GROUP

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ST. MICHAEL GROUP

A meeting for singles will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 Sheldon, Canton. The evening will include fun, food, fellowship and games. A nursery will be available. A free will offering will be taken. For more information, call 981-6360.

MOMS AND TOTS

The Moms and Tots of the Canton Newcomers Club will meet 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. Those attending should bring a wrapped Golden Book. Children will be able to have their pictures taken with Santa for a minimal charge. For more information, call 453-8720.

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Young dancers take to the stage



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Tickets for "The Nutcracker" must be bought in advance. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and seniors, \$5 for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Tickets are available at: Beitner Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (across from McDonald's); Orin Jewelers, 101 E. Main, Northville; Bookstall On The Main, 116 E. Main, Northville; and Hammill Music, 15630 Middlebelt, Livonia. To charge tickets, call the PSO office, 451-2112.

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Sarah Balfour (left) and Rachel Lukasik are among the students who will perform in the local production of "The Nutcracker."

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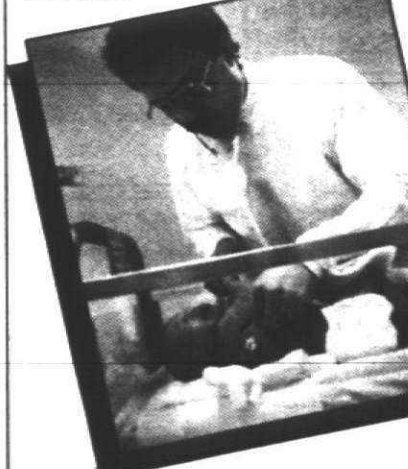


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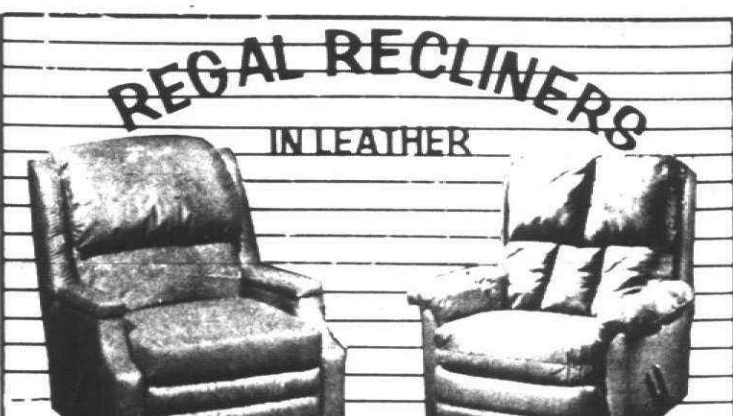
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Great skates sharpen skills to compete

TWENTY figure skaters, from communities including Canton Township, Garden City, Westland and Redford Township, are scheduled to compete in Midland this week in the Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships.

The event started Monday and will continue through Saturday, said Michael Keyanchuk, president of the Garden City Figure Skating Club of which the 20 skaters are members. The event will be hosted by the Midland Figure Skating Club.

The local skaters will be competing on several levels in hopes of moving on to the midwestern sectional championships, he said.

Keyanchuk said the club skaters won six medals in last year's regional competition, which will have skaters from seven states.

The midwestern sectionals will be the week of Jan. 9 in Edina, Minn. To give the skaters a send-off, the 20 skaters planning to compete in Midland were given a party at the Garden City Log Cabin building Saturday, Nov. 11 and presented good luck gifts. Female skaters received gold bracelets while the male skaters received travel kits.

FOLLOWING are the club members and the levels they will compete in:

- Junior Pair: Mel Chapman, 19, of Grosse Ile, and Lisa Matras, 14, of Redford
- Junior Men: John Wright, 18, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Junior Ladies: Jodi McKenzie, 15, of Inkster
- Novice Ladies: Brenda Blackmer, 14, of Westland; Patricia Suyak, 16, of Wayne; Lisa Matras, 14, of Redford; Jacquelyn Mitchell, 12, of Wayne, and Kari-Ann Keyanchuk, 14, of Garden City
- Intermediate Ladies: Kelly Beckelhamer, 15, of Westland
- Pre-intermediate Ladies: Michelle Beckelhamer, 13, of Westland, and Mimi Moore, 13, of Dearborn
- Juvenile: Kelly Smith, 11, of Westland and Katie Zopf, 11, of Canton Township
- Pre-juvenile: Sarah Niemiec, 8, of Garden City; Sara Wysocki, 9, of Garden City; Rachel Chambers, 10, of Garden City; Lori Vuergens, 9, of Redford; Jennifer Matras, 11, of Redford, and Emily Pirronella, 10, of Canton.



JIM JAGDELOFF/staff photographer
Jacquelyn Mitchell, 12, is one of 20 figure skaters from the Garden City club to compete in the regionals this week in Midland.



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Jennifer Matras, 11, puts the finishing touches on her routine at the Garden City Civic Arena in preparing for the eastern Great Lakes figure skating regionals to be held this week in Midland.

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Q A longtime reader of the Consumer Mailbag column said you ran suggestions for using turkey leftovers several years ago. Could you repeat those suggestions?

A I couldn't find the column your friend mentioned in my file. But, since it seemed like a good suggestion, I went to the "Nutrition Action Healthletter" and found some good ideas for you. Hope you like them!

ALL-AMERICAN TURKEY HASH

(4 servings)

1 small onion, finely chopped
1 small green bell pepper, chopped
1 small red bell pepper, chopped, or 2 ounce canned pimiento, drained and chopped
2 cups chopped, cooked turkey
2 cups cubed, cooked potato
1 teaspoon salt-free vegetable seasoning, such as Mrs. Dash
1/2 cup low-sodium chicken broth or defatted turkey dripping
2 teaspoons oil
1/2 cup whole-wheat bread crumbs
1 1/2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
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TURKEY-STUFFED PITA POCKETS

1 cup cooked, diced turkey
1/2 small onion, chopped
1/2 green bell pepper, chopped
1 small garlic clove, minced
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons salt-reduced tomato sauce
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup corn kernels
2 large whole-wheat pita breads, cut in half
2 cups shredded lettuce

1 small tomato, chopped
1 scallion, thinly sliced (both white and green)

Lightly coat skillet with non-stick spray and place over moderately high heat. Add onion, pepper and garlic. Cook until vegetables are limp, about 3 minutes. Stir in turkey, tomato sauce, chili powder, cumin, pepper and corn. Simmer for 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and let cool slightly, then toss with lettuce, tomato and scallions. Spoon into warm pita breads.

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Scientists, who are searching for the genetic causes of neuromuscular diseases, are looking for families in the metropolitan Detroit area affected with the disorders for their studies.

Muscular Dystrophy Association researchers are seeking additional families for continuing studies of the inherited neuromuscular disorders facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy, Limb-Girdle muscular dystrophy, Friedreich's Ataxia, and the spinal muscular atrophies.

Researchers also are looking for certain families affected by Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease. Although ALS is not considered a hereditary disease, between 5 and 10 percent of cases occur in families with a prior history of the disorder. Researchers suspect that at least with those cases, there may be a genetic basis.

MDA-supported scientists at major medical research institutions throughout the world are working to locate and isolate the units of heredity or genes for a variety of

neuromuscular disorders through what is called "reverse genetics."

Through this approach, a gene whose normal function isn't known can be located and isolated by analyzing genetic material from affected families for signposts.

Called markers, these signposts indicate the gene's general location and help researchers focus intensively on that location until the gene is found.

The approach, however, requires genetic material from large numbers of both affected and unaffected members of families with histories of the disease being studied.

Families participating in genetic studies are required to provide information on the family history of the disease and to give blood samples.

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Drinking can affect child growth

Regular, moderate drinking by nursing mothers seems to result in slightly slower motor development in their infants, according to a University of Michigan study.

Mental development, however, appears to be unaffected, and the motor development of infants whose mothers consume less than half ounce of alcohol a day also does not seem to be affected.

The study, conducted by Ruth E. Little, an epidemiologist at U-M School of Public Health and researcher at the University of Washington, was recently published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

"The amount of alcohol that a nursing infant is exposed to in the mother's milk is just a fraction of that consumed by the mother," Little said. "In fact, when a 132-pound mother ingests four drinks with one-half ounce pure alcohol in each, an 11-pound infant ingests a total of only 0.1 ounces. Nevertheless, that tiny amount appears to be related to motor development."

The average motor development index score of nursing infants in the study whose mothers drank moderately but regularly — at least one drink daily — while nursing was 98 points. Infants exposed to less alcohol than that had a score of 103. The average score for normal infants is 100.

A difference of five points in the motor development score is not a major problem in terms of individual infants and is not predictive of future difficulties," Little said. "However, when we test large groups of children and see a consistent developmental pattern related to alcohol consumption, then we must be concerned."

IN 1982 AND 1983, Little and her colleagues used the Bayley Scales of Infant Development to assess the motor and mental skills of 400 infants within two weeks of their first birthdays. The Bayley motor scale measures an infant's ability to walk, crawl, balance, throw and pick up items.

The infants' mothers, members of a health maintenance organization in Seattle, were nearly all white and middle-class. Seventy percent of them had attended college.

Almost all the mothers were social drinkers and no severe problems with alcohol were observed among them. Twelve percent did not drink at all, Little said.

One hundred of the infants were exposed to at least half an ounce of pure alcohol in breast milk daily — about one drink consumed by the mother a day — for at least three months. The rest of the infants were exposed to less alcohol.

After controlling for more than 100 variables including environmental effects, mother's age, drinking during pregnancy, smoking and other drug use, the researchers found that regular, moderate drinking during nursing did have an impact on motor development. They also found that an occasional, irregular binge did not have an effect.

"IT APPEARS that when a nursing mother drinks regularly, small, serial doses of alcohol accumulate in the baby's system and affect motor development," Little said. "However, an irregular or occasional binge — consuming, for instance, five beers on a Saturday night — seems to result in less accumulation."

"It may be that the alcohol is metabolized and excreted by the infant

less efficiently than it is in adults, and the longer it stays in the system, the greater its impact."

Little noted that other drugs, such as valium, a tranquilizer, and theophylline, a bronchodilator, are metabolized or excreted more slowly in infants than in adults.

"And one study," she added,

"found that breast milk actually inhibited the secretion of an enzyme that metabolizes caffeine. Alcohol may be similarly affected."

The U-M study is the first study to report a relationship between maternal drinking during breast feeding and infant development.

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cial guest will include Sir Ryouso, who appears annually at the Michigan Renaissance Festival and renowned musician Cecelia Webster providing musical interludes on the harp and hammer dulcimer. Tickets are \$18. For information, call 531-0371.

REMARriage SEMINAR

A remarriage seminar is sponsored by Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the church chapel, 17000 Farmington Road, near Six Mile, Livonia. Pre-registration is recommended. A donation of \$10 includes continental breakfast, workshop and materials. For information, call 422-1854.

RECORDING ARTIST

Bobby Michaels, a Christian recording artist, will be in concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. A free-will offering will be taken. For information, call 420-0515.

BAHA'I

The Canton Baha'i Community will present a "Multi-Cultural Extravaganza and Ethnic Dinner" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Avenue, Canton. Entertainment will include the Eastern Michigan Gospel Choir, Swiss vocalist Gaby Shoemaker and young American vocalist Juliet La Ferrier, along with Polish and Irish dancers. People should bring a dish to pass from their ethnic background. For information, call 451-1092.

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SOLOIST

Susan Stott of Westland will be the alto soloist when The Fort Street Chorale performs Handel's Messiah 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, Fort Street and Third, Detroit. Stott studied music at Wayne State University where she received her bachelor's degree in vocal performance. At WSU, she was selected as soloist at their Opera Workshop, which was coached by directors of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company. Other studies include an associate degree in vocal music from Schoolcraft College, where she is a member of the voice faculty. She also has honors from Oakland University where she was recipient of the Pontiac Symphony Award for vocal soloists. Tickets are \$8. For information, call 961-4533 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

PASTOR INSTALLATION

Trinity Church of the Brethren will install the Rev. Theodore Taylor II as pastor Sunday, Dec. 3. Taylor is no stranger to the congregation, having served there in an interim capacity in 1981-82.

Taylor is a graduate of Westminster College in Pennsylvania and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. In his first pastorate in Washington, Pa., he saw the congregation through a relocation and building program.

This was followed by a time when he served as shared minister of education for Presbyterian, Episcopal and Baptist congregations in Pottstown, Pa.

In 1973, Taylor moved to Michigan, where he served as associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth and as mission funding counselor for the Presbyteries of Detroit. Most recently, he served as redevelopment pastor for Grandale Church of the Master on Plymouth Road in Detroit.

LUTHERAN SINGERS

Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia, will host a Christmas concert by Detroit Lutheran Singers at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Appearing with the singers will be Today's Brass Quintet from Ann Arbor. Tickets are available for a \$5 donation at the door.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Livonia Baptist Church, 32940 Schoolcraft, will have a "Hanging of the Greens" service at 6 p.m. Sun-

day, Dec. 3. The service will be composed of music, scripture and the spoken word, along with decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas season. The public may attend. For information, call 422-3763.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will present "An Evening of Dining and Christmas Music" Sunday, Dec. 3, at the church, 9601 Hubbard, at the corner of West Chicago. A catered dinner will be served at 6 p.m., followed by the concert at 7 p.m. featuring The Gene Grier Singers.

The Gene Grier Singers have performed throughout the United States with such conductors and composers as Norman Luboff, John Rutter and Ward Swingle. Together, they have recorded more than 500 songs. Price of the dinner is \$15 per person. Concert tickets alone are \$5. For reservations, call 422-0494.

CANTATA

At 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, the

Wayne Wesleyan Church will present the Christmas cantata, "O Little Town" by Lin Sexton and Barry Braman, at the church, 5225 S. Venoy, Wayne. The public may attend. For information, call 722-5210 or 721-1751.

TIGER SPEAKER

Frank Tanana, pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, will be the guest speaker at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 3, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, Redford. Tanana will also be doing that day's "Children's Story." Tanana will not be signing autographs but will have specially written "tracts" available that relay his personal testimony.

VOCALISTS/PIANIST

Darlene Welch, Christian vocalist and pianist, will perform at 9:30, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services Sunday, Dec. 3, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of

Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. For information, call 348-7600.

SALAD LUNCHEON

Presbyterian Women Christmas salad luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Fellowship Hall, Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, at the corner of West Chicago. Karen Myers, director of Christian education, will be the guest speaker. For information, call 422-0494.

ACTION MINISTRIES

A.C.T.I.O.N. Ministries is an auxiliary of Single Point Ministries, a Single Adult Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. The group is open to all single adults, providing educational and support services to meet the needs of individuals during career transitions. The group meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in the Lighthouse of Ward Church. For information, call 422-1854.



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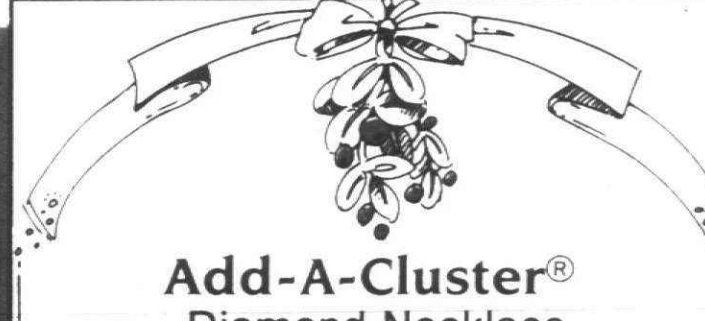
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Joseph Day is president and CEO of Freudenberg-NOK, an automotive supplier of rubber parts, which is an alliance of American, German and Japanese resources.

Firm researches car rubber applications

By R.J. King
special writer

As sophisticated as the horseless carriage has become, with on-board computers monitoring everything from fuel economy to fax machines, it is perhaps surprising that such a vital vehicle component as natural rubber is still procured from the jungle.

From the unspoiled rain forests of Brazil and the Philippines comes the rubber tree's latex sap oozing from wounds in the bark like white blood. Gathered in tin cups or through a series of hoses, the rubber is cooked and blackened before being sold to traveling middlemen and ultimately shipped to industrial centers.

And just as the rubber tree has the deepest roots in the jungle, so, too, does Freudenberg-NOK, an automotive supplier of rubber parts, which recently established a strong footing in Plymouth through a joint venture of two of the world's largest producers of rubber products outside of the tire industry.

"We supply well over 1,000 different parts to the North American automotive industry, including off-road vehicles," said Joseph Day, president and CEO of Freudenberg-NOK, which combines the resources of global leaders Freudenberg & Co. of Weinheim, West Germany, and NOK Corp. of Tokyo, Japan.

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"We still procure natural rubber from a host of equatorial countries, and it still comes from trees," Day said during a recent tour of the supplier's headquarters, which houses over \$2 million worth of testing equipment. "It's just

that today it has a lot more applications and we apply a lot more quality control measures before a product ever gets out the door."

By means of a linear vibration testing machine, for instance, Day said engineers can test new parts by simulating road conditions using a computer to set engine speeds — creating, in essence, everything from stop-sign idling to red-lining at 6,000 RPMs.

Nearby, heating and cooling units allow testing amid a variety of temperature readings — from as low as 17 degrees to as high as 120 degrees. Meanwhile, clients such as Ford, General Motors and Chrysler can bring problem vehicles to the lab for evaluation and further testing.

"A client can bring in a particular vehicle with problems, we'll plug it into our computers, design perhaps a different vibration control device right here, make the prototype, install it, and then conduct road tests," said Day. "There's no need to go anywhere else."

SUCH SOLO support is tantamount to the company's future success, Day said. "In this decade, the automakers have set trends by working with fewer suppliers who offer a consolidation of resources while still maintaining the technical clout to achieve stringent quality standards. That's probably the biggest reason for our consolidation in Plymouth."

Officially opening shop in July, Freudenberg-NOK bills itself as an alliance of American, German and Japanese resources. The company is also a unification of businesses formerly operating in North America as IPC, Disogrin Industries, Armet Industries, TransTec Industries, Escan Corp., Simrit Corp. and NOK Inc.

The new venture brings together the North American companies that were acquired over the years by the two parent firms. Under the general partnership, Freudenberg-NOK operates 24 facilities in North America and projects revenues of \$400 million for 1989.

At the company's corporate headquarters in Plymouth, a one-story building of blue brick and gray stone, 75 people are employed, 45 who have technical and engineering experience. Situated on 11 acres, the 25,000-square-foot facility cost \$5 million to build and equip.

The company also has an option to purchase six acres on adjacent land, but Day declined to predict when the company would expand. "We looked at a number of sites before building

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Get set for auto show

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Ten to 15 new domestic models and at least 10 worldwide concept cars are expected to be introduced at the 2nd North American International Show Jan. 6-14 at the Cobo Exhibition and Convention Center.

Preparations are well underway for the extravaganza, which is expected to showcase more than 700 vehicles and draw several hundred thousand spectators and about 1,000 reporters, many from outside of the U.S.

The fact that Detroit's auto show has become an international show bodes well for the casual car shopper here, said Daniel Hayes, show manager and executive vice president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, the Troy-based sponsor of the event.

"You get more manufacturers in there. Manufacturers are into more space and exhibit more models. That way they get more attention from the public and press," Hayes said.

"When you run an international show, you get manufacturers to put their best foot forward. Consumers can find any car they might want for comparison purposes."

"A CAR is not a spontaneous purchase now," he said. "It's a close scrutiny."

Upwards of 637,000 attended last year's show, Hayes said.

People who haven't taken in an auto show downtown for several years will be in for several surprises this winter besides a significantly larger number of vehicles on display, Hayes said.



play, Hayes said.

"They'll be surprised at the size of Cobo Hall. They'll be surprised at how nice that building is. The main room is 600,000 square feet."

There will be 46 or 47 exhibitors with display stands, glitz. We're in two-tier displays now."

What the show-goer probably will find most interesting is a concept center where we've invited some manufacturers, design houses and engineering houses to show us some concepts of the future," Hayes said.

GENERAL MOTORS plans an audiovisual display on the car assembly process.

The Dodge Stealth, Chevrolet Caprice and Buick Park Avenue are among the new models expected to

THE NORTH AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

IN DETROIT

be unveiled at the Detroit show, Hayes said.

The BMW 850i and several other foreign models will get its North American introduction here, he added.

While car sales were down 4 percent nationally through October, sales among the 240 members of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association for the corresponding period were up by 6 percent.

"We think maybe the show (the inaugural North American International exhibition this year) had something to do with it," Hayes said. "We don't know what else to ascribe it to."

"We're mildly optimistic about the coming year," he added. "Michigan's economy is pretty strong."

That probably will mean another good turnout for next year's show — as long as the weather cooperates.

Tickets will cost \$5. Children under 12 accompanied by parents are free. People 65 years of age and older also will be admitted free.

Doors will be opened at 10 a.m. rather than noon on weekends, and shuttle buses will operate between the city's parking garage in Greektown to help relieve the crush of spectators at Cobo, Hayes said.

Accounting for a lifetime

Career, family keep her busy

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Janice Shatzman, a partner with the accounting consulting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick, is starting to settle in as chairwoman of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy.

A board member since 1988, Shatzman, 38, a West Bloomfield resident, was selected chairwoman by her colleagues last summer after serving as vice chairwoman and treasurer.

The nine-person board appointed by the governor grants licenses to practice as certified public accountants, establishes professional practice regulations and handles complaints relating to the CPAs in Michigan.

"I'm not political," Shatzman said. "Our goal is to make CPAs more aware of their responsibilities. Our concern is the public interest."

"FOR THE most part, CPAs in this state show competence, integrity and good judgment," she said.

Suzanne Jolicœur, licensing administrator for the board of accountancy, has observed Shatzman since



Janice Shatzman
chairs state CPA board

she started on the board nearly 3½ years ago.

"She is very much in tune to what is happening in the profession," Jolicœur said. "She has been a vocal board member and an active participant. She's willing to state her opinion and move action along."

Shatzman was recommended for appointment by a friend when several vacancies arose on the board.

She first filled out an application, interviewed with an aide to Gov.

James J. Blanchard, then received word of her four-year appointment.

The board meets every other month, usually in Lansing. Members receive \$50 per day plus mileage when they convene meetings.

TWO HOT TOPICS now under study by the board are whether copies of audit reports and reviews should be submitted to the state for evaluation as part of the certificate renewal process and whether CPAs should be allowed to accept fees on a contingency basis.

Trying to juggle responsibilities relating to work, community and family keeps Shatzman on her toes.

She is vice president of Orchards Children's Services, a provider of foster care and counseling programs, and treasurer of Jewish Family Service, a philanthropic organization.

She's also the mother of Jessica and Amanda, and wife of Jerry, a lawyer.

Family, she said, is priority one.

SOMETIMES, when things get hectic during tax season and she puts in 60 hours a week, Shatzman will take her daughters, 5 and 6, into the office on weekends so they know they're still important in mommy's life.

A sitter usually goes along, but at least the children are nearby.

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Anthony H. Derhake of Plymouth was appointed general engineering and planning manager at Buick Motor Division of General Motors. Derhake had been program manager for the Eldorado and Seville at Cadillac since 1988. He will oversee all vehicle planning activities, as well as the engineering development of all new Buicks. He began his GM career as a sales engineer with Delco Electronics in Kokomo, Ind., in 1969. He moved to Cadillac in 1977 as a project engineer. Through the years he has specialized in electrical and electronics engineering.

Kenneth VanGundy of Livonia joined Kingswood Hospital, Ferndale, as director of physical plant and facilities. VanGundy is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Kingswood's environment and staff, including environmental services, security and maintenance. He has several years of experience working in hospital settings and with coordi-



Derhake

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The telephone number is 522-5888.

Dennis W. Koltunchik opened a law office in Livonia. Koltunchik, who handles civil and criminal trial work, plans to expand into corporate law. Koltunchik is a former city attorney. His office is at 33150 School-

John Chichester, business procurement specialist with Schoolcraft College in Livonia, was honored recently by the state commerce department for helping win government contracts.

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STRESS RELIEF
Thursday, Nov. 30 — Chinese exercise method of relieving stress discussed at noon in the third-floor auditorium of Comprehensive Health Services headquarters building on West Grand Boulevard at the Lodge Freeway. Information: 875-4200 Ext. 2687.

INVESTMENT CLUBS
Monday, Dec. 11 — Metro Detroit Council of National Association of Investors Corp. meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Mount Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Topic: "When to Buy — Hold — Sell Stocks." Information: John G. Nye, 274-8995.

marketplace

Michigan Eyecare Institute opened inside St. Mary Hospital, 24555 Levan, Suite E101, in Livonia.

Associated Mariner Financial Group Inc. of Livonia acquired 70 registered representatives in the Florida area and their accounts from Berachah Securities Corp. of Tampa, Fla.

Northwest Graphic Services Inc., 33050 Industrial, Livonia, expanded its photographic studio to 4,000 square feet.

Uniglobe Ultimate Travel Inc. opened at 16180 Middlebelt in Livonia. The travel agency's telephone number is 261-0070.

DEA Inc. of Livonia created an engineering group to consolidate the company's U.S. engineering operations. The 30-member group will operate out of DEA's Livonia headquarters.

Libralter Plastics Inc. of Westland collected more than 1,700 food items, including 90 turkeys, for poor families. Part of the collection was given to the Westland Chamber of Commerce for distribution.

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Firm researches uses for rubber

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here, and we felt Plymouth had the right mix of a good supporting highway system as well as providing convenience to many of our employees," he said.

FOR NOW, Day said profits would be channeled back into the company to fund future growth. "The retention of potential earnings is an important part of corporate strategy," he said. "We want to continue to expand in this market as well as finance continuing research and development."

Perhaps the company's most notable

product within the automotive industry is a hydraulic engine mount, or hydro-mount. The part, mounted to the base of an engine, absorbs vibrations through use of springs and fluids. Before the introduction of the hydro-mount, automakers cut down on engine vibrations by wrapping rubber strips around metal.

Bill Faulk, supervisor of the rear-wheel drive power-train isolation and chassis structures section for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, said the hydro-mount, utilized on the Thunderbird since 1986, helped reduce engine vibrations — and ultimately allowed for a smoother ride.

Career, family life keep woman busy

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In less hectic times, the three traditional family things like baking, going to the library and joining dad on camping outings.

Community service is important, too. "It makes me feel good about myself. It also makes me feel good about what they're accomplishing," Shatzman said.

"I feel I have something to contribute in the sense of running these organizations like a business," she said. "You have to make dollars go

as far as you can nowadays." Shatzman's career seems to be a success by almost any measure. A tax specialist and CPA, Shatzman has worked at KPMG Peat Marwick for 17 1/2 years.

She initially thought she might want to be a teacher, but a few education courses turned her to economics and business. Her first accounting teacher really made the subject come alive and the rest is history. Shatzman earned BA and MBA degrees from the University of Michigan.

Bounty for leaking new car photos is just plain silly

Auto spy photographer Jim Dunne recently bought one of those sets of glasses with a Groucho Marx nose and mustache, a move he says was forced by the bounty on his head offered by General Motors.

Dunne has made a career of taking pictures of new cars. The fact that Dunne takes his pictures before the auto companies want him to makes these "spy photos" contraband material that gets published in newspapers and magazines that find their readers fascinated by what's coming down the road, so to speak.

Dunne gets his photos by a variety of means, including photographing cars left in parking lots, driving around test tracks and en route to proving grounds. He sits in trees,

hides behind bushes, sneaks into closed previews and even has been known to hide his camera under his trench coat.

AUTO COMPANIES are supposed to be worried about this sort of thing, since presumably upcoming car models are secret from the competition until they go on sale.

One concern is that the other guys



Dan McCosh

might run out and copy the car, as if most new cars didn't look alike already.

More pragmatic is the consideration that a potential customer shopping for this year's model will wait until next year's comes along after he sees the picture.

On the other hand, the spy photos also represent a lot of free publicity

a bit more seriously Honda, for example, sets up open-ended sheds alongside its test track and keeps a helicopter watch overhead.

When a plane flies over the cars duck into the shed. Anyone who thinks Dunne would rent a helicopter never tried to get him to pick up a lunch check.

DUNNE DID, however, recently sell to various magazines some studio photos of several GM models that were not intended for outside publication. That's when GM set the bounty.

Not exactly on Dunne's head, but they hauled out their internal version of the GM Official Secrets Act to find out who leaked the pictures.

offering a \$35,000 reward for the culprit.

The action landed a story in the New York Times, among others, which writes about new cars about as often as it covers the New York State Fair.

The ethics of selling stolen photos aside, GM's action tends to remind you of the old 3-D movies that offered \$10,000 to the families of anyone who died of shock during the film. Six months from now, GM will be begging those same publications to run the same photos and begin pouring money into ad campaigns that do the same thing.

Maybe then Dunne can put away the glasses and the nose.

The smart small businessman motivates people with money

Pay is a key management tool for any small business.

It functions as a motivator when it is based on merit performance. It is a demotivator when it is given for longevity or with self-serving attitudes of favoritism without consideration for individual, measurable performance.

Viewing pay as a resource is critical for small business owners and managers who have developed successful employee compensation systems. Rather than offering annual or semi-annual across-the-board increases based on some flat percentage or inflation factor, effective compensation systems are based on a more personalized method of reviewing employee performance.

Even more important, across-the-board increases negate the ability of a firm to pay its top producers well. This type of system also endorses and rewards unproductive attitudes and incompetence. As a result, better performers often move on to another opportunity where they will be rewarded in a more fair and equitable manner, based on performance.

Compensation practices that demotivate employees include giving equal raises or rewards to everyone, giving small or insignificant raises and paying too much to poorer performers and abrogating ability to



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pay top performers well. Along with this, putting limits or ceilings on performance pay, saying one thing and paying for another, or firing people rather than cutting their pay for unsatisfactory performance contributes to the problem.

METHODS OF compensation that serve to motivate employees begin by following through on the philosophy of paying for performance and results. Business owners must pay special attention to the needs of those who perform, they must also demand specific performance requirements while remaining fair and empathetic. Incompetence should not be tolerated, especially in the case of long-term employees who may show the signs of career burnout.

Business owners should also keep their options open so employees can be rewarded when performance de-

serves financial recognition. Firms that lock themselves into high basic wages will never have available the funds to reward performance on a timely basis.

When announcing a new compensation system, it is critical to communicate that the goals of your business are performance- and profit-oriented, and that productivity will be rewarded. Although it is much easier to operate under a standard timetable of employee reviews and pay increases, this practice does nothing to recognize outstanding performance when appropriate.

Next week, we will explore career burnout by identifying its symptoms and successful treatment options.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Farmington Hills-based business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

IRAs: still alive and still useful

By Sid Mittra

special writer

First of 2 parts

People don't talk about IRAs anymore as if they are dead. But they are alive, well and a good idea.

The provisions regarding the deductibility of an IRA are summarized in the table below.

If neither spouse is covered by a qualified plan, a tax deduction of \$2,000 per worker or \$2,250 per one-income-couple is allowed, regardless of gross income.

Married couples covered by a corporate plan with an adjusted gross income of less than \$40,000 keep the full deduction. The deduction vanishes altogether when adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000, but is prorated between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The comparable limits for a single person are \$25,000 and \$35,000, respectively.

Limits for an unmarried person who files separately are not as straightforward. In general, no deduction is allowed if the adjusted gross income is more than \$10,000. If the adjusted gross income is less than \$10,000, a partial deduction is allowed, and the amount of deduction calculated by using a special formula.

For instance, suppose John Johnson is married, files a separate return, and is an active participant in an employer plan.

deductibility of IRA

	adjusted gross income	pension plan? yes	no
joint	\$40,000 or less \$40,000-50,000 Above \$50,000	\$2,000 \$200-2,000 None	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000
single	\$25,000 or less \$25,000-35,000 Above \$35,000	\$2,000 \$200-2,000 None	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000
married filing jointly	\$10,000 or less Over \$10,000	partial deduction*	\$2,000 \$2,000

*special deductibility rules apply.

John's adjusted gross income is \$7,500. The maximum deductible IRA contribution is \$500. Step 1: \$7,500 (\$7,500 - \$0) = \$7,500. Step 2: \$2,500 (\$10,000 - \$7,500) = \$2,500. Step 3: \$500 (\$2,500 ÷ 20) = \$250.

THE MAGIC OF compounding and the concept of time value of money make IRAs grow. Two thousand dollars invested at the beginning of every year at 10 percent for 30 years would total \$361,887. If the investment earns a 12-percent return, in 30 years the IRA fund would grow to a half million dollars.

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State endorses plan for Haggerty Road bypass

By Darrell Clem
staff writer

In a major effort to ease traffic congestion, the Michigan Department of Transportation has recommended that a new multi-lane boulevard be built west of Haggerty Road from I-96 to Pontiac Trail.

The long-awaited decision announced by MDOT officials drew immediate criticism from citizens opposed to urban sprawl and potential environmental damage.

"We oppose it, and we will continue to oppose it," said Lorna McEwen, co-president of Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield. "This will not solve the problem. It will create more traffic congestion because of the new development it will spawn."

MDOT's announcement that it endorses building a six- to eight-lane boulevard west of Haggerty followed three years of studies and meetings between MDOT officials, community leaders, business representatives and citizens.

The proposal, one of several that had been considered, won the endorsement of the West Bloomfield Township Board, the Walled Lake Board of Education and numerous

other area government boards that formed a united front to support a new boulevard.

THE NEXT step for the project, estimated to cost \$75 million, will be to prepare a final environmental impact statement that will be submitted for approval to the Federal Highway Administration.

MDOT spokesman Hank Lotoszinski said MDOT hopes to receive federal approval by next October, at which time initial bids could be taken. Lotoszinski said the five-mile boulevard could be completed in late 1994 or early 1995.

Lotoszinski said the so-called Haggerty Road connector would provide new access to the freeway system that includes the interchanges of I-96, I-696, I-275 and Eight Mile Road.

He also said it would ease traffic congestion on roads, such as Haggerty, that have become swamped by motorists due to new residential and commercial development in Oakland County.

The boulevard would be built about a half-mile west of Haggerty. Some officials have formally endorsed a proposal to extend the new boulevard north from Pontiac Trail to M-59.

But MDOT officials have stressed that decisions about extending the boulevard will be made independently

and only after additional studies are completed in coming years.

"We're against that, too," McEwen said.

Meanwhile, McEwen accused some governments, such as West Bloomfield Township, of looking at their own needs without considering what is best for the entire Metro Detroit area.

"Every time you add a few miles to it (the freeway system), you diminish the possibility of ever getting any kind of mass transportation system," she said. "And that's what we need."

McEwen said she is "really disappointed" that the West Bloomfield Township Board supported a new boulevard.

However, project manager Mike Flajole has said that 90 percent of all comments made by area residents at public hearings pointed to a new boulevard as the most feasible way to address traffic problems.

OFFICIALS HAD considered other options, such as widening the existing Haggerty Road.

Early holiday gift: I-696 opening set for Dec. 14

By Alice Collins
staff writer

The Michigan Department of Transportation Wednesday announced plans for a Dec. 14 opening of the final segment of I-696 (Walter Reuther) freeway, which cuts through Southfield and Lathrup Village on its way through southern Oakland County.

The last eight-mile segment from Franklin Road in Southfield to the I-75 Royal Oak/Ferdale interchange will complete a 28.2-mile freeway extending from I-275 in Novi on the west to I-94 at St. Clair Shores on the east.

The segment between I-275 to Franklin Road cutting through Farmington Hills opened in October.

"A big celebration is planned," said Brenda Peek-Redhead, DOT spokeswoman for the opening events.

There will be a series of events recognizing all of the people involved with the project over the last 25 years — the key people who have made this thing possible.

involved with the project over the last 25 years — the key people who have made this thing possible.

AMONG THOSE honored will be the family of the late prominent labor leader Walter Reuther, for whom the freeway is named.

"There won't be a ribbon cutting, it will be a knot-tying instead, representing the bringing together of the communities," said Peek-Redhead.

The freeway is designed as a bypass of congested urban streets and will provide improved access to the dozens of suburban communities that lie within this corridor.

The final section travels through eight communities: Southfield, Lathrup Village, Royal Oak Township, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Royal Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Ferndale.

It follows 11 Mile Road from Lahser to east of Southfield Road.

crosses southeasterly to 10 Mile Road near Coolidge and follows 10 Mile to the existing interchange at I-75.

ACCORDING TO MDOT, the freeway is six lanes from Lahser to Southfield Road and an eight-lane freeway from there to I-75. There are additional weaving lanes between some interchange ramps.

Flush 12-foot-wide shoulders on the left and right of each roadway extend throughout the project.

Trucks carrying flammables or explosives will be banned from the walled-in section of the freeway between the Lodge near Telegraph and I-75 to head off a fiery holocaust from which motorists couldn't escape.

Walls 25 feet high line both sides of most of that section which is constructed in a ditch-like design. The road also tunnels in three locations, one of them in Southfield under a large bridge structure between Greenfield and Southfield.

Facts of Law

by Mark M. Bello
Law Offices of Bello & Kaufman P.C.

The telephone company is permitted to discontinue service to any customer so long as it is for just cause, such as the use of the company's equipment for illegal purposes.

Federal and state governments both have the right to levy taxes upon their citizens. States can empower municipalities to do more of the same.

Like all other contracts, wages should be left to the fair and free competition of the market and should never be controlled by the interference of the legislature.

— Cecil Rhodes, English colonial statesman, 1900

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Service gives meaning to life, Headlee says

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Dick Headlee will always remember Lenny Scutnick.

"I watched that on TV and I got goose pimples," said Headlee, recalling Scutnick's daring rescue of a passenger from the icy Potomac River in early 1982 when an Air Florida jet crashed into Washington's 14th Street bridge.

There's another man Headlee will always remember, though he knows very little about him. He was a 22-year-old unidentified man who took the time to fill out a donor card.

We never knew this young man. He was never a big shot in the press. But he enhanced the life of Dick Headlee. He affected a minimum of eight other lives," said Headlee, president and CEO of Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America.

To Headlee, both men are among the unsung heroes of our time. Neither was rich nor famous. But to Headlee, their valor and service to others is what life is all about.

Thanks to the unidentified man with a donor card, the 39-year-old Headlee has a 24-year-old heart. In the summer of 1987, Headlee underwent a heart transplant, necessary because of progressive cardiomyopathy, possibly the result of a childhood virus that weakened the muscle.

"I REALLY feel better about myself, not when I win in business or a political situation, though that brings a temporary thrill — but when I know I'm needed by others," the Farmington Hills resident said.

His heart surgery and subsequent recovery period — including an unexpected gallbladder operation — didn't take the wind out of Headlee's sails. His second chance at life, and knowing a 22-year-old made the greatest sacrifice of all, reinforced his principles.

"I knew I had to take the opportunity to enhance the lives of others to improve the quality of life. People are amazed I came back and am working 10-12 hours a day. But if the Lord blessed me with the strength to work and be involved, that's what I want to do," said Headlee, a devout Mormon.

Honest-to-goodness, old-fashioned values, hard work, and strong family and religious ties have helped label Headlee as a die-hard, unbending conservative.

That's fine with Headlee. As far as he's concerned, the Boy Scout motto, "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty, to my country, to my family, to my friends, and to myself," is still a rule for living.

That says a lot. If someone makes that kind of a commitment — whether it's to become involved in the Republican or Democratic parties, or to be involved in service to others — they have committed to

higher goals," he said.

THAT MAY be hard to believe for others who see Headlee at the top of the world as a former 1982 gubernatorial candidate and head of the largest insurance company headquartered in metro Detroit.

But those who know him are pretty convinced Headlee's for real.

Friend and former Gov. George Romney and the Clinton Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America will honor Headlee as the Oakland County Citizen of the Year for community involvement and his leadership and service to the Boy Scouts. Headlee is national spokesman for the Scouts' organ donor awareness program.

"He's very dedicated to his goals and his beliefs," said Jody Soronen, Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce executive director and co-chair of the Boy Scouts awards ceremony Wednesday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

"I think you sense that he is a man who is sincere and who has an agenda he feels strongly about," Soronen said. "He's a fine man, a gentleman

who has integrity, honesty and is trustworthy."

Headlee admits that professionally, he's been in the right place at the right time. But he's worked hard nonetheless, ensuring that hard work and values walk hand-in-hand.

"I haven't always been here. I was offered the job as president. I never in my wildest dreams would have thought I would sell insurance," he said.

But Headlee wasn't hired as president and CEO of Alexander Hamilton 17 years ago for his knowledge of insurance sales. He knew nothing about it. His employers offered him the job because they liked his values.

"They said, 'We don't care if you don't sell insurance. We just want to be sure the assets are there the next time we look.'"

HEADLEE HASN'T always been identified with Alexander Hamilton and the controversial 1982 Headlee Constitutional Tax Limitation Amendment. A graduate of Utah State University, Headlee's career actually has included more community service work than climbing the

corporate ladder. He's worked with the Burroughs Co., the United States Jaycees and U.S. Chamber of Commerce. His political involvement came to full bloom in the mid-1960s, working with Romney's election campaign.

Throughout his career, Headlee said he was always convinced that with nine children, he had to be involved in making society a better place. As disappointed with today's

society as are many, Headlee said he often gives himself pep talks.

"I do believe there are forces of good and evil, a battle for the hearts of men and women and families. We are in an age of self-gratification. People search for peace of mind in material things. It's just not there. If you try to find happiness in material things, when all is said and done, you will have lost yourself, your children and your family."

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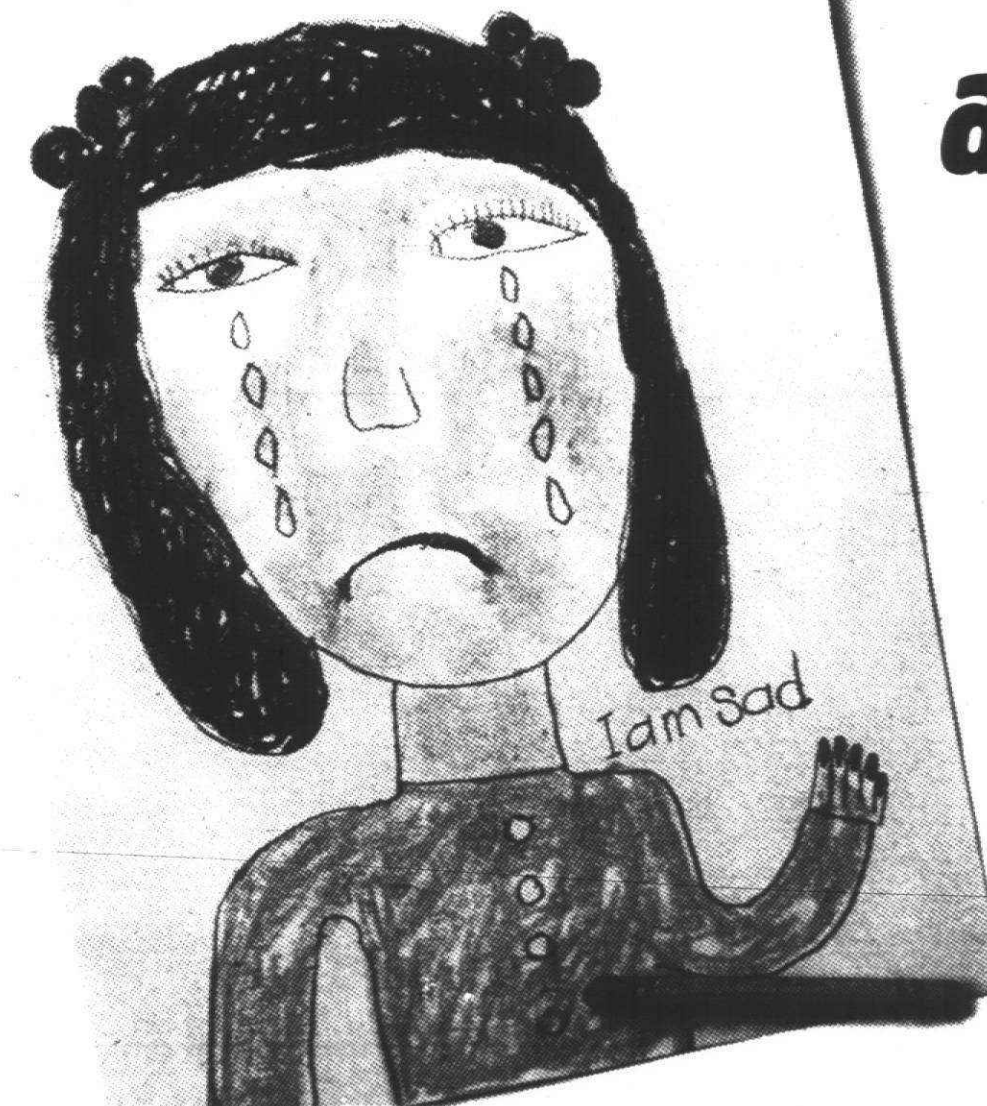
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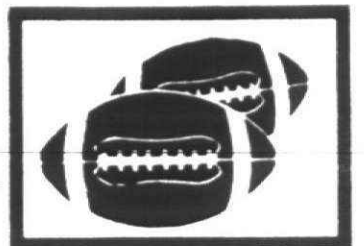
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Canton tames Tigers

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Canton was supposed to be a spectator for the Final Four in the Class A girls basketball tournament.

That was the assumption of most everybody but the underdog Chiefs, who toppled No. 3-rated Benton Harbor 61-50 in a quarterfinal game Wednesday night at Jackson Lumen Christi High School.

And, in the wake of that impressive victory, No. 9 Canton will play

in the state semifinals Friday night. The Chiefs, 22-3, face West Bloomfield, 23-3, at 8 p.m.

Both semifinal games will be played at Grand Rapids Union High School, and the final is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Grand Valley State University.

"This team continues to work hard at the end of the year," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "They're not tired or bored. They seem to be interested in playing basketball right now."

"OUR KIDS are playing solid bas-

ketball, not spectacular basketball, but solid. I thought we defended a really good team tonight."

The Chiefs did everything well, including holding Benton Harbor star Taneshia Welch to eight points through three quarters and 12 for the game.

Canton didn't win in a breeze, but it was in control the entire game. The Tigers, 24-2, couldn't stop Canton center Susan Ferko, who was one of several keys to the victory with a game-high 21 points.

"When we came out and started to

score, it gave us confidence," Ferko said. "We thought it would be tough the whole way, and it was. (Her teammates) got the ball in right on time, all the time. When they do that, it's easy."

Benton Harbor didn't have a starter smaller than 5-foot-10 up front, but 6-foot sophomore Laticia Morris couldn't stop Ferko, who hit the bank shot as usual and knocked in 17 first-half points to propel Canton to a 32-25 halftime lead.

"Keeping it in a half-court game was critical," Blohm said, "and going to the free-throw line helped a lot in the first half."

FREE THROWS were another reason the Chiefs started so well and eventually won. Going inside early and attacking the defense put the Tigers in foul trouble and Canton on the line.

The Chiefs were 6-of-10 in the first quarter, and Jenny Russell and Stacey Thompson combined for nine free throws in the last two minutes of the game. In fact, Canton's margin of victory was gained at the line, where the Chiefs were 19-of-30, Benton Harbor 8-of-14.

Canton was able to play its game and force the Tigers into a half-court contest with strong rebounding and its success at breaking the Benton Harbor press.

Jenny Clark, Ferko and Thompson went to the boards aggressively early in the game and established Canton as a force in that respect. Russell's ball-handling skills were a great asset, but everybody did something at some time to help solve the press.

"Russell was fantastic against the press," Blohm said. "(Benton Harbor coach Lou) Harvey was intent on going inside early, and we defended well inside. We didn't give any second and third shots."

In addition to Ferko's scoring, Thompson had 15 points, Russell 12 and Mary Barna eight. Deetra Berry scored 14 points to lead the Tigers, and Morris added 10.

"WE KNEW we had to come out and play the best we could," Thompson said. "A lot of people saw Benton Harbor as the better team, and we had to prove ourselves."

"On the floor, it was tough the whole way. If we let up, we knew they'd come right back at us. That kept us in the game."

Ferko scored the last 11 points of the first half for Canton and 13 straight, including the first basket of



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

The ball slips through the grasp of Susan Ferko. The crowd includes Taneshia Welch (left), Jenny Clark of Canton and Laticia Morris.

the second (34-27).

The Tigers limited her to two field goals in the second half, but others came to the team's rescue. Thompson hit three perimeter shots and Barna two as the Chiefs soared to a 44-30 lead with 2 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter.

Russell's baseline layup to begin the fourth period gave Canton its biggest margin, 50-35. But the Tigers made their last serious attempt at catching Canton when they cut it to 50-41 on three straight baskets.

The Chiefs started working the clock with four minutes to go, and Benton Harbor waited another two minutes before fouling.

FREE THROWS by Russell (5) and Thompson (4) shut the door. Thompson also rebounded consecutive misses from 3-point distance in the last minute.

"I was worried about fatigue in the third quarter," Blohm said, "but our kids found some more fuel. When we got into the fourth, I felt good about our conditioning."

The Chiefs now are set to make their first appearance in the Final Four and are only two victories from a state championship.

"That was our goal of all goals," Thompson said. "We just played like a team that wanted to keep going, and that's where we're headed."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Jenny Russell scored 12 points in Canton's 22nd victory.



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Mary Barna maintains possession of the basketball for Canton after a rough-and-tumble scramble for it Wednesday. The Chiefs' upset

avored Benton Harbor 61-50 in the Class A quarterfinals.

Ocelots answer wake-up call

After dropping the opening game in the Erie Community College (New York) tournament Saturday, Schoolcraft women's basketball coach Jack Grenan was a bit disgruntled with his team's performance.

"I wasn't overly pleased with our intensity," explained Grenan. "So I woke everybody up at 7 a.m. to practice our intensity before the second game."

The early wake-up call did wonders for the Ocelots, who crushed host Erie 91-40 in the consolation game.

Lisa DePlanche led all scorers with 23 points for the Ocelots and Tracy Osborne added 22, including six-of-eight from three-point range.

Barb Krug (Plymouth Salem) chipped in with 15 points, followed by Ann Hardy with 13 and Teresa Farkas with 10.

Erie, which trailed 49-19 at halftime, scored just 18 points from the field while tallying 22 from the free throw line.

In the opening game, Schoolcraft dropped a 75-57 decision to Cuyahoga College (Ohio).

The Ocelots fell behind 19-0 at the start of the game and played catch-up for the duration of the game. They closed to within seven, 55-48, in the second half, but that's as close as they came to catching Cuyahoga.

DePlanche and Denise Kokowicz (Garden City) were the only Ocelots to score in double figures, finishing the game with 13 points each.

Schoolcraft, 2-2 on the season, travels to Dowagiac today to meet Southwestern College. The Ocelots will try to avenge a Nov 17th, 58-57, loss to Southwestern.

All-Area gridders

Ryan Johnson is one of three Plymouth Salem players on the 1989 All-Observer football team. The 6-foot-2, 216-pound Johnson, a bruising runner and hard-hitting linebacker, is joined by teammates Pat Bowie and Brian Burlison on the defensive unit. The Rocks were five seconds away from a perfect season and their first state playoff berth in 12 years. See Page 5D for the complete team.

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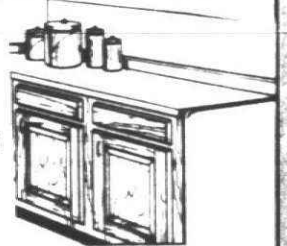
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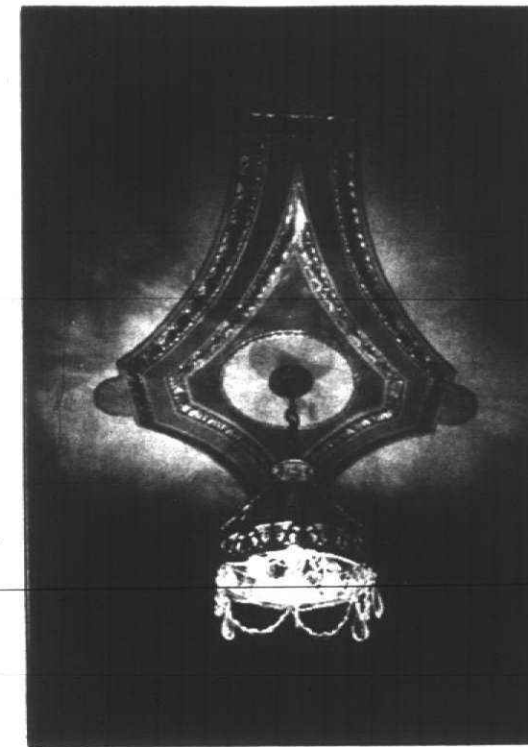
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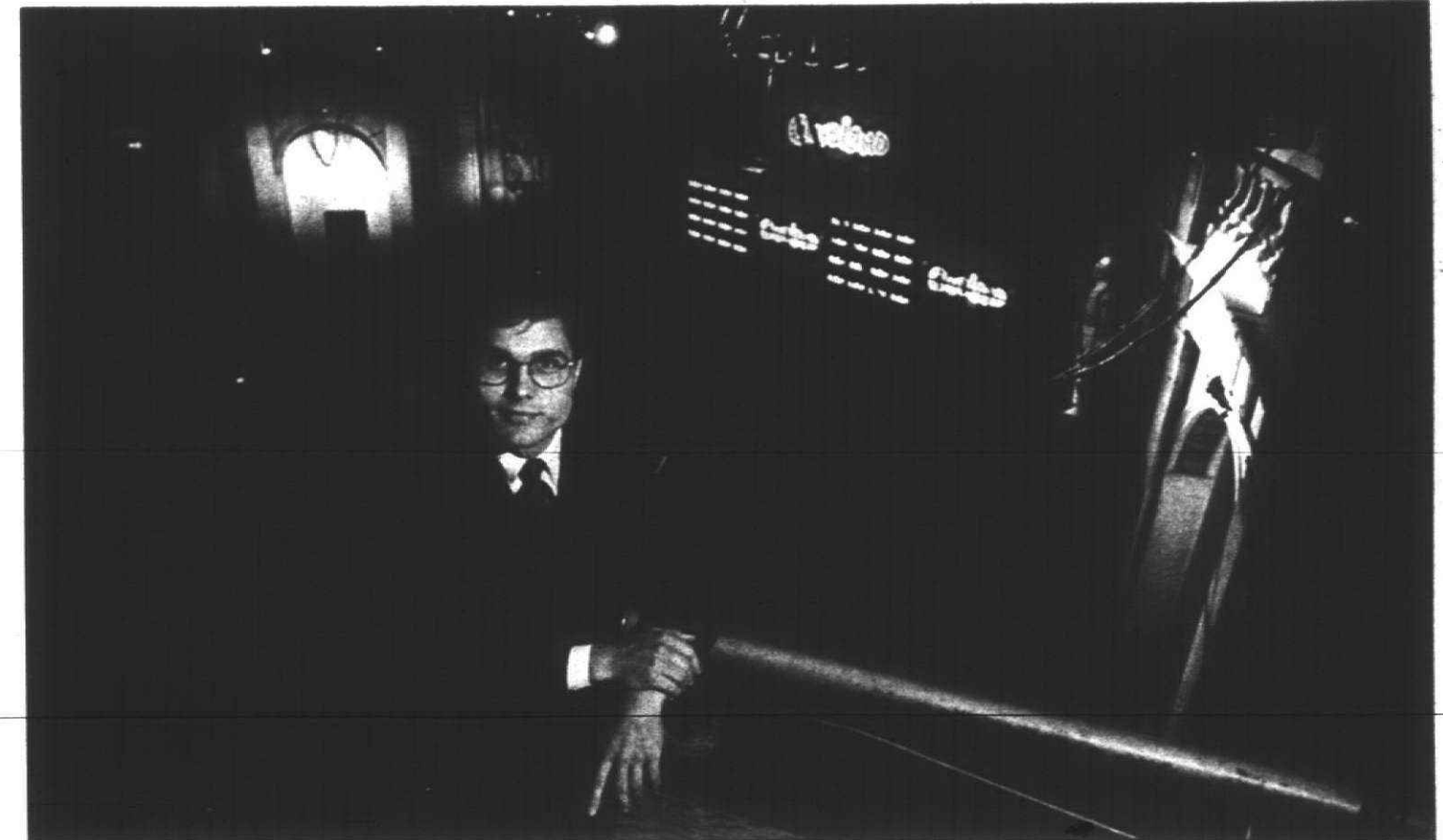
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Steve Weikal of Troy leans against upper balcony rail, overlooking dance area and main floor of the State Theatre in Detroit. He is director of sales for the theater, which is used for Clubland, a hot, new nightclub, as well as for a variety of private bookings.

Elegance revived in State Theatre

By Cathie Breidenbach
Special writer

WITH ITS TOWERING domed ceiling of ornate plaster, its faux marble columns, and plush red-carpeted lobbies hung with crystal chandeliers, the recently renovated State Theatre in Detroit brings to life the palatial elegance of the old movie houses of the '20s and '30s.

Steve Weikal, magician, entertainer, and businessman who lives in Troy, is director of sales for the State Theatre. He spreads the word among the corporate and social public that the majestic, rococo splendor of the restored State Theatre would be the perfect setting for musicals, operas, concerts and plays, as well as private parties, fund-raisers, company gatherings, presentations and product roll-outs.

The State, with seating for 2,500, can accommodate large-scale musical and theatrical productions because it was built in 1926 as a vaudeville house with a full stage and five stories of backstage dressing rooms — unlike many movie houses built only to show films.

"The acoustics are wonderful," Weikal says, because good acoustics were essential in a vaudeville house before the advent of sophisticated sound systems. "If you sit in the back

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Traditional seats on the main floor of the "new" State Theatre have been replaced with cabaret seating around small cocktail tables. Weikal says the theater plans to serve luncheons and dinners by covering the cocktail tables with larger tablecloths.

"We can do black tie and opera. The building lends itself to a certain formality, although Clubland is informal," he says. The mezzanine accommodates private cocktail and hors d'oeuvres parties for 200 and can be booked even during Clubland hours. Weikal explains, "Door hosts secure the entrance staircases to the mezzanine, but guests (at the private party) are tagged so they can come and go as they please."

Weikal is a connoisseur of old movie palaces, even though he is only 26. He says, "My generation never experienced the grand old

movie theaters." The revival of the downtown movie houses is changing that, as restorers like Ray Shephardson bring to new life what Weikal calls "a slice of 20th century American history."

He says, "From the financial standpoint, it's tremendously expensive to build new theaters with the same acoustical perfection of the old ones. If theaters are in good locations, it's cheaper to restore the old. That's what's happening in downtown Detroit."

FANFARE HERALDED the opening of the Fox as the first step in the revitalization of the Grand Circus Park area, now being called the Fox Center. Metropolitan Detroiters are flocking downtown to revel in nostalgia and view the gilded grandeur of the Fox Theatre. The State Theatre, near the Fox on Woodward, has been renovated more recently. It opened in September as Clubland, Steve Jarvis' nationally syndicated nightclub and non-stop media happening. Clubland is fast becoming one of the hottest dancing spots in metropolitan Detroit. On opening weekend the nightclub drew a crowd of more than 10,000, far surpassing expectations.

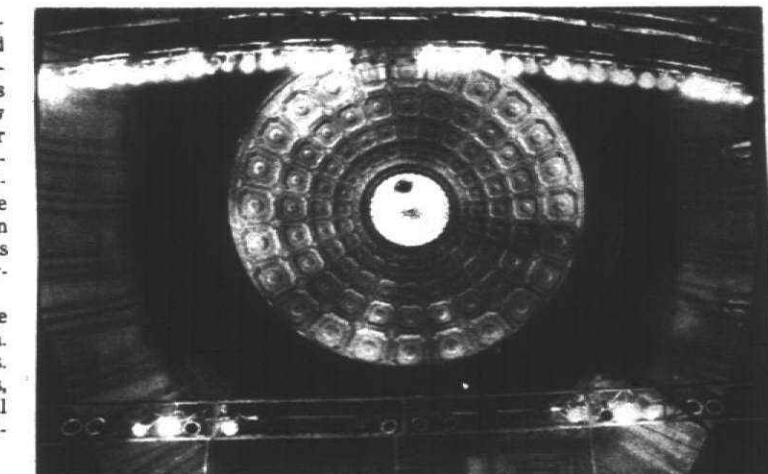
Weikal explains that Clubland is open only Thursday-Sunday, from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. That leaves three full days of the week, as well as days and early evenings Thursday-Sunday when the elegant building can be scheduled for other events. Booking the State Theatre for non-nightclub

uses is Steve Weikal's job. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra booked the State for a Big Band Night fundraiser in November, when theater's walls reverberated with the mellow sounds of the big band era rather than the rock, Top 40 and house music that keeps the place jumping during regular Clubland hours. Dodge also scheduled a product launch in November, and the calendar has been filling up with private and corporate bookings.

As sales director for the State Theatre, Weikal comes in at 9 a.m. and works days rather than nights. He says, "I'm in the theater business, not the nightclub business. I deal with the corporate clientele, business suit types."

Still, he revels about Clubland and "the pleasant blend of interesting people the nightclub draws from the city and the suburbs, almost every age and color, black and white, single and married. They come wearing everything from black tie to black leather." His friends call Clubland "the closest thing to New York or Chicago that Detroit's ever had."

A series of lucky coincidences and connections as far away as Australia led the magician-entertainer to set up shop in the ninth floor office of the Palms Building, where workmen in boots and flannel shirts check the blueprints for the ongoing State renovation and applicants fill out forms for the 100 staff jobs at bartenders, wait persons, and entertainers at Clubland.



A view of the ceiling above the dance floor.

WEIKAL GREW UP in West Bloomfield, and as a teenager he began charming the birthday party set with his card tricks and balloon animals. At Michigan State University, he majored in economics and minored in accounting because he knew that despite its illusions — pardon the pun — even the magic business bows to financial reality. He says, "My real interest is business." Still, his addiction to show business remains, and he admits, "I do a half dozen private magic contracts a month because I really love entertaining people."

Through college, Weikal worked as an entertainer, and he continued amazing audiences with his sleight of hand when he attended graduate school at the University of Adelaide in Australia. Why Down Under? Because he won a Rotary Foundation Scholarship to study there. While in Sydney performing at a nightclub, his love of majestic old movie theaters led him to snap photographs of the Regent, a stately old theater that had been boarded up.

Back home in the United States, he worked as stage assistant and coordinator for magician Harry Blackstone, Jr. That led to working as Blackstone's Midwest project manager. Please turn to Page 8

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ger responsible for 21 magical celebrations statewide during the Michigan Sequenential.

By coincidence Harry Blackstone is a good friend of Ray Shepardson, the leading authority on movie palace restorations and the man who did the Fox, the State Theatre and others around the country. Shepardson, Chuck Forbes, owner of the

table talk

Holiday tables

Elwin Greenwald, pastry chef of the Whitney in Detroit, has produced French and Viennese desserts such as buche de Noel (holiday yule log), croque-madame (small cream puffs shaped into Christmas trees), plus Dobs and Sacher tortes for one of the displays at the Cranbrook House and Garden Auxiliary's annual "Holiday Tables 1989" celebration.

Greenwald's desserts are just for viewing, however, to go along with a French "Belle Epoque" after-theater evening display by Ron Fox of the Whitney and Van Dyke Place, who has created a lavish red and cobalt blue table dressing. The "Holiday Tables" celebration will be held Friday-Sunday at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills. Admission is \$6 at the door, \$5 presale. For more information call 645-3149.

upcoming things to do

Deadline for the Upcoming calendar is one week ahead of publication. Items must be received by Thursday to be considered for publication the following Thursday. Send to: Ethel Simmons, Entertainment Editor, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Men who like to sing "the old songs" are being invited to attend practice of the Renaissance Chorus of Wayne, which recently placed second among 17 choruses in pioneer District competition (Lower Michigan and Southwestern Ontario). The chorus, sponsored by the Wayne Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Singing in America, practices every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Newburgh United Methodist Church in Livonia. Men who are interested may phone the chapter president, Lew Koppich, at 349-7291 or Walter Wolowicz at 421-6935 for information on the chorus and its award-winning quartets.

MUSICAL FANTASY

"Cinderella," Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical fantasy, opens Friday, Dec. 8, for a two-weekend run at Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre in Detroit. Performances are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 17, with a special 2 p.m. matinee on Dec. 17.

nee Saturday, Dec. 9. For tickets and information call the box office at 577-2960.

JAZZ SOUNDS

Chief-proprietor Jimmy Schmidt of the Ratlesnake Club announce that the club's jazz entertainment series will attend the end of the year Jazz at the Snake is presented in the Grill Room from 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday. The Marcus Belgrave Quartet continues Thursday-Saturday through Dec. 30, except for the weekend Dec. 21-23 when the Charlie Gabriel Quartet plays. Hari Paris is the attraction New Year's Eve.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The holiday season is welcomed with a "Christmas Concert" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium. The concert will feature composer-arranger Ward Swingle of the Swingle Singers as guest conductor. He will direct the WSU Concert Chorus in both traditional and popular holiday selections. No admission will be charged.

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ist, synthesist and composer, is coming to the Fox Theatre at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29. Tickets are \$10. See Ponty, along with a warm-up by jazz artist Stanley Jordan, are priced at \$20. Folk music trio Peter, Paul and Mary will perform a special Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5. Tickets are \$25.

MAGICIAN DAVID COOPER

will present nine performances of his new production of "The Magic of David Copperfield" on Thursday, Dec. 7, through Sunday, Dec. 10. The performances are part of a 10-month, international tour, with more than 500 performances in the United States, Canada and abroad. Tickets are \$14.50, \$17 and \$19.50. The Thursday evening performance at 8:30 p.m. along with Friday night performances at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.; Saturday performances at 1:30, 5 and 8 p.m. and Sunday performances at 3 and 7 p.m. are priced at \$17.50, \$20 and \$22.50.

FOX THEATRE

Jean-Luc Ponty, jazz-rock violinist. Please turn to Page 9



Kid Creole and the Coconuts will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Nectarine Ballroom in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$17.50 in advance. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations and at the Nectarine Ballroom. To charge by phone, call 645-6666.

'CHRISTMAS CAROL'

Charles Dickens' classic story of Ebenezer Scrooge and his Christmas conversion to jollity and compassion is adapted to the stage in masquerade fashion, with authentic English carols and period dances enhancing Dickens' original dialogue. For performances at the Michigan Theater Thursday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, and 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Tickets are \$10 and \$7, with student seating available at \$5.

'PRESENT LAUGHTER'

Students of the University of Michigan's University Players will present Sir Noel Coward's "Present Laughter," a comedy about the serious business of entertainment. Thursday, Nov. 30, through Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Power Center in Ann Arbor. Performances will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2, and 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Tickets are \$10 and \$7, with student seating available at \$5.

SANTA'S COMING

Children will have the opportunity to dine with Santa Claus when the Community Center Farmington Farmington Hills hosts its traditional Santa Luncheon on Friday-Sunday, Dec. 1-3, at the center. Luncheon festivities include a hot dog lunch, caroling, clowns and a chance for the children to give their Christmas list to Santa in person. Individual or family photos with Santa are available at \$2 for the first picture and \$1 for each additional one. There

are two seatings for the Santa Luncheon, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday-Sunday. An additional seating at 6:30 p.m. Friday also is available. Admission is \$4 per person. St. Nick will return with Chicago's Melkin Puppet Theater on Friday, Dec. 8, for a Christmas variety show at Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$3 per person. For ticket information for both events, call the community center at 477-8494.

RON CODEN

The Ron Coden Show returns to Mountain Jack's in Farmington Hills after a long absence. Coden and his group will play in the lounge Friday-Saturday for the month of December. They also will do a special New Year's Eve Show complete with hats, horns and a free champagne toast. As in the past, there will be no cover charge on New Year's Eve. Call 476-5333 for information.

KLEZMER MUSIC

The Folktown Coffeehouse of Southfield continues its 10th season of presenting folk, traditional and ethnic music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, with the mid-Michigan band called Tzimmes. Folktown is at the Southfield Civic Center in the Marquette Room. It is accessed via the free underground parking lot on the east side of the Civic Center. Admission to this concert is \$9. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 645-6666 or at the door.

'KIDS CONCERT'

The City of Southfield's Cultural Arts Division of the Parks and Recreation Department announces its holiday "Kids Concert" 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in Room 115 of the Parks and Recreation Building. Ray Nelson's Emmy-Award-winning Puppet Place will perform "The Firebird" while using its own style of life-sized body puppets. Tickets are \$2 for concert only or \$4.50 for concert and lunch. For reservations and more information, call 354-4717.

'Snapshots' appeal in 'The Fifth of July'

Performances of "The Fifth of July" continue through Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford playhouses in Redford. For ticket information call the box office at 538-5678.

By Bob Weibel
special writer

Rebecca Smith's superbly designed set, a talented cast and strong direction by Robert Gross combine for a splendid production of "The Fifth of July" by the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

Playwright Langford Wilson treats us to a stage full of many characters in what amounts to a series of monologues and sketches. There is little or no plot in the classical sense. Rather, "The Fifth of July" revolves as a series of snapshots that sometimes seem disconnected. As we learn more, we're magically drawn into their lives, and the scenes blend together like single frames from a movie so we see the big picture.

Wilson cleverly gets us to laugh at his oddball characters caught in a web of conflicted relationships. Underlying the comedy, however, are adult themes with earthy language that allows us to experience their darker side, as they go through the pain of reconciling their dreams with the reality of their lives.

"The Fifth of July" takes place in the summer of 1977 at the Talley farmhouse in Missouri. An eccentric family and weird friends arrive to reminisce with owner Ken Talley about the '60s. Berkeley and the Vietnam war, old, unresolved hostilities emerge, and the fireworks begin.

AT THE EYE of the storm is Ken Talley's struggle to keep the farm and lead a useful life as a teacher — and as a legless Vietnam veteran. Charles VanHoose plays Ken with an understated strength that makes his rage believable and his depression poignant. Rick Corcoran embodies the role of his homosexual lover, Jed, with a quiet dignity that is never maudlin.

Hank Bennett is perfectly cast as Ken's old friend, John, a big-time deal-maker with an unsavory past. And Patricia Jones gives an outstanding performance as John's girlfriend, Gwen, a shallow, burnt-out flower child and would-be singer.

Maxine Parshall is Ken's sister, June, an embittered '60s radical who now is a pill popper. She is very consistent, but one is aware that she is "acting." Perhaps a less caustic edge to her personality would make her more natural.

Kate Thorp sparkles as June's teen-aged daughter, Shirley, a precocious pubescent, who wears wild clothes and dreams of being a great artist.

Blanche Graham is an absolute delight as Ken's aunt, Sally, who carries her husband's ashes around in a candy box and talks to such things as her scissors.

Rounding out the cast is Jim Posant's hilarious portrayal of Westland Hurley, who is still in the '60s strumming his guitar, reading Kafka and saying things like "far out."

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

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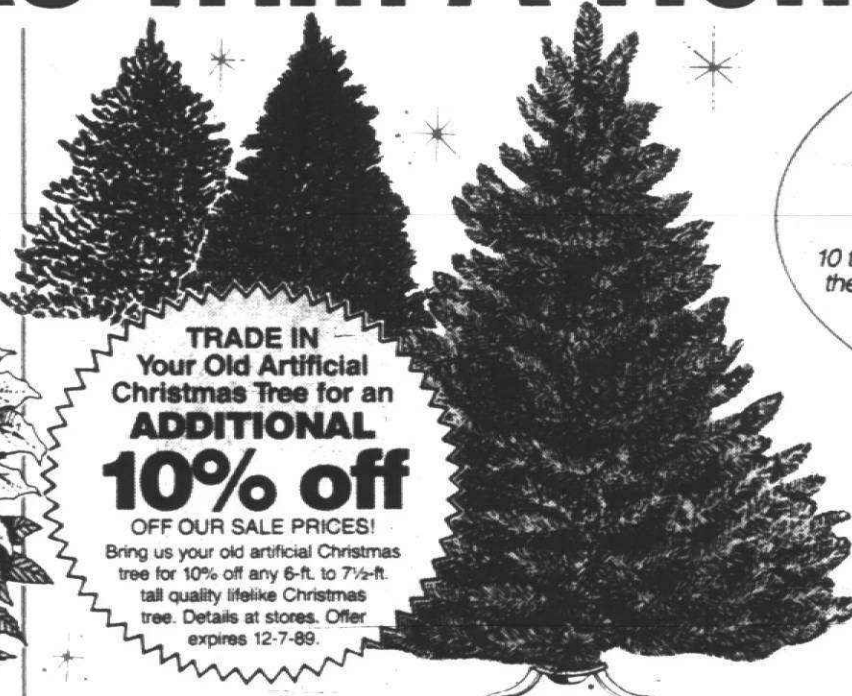
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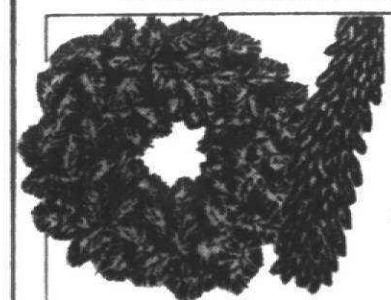
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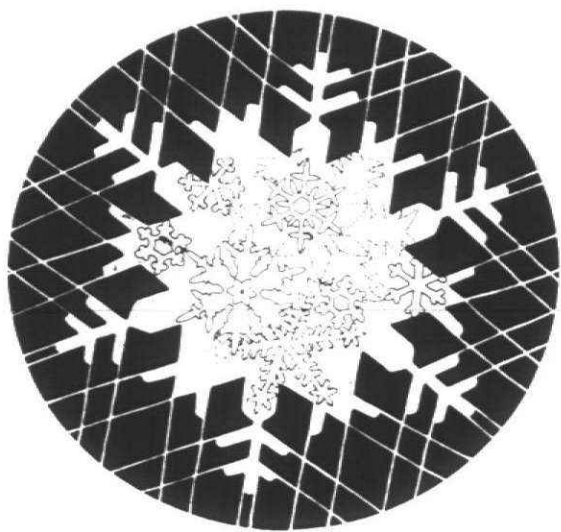
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Libonia's Christmas Walk

By Marie McGee
staff writer

FROM THE VERY, very old to the very, very new. It'll all be there 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, when the Friends of Greenmead initiate what they hope will become a community holiday tradition — a Christmas walk.

But the event is more than a fun affair — it will serve the dual purpose of helping raise funds for the all-important restoration of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead.

To that end, a revitalized Friends group has planned the walk that will take participants to all ends of the community and to several different types of homes — all gaily decorated for the holidays to fit the particular style home by community florists who have volunteered their efforts.

Beginning with the 1841-vintage Hill House Museum at Greenmead, "walkers" will then be free to move out to any of the five other houses on the tour that will include a second historical home that has been restored by its present owners to retain the charm of the Victorian era of its heyday. Decorations for this home will be done by French's Flowers.

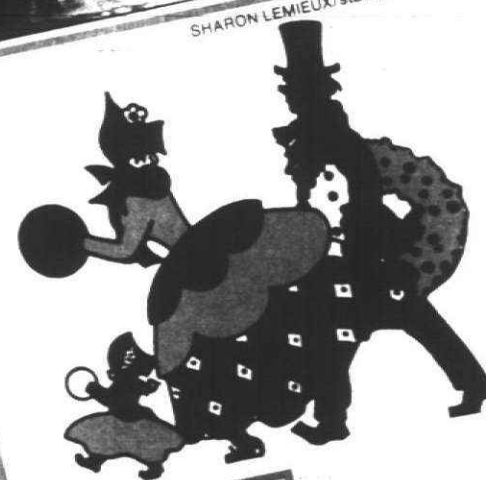
NOT NEARLY AS OLD but equally as charming with traditional accents will be a modified clapboard Cape Cod built around 1938 which its present owners have lovingly furnished with a mixture of restored country pieces, quilts, baskets, pottery and other collectibles. Most of the Christmas decorations are hand-crafted by the owners. (If the house sounds vaguely familiar, it was because it was featured as one of the stops in the Historical Society's recent progressive dinner.)

Across town and the newest house on the tour is a modernistic home with a feeling of openness created by vaulted ceilings and clean sleek lines underscored by creamy white furnishings accented by soft shades of pink. The black and white kitchen is said to be a homemaker's dream. Holiday decorations will be done by Premier Designs in Laurel Commons.

"A Joyful Christmas" is the theme at Hill House Museum where the house tour will begin. At the right is the gaily festooned bay window done by Cardwell Florist. Below, tour ticket chairwoman Senie Engbreton and museum co-chairwoman Doris Laird sit at the museum dining room table amid Christmas touches also provided by Cardwell Florist.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer



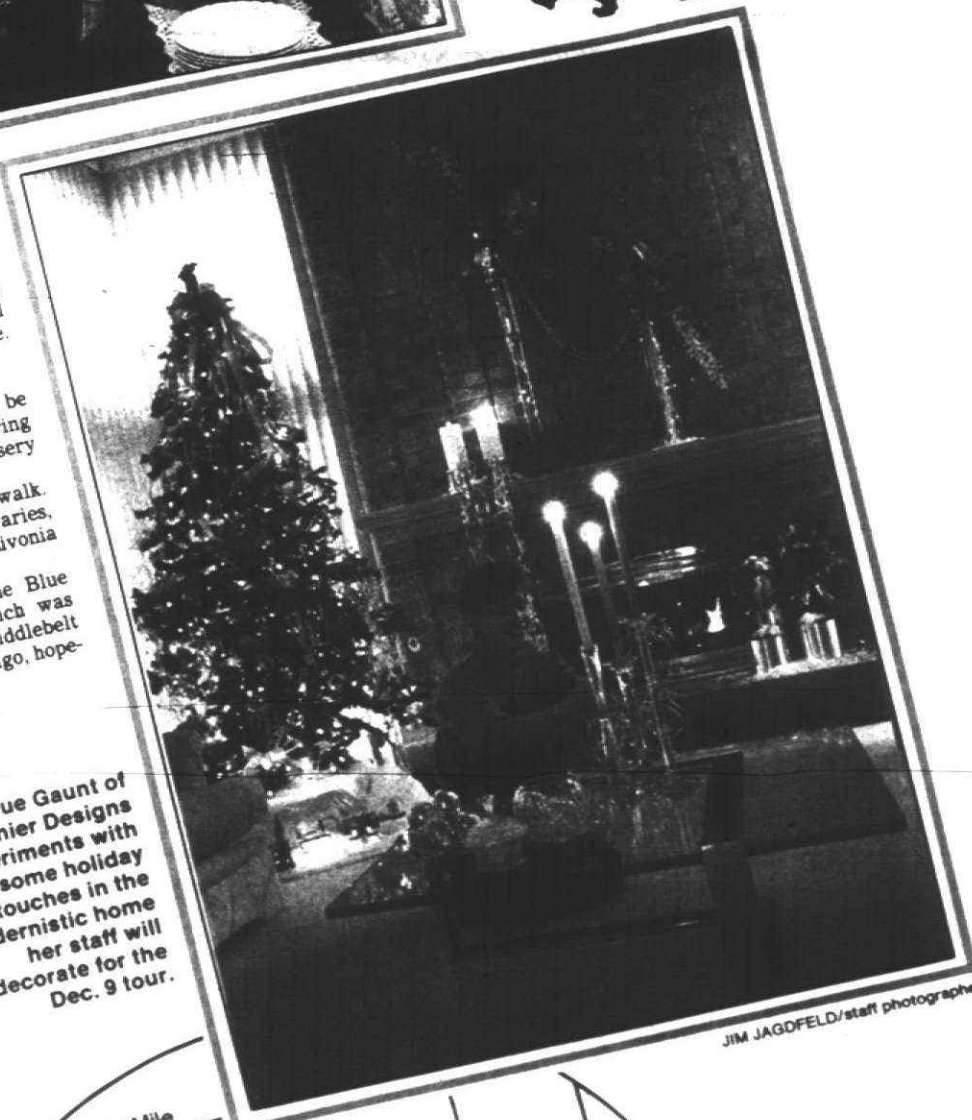
A Swiss chalet-style home — referred to as the chalet and chapel because of the four weddings that have taken place in its spacious living room as well as numerous anniversary parties — will add contrast to the tour. Weber's Floral Gifts will handle the Christmas touches.

Two other homes on the tour will be colonial style, one will handle the Christmas touches. The owners have chosen to do their own decorating.

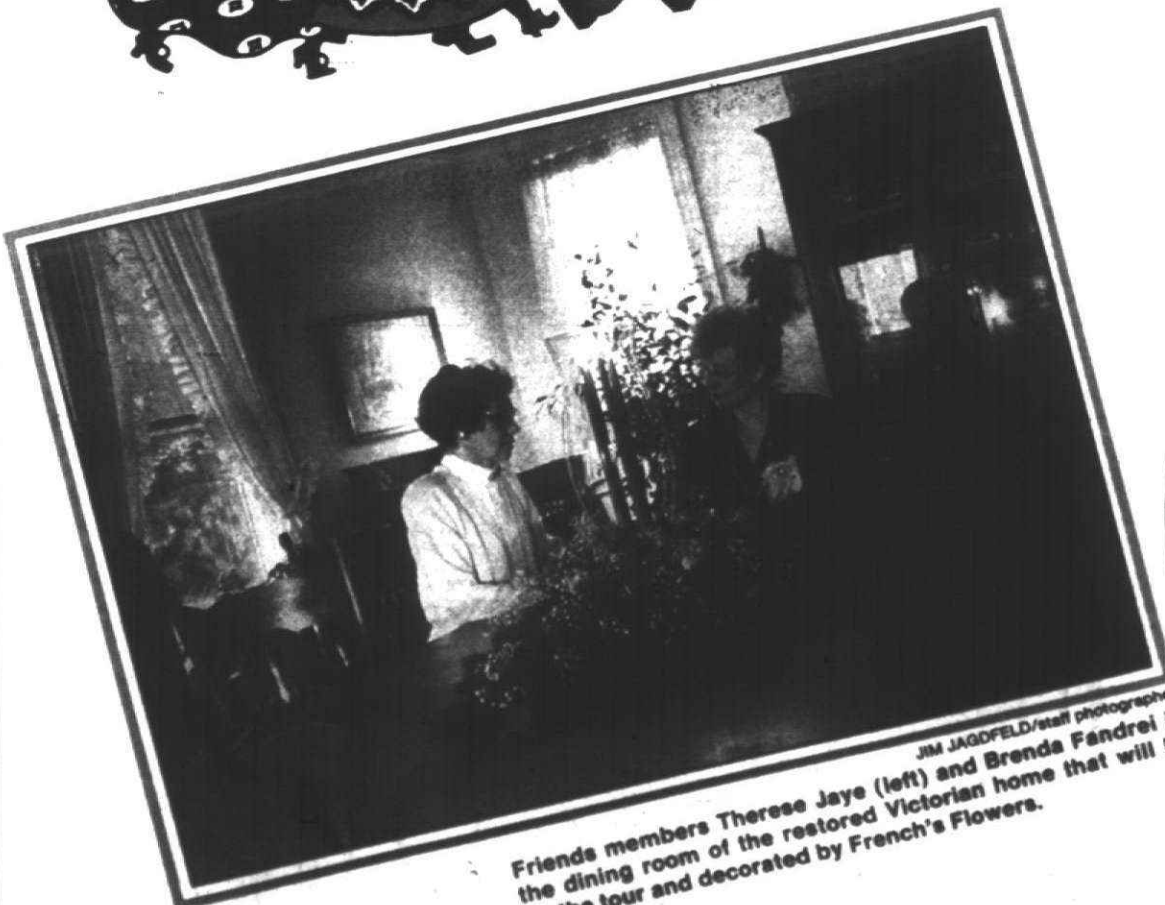
TRADITIONAL DECOR OF THE other colonial will be complemented with oriental accent pieces acquired during the owners three-year stay there. Harold Thomas Nursery and Florist will handle the decorating.

Tour tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the walk. Tickets are now available at all Livonia libraries, City Hall and through the Friends of Greenmead office in the Livonia house, a two-story Italianate-style farmhouse which was built over 130 years ago on its original site on Middlebelt Road, but was moved to Greenmead several years ago, hopefully to become a reception/meeting facility.

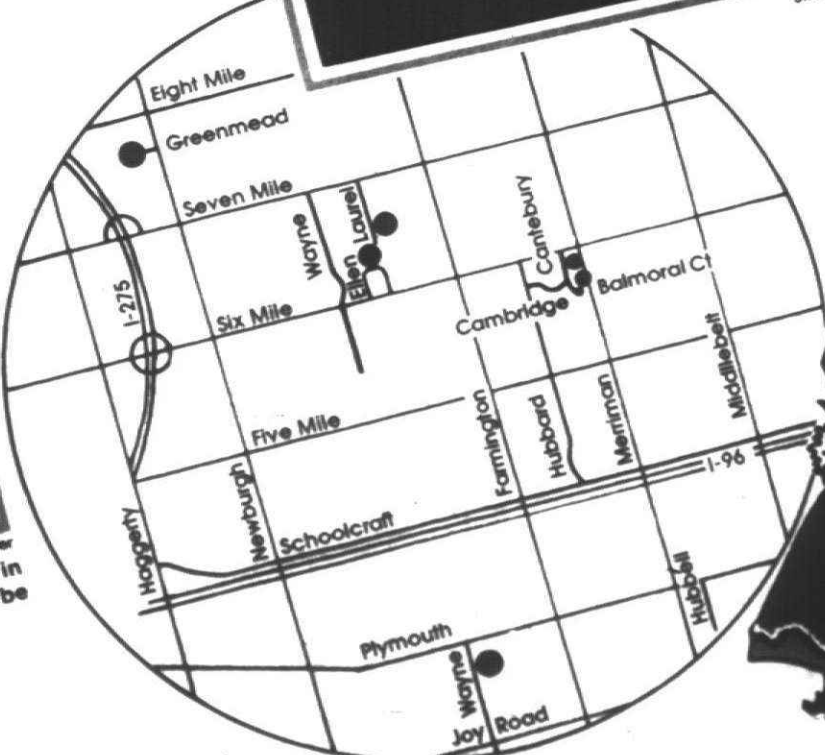
Sue Gaunt of Premier Designs experiments with some holiday touches in the modernistic home her staff will decorate for the Dec. 9 tour.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer



Friends members Therese Jaye (left) and Brenda Fandrei in the dining room of the restored Victorian home that will be on the tour and decorated by French's Flowers.



Symphony ushers in holidays on varied note

The Livonia Symphony will offer a variety of musical holiday gifts to the community at its "Magical Moments of Christmas" concert Saturday, Dec. 9.

Included will be dance sequences from "The Nutcracker Ballet," performed by students of the Rose Marie Floyd Ballet Company of Livonia, and a fully staged rendition of "The Night Before Christmas" with students from the Livonia Center for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA).

Special guests for the 8 p.m. program in Churchill High School will be Jim Mulleague and Hal Doyle, both of the Detroit area, as "The New Laurel and Hardy."

The concert will be under the baton of Francesco DiBlasi, LSO music director and conductor.

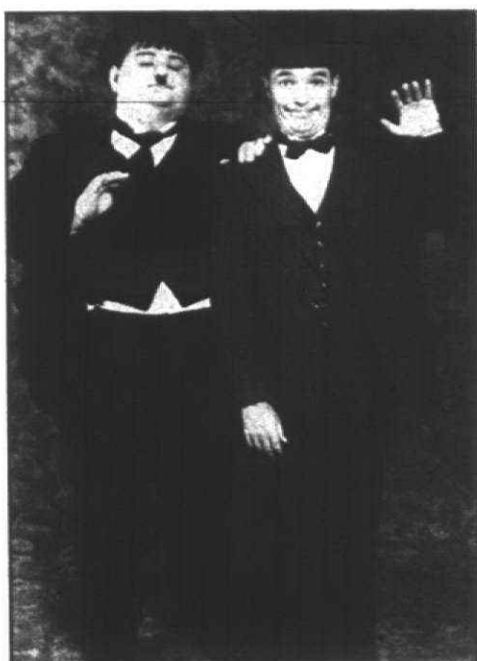
Tickets, at \$9 and \$5 for students and seniors, may be bought at the door or in advance from Ida Krandle at 851-4524.

MULLEAGUE AND DOYLE, currently performing at the MGM Bally in Las Vegas, have many club dates to their credit including those in Europe, Canada and the Caribbean.

They frequently perform in Detroit, and their trips on the state fair circuit have taken them from Minnesota to Florida.

Students from the Rose Marie Floyd Ballet Company have been guest artists many times with the Livonia Symphony. This year they will offer seven sequences from "The Nutcracker Ballet," including "Waltz of the Flowers."

Floyd, a graduate of Wayne State University,



Jim Mulleague and Hal Doyle 'New Laurel and Hardy' team

organized the company in 1956. Since then it has become one of the most popular dance companies in the metropolitan Detroit area.

Floyd is recipient of the Wayne State Headliner Award and holds a Master Cecchetti advanced diploma, the most advanced honor in the ballet branch of the Imperial Society of England.

Livonia's CAPA trains students in dance, instrumental music, theater, vocal music and visual arts. The intensified training in CAPA is designed with college preparation or career/avocational goals in mind, said its program director, Steven Kosinski.

IN ADDITION to the many performers involved in the program, Santa will "clown around" during intermission. His appearance is being made possible by Mobile Ed Productions Inc. of Livonia.

DiBlasi will begin the program with LeRoy Anderson's "A Christmas Festival" and the prelude to the opera, "Hansel and Gretel" by Humperdinck.

Other orchestral numbers include Waldteufel's "Skater's Waltz" and Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The evening's entertainment will be concluded with Andrea Hughes leading a sing-along with the audience invited to join her in traditional carols and a "Hanukkah Celebration" by Feldstein.

Churchill High School is at Joy and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

briefly speaking

• REDFORD CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra will present its 34th annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 in Thurston High School. Featured will be the Ford Motor Co. Chorus presenting holiday music by many composers. The chorus is directed by Dale Olmstead, accompanied by Joan Piethman. There will also be an audience participation Christmas carol sing. There is no admission charge.

• JORLETT CHORALE

The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street, will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12. Performing will be the David Jorlett Chorale, a professional appella choir with residence at the Duns Scotus Priory in Southfield. Jorlett is the Centennial Park and artistic director for Schoolcraft College.

Advanced ticket purchases are highly recommended, \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. At the door, \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the church office during business hours. For more information, call 453-6464.

• MADRIGAL DINNER

St. Agatha Chorale will have a madrigal dinner at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 in historic Fort Wayne to benefit the ecumenical project SAVE (Seek and Visit the Elderly). Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 842-4677.

• GREEMEAD CHRISTMAS WALK

Friends of Greenmead will sponsor a Christmas walk of six homes in Livonia on Saturday, Dec. 9, 1-5 p.m. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of the Alexander Blue House in the historical village. Tickets at \$5 are available at all Livonia libraries, Greenmead and the Community Resources Office in the City Hall.

• MADONNA ART SHOW

Madonna College, Livonia, will feature an exhibit of oils and watercolors in the library wing exhibit gallery through Dec. 5. It is sponsored by the Adult Education Art Program. Exhibit hours are 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Madonna is at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

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DONT SAY I never did anything for you. I've been out in the trenches for the last two weeks, doing reconnaissance work, helping you to get a good start on your holiday shopping (and, I hope, putting a dent in my own).

The big problem this year, especially when it comes to children's books, is that there is so much to choose from.

Months ago, as I looked ahead to future columns, I made a note to devote one column in late November to gift suggestions for book lovers. But it can't be done. No way can I even begin to scratch the surface of possibilities in a single column. So, I'll try to do as much as I can in two columns, instead. This week, I'll talk about gifts for little ones. Next time, I'll conclude with a look at what's out there for those of us kids who have grown a little taller.

ACTUALLY, THE whole family can have fun with Graeme Base's in-

tricately illustrated "The Eleventh Hour: A Curious Mystery" (Abrams, \$14.95). The "mystery" is this: What sneaky critter lifted all the goodies intended for Horace the Elephant's big birthday bash? Was it the pig who came to the party dressed as an admiral? A pair of gaffers, costumed as ballerinas? Or maybe that wily zebra? The answer can be found within Base's splendid artwork.

Speaking of masterful illustrations (and also of children's books the family can enjoy), don't miss Mark Helprin's striking version of the legendary ballet story, "Swan Lake" (Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95). Accompanied by the jewel-like illustrations of Chris Van Allsburg, this story of a fatherless prince and orphaned princess may be a bit complex for your young readers who try it on their own, but most will find it an absolutely enchanting "read-to-me" story.

For a different look at the story of Christmas, there's illustrator Julie Vivas' "The Nativity" (Gulliver,

HBJ, \$13.95). With the text from the Authorized King James version of the Bible, Vivas' images are delightfully unique. Who said the Angel Gabriel had to be divinely beautiful, anyway?

Here, he's a homely red-head wearing high-topped, comfy boots, and equipped with a pair of enormous, papery wings that look as if they'd been dipped in a magical paint pot. The Virgin Mary is very obviously "great with child" (a loving Joseph has his hands full, getting her up on to that donkey). Vivas' images of the newborn Christ Child, the ragged shepherds, and the exotic, awe-struck wise men (atop their blue-and-green camels) are irresistible.

OTHER DELIGHTS include Joyce Kimmell's "Nicholas" (Crockett/Harper and Row, \$12.95), illustrated by William Joyce. In this charming, rhymed tale especially for ages 4-8, Cricket Nick "plays every night in the Bug-a-Wug Cricket Band" at a place called (what else?) Nick's Cafe. Ducks and rabbits swing and sway till dawn, alongside ladybugs, toads, moths, mantises, snap-turtles, grasshoppers. "The music is just so grand" and so is this book. For ages 8-12, "Ma and Pa Dracula" (Holiday House, \$12.95) by Ann M. Martin (author of the Baby-Sitters Club series) offers a distinctively zany look at a wonderfully weird family. Drawings are by Dirk Zimmer.

For ages 12 and up, Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time" stirs

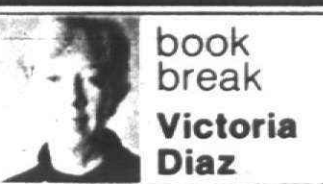
up another time-travel tale in "An Acceptable Time" (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, \$12.95). Young heroine, Polly O'Keefe, visiting her grandparents' Connecticut farm, slips back in time, where she comes up against a native American girl, a druid, and a handsome warrior from an ancient society.

For those smallest story-lovers on your list, remember to take a look at "Henry's Moon" (Little, Brown, \$12.95) by Geoffrey Moss. This endearing story of the little boy who builds himself a moon comes accompanied by a bedside nightlight.

For youngest Chanukah-celebrants, noted children's author and illustrator, Tomie dePaola, has put together a charming board-book introduction to the holiday, "My First Chanukah" (Putnam, \$5.95). In simple text accompanied by dePaola's colorful artwork, identifies Chanukah traditions like the lighting of the menorah, the spinning dreidel, and festive holiday foods.

Also, in time for Chanukah, Eric Kimmel's "Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins" (Holiday House, \$14.95). Not to worry - those pesky ghouls that go bump in the night are put in their place in Kimmel's story, illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner, Trina Schart Hyman.

Books and more "Silent Night: A Christmas Book With Lights and Music" (Macmillan Aladdin, \$10.95), illustrated by Kathy Mitchell. On these pages, the Star of Bethlehem really twinkles and, if the "magic" tab is pulled, readers can hear the classic Christmas carol "My Peter



book break Victoria Diaz

Rabbit Book and Toy Box" (Warne, \$19.95) comes complete with a 9-inch, plush rendition of Beatrix Potter's most famous character, and four Rabbit Tales. Maria Dany's "Lullaby Book" (Knopf, \$19.95) features lullabies in print and on cassette, tucked inside is soft, silk-screened Tucker the Turtle for sleepyheads like himself.

"The American Girl's Theater" (Pleasant Co., \$16.95) includes four scripts for three plays in the American Girl's series, along with a director's guide and other necessities for the production of these gift-boxed plays.

Don't forget book/cassette sets. One of the most attractively-packaged this year is Chris Van Allsburg's "Polar Express" (Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95). Narrated on cassette by actor William Hurt, each

gift set contains Van Allsburg's breathtakingly beautiful book and a small, silvery sleigh bell that looks as if it might have been snipped from the harness of one of Santa's reindeer.

Finally, if you're interested in best-sellers when it comes to children's literature, you'll want to know that, locally at least (and probably everywhere else), H.R.H. the Duke of York's "Buddie, The Little Helicopter" (Simon and Schuster, \$9.95), with whimsical illustrations by John Richards, is selling like there's no tomorrow.

There's lots, lots more out there in the world of "kiddy lit." Go and see for yourself. I regret that I can't include more of it here, but, as promised, I think those I've mentioned will give you a good start. Happy hunting!

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13416 HAVERHILL, PLYMOUTH South of N. Territorial one mile west of Ann Arbor. Be sure to visit on Sunday, the skills and attention to detail given to the development of this original owner. French Colonial are unrivaled. A covered setting backing into a wooded natural area. 4 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, circular wood staircase, a study, 22x18 ft. main room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, walk-out basement with fireplace, and 3 1/2 car side entrance garage. Every inclusion is present. **EXTRACT THE BEST!** \$284,900 (453-8200)

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH! An established neighborhood so close to Middle and Elementary schools presents an attractive Colonial featuring 5 bedrooms, 2 full, 2 half baths, formal dining room, an entire 1st floor with oak cabinets, 23 ft. family room with fireplace, screened porch, 1st floor laundry, finished basement, and attached 2 1/2 car garage. New furnace and aluminum covered exterior trim. A **WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME!** \$135,000. (453-8200)

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46469 ARBORETUM CIRCLE, PLYMOUTH South off Ann Arbor Road onto McClumpley between Ann Arbor Road and Joy Road. Unrivaled quality construction, striking architectural detailing, an interior with style and drama sets the pattern for this luxurious new home. Opulent baths, a study, fireplace, a kitchen you'll love, basement, 1st floor laundry, 2 1/2 car garage. VISIT ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY! \$278,500. (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH IMPECCABLE RANCH

A wonderful location west of Sheldon. A welcoming first impression is achieved by its well groomed landscaping and covered front porch. There are 3 bedrooms, an oak foyer floor, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, 1st floor laundry, cheerful basement, and 2 1/2 car garage. Central air, appliances... a home you'll find difficult to improve. \$179,900. (453-8200)

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745 PARKVIEW, CITY OF PLYMOUTH East off Middle Road, just off Ann Arbor Trail. A great deal of love and care are expressed in this impeccable one story ranch, 3 bedrooms, formal dining room, great room with fireplace, a completely updated bathroom, a lovely patio, a new roof, a large treed private setting on a quiet court. A 30x22 garage with a workshop. SEE YOU ON SUNDAY! \$93,500. (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH! DELUXE RANCH!

A neighborhood that will always retain its popularity and grow in value. A beautifully appointed ranch featuring 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a wood foyer floor, family room with fireplace, a wonderful garden room with Pella windows, 1st floor laundry, finished basement, and 2 1/2 car garage with opener. **South floor conversion, Central Air, elaborate landscaping.** \$189,900. (453-8200)

NEVER BEFORE OFFERED! PLYMOUTH!

Just two years old, this exceptionally well developed custom Colonial enjoys a large lot with 3 towering Colorado spruce trees. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a 26 ft. gathering room, a rear covered porch inviting future expansion, 1st floor laundry, basement, and side entrance 2 1/2 car garage with opener. \$168,800. (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH! Custom built Contemporary on 1.3 Acres East of Beck Road on a 2nd level lot. Towering trees and privacy! 4 bedrooms, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces (family room and finished walk-out basement), a study, 1st floor laundry, an attached location. \$250,000. (453-8200)

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Establish overall color scheme

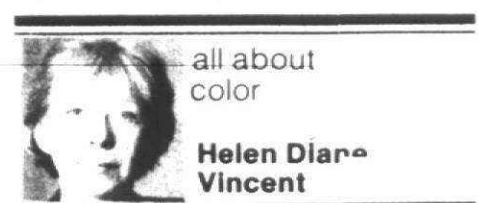
Q. We've just moved into a house with a fairly large entrance hall, from which the living and dining room can be seen. The furnishings and colors for these rooms are quite different since we're doing our redecorating piecemeal. The only thing we've settled on is to use soft rose carpeting throughout the first floor. My husband wants to use the same carpeting in the entrance hall, but I'm afraid so much of one color will look too monotonous. Any suggestions?

A. Before you proceed much further with your redecorating, I would strongly suggest establishing an overall scheme. Quite a wide range of colors harmonize with soft rose, depending upon what kind of effect you want. Whatever your final color selection will be, you might consider anchoring the overall color scheme with black and white for the entrance hall. It can be accented with pewter or brass for the lighting fixture, and a decorative mirror for one wall.

Black and white is one of the most universally accepted and understood color combinations. It acts as a bridge to all types of color schemes you have now or plan on having in the future. This indomitable combination is suitable to any style of furniture, and is especially dramatic in the classic black and white flooring squares made up in high quality vinyl, ceramic, or even marble. Later, you can add a vase of real or silk flowers in colors taken from your living and dining rooms — and have it placed in front of the mirror.

Q. I've never given much thought how the various tones of off-white can influence a color scheme until I moved into my new apartment recently. I like it except for the mismatched color of the antique white walls and the warm beige carpeting. The antique white looks grey compared to the carpeting. I'm thinking of repainting the walls myself, but need your advice because my furniture upholstery is in a combination of warm terracotta and cool, soft greens. All my wood tones are fairly warm and light. What do you suggest?

A. The antique whites, which have been around for a while, are very greyed yellows that



Helen Diane Vincent

sometimes give off an impression of a greenish cast. All subsequent off-whites created by the paint industry are much purer in tone, which means they are much less greyed.

If you decide to repaint your apartment in another off-white, I would shift over into the warmer, yellow-orange family. When these colors are grayed, they turn into elegant tans and beiges. This would be more suitable for terracotta and green color harmonies.

But if you can arrange it with your building management, I would go one step further and select either a richer pastel, in the soft apricot range, or go for a two-tone combination of a soft apricot in combination with a deeper or brighter version of the same color family. For a contrasting accent, I would then introduce a jade-colored ceramic vase or lamp bases.

Be careful to stay away from stark, blue-cast whites, or anything with too much yellow in it. You can also play around with finishes, reserving a matte finish for the larger, lighter color, and experimenting with higher gloss for the darker, to give the color more depth.

Helen Vincent is a free-lance writer who lives in Troy. She welcomes questions and comments from readers. Send those to her in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia 48150.

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

St. John's Episcopal Church's holiday bazaar will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Thirty area craftsmen will have booths. Fresh greens and roping also will be available. A bake sale and cafe will be featured. Admission is \$1 or a canned good for those in need this holiday season.

HANDCRAFTERS UNLIMITED

Handcrafters Unlimited will present a Christmas arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main, two blocks west of Center Street, Northville. More than 70 quality artists will be present. Lunch will be available. Admission is \$1.50. No baby strollers.

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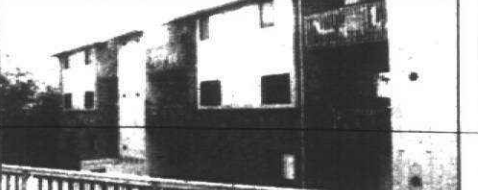
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Four Kids Or More! No problem in this spacious Northville home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1st floor laundry, formal dining room, finished basement and a Summer spectacular inground pool. \$189,900.

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Builder of the Year Janet Compo is chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc. In addition to her work as a builder, she is mounting a drive to establish refurbished rental housing for the homeless.

Builders association honors Janet Compo

By Doug Funke
staff writer

It was almost ordained that Janet Compo would one day make her mark in the world as a builder.

As a young teen she was enthralled by sketches of floor plans made by her dad of home improvements and the family cottage.

She met her husband, James, while both were students at Cass Tech High School in Detroit. She concentrated in art, he in architecture building.

They married and in 1961 formed James D. Compo Inc. The couple started with remodeling jobs, moved on to small industrial buildings, then found a niche in new residential construction.

Janet Compo, chief executive officer of James D. Compo Inc., was honored Wednesday as Builder of the Year for 1989 by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

The selection was based on her work as chairwoman of the association's Remodelers Council and efforts to establish a rental housing program for the homeless.

"THE THING that fascinates me is it's never boring and always a challenge," said the 55-year-old Farmington Hills woman.

"You have to work with every type of personality involved. When you're building custom homes, it's

almost like you're marrying.

"Ideas are a challenge and the most fun part of the business," Compo added. "I've designed every kind of house imaginable from super contemporary to Victorian."

"If you're any kind of custom builder, you read everything you can about design," she said.

The Compo business involves sons Paul, a troubleshooter, and Chris, a superintendent.

Daughter Carole used to work in the business until she moved to Pennsylvania. Son David, who also pitched in at one time, now is in the entertainment business.

"SHE'S A VERY hard worker for the association and a very hard worker in her own business," James Bonadeo, BASM president, said of Compo. "She's terrific in that she not only sells but designs and builds."

James Compo credits his wife for making their company go.

"She runs the business from the point of view of books and the financial end. I'd probably end up giving the store away. She's a good business person plus good with designs," he said.

Janet passes compliments right back to her husband. "He encouraged me in all of this. He said, 'Go for it.' Jim taught me construction."

Compo Inc. builds 30-35 houses per year priced on average between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Aside from her company duties, Janet enjoys working with the association's Remodelers Council — a networking group set up to instill professional standards and help young contractors run a successful business.

SHE ALSO would like to help people who are down on their luck build a new philosophy — and lives — by providing rental properties for them to live in, which they themselves would help refurbish through sweat equity.

Compo intends to have an open house at her Villa Fantasia model under construction in Northville's Pheasant Hills Subdivision with proceeds going to a fund to buy used rental housing for the homeless.

Other builders will be asked to participate in similar efforts, she said, adding that specific details of the program need to be worked out.

"We're trying to show in the free enterprise system we can help people," Compo said.

For fun, Janet and Jim enjoy a private airplane — he flies, she navigates — and vacationing in the Virgin Islands and Cancun.

"In order to be a builder and make it, you've got to be up and positive all the time," she said.

That's just how Janet Compo, Builder of the Year for 1989, comes across.

Builders salute industry service

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan toasted its own last night during its annual awards banquet at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency, honoring builders and others who have made contributions to the industry.

Top honors went to Builder of the Year Janet Compo of James D.

Campo Inc. Building in Farmington Hills; BASM Hall of Fame inductee Mark "Ted" Jacobson of Mark Jacobson and Associates of Bingham Farms; and posthumous Hall of Fame inductee Joseph Curran, founder of Curran Construction Co. and Curran and Johnson Realty in Dearborn Heights.

Young Builder of the Year John Bolland Jr. of Bolland Building Co. of Troy, and Associates of the Year,

Gordon Garlick and Samuel Kreis, were also honored by the BASM membership. Garlick is a retired vice president with Standard Federal Bank. Kreis is vice president of construction lending for Comerica Mortgage Co.

BASM members also commended: • BASM president James Bonadeo and owner of Bonadeo Builders

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Hall of Fame taps Jacobson

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Mark "Ted" Jacobson, founder and president of



Mark "Ted" Jacobson
Hall of Fame

Mark Jacobson and Associates, Bingham Farms, isn't one to pat himself on the back.

But he admits it is gratifying being selected to the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan Hall of Fame by his colleagues — not for the prestige the selection might offer, but because it's a sign of respect from his peers.

He's been a successful builder for almost 40 years — most of that time working for himself — and he's worked hard, he said. Despite being named to the Hall of Fame and having a long, distinguished career, Jacobson said he doesn't envision himself as a role model for young builders.

"I'd be flattered to think that's the case," he said. "I would like to be thought of as a hard worker who has always kept his word. I'd hate to think of myself as an old guard for anything just because I've been around a long time."

"It's been an interesting career and I've had a lot of good experiences," he said.

Being selected for the Hall of Fame doesn't mean his career is over.

"I've been saying I'm going to start taking it easier for a long time, but it doesn't ever work out that way," he said.

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Bollan tops young builders

John Bollan Jr., a third-generation member of a company that bears the family name, has been selected Young Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan.

Bollan, 36, of Troy oversees general operations as vice president of the Bollan Building Co. in Royal Oak.

The company specializes in residential construction

tion priced at \$145,000 to \$180,000, Bollan said.

"In high school, I was sweeping houses, working in the field," he said. "Growing up, I was out with my father. Actually, I learned a lot from my grandfather. We all pretty much shared the business."

Bollan considered a career in art education and hotel management, but found himself drawn to the construction business where he was working 40 hours per week to pay for his schooling and other expenses.

Bollan concedes that he draws on his college courses to help shape customer's housing ideas.

The rewards of the work? "Mostly interaction — not only working with customers but contractors and suppliers who actually make houses happen," Bollan said.

The company now is building in the Long Lake Meadows Subdivision in Troy. Bollan Co. also has built in Southbridge in Troy, Cumberland Hills in Rochester and Haverhill in Macomb Township.

Bollan was selected young builder for service to the building industry, the association and the community in general. Nominees had to be 40 or younger.

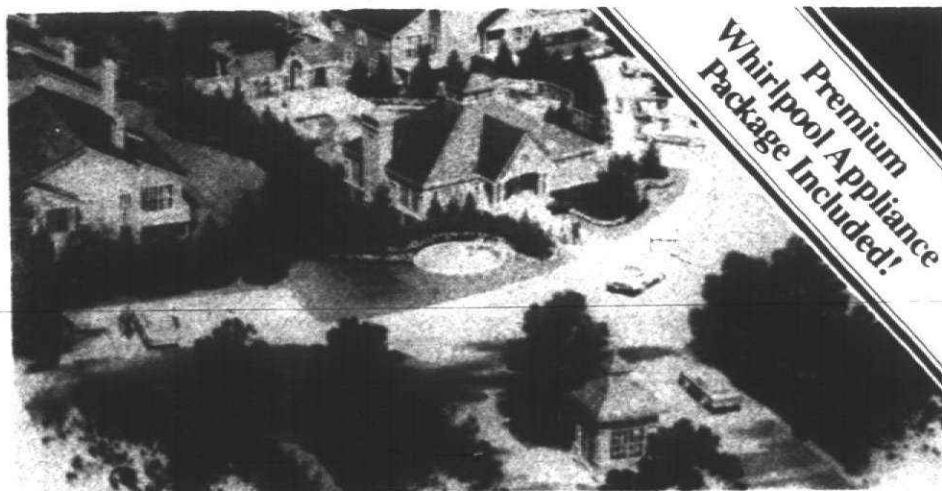
"He's a serious young man," said James Bonadeo, president of the association. "He's done himself quite an impressive job in single family housing. They build under their own name, which is the sign of a good builder."

Bollan said he anticipates carrying on the family business when his father retires.



John Bollan Jr.
Young Builder of the Year

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lighting in their new houses.

There are three types of lighting — task, ambient and decorative.

Task lighting is used for a specific job, such as cooking or paying bills.

Ambient (general) lighting provides overall illumination of the space.

Decorative (accent) lighting highlights painting and works of art.

The most common lighting situation in the kitchen is often the worst: a fixture in the middle of the ceiling that forces you to work in your own shadow. Instead, use several sources of light.

In the kitchen:

- Task lighting should be bright. A single-arm fixture is useful because it can be adjusted to a variety of heights and tasks.
- Under-cabinet lighting turns

unlighted counters into added work space.

In the home office, look to install proper lighting to reduce eyestrain.

To reduce glare and reflection for a home computer, place light sources beside or behind the terminal.

To check for glare, move a small pocket mirror across the computer screen. If you see a bright reflection, adjust the lamps or the screen until the reflection disappears.

In the bathroom:

- The most flattering reflection comes from three sides. Most bathrooms have one overhead light that creates deep shadows and an unattractive appearance.

The living room is probably used more often than any other in the house and consequently serves many functions. Lighting should meet every

need whether reading or watching television. It should also create a soothing visual environment for entertaining and relaxing.

Tasks such as reading or needlework require a brighter light from either a table or floor lamp. Use bright 100-watt bulbs or three-way bulbs that allow you to increase the light's brightness as needed.

To create balance and illuminate works of art, use directional spots from recessed or track fixtures. This lighting will do double duty by framing art with light while washing a wall, landing or hallway.

Night exterior lighting can significantly add to a house's beauty, sale value and security.

A well-lighted house is inviting to everyone and prowlers. To enhance security, install flood lights from roof eaves to illuminate walkways, front, back and side yards.

To keep electric bills under control, consider using outdoor light

bulbs that contain a device that automatically turns outdoor lamps on or off depending on light levels.

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Industry service saluted

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Corp. in Plymouth Township for distinguished service to the organization.

• Richard Roeser of Beachum and Roeser Development Corp. in Birmingham, for distinguished service to the building industry.

• Steve Victor, former president of the Apartment Association of Michigan in Birmingham, for distinguished service to the building industry.

• Earlene Bonadeo for distinguished service to the Women's Auxiliary of BASM.

• James Ferrara, former Rochester Hills building inspector, and Gerald VandenBusche, Troy building inspector, for their contributions to the home building industry.

BASM toasted the Homearama building companies Robert R. Jones

Associates in Bloomfield Township, Palazzolo Brothers Construction Co. in Rochester Hills, Kellett and Saylor in Troy, Oliver Homes in Rochester Hills, Hunter's Creek Homes in Rochester, Damascus Development in Bloomfield Township, Capitol Homes in Rochester Hills, F&M Construction in Rochester, and Mocerri Ferro in Grand Blanc. BASM members also honored the Homearama Committee, made up of Roy Maly of Detroit Edison Co., Albert K. Marshall of First Federal of Michigan, Dennis P. Dickstein, chairman of Ralph M. Moyer Associates — Realtors in Rochester, Dominic J. Mocerri of Mocerri Development in Grand Blanc, Herbert Lawson of Herbert Lawson Inc. in West Bloomfield, Rosalie Lamb of BASM, and Nancy Rosen of Stone, August, Baker, public relations in Troy.

Hall of Famer started as lawyer

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A FIRST-GENERATION builder, Jacobson of West Bloomfield, almost backed into building. He started out as an attorney for Weiss, Wasser, Jaffe and Radner in Detroit after graduating from Wayne State University law school in 1949. One of his clients was the Edward Rose building firm, now Edward Rose and Sons, Southfield, one of Detroit's biggest builders.

He became acquainted with building through his association with Edward Rose, decided he had a flair for it, and joined the firm. Eight years later, in 1959, he started his own building company.

Since then, Jacobson has developed more than 12,000 single family and multiple residential developments, been actively involved in BASM, and has also chaired the Michigan State Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alterations Contractors Board. He has been a member for 14 years of the state board that regulates builder licensing.

But his first passion remains building.

"It's an exciting career — I feel I'm doing something productive, something creative. I'm one of

those few people whose avocation and vocation are the same thing.

"It's difficult to put into words the satisfaction one gets from taking a raw piece of land, visualizing what can be done with it, working the land, building on it and completing a project."

The tough ones, Jacobson said, are particularly satisfying. Park Place apartments, a recently completed 737-unit complex in Northville, was built atop a gravel pit.

"That piece of property sat there for a long time because no one wanted it."

But Jacobson thought that something could be made of the property and bought it.

"Everyone else's property analysis said the property was no good — we thought differently."

"In the final analysis, I think we were right be-

cause it really is a beautiful development," Jacobson said.

Other recently completed developments include Bloomfield Place apartments in Bloomfield Hills, Carlyle Place apartments in Clinton Township, and Windsor Place in Davison Township near Flint.

LOOKING BACK on his years in development, Jacobson said he is not surprised by the amount of building that has taken place since he started in the industry.

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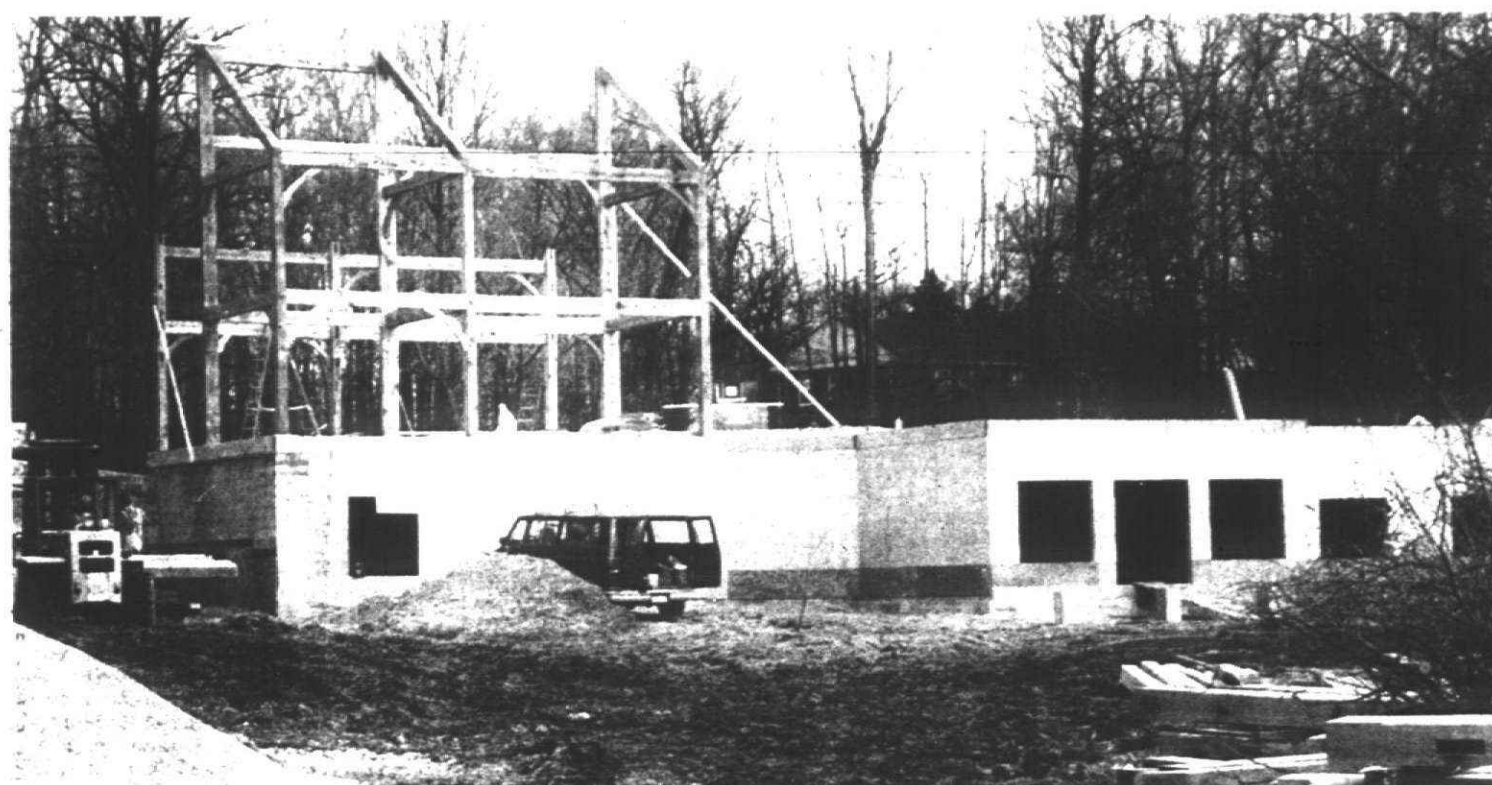
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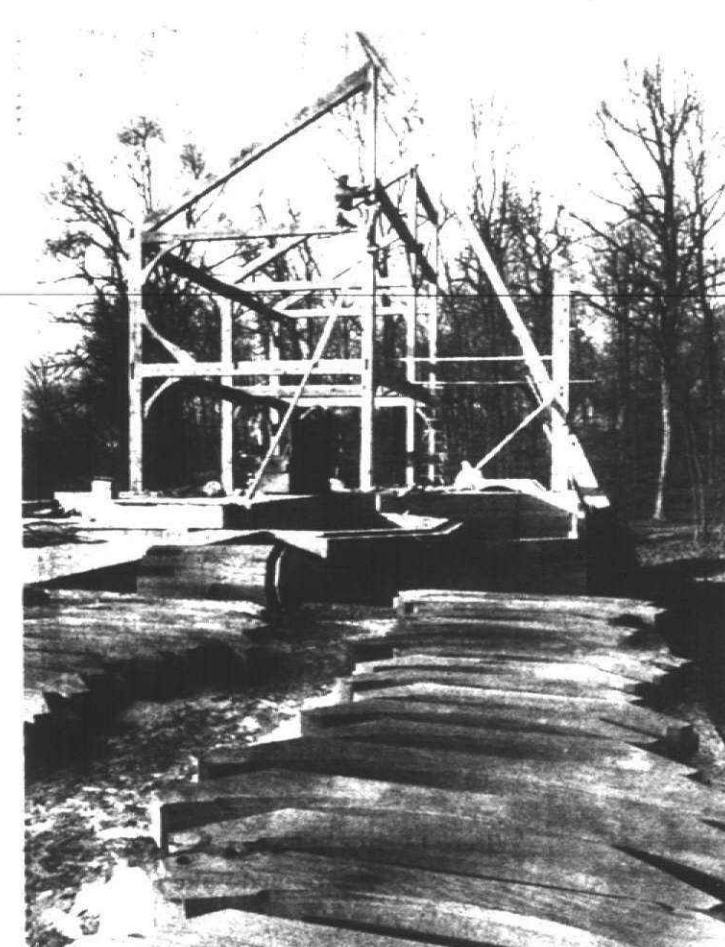
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A 6,400-square foot timber frame house is being built in Northville Township.

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Some of the timber framework lies on the first floor of the home.

'Tinker toy' construction key to timber frame houses

By Doug Funke
Staff writer

Not everyone, it seems, wants the wood frames in their houses concealed.

There are some people who enjoy the ambience of a simpler time when timber beams, connected by wooden pegs, were set right out in the open for everyone to see.

Back then, substance took precedence over form.

Things are a little different now. Modern houses for the most part use 2-by-4 stud frames hidden by drywall.

But some people still are enchanted by exposed timber beams.

And Riverbend Timber Framing, founded 10 years ago and headquartered in Blissfield, provides the product.

"Ours is almost all custom work," said Tom Schrock, director of marketing. "There's no standard package."

DON'T CONFUSE timber framing with log cabins.

The interior of a log cabin will look like a log cabin. On a house with timber framing, the interior framing is exposed, but the buyer has a choice of wall covering.

"It's versatile," said Daryl Baldwin, shop manager for Riverbend Timber. "With timber frames, you can have drywall (paint), wallpaper or you could go rustic."

The cost of timber frame construction ranges from \$75-90 per square foot — competitive with traditional stud frame construction containing large vault ceilings and good insulation, said Frank Baker, chief executive officer and founder of Riverbend Timber.

Here's how it works. Beams with thicknesses as large as 7-by-9 inches for posts and 7-by-15 inches for girders are cut to design in the company's shops in Blissfield.

HOLES ARE drilled in the oak wooden beams where they are to be connected.

The beams are then shipped to the home site, connected in mortise and tenon fashion (slotting one end of a timber into the hole of another) and secured with wooden pegs by the same crew that did the measuring.

"It's almost like a large tinker toy," Schrock said. The beams are preserved with a Svedesh oil.

Stress-skin wall panels as large as 4-by-12 feet are nailed to the beams from the outside.

The laminated panels, upward of seven inches thick, consist of the inside out of drywall, wafer board, insulation (R-25) and wafer board.

Wood, brick or vinyl aluminum siding material can be applied to the exterior.

The roof consists of similar material.

A VENTILATING system set up in the basement that mixes air from outside and inside the house is strongly recommended due to the tight insulation of the house, Schrock said.

The typical frame house built by Riverbend Timber ranges from 1,500 to 2,000 square feet. Lately, several houses in excess of 6,000 square feet have been ordered, Baldwin said.

The company is now erecting framing and a shell for a 6,400-square-foot house on a two-acre site in Northville Township for an airline pilot and his wife. The couple intends to finish the interior themselves.

Don't expect to find a subdivision filled with timber framing houses. Most are spotted in semi-rural areas like Oxford, Lake Orion and Fenton for people who commute to the city or suburbs to work, Schrock said.

It's impossible to determine from the outside whether a home has exposed timber framing or traditional stud covered framing.

That's a big selling point, Schrock said.

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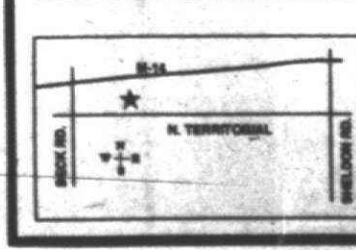
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John Valente of Riverbend Timber Framing shows a cross-section of the "skin," which is installed around the frame.

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