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## Dead boy's mother takes case to national TV

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Canton's Debbie Nalepa, who is suing Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in connection with the hanging death of her 8-year-old son, appeared Monday on the Phil Donahue Show. The segment was entitled, "Death, Suicide and Sex Education for Kids."

Nalepa's son Stephen, a second-grader at Gallimore Elementary, was found hanging by a belt in his bedroom last March. Nalepa and her husband Larry are charging that Gallimore staffers were negligent in showing "Nobody's Useless," a film depicting a

handicapped boy attempting suicide, the day before Stephen died.

Debbie Nalepa received a call last month asking her to appear on the show.

"I mulled it over decided that I would. I felt that parents around this country need to know that there is inappropriate educational programming on," she said after her return from New York.

It was a difficult experience, Nalepa said. "It was horrendous, but in my heart I felt that I had to supersede myself and my pain. I didn't go there to toot my own horn, I just wanted to try to touch base with other parents around this country. There needs to be more enlightenment and more dialogue."

Addressing classroom brainwashing were

other guests including educators who instruct elementary and high school students about death, AIDS, and sex; a psychologist; parents; and students, including a teen who attempted suicide after studying suicide in class and hearing her teacher say suicide is a heroic act.

DONAHUE INTRODUCED Nalepa saying, "This is grim, Deborah, and we thank you so much for having the courage to share with us your own personal tragedy. For you it's too late, but you obviously, in your son's memory, want to step forward to say that your 8-year-old son hanged himself after seeing a film in school which included what?"

Replied Nalepa: "The essence of the class they were teaching was on handicaps and how to feel more empathetic to the people who have handicaps. So they had their feelings class and then they went to lunch and then they saw a movie. It was an 1890's movie — a Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer-type of setting where a boy who swings from from a loft, scratches his leg and gets gangrene and has to have it amputated."

"So now he has a handicap. Well, one night he overhears his father saying, 'Well, the boy's useless. We're going to have to take care of him for the rest of his life.' And so the boy, who's a youngster, said, 'Well,' to his buddy, 'I'm useless and I'm going to do myself in. Will you help me?'"

"His friend, his buddy said, 'Sure. How do you want to do it?' Well, the first scene was on a bridge and he got into a sack and the kid threw the sack over the bridge."

Asked Donahue: "Your son, in your opinion, would not — was your son emotionally in any kind of distraction at that time?"

ANSWERED NALEPA: "No. He was being tested for the talented and gifted program and the next day he was looking forward to going swimming at the high school with his buddies and my son Jason."

"But the second suicide scene is in the hayloft and he has a rope around his neck."

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## Area passenger: pilot was cool under pressure

By LeAnne Rogers  
staff writer

"It all happened so fast. I saw something go by the window. I thought we blew a tire."

A passenger on Northwest flight 299 to Memphis, Plymouth resident Edward Duda, said he didn't realize at first that the Boeing 727 in which he was traveling had collided with another plane.

"We were going along 200 miles per hour or faster probably, ready to take off," he said. "The guy behind me said 'we hit a plane.'"

Sitting in the second seat over the wing, Duda said he could see about a third of the plane's wing was missing and fuel flowing from a ruptured tank.

"I was scared the plane would

catch on fire. They told us to sit there," he said. "All the time I could see fuel running out. It took the pilot a long time to shut off the engine."

Duda complimented the jet's pilot for handling the plane after the collision, which occurred at about 1:45 p.m.

"The pilot kept the plane under control. He did an excellent job," he said. "We swerved a little but not bad. The plane came to a quick stop. It took about half a minute to stop."

Passengers remained calm after the collision, Duda said, both inside the plane and on the ground.

"Everyone was very calm. There was no screaming on or off the plane," he said.

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GUY WARREN/staff photographer

The charred hull of Northwest Flight 1482 still on the ground at Metro airport hours after Monday's crash with another departing flight, served as a grim reminder to the accident which claimed the lives of eight people and injured 21 others.

## One question remains in air tragedy: why?

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Investigators are still sifting through the ashes of Northwest Airlines Flight 1482, trying to discover why the Pittsburgh-bound DC-9 jet apparently wandered into the path of another departing Northwest flight Monday at Metro Airport, killing eight and leaving 21 others injured.

All of those killed, including a 43-year-old Northwest flight attendant, had been identified as of Wednesday morning.

A West Bloomfield woman was among the passengers who remained hospitalized, though her condition had been upgraded to good. Most of the injured had been released from area hospitals by Tuesday.

Flight attendant Heidi Joost of Dearborn, a 22-year Northwest employee, was the first reported fatality.

### OTHER FATALITIES were:

• Kingsley A. Brown, 30, Pittsburgh.

• Mary Blankenship, 37, Colorado Springs, Colo.

• Thomas Kopriva, 50, Memphis, Tenn.

• Daniel E. Loughnane, 44, Memphis.

• Fred Zitto, 59, Memphis.

• Mauro Bottiglione, 23, of Venezuela.

Among the injured, Lilly Cohn, 63, of West Bloomfield, was transferred Tuesday from Annapolis Hospital, Wayne, where she received initial treatment for a collapsed lung to the surgical unit at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was listed in good condition Wednesday.

Preliminary explanation for the fiery crash could come as soon as today from air traffic controller tapes and flight recorders — the jets' so called "black boxes." It

could take as long as one year, however, before a final explanation is given for the tragedy, according to John Lauber, chief investigator for the National Traffic Safety Board.

Major findings will be released as quickly as possible, Lauber said.

"ANYTIME WE have something that warrants immediate recommendation, we will do so," he said.

Lauber said investigators will remain on the scene through the end of the week, examining both jets as well as interviewing passengers and crew members.

Investigators have declined to offer any explanation for Monday's crash.

Speculation, however, has likened the accident to a driver turning the wrong way down a one way street in foggy weather.

Visibility at the airport was reported at less than one-quarter mile due to an early afternoon fog that followed a morning snowfall.

Officials declined comment on a report that a DC-9 flight crew

member told the tower "I'm lost."

The flight's captain, 24-year pilot William Lovelace, 52, of Phoenix, was embarking on his 13th flight after returning from a five year medical leave.

It was the first flight without an airline observer in the cockpit with Lovelace, who returned to active

duty Nov. 20 after completing an airline retraining course.

Airline officials noted the DC-9 left its gate four minutes ahead of schedule but said that decision, like the decision for take off, remained with the pilot.

Investigators from the NTSB began examining the charred DC-

9 and damaged, Memphis-bound 727 late Monday evening. Preliminary reports indicated the right wing of Memphis-bound Flight 299 sheared off one of the DC-9's rear engine, apparently "setting the plane afire."

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## Hospitals respond to crisis

By Tedd Schneider  
staff writer

Five area hospitals and personnel from two dozen fire departments in Wayne and Oakland Counties played major roles in Monday's collision between two Northwest Airlines jets on a Metro Airport runway.

A sixth hospital, Westland Medical Center, could have been reopened to accept emergency patients if necessary, a spokeswoman

for the hospital's parent company said Tuesday.

The former county hospital, 3 1/2 miles from the airport, was converted to a psychiatric and substance abuse treatment facility this fall.

"From a strategic standpoint, certainly it could have been used if we absolutely needed it," said Pat O'Dowd of Oakwood Health Services Corp. "But there's so many other hospitals in the immediate area that are part of the Oakwood

system I don't think it would have been necessary unless there was an extremely large number of (injured)."

OF THE 23 injured taken to local hospitals, 16 patients were transported to the closest open emergency room, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Two of those patients were transferred to the Burn Center at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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## Hulsing kids hurt in crash

At least seven people were injured in an accident involving a school bus full of Hulsing Elementary School students and a car at Warren and Canton Center roads about 9 a.m. this morning.

Five children on the school bus were taken to Oakwood Canton Center Hospital with minor injuries. The bus had been taking 54 students to school.

Two people in the car had more serious injuries and were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

Police believe the car ran a red light.

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A Farmington Hills man died in one of two serious accidents on snow-covered roads in Canton earlier this week.

Billy Frank McClain, 64, was alone in his car driving south on Lilley Road north of Ford Road about 8:44 a.m. Tuesday when he apparently lost control of his 1990 Dodge Omni and crossed the center line, police said.

The car slid into the path of a 1989 pickup truck going north and driven by a 33-year-old Canton man, James Lee Garcia. The truck hit the Omni broadside on the passenger side, police said. Garcia was uninjured.

McClain, who was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident,

**'People have to drive according to conditions. It takes a while for everyone to get used to driving under these road conditions. The best advice is to drive slowly.'**

Pat Nemecek  
Canton police spokesman

was taken to Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, where he was pronounced dead at 12:10 p.m.

IN ANOTHER accident at about 9 a.m. Monday, a 23-year-old Westland

woman, Shawn Marie Stropkai, was driving a 1988 Ford Fiesta west on Ford Road when she apparently lost control of her car, crossed the center line and was struck by a 1983 Ford pickup driven by Peter Kyryluk, 39.

Kyryluk was with his 44-year-old brother when the pickup truck he was driving struck the passenger side of the Fiesta, police said.

All three people were taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Ypsilanti. The two men were treated and released. Stropkai was in serious condition earlier this week.

Stropkai, who was alone in the car, was wearing a seat belt. Neither man in the pickup was wearing a seat belt, police said.

THE ACCIDENTS Monday and Tuesday were a "direct result of the weather conditions and probably wouldn't have happened if the roads weren't bad," said Pat Nemecek.

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## Woman hopes court will free brother

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

As her brother serves his eighth year in a California prison on a murder conviction, a local woman awaits a judge's decision that could free him.

"He seemed real hopeful that the arguments are going to stand real firm in federal court," said Betty Brandon of Plymouth Township.

Her brother, P.F. Lazor, was sentenced in 1983 to 17-years-to-life in Santa Clara County, Calif. in the shooting death of John Allred.

KATHRYN DeVOLI, a paralegal

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in Paso Robles, Calif., has organized court challenges to the conviction.

"An unscrupulous district attorney falsified evidence on the record in order to convict P.F.," DeVoli said.

On Nov. 28, DeVoli filed before federal Judge Spencer Williams a rebuttal of a California assistant attorney general's Nov. 14 response to the judge's April 15 order. That order directed the state of California to show cause as to why Lazor should remain in prison.

"I'm very hopeful," Brandon said. "I feel the most hopeful that I ever have about his situation."

Brandon — who with her brother grew up in a rural area between Northville and South Lyon — said the first four years he was in prison "were a nightmare."

"I'd wake up in cold sweats worried about what someone might do to him in prison, the injustice of it all," she said.

She and her family have spent thousands of dollars, she said, in efforts to get Lazor out of prison. Those efforts have included trips to California.

In 1975, Lazor, then 21, printed a book of poetry titled "Unsung Memories," and made the rounds of local newspapers including the Plymouth Observer to seek publicity for the book.

FOUR YEARS LATER, inspired by the movie "The Buddy Holly Story," Lazor launched a singing career as "Buddy Holly Jr." and toured with a band performing Holly's

songs.

But on Jan. 10, 1983, while living in Los Gatos in northern California, he shot Allred in self-defense, DeVoli said.

Mark Hames, who tried the case as a Santa Clara County deputy district attorney, offers a different version.

"They never got along," said Hames, ever since Allred began staying in a room in the house Lazor was managing for owner Paul Garner — Allred's uncle.

Hames said Garner eventually told Lazor to leave the property, but he returned unlawfully. Excerpts from Lazor's day-planner book included entries that read "dictator Garner" and "get dictator" — evidence that Lazor was obsessive about Garner, and planned to kill him — but killed his nephew Allred instead, Hames said.

"The jury had no problem convicting him," Hames added.

"He pulled out every rotten trick in the book to convict P.F.," DeVoli said.

Lazor, she said, had a deal with Garner to buy the house, then move it to another location and sell it, as he had with other houses.

Garner arranged to have Allred stay at the house, where Lazor had been living and renting rooms to medical students.

But Allred, whom DeVoli described as homosexual and a drug user, was antagonistic to Lazor. On Jan. 10, while readying the house to be moved, Lazor "heard Allred

screaming outside the door. P.F. said, 'Just a minute, I'm getting some of my stuff.' "Devoli said.

"There was a crashing at the door and there's John Allred, holding something like an automatic weapon in his hand," DeVoli said. Meanwhile, Lazor had just returned from target shooting, and his gun was among the last items to be moved from the house. Lazor fired a shot at Allred, and when he didn't go down, thought the gun had misfired as it had before and fired three more times.

LAZOR, SHE SAID, then went next door to phone police, telling them, "I just shot someone in self-defense."

The day-planner book entry, which states "dictator Garner" and "Get dictator" are references to a dictating machine Lazor planned to buy, DeVoli said. She said pretrial transcripts show the complete day-planner book entry read, "Dictator, G.E. service center."

Lazor is housed in a medium security prison in Vacaville in northern California.

"There were some things that should have brought out in the trial," said DeVoli, who alleges defense attorney Wesley Schroeder failed to adequately defend Lazor.

Should the judge find for Lazor, DeVoli said that either a new trial would be scheduled or the state would decline to try him again.

All in all things are progressing pretty well," she said.



Betty Brandon of Plymouth Township is awaiting the decision of a federal judge in California that could free her brother P.F. Lazor from prison.

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Less often sore throat is caused by beta hemolytic streptococci ("strep throat"). Strep throat infections, if left untreated, can lead to rheumatic fever and heart damage in children. For this reason, it is good for children with sore throats lasting for more than 4 to 5 days to be seen by a physician. Treatment with antibiotic medicines can clear strep throat infection.

Minor sore throat pain often can be relieved with nonprescription medicines. Topical sprays may help give immediate relief. Throat drops and hard candy often soothe a dry, scratchy throat by improving saliva production. Cough drops and liquid medicines may suppress the urge to cough. A nose drop or spray may help reduce nasal congestion and secretions that flow into the throat, one of the causes of sore throat. A nondrug approach to sore throat pain is to gargle with warm salt water every thirty to forty minutes.

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## Chamber plans auction benefit

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

Now that your holiday calendar is booked, the Canton Chamber of Commerce is cooking up something for you to look forward to next month.

The Third Annual Dinner Auction is planned 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton. The auction will benefit chamber activities, which provides services to Canton's 600 companies.

A PREVIEW of the items to be auctioned will be held from 6-7:30 p.m.; a gourmet buffet dinner follows at 7:30 p.m., and at 8:30 p.m. auctioneers, Fred Layman and Dale Jurcinis, will hawk more than 100 goods donated by businesses in the metropolitan area. A cash bar will be open from 6 p.m. to midnight.

A silent auction will be held for some of the smaller items that have been donated by business people throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

Patrons buy auction cards and place them by the items they like. Then one card is chosen representing the winner of each item. The cost is \$5 for one card, \$10 for two cards and \$20 for five cards. Raffle tickets are provided with every card purchase.

The vocal auction will follow the silent auction. Goods that will be auctioned include everything from gift certificates, a jacket, hotel reservations, dinner for two, an oil change, lunch for two, Red Wings tickets, dental cleaning, nail care kits and a golf club.

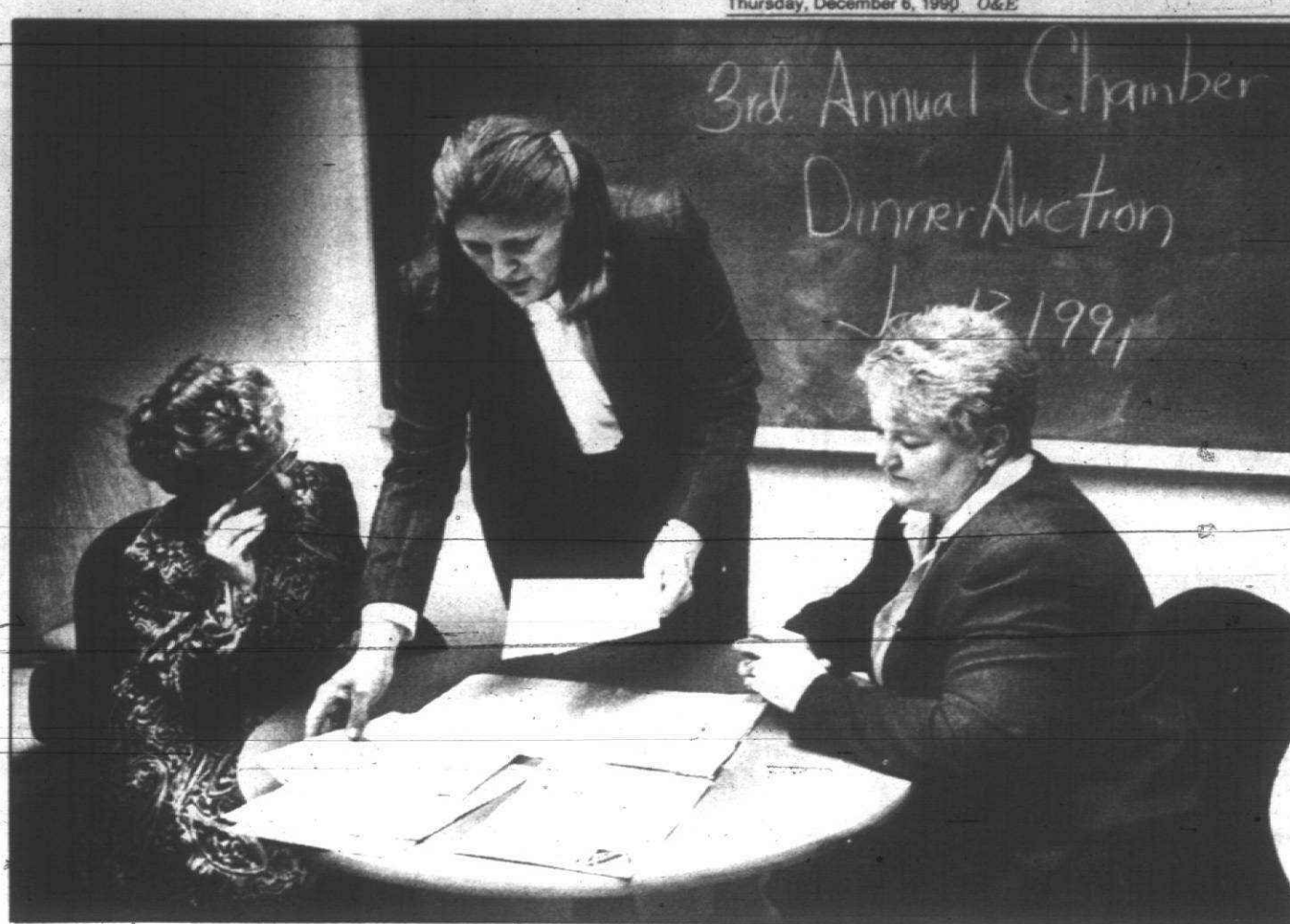
A handwriting analyst and artist will be available all evening.

"The auction is going to be on a larger scale than we've ever done before," said Joan Bolek, chamber director.

THE COST is \$30 for each dinner ticket. Company sponsorships are available for \$200 or more in the form of cash, gift certificates or merchandise, according to auction chairman Phyllis Wordhouse of Wordhouse & Associates, Inc.

Sponsors will receive two free dinner tickets, promotion in the Auction Booklet and space for a free-standing promotional logo/banner at the auction. Auction organizers are looking for more items to be auctioned, according to Margaret Szcw, Wordhouse's assistant.

The auction is open to the public and reservations must be made by Jan. 4 by calling the Canton Chamber office at 453-4040.



Phyllis Wordhouse of Wordhouse & Associates Inc. plans the upcoming Canton chamber auction with Margaret Szcw, a Wordhouse employee, and Canton Chamber executive director Joan Bolek.

## Area joins lineup of potential Tiger Stadium sites

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Could Plymouth Township be the Detroit Tigers' new home?

Don't reserve your parking space yet.

While local officials say they've heard nothing from the club, some observers are speculating that western Wayne County is a prime site for a new Tiger Stadium.

Some suggest that Tiger officials could favor a location where major freeways meet, such as M-14 and I-75 in Plymouth Township. But Bill Haase, Tigers vice president for operations, said that's just speculation. Some observers have also pointed

to sites in Dearborn, at Greenfield and Ford roads, and in Allen Park, north of I-94 and Oakwood Boulevard, as potential sites for a new stadium.

Asked if Plymouth Township would be a good place to build a new stadium, Haase said, "Obviously those locations are nice to look at, but that doesn't mean they're the only ones. We haven't ruled out Detroit."

He said it's important to put a new stadium in a location that provides easy access and provides "comfort and security for our fans."

ARE THE Tigers considering a site in Plymouth Township? "I don't

want to identify any of the sites we're looking at," Haase said, adding the club has set no time frame for announcing a new stadium site.

Local government and police officials say they're aware of the speculation that a new stadium is being considered for western Wayne County.

"I have no idea where they would put it," said Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen, adding, "My personal opinion is that it belongs in Detroit."

A possibly suitable area for a stadium is the site of the former St. John's Seminary in Plymouth Township, on 175 acres at Five Mile and Sheldon. But while the Archdiocese of Detroit, which owns the land, has

signed an agreement to sell the property, church spokeswoman Brenda Marshall declined to identify the buyer, or rule out the Tigers as the potential buyer.

"We just never comment on that," she said.

"Obviously, it would be good for the business community," said Plymouth Mayor Dennis Bilia. "But I look at it like a fan. I think 'Boy, it's going to be convenient to go to a game.'"

Echoing Breen, Bilia added, "I don't see where there's that much available land — it seems rather developed to me."

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP Police Chief Carl Berry said the ramifica-

tions of locating a stadium in the township would be "unbelievable."

"The traffic and enforcement, there would be a huge amount of revenue," he said.

Plymouth Police Chief Richard Myers said the impact in the city would not be as severe. While Myers said he doubts a suitable site exists in Plymouth Township, he added, "If it's going to be convenient to go to a game,"

Jim Anulewicz, director of township public services, said Tigers owner Tom Monaghan at present owns no sites in Plymouth Township large enough for construction of a stadium.

Besides the seminary property,

the other township site of suitable size for a new stadium is the city of Detroit-owned 426 acres bordered by Five Mile on the north and Napier on the east.

Such a stadium anywhere in the township "certainly would not fit within our master plan," Anulewicz said, adding approval of the township planning commission and trustees would be necessary.

A man who works in management for Monaghan said the subject of where a new stadium could go is "the most top-secret thing — The stuff that's in the papers is big-time rumors."

"Anybody who truly knows is not saying anything about it, and I work with these guys every day."

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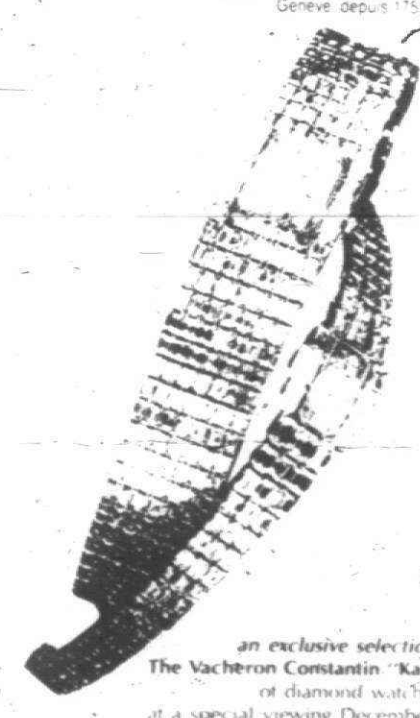
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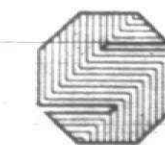
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By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

When folks think of Christmas, many think of the Salvation Army, says Lt. Jeffrey Bechum, who heads the Salvation Army Plymouth Corps.

"That's where (Christmas) we get most of our visibility," said Bechum. "It would be interesting to do a survey, what people think of first. I would bet people would think of Christmas or helping the poor."

LEADING SOME VISITORS down a stairway to the basement of the Salvation Army social work house on Main and Ann Arbor Trail, just south of downtown in Plymouth Township, one spots hundreds of canned goods stacked on plain wood shelves.

Besides collecting canned goods for the needy at Christmas, the army accepts cash donations through the kettle drive to pay for year-round Salvation Army activities to spread the gospel and help the poor, and cash donations from folks wanting to donate for food baskets for needy families.

"The Army is also asking donors to 'adopt' a family, to provide food, clothes and toys for needy families. The Plymouth Corps serves Plymouth, Canton and Northville, and the needy families who live in the community."

Bechum said that so far, the Plymouth Corps has enough donations to put together about 200 food baskets.

What's becoming a popular way to serve the needy at Christmas is the Adopt a Family program. Through the program, a family that adopts a needy family is provided information on clothing sizes for family members, and buys clothes, toys and food. "They can take it to them or leave it here for the family to pick up," Bechum said.

"Last year, we adopted 60 families," he said, adding that this year, around 300 local families — identified by the state department of social services — will receive clothing and food through the program.

"THERE ARE PEOPLE that are still going to be missed," Bechum said. That's why he encourages neighbors of needy families, seniors or others "to let us know, to make sure they have a good Christmas."

While the Army has that image of



Distribution of food to the needy is one of many services offered by the Salvation Army, said Lt. Jeffrey Bechum.



Community Corner

This week's question: Do you think the government will reinstate the draft, and, if so, would you be willing to serve?

We asked this question at Centennial Educational Park in Canton.

I don't think they should. He's not sure if he'd be willing to serve.

Paul Ritter  
Salem freshman

No, I would not be willing. I don't think they'll have to. We're just not going to need it.

Debbie Chamberlain  
Salem senior

No, I'm not going to fight for something I don't believe in.

Rashad Woods  
Canton sophomore

I think that they might. If it did, I wouldn't fight. She'd be willing to serve in a medical unit.

Kara Flegenschuh  
Canton freshman

I think there's a good chance they will. I would be willing to serve.

K.C. Kirkpatrick  
Salem senior

I think they might reinstate it, but I wouldn't be willing to serve. I'd be a conscientious objector.

Jim Wheaton  
Salem senior

Man praises pilot's skill

Employed in engine engineering by Ford Motor Co., Duda and his wife Delores were flying to Memphis for a connecting flight to San Antonio. The couple planned to drive to Padre Island for a vacation, he said, after a business trip.

"My son dropped us off (at the airport). He was frantic when I called him," Duda said, adding he and his wife planned to catch a 6:50 p.m. flight Tuesday to take their trip.

All the fatalities in the collision were on the DC-9, Northwest flight 1482, to Pittsburgh, which suffered severe fire damage.

"I was half asleep. I fly so much

Mom takes case to TV

helped him care for the injured, were the last DC9 passengers taken from the scene, he said. Bolin was suffering from a back injury and was moved on a stretcher.

"I consider myself fortunate. I called my wife and son," said Izzo, who planned to fly home to Pittsburgh Tuesday evening. "I wanted to catch them before they heard. They hadn't heard about it when I called."

A resident of Jackson, Miss., Robert Karp agreed with other 727 passengers who initially thought their plane had a blown tire.

"I wasn't shook up until I got off the plane and saw the damage to the other plane," he said.

"It's a scary thing. If it had been a broadside collision. That is what most of us thought. Do I feel lucky? Are you kidding?"

Man awaits sentencing for mailing threats

Michael Shields, 43, of Plymouth was to be sentenced Wednesday in Los Angeles by U.S. District Judge John G. Davies after pleading guilty to seven counts of sending threatening letters to actress Stephanie Zimbalist.

At press time, a sentencing hearing was ongoing, but Shields had not been sentenced, said a spokeswoman in Davies' office.

Shields has been held without bail.

Thirteen counts of mail threats were dismissed in a plea bargain arrangement, according to FBI media specialist Fred Reagan. In exchange, Shields agreed to undergo psychiatric treatment and turn over his vast collection of Zimbalist memorabilia to the FBI's behavioral science unit.

Shields, described by psychologists as sexually

Man killed in car crash

Canton police spokesman.

"People have to drive according to conditions," Nemecek said. "It takes a while for everyone to get used to driving under these road conditions. The best advice is to drive slowly."

Tuesday's accident pushed the number of fatalities on Canton roads this year to 12.

The other accidents were a double fatality Nov. 1 when a pickup truck collided with a semi-truck on Michigan Avenue near I-275. A 34-year-old Detroit man was killed Oct. 30 when he failed to stop for a flashing red light and was hit on Warren near Sheldon.

Other accidents were at Ford Road and I-275 Jan. 8; at Lilley Road and Michigan Avenue March 11; at Michigan and Lotz Road March 19; at Ford and Lilley May 14; Michigan and Belleville June 29; Canton Center and Geddes July 2; Haggerty and Cherry Hill July 10 and Haggerty and Cherry Hill Aug. 25.

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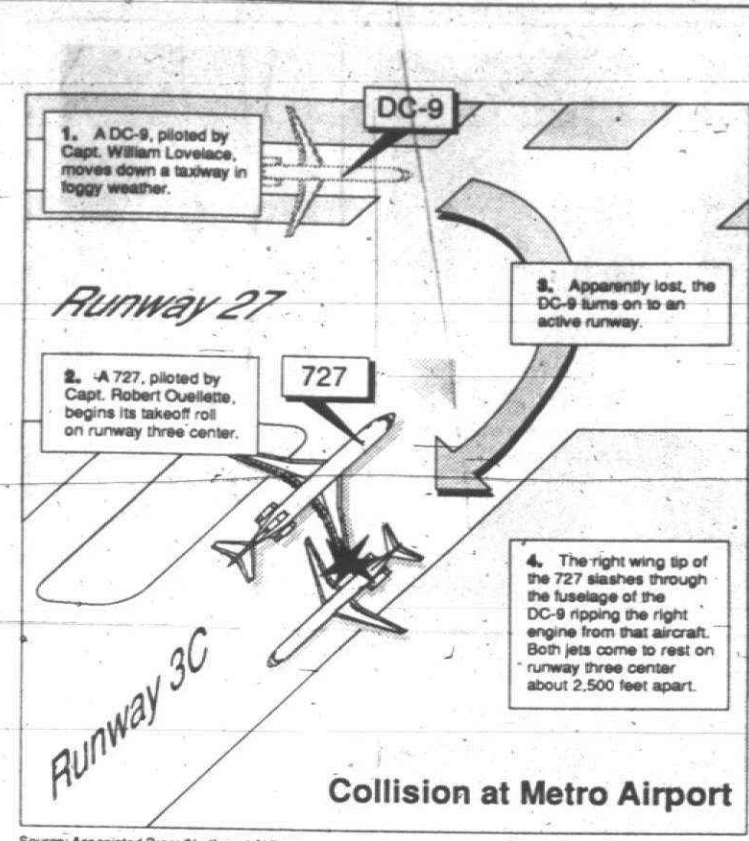
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Cause of crash sought

Dan Kerber, deputy director of airport operations, said response was swift. Rescue efforts, however, may have been compounded by the fog. Emergency crew members reported they were unable to see the burning DC-9 for as long as 30 seconds after first responding to the less-severely damaged 727.

Conferred with what he termed an appearance of unclear authority at the airport in the moments after the crash, county commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, formed an ad hoc commission committee to investigate the crash.

"My concern is not only that the tragedy occurred, but how emergency

METRO CRASH AFTERMATH

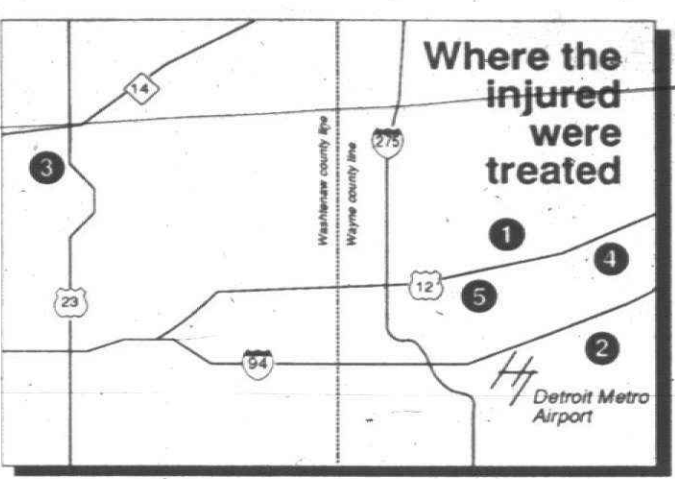
Disaster readiness put to test  
Emergency units respond to crash

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Most patients were treated and released for burns, cuts, bruises and other minor injuries, O'Dowd said.

Two victims, including a co-pilot from the DC-9 that took the brunt of the collision, were taken to Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, Northwest identified the first officer from that plane as James Schifferns, 43, of Spokane, Wash.

Four people were taken to Heritage Hospital in Taylor and one, a pregnant woman suffering from smoke inhalation, was treated and released at Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.



1. Garden City Osteopathic  
Two transported to the hospital. One was treated and released and the other admitted.
2. Heritage Hospital, Taylor  
Four transported to hospital. Two were admitted, one was taken to another hospital and the other was treated and released.
3. U-M Medical Center - Burn Unit, Ann Arbor  
Admitted two burn victims transferred from Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.
4. Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn  
One patient taken to the hospital, treated and released.
5. Oakwood Annapolis Hospital, Wayne  
16 transported to hospital. Fourteen were treated and released.

Disaster training was "fresh in the minds" of Annapolis staffers, who went through an emergency preparedness drill Oct. 13, one of two such drills each year, said Cassandra Speir, acting director of nursing.

"WE HAVE a plan (dubbed Code 11) that involves the entire staff — from physicians to orderlies," Speir said.

Among the first steps is for secretaries to call in additional staff, according to Speir.

Call-ups included five emergency room physicians, 15 attending physicians and 30 additional nurses, she said.

"The afternoon shift was called to come in early. Others came in without being called, when they heard about (the crash)."

Garden City Osteopathic got the first call to prepare for victims at

2:05 p.m., about 20 minutes after the collision, said hospital spokesman Mitchell Nimmoor. Nimmoor said the hospital follows a national disaster procedure and went through a drill about a month ago.

The 17 southeastern Michigan fire departments that are part of a regional mutual aid pact all sent rescue vehicles to the Romulus airport.

EMS vehicles and private ambulances from Livonia, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Redford Township and Farmington Hills began arriving at the airport within a half-hour of the collision.

Frank Felts, Garden City fire chief, estimated that there were "probably over 100 (EMS) squads" on the airport grounds ready for transportation of victims.

Although many EMS crews were eventually sent back to their com-

munities, the large call-up was necessary, fire officials said.

"When we got the first phone call, the information was that there were two planes and a potential for more than 200 (victims)," said Richard Marinucci, Farmington Hills fire chief.

A 48-member Hazardous Materials Team, including two representatives from each of 24 area fire departments, was also called to the scene, Marinucci said.

TEAM MEMBERS receive special training for fighting fires involving toxic or flammable chemicals such as jet fuel.

Marinucci said it was the first time the team has responded to an incident at an airport.

Staff writers Joanne Maliszewski, Leonard Poper and LeAnne Rogers contributed to this story.

High profile for N'west

Unlike 1987, when Northwest Airlines personnel generally avoided contact with airport officials and the media, representatives of the Minneapolis-based airlines new ownership took a high profile in the aftermath of Monday's jet crash.

Perhaps in an effort to improve an already-battered company image, company public relations director Bob Gibbons flew to the scene the afternoon of the crash and company chairman Al Checchi arrived the next day, meeting with staff and crash survivors.

Wayne County Executive Ed Edmonds, sharply critical of Northwest's response to the crash of Flight 255 in 1987, said he was more pleased with Northwest's response this time.

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## campus news

LINDA SHAPONA of Canton was recently honored as Alumni Chapter Adviser for the Alpha chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau at Eastern Michigan University.

JASON L. FORRESTER is among the following Plymouth residents to be named to the honors list at Ferris State University: Megan J. P. Ianczyk, Martin P. Gant, Robert J. Pessari, Lisa M. Wood and Heidi L. Zang.

JOHN E. SCHROEDER of Plymouth Township, attending Madonna College, has been selected as a national outstanding leader in the 1991 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

ANN STACEY of Plymouth, a graduate student at Penn State, has been awarded the Liberal Arts Robert J. Moritz Graduate Fellowship.

KAREN E. DAVIES of Plymouth has been named a foundation professor at The Savannah College of Art and Design.

MS. BILLIE A. SEMANN and GARY E. ICKES, both of Plymouth, were named to the Siena Heights College Academic Achievement List for part-time students. Also named were two Canton residents, ROBERT L. KRANTZ and PATRICK J. HERBERT.

DAVID SZYDLOWSKI of Canton was awarded the Wayne L. Yarn Scholarship to attend Schoolcraft College.

ANN M. BRADLEY is among the following Plymouth residents graduating from The University of Michigan: Ann E. Dupuis, Barbara D. Evans, Jenae M. Hill, Jay P. Koppel, Geraldine P. Little, Scott S. Matties, Gale L. Tang, Vytas J. Radze, Chris J. Harkey, Kean Togru, Anne Wood-Alatalo, Mary A. Wheeler and Elizabeth Schmidt Baron.

JENNIFER L. BERRY is among the following Canton residents to graduate from The University of Michigan: Aravindas Balasubramanian, Lisa L. Eyres, Marie L. Jarosz, William H. Mangione-Smith, Christopher C. Odell, Kevin R. Krolch and Susan M. Walter.

JEFFREY SMITH of Plymouth is a member of the Western Michigan University Sky Bronco Precision Flight Team that took second place in the 1990 Region III competition of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. The team also took first place for safety in the competition. Jeffrey is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is the son of Barbara and Douglas Smith of Canton.

SARAH CHESTER, seventh grade student at West Middle School in Plymouth, was selected as a national finalist for the Mickey Mouse Club.

LAURA SEWESKY, daughter of Dan and Carol Sewesky of Canton, was elected to the Homecoming Court of Olivet College. She is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

## Here comes the snow

Chris Soave of Lindsay street in Plymouth, clears away the season's first snow cover Monday.



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## obituaries

DIANA K. COWLEY

Services for Diana K. Cowley, 37, of Jackson were Friday, Nov. 30, at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cowley was born June 10, 1953, in Ypsilanti. She died Sunday, Nov. 25, in Jackson. She graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1971 and lived most of her life in the Plymouth area.

The Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiated at the service. Memorial contributions may be given to UNICEF or the charity of your choice.

Mrs. Cowley is survived by her mother, Elizabeth A. of Canton; two daughters, Sherry Steiner and Katie Johnson, both of Jackson; three sons, Andy Steiner, Jonathan Steiner and Mathew Steiner of Jackson, all of Jackson; and two brothers, Dennis of Vermont and Dirk of California.

KENNETH E. DUNN

Services for Kenneth E. Dunn, 63, of Plymouth will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Uhl Funeral Home in Westland. The Rev. James Stewart will officiate at the service.

Mr. Dunn was born July 1, 1927, in Saline. He died Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was employed as a foreman at the Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Dunn is survived by his wife, Shirley Fisher Dunn of Plymouth; three sons, James, Chris and David; one daughter, Sandra Miller; two brothers, Robert and Jack; four sisters, Sister Rose, Evelyn, Evelyn Ford, Helen Norton and Pearl Ford;

and two grandchildren.

MARGARET A. ERRIS

Services for Margaret A. Erris, 81, of Canton Township were Saturday, Nov. 24, at St. Bridget Catholic Church in Hobart, Ind. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Portage, Ind.

Local arrangements were made by the Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass offerings.

Mrs. Erris was born May 20, 1909, in Shenandoah, Pa. She died Monday, Nov. 19, in Ypsilanti. She came to the Canton community in 1987 from Indiana. She attended Divine Savior and St. Kenneth Catholic churches.

Mrs. Erris is survived by three sons, Donald of Gary, Ind., William of LaSalle, Ill., and Charles of Merrillville, Ind.; three daughters, Shirley L. of Canton, Lucy Johnson of Dallas, Texas, and Barbara Huest of Louisville, Ky.; one brother, Charles Klucavich of Eldorado, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

HARVEY C. ESCH

Services for Harvey C. Esch, 68, of Houghton were Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Esch was born April 10, 1922, in Livonia. He died Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Petoskey.

He was a lifelong Plymouth resident and moved to Houghton Lake in

1985. In 1982 he retired from the Burroughs (Unisys) Corp., where he worked for more than 35 years. He was a member of the Mayflower-L. G. Gamble VFW Post No. 6895 and a member of the Disabled American Veterans-Livonia Chapter.

He served with the U.S. Army in Europe in World War II. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Englewood, Fla. The Rev. Christopher Kruschel, pastor, officiated at the service. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

Mr. Esch is survived by his wife, Susan A. of Houghton Lake; two sons, James C. of Port Huron and Thomas F. of Farmington Hills; one daughter, Sandra L. Helfer of Holt, Mich.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild, two brothers, William of Plymouth and Herman of Grayling; and one sister, Ina Jarvis of Plymouth.

PHILIP EARL

Services for Philip Earl, 59, of Homosassa, Fla. were Wednesday, Nov. 28, at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Homosassa, Fla.

Mr. Earl was born March 21, 1931 in Detroit. He died Saturday, Nov. 24, in Homosassa, Fla. He lived in Livonia and Plymouth, until he retired in 1985 from the Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors where he had worked in the service and sales departments for 28 years. He was a U.S. Navy Korean War vet-

eran, a member of the Spring Hill, Fla. V.F.W. Post No. 10206, a member of the Plymouth Lions Club and an organizer and charter member of the Detroit Diesel Retirees Club.

Mr. Earl is survived by his wife, Arlene M. Gresock of Homosassa, Fla.; sons, Peter Gresock of Livonia and Timothy Gresock of Pittsburgh, Pa.; daughters, Katherine Bridges of Delaware, Ohio, Cheryl Konrad of Powell, Ohio and Karen Czapl of Danville, Ind.; mother, Vera Fullerton of California; brother, Peter Earl of Coldwater; sister, Barbara Warde of Fullerton, Calif. and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Citrus County, 595 Gulf to Lake Highway, Village West Center, Lecanto, Fla. 32661.

ALBERT M. HART

Services for Albert M. Hart, 78, of South Lyon were Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Hart was born Dec. 20, 1911 in Coffeyville, Kan. He died Saturday, Nov. 24 in Livonia. He moved to the South Lyon community from Plymouth in 1974. He was a custodian with the Plymouth School system for 11 years. He attended the First Baptist Church of South Lyon.

Mr. Hart is survived by his wife, Elva M. Hart of South Lyon; one son, Kenneth Hart of Brighton; daughters, Virginia Weinberger of South Lyon, Judy Detherage of Plymouth, Alberta Meyers of Wayne, Janet Simmons of Florida and Brenda Davenport of Royal Oak; 17 grand-

children; six great-grandchildren; five sisters and one brother.

Rev. Robert Beddingfield officiated at the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan.

DOUGLAS S. ROWE

Services for Douglas S. Rowe, 51, of Canton Township were Saturday, Nov. 24, at Schrader Funeral Home.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife, Maria Rowe of Canton; one daughter, Barbara Stoeckle of Canton; son, Robert Rowe of Canton; one grandchild, brothers, Richard Rowe of Terre Haute, Ind., Tom Rowe of Denver, Colo. and Daniel Rowe of Whitmore Lake; and sisters, Ann Cowley of Canton and Ruth Edwards of Plymouth.

Mr. Rowe was born July 10, 1939 in Plymouth. He died Wednesday, Nov. 21, in Ann Arbor. He was a lifelong Canton resident and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. He worked for the Ford Motor Company for 26 years and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

The Rev. Matthew Ellis officiated at the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or in the form of mass offerings.

KATHRYN A. WICKENS

Services for Kathryn A. Wickens, 78, of Westland were Thursday, Nov. 29, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Wickens was born Jan. 25,

1912 in Toledo, Ohio. She died Monday, Nov. 26, in Westland. She was a resident of Plymouth from 1943 to 1979 when she moved to Westland. She was a licensed practical nurse and was a member of the Newburg United Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star No. 115, Plymouth and the White Shrine.

Mrs. Wickens is survived by her daughters, Pat Rubenbar of Garden City, Bonnie Kellogg of Denver, Colo. and Janet Lewis of Farmington Hills; son, David Wickens of Westland; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The Rev. David E. Church officiated at the service.

OLIVE J. WILDER

Services for Olive J. Wilder, 84, of Canton will be at 11 a.m. Jan. 12, First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Mrs. Wilder was born Jan. 24, 1906 in Sioux City, Iowa. She died Friday, Nov. 23, in Westland. She was personnel director for Auto Owner Insurance Company from which she retired after 28 years of service.

Mrs. Wilder is survived by her son, Thomas Wilder III of Canton and three grandchildren.

Rev. John N. Greenfield Jr. will officiate at the service. Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Plymouth — Organ Fund, 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth.

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## Friends surprise Thomas

Boy, was Sharon Thomas, Plymouth housing director, surprised when she returned from Curacao, a Dutch island north of Venezuela, where she married Larry Sichter in a quiet, romantic wedding.

They went to the island because they wanted to avoid a big party. But Thomas' co-workers at Tonquish Manor had a different idea.

When she returned to her office she was surprised by the 300 balloons, confetti, party favors hanging from ceiling, New Year's Eve hats and just about anything else related to a big bash including beer cans and wine bottles.

"The office was trashed," Thomas said. "You couldn't walk."

Thomas was married by the government of Curacao on Friday, Nov. 23, and married again by a Catholic priest two days later, which also happened to be on Thomas' birthday.

"Not a word of it was in English," Thomas said.

The choir sang in reggae, she said.

"It was so beautiful."

## Suspects in stolen car chase injured in crash

By Joe Bauman  
Diane Gale  
staff writers

Two men were injured Monday after striking a tree during a high speed chase with Livonia police who suspected the pair were in a stolen car.

Passengers in the Mustang were a Westland man, 18, who was in guarded condition at Botsford Hospital and a Livonia man, 17, who was in serious condition at St. Mary Hospital.

Police suspect the men were involved in a chop shop operation.

POLICE DID not release the identity of the teens pending formal criminal charges being filed in the incident. Police were seeking warrants against the teens.

Livonia police traffic Sgt. Tom Green said the incident began at about 10:45 p.m. when a Western Wayne County Auto Theft Team, which is based in Canton, notified Livonia police they had the Mustang under surveillance near Plymouth Road and Yale and asked for help to stop the car.

When marked Livonia units arrived, Green said the driver of the alleged stolen car attempted to flee through several parking lots, and at one point spun out of control and struck a patrol car.

The Mustang continued east through the lots, then headed south on Wayne Road and west on Ann Arbor Trail.

"Our patrol units lost visual contact with the car as it continued west on Ann Arbor Trail at high speeds," Green said. "Our officers came upon the accident scene as they continued their pursuit."

Green said police believe the driver of the Mustang, which had no license plates, lost control of the car as he attempted to make a left turn at Angeline Circle, spinning out of control and striking the tree broad-

side on the driver's side.

Green said one youth was thrown from the car at impact.

The consequences of the accident could have been much worse, Green said, adding that the impact of the crash ripped the front end of the car, including the engine block, completely from the rest of the Mustang.

Auto Theft Team Director Sandy Miller said an investigation showed that the youths had "quite a business going."

"They're pretty young, but they were already starting a chop shop business," Miller said.

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## O&E arts editor gets state award

By Judith Doner Berne  
staff writer

Corinne "Co" Abatt, who attempts to write objectively about the art world which touches our suburbs, couldn't edit out the superlatives Monday night.

Abatt, Creative Living editor for the Observer & Eccentric for 15 years, was one of nine recipients of the Governor's Arts Awards given by Concerned Citizens for the Arts in Michigan, the statewide arts advocacy organization.

"This is the most wonderful award I could ever imagine getting," Abatt said in accepting the Media Honor Roll Award before 550 bejeweled women and tuxedoed men on the stage of the renovated State Theatre in Detroit.

Abatt, a longtime Beverly Hills resident who was accompanied to the event by daughter Julie, publicly acknowledged she was a little uncomfortable in the spotlight. "I'd rather be covering it than getting it."

"It has been my privilege to get to cover you -- the members of the arts world," she told the crowd. She noted memorable interviews with Emma Schaver, the opera singer from Southfield; Peggy deSalle, a Birmingham art dealer who endowed a wing at the DIA and an auditorium at Cranbrook; and internationally-known photographer Yousuf Karsh.

"THOSE PEOPLE were so alive as so many of you are here tonight."

In fact, a number of audience members have been the subjects of Abatt's feature stories, including Bloomfield Hills artist Aviva Robinson, whose husband Jack is CCAM chairman, and Birmingham's Bloomfield Art Association director Ken Gross.

Gross, who acknowledged he was one of the people who nominated Abatt for the award, said simply, "She lives it. It's beyond her job. That's the kind of thing this is all about -- to recognize people who go beyond."

"She's unique. I deal with other press and it's just not the same," Gross said. "She's been doing this six years ago during Gov. James Blanchard's first term when the Concerned Citizens for the Arts group posed the idea of giving the highest elected official in the state the opportunity to honor the arts."

"This has become an exciting, meaningful night," Blanchard told the crowd, "but of course the arts are every day. The arts are the glue that holds our society together."

Blanchard, defeated by John Engler last month, looked anything but depressed, vaulting onto the stage and whittling down his prepared speech because "People who are being honored never quite get their due."

HE INTRODUCED a number of local legislators, including state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and state Rep. Judy Miller, R-Birmingham, as well as executive director of the Michigan Council for the Arts, Bloomfield Township resident Bunny Goldman.

Jack Robinson led the audience in a standing toast to Blanchard who, no matter what political party you belong to, "has approached the issues honestly and set a high standard of public service."

"We also know he will continue to support the arts as a private citizen should be not return to public life," Robinson said.

Marilyn Wheaton, CCAM executive director, Tuesday said she has spoken to members of Engler's staff and "they have given me no indication that he would not be interested in continuing" participation in the awards.

This was the first time the awards presentation was held at an arts venue rather than a hotel ballroom. "We did better than we have ever done" on ticket sales -- although the weather kept some from attending, Wheaton said. That included the Four Tops who were supposed to fly in to receive the International Achievement Award.

"I was very, very pleased," Wheaton said. "We've never had such a sophisticated presentation audio-visually. Personally, although I don't make the decision, I can't imagine having it any other place."

Other awards went to:

• Arts Organization Awards -- Kalamazoo Civic Players, William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Michigan Arttrain.

• Business Honor Roll Award -- Hudsons Department Stores.

• Civic Leader Award -- Walter Buhl Ford II.

• Michigan Artist Award -- Bess Bonnier.

• Arts in Education Award -- Karen VanderKloot DiChiera.

• International Achievement Award -- The Four Tops.



Corinne Abatt related three of her most memorable interviews in accepting the media award from Gov. James Blanchard.



Michigan Arts Council executive director Bunny Goldman (above) and Concerned Citizens for the Arts chairman Jack Robinson (right) obviously enjoying the evening.



Bob and Betty Jean Awrey of Farmington Hills had a good view of the evening's events.

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## community calendar

## Adult

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
December — The Plymouth branch of the Salvation Army needs volunteers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday to sort canned goods. The following services are also needed:

**Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 17-18** — Packing food baskets, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 19-20** — Basket and toy distribution, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Through Dec. 24** — Christmas kettles, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

**Any time by arrangement** — League of Mercy. Volunteers needed to wrap and place items in bags to be delivered to nursing homes and prisons. Call 453-5464 to offer your services.

**SENIOR TRIPS**  
Sunday, Dec. 9 — Christmas Show in Niagara Falls, featuring Tennessee Ernie Ford, two days, \$139. Register now. Call 397-5444.

Jan. 9 — Windsor Raceway, \$38.  
Jan. 16 — Detroit Auto Show, including dinner and transportation, \$9.50.  
Jan. 25-31 — Palm Springs, Los Angeles and Catalina Island, \$49.  
Feb. 8-10 — The Snow Train at Agawa Canyon, \$245.  
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## YOUTH

**PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES**  
Register now — Aerobic fitness and "holiday" aerobics classes are now being offered. Call 453-2904.

## Christmas Party

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Saturday, Dec. 8 — The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual children's Christmas party, for Canton residents only, at the Recreation Center (Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road). Games, holiday movies, refreshments and a special visit with Santa will be featured. Ages 5-12, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; ages 12 and under, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Call 397-5110 for reservations.

**CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, Dec. 15 — Canton Parks and Recreation Services, in cooperation with D & M Art Studio, is sponsoring two special kids only workshops for children ages 5-18 of both Plymouth and Canton. Session 1 will be 10 a.m. to noon; session 2, 1-3 p.m.; at the Canton Recreation Center (Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road). Price is \$12 per child. Call 397-5110 to register.

**PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES**  
Register now — Classes offered for youths are: Driver's Education, Rhythm and Games, First Aid for

Little People. New Year's Overnight will be Monday, Dec. 31, to Tuesday, Jan. 1, for grades 1-5. Call 453-2904.

## Et cetera

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
Thursday, Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m. — East Middle School will be performing in the school gym. The community is welcome.

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
Dec. 7, 8 and 9 — "A European Christmas" will be presented at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Tickets may be bought at Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; The Gifted, 305 E. Main, Northville; Dearborn-Music, 42679 Ford Road in Canton; or by calling 455-4080. Tickets will be available at the door as well. Adult ticket donation is \$6; students and senior citizens, \$4.

**CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**  
Saturday, Dec. 8 — Santa arrives at Fiegel Elementary School at 9 a.m. Christmas activities will continue until 2:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa will be available until noon. There will be a holiday bake sale and Santa Secret Shop. Children can decorate a cookie for 25 cents. Sponsored by Fiegel P.T.O.

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## Ongoing events

**FAMILIES ANONYMOUS**  
Thursdays, 8 p.m. — A self-help program for those concerned about drug abuse and behavioral problems of a relative or friend is at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton. Call 453-2811.

**TOUGH LOVE**  
Mondays, 7 p.m. — A parent support group dealing with teenage behavior meets at Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren Road in Canton. Call 981-5967.

**ADULT FOSTER CARE**  
Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. Call 332-4410 in Oakland County or 455-8880 in Wayne County.

**FREE LEISURE CLASSES**  
Wayne County Community College sponsors these classes at the Canton Recreation Center: painting, ceramics and woodcarving, crafts, genealogy and machine quilting. For information, call 397-5446.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**  
The Canton Recreation Center is an official food distribution site for Focus:HOPE, which provides monthly food to eligible Canton senior citizens. Call 397-1000, Ext. 278.

## MEAL DELIVERY

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Canton community. If you can give one hour or more per day, one or more days a week, call 453-2525, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. Volunteers are reimbursed for mileage.

**QUILTING**  
Second and fourth Thursdays — Plymouth Piecemakers will meet at 10 a.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Bring a sack lunch and any quilting project you are working on. Call the museum at 455-8940.

**ADULT 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. Call 451-1455.

**SPEAKER AVAILABLE**  
Health Care and Retirement Corporation has a representative available to speak to area groups and organizations regarding long-term care, Medicare and vacation stay. Call Patty Jamison at 455-0510.

**POLISH CENTENNIAL DANCERS**  
Register now — Students ages 3 to adult will learn Polish folk dancing and American polkas, along with a touch of jazz and variety routines. All nationalities welcome. Members may dance at community events. Call 427-2636 or 464-1263.

## Candidates eye western Wayne commission post

By Wayne Peal  
staff writer

Contenders are lining up to fill Milton Mack's soon-to-be vacated Wayne County Commission seat, but when an election will be held is anyone's guess.

Assistant county executive Bryan Amann of Wayne, Canton resident Shirley Poling and Wayne councilman Robert Benney, all Democrats, have confirmed their candidacies, as has Victor Gustafson, a Canton Republican.

Mack's commissioner since 1982, is expected to resign today after appointment to the Wayne County Probate bench. He will be sworn in as judge Dec. 18.

Though the seat only includes Canton, among Observer area communities, its impact is far broader. Mack was considered one of county Executive Edward McNamara's staunchest supporters on the board and a

key vote in the often-narrow majority that sided with the executive in budget disputes with commission leaders.

Commissioners could temporarily fill the vacancy as soon as this afternoon, but would also have to set a special election some time next year.

"ESSENTIALLY, commissioners have to do two things," said Ben Washburn of the county's legislative research department. "They have to fill the balance of Mack's current term (which ends Dec. 31) plus, they have to call an election for the new term."

Mack defeated Gustafson, 16,118-13,387 in the November general election and was to have begun his fifth consecutive commission term Jan. 1.

By law, an election must be held next year to fill the two-year commission term. But there's no law saying when the election would take

place. "That's the odd thing about state election law," said Brad Wittman of the state elections division.

The number of declared Democratic candidates indicates there is a primary would have to be scheduled. The general election could follow in less than 60 days, Wittman said.

While Gustafson, a Canton planning commission member has said he should be appointed to the seat as the second-place finisher, his appointment is apparently barred under the county charter.

"The charter specifies that whoever is appointed must be of the same party as the person holding the seat," Washburn said.

Before today's commission meeting it wasn't clear whether the commission would even fill the balance of Mack's current term.

"THEY COULD choose to leave it vacant until the election," Washburn said.

Another possibility involves appointment of an interim commissioner who wouldn't seek election next year.

Such a situation occurred when commission chairman Arthur Carter resigned in mid-1989 to accept a position with the Detroit Schools. At that time, commissioner's appointed Carter's wife to fill the seat.

Contenders for the balance of Mack's current term include Jerry Higgs of Wayne, Mack's longtime aide. Mack confirmed Higgs' candidacy and also confirmed his aide wouldn't seek the new term.

Due to his new position as a judge, Mack won't endorse any candidates. "It's hard to step back and not be involved in partisan politics after being involved so long, but it's what I have to do," he said.

Cindy Burgess, an official with the Canton Community Foundation and former candidate for township clerk, is another potential contender.

"I'm putting my name forward to de-politicize the appointment," Burgess said. "Whoever is appointed could face a backlash if they decided to run for the new term and I don't want to see that happen."

Among the potential election contenders:

Amann is an assistant county executive, working under McNamara. His most notable recent duties include serving as "noise czar," listening to complaints and arguing for changes in Metro Airport flight patterns. Head of the 15th District Democratic Party organization, he is a former deputy to county Clerk James Killen.

Benney has been a Wayne city councilman since 1981 and a member of the Wayne Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is a financial planner and owner of Financial Planning Services, Wayne.

Poling, an employee of General Motors Hydra-Matic Division, is also a regional coordinator for UAW Region 1A, Taylor and a member of the University of Michigan union minorities/women's leadership training project.

County insiders envision Amann and Poling as the strongest Democratic contenders. Amann, a former UAW staff assistant, apparently ran afoul of the union by supporting a challenger against its leadership training project.

Key Beard in November's Westland/Garden City area commission race. Gustafson's strong showing against Mack, and a potentially divided Democratic Party, is seen as giving the GOP a good chance to capture the seat.

"Republican traditionally do well in special elections," said board Vice Chairman Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township, the only Republican on the commission.

## Headlee tax cut plan faces Jan. 25 deadline

Fighting to put the Headlee II property tax cut before the Legislature, Taxpayers United has until Jan. 25 to prove it gathered enough petition signatures.

State elections director Christopher Thomas last week told the Board of State Canvassers his staff believes several thousand of the remaining petitions to be screened are flawed and should not be counted.

"We cannot accept the dubious reasons they're using to try to disenfranchise good-citizen voters," said Richard Headlee, the Farmington Hills insurance executive who chairs Taxpayers United.

"The laws are not in the petitions, but in the thinking and methodology of the Secretary of State's staff," said the head of TU, which seeks a 20 percent property tax cut with state reimbursement of all lost local revenues.

HEADLEE SAID TU people last month traveled to township, city and county offices and found that more than 70 percent of the petition signatures declared invalid on their face by the Secretary of State were determined by their hometown clerks to be genuine.

ine signatures of registered voters. "A Village of Beverly Hills voter, born in 1915, who now has a Birmingham home address, and who pays Birmingham School District taxes, was initially disqualified for writing 'Birmingham' in the space on the petition labeled 'mark whether registered to vote in city or township and write its name.'"

"That voter knew very well that the Southfield Township voter registration records were kept down the

street from his home in a building with a Birmingham address.

"Yet the Secretary of State staff intended to declare him 'invalid' as a registered voter on the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative because the signer hadn't checked the 'township of box' and inserted Southfield Township instead of 'Birmingham,' Headlee said.

THE BOARD of State Canvassers granted Taxpayers United's request

for additional time to complete the review of invalidated signatures and to confer with the Secretary of State staff prior to the next meeting of the board.

Taxpayers United had expected board approval of the petitions so that the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative could be adopted by the state legislature before it adjourned this week.

If the Legislature fails to act, the proposal would go before voters in 1992.

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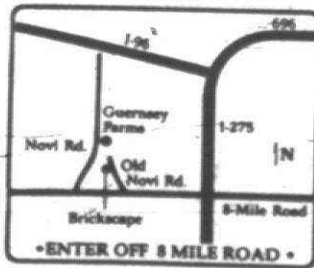
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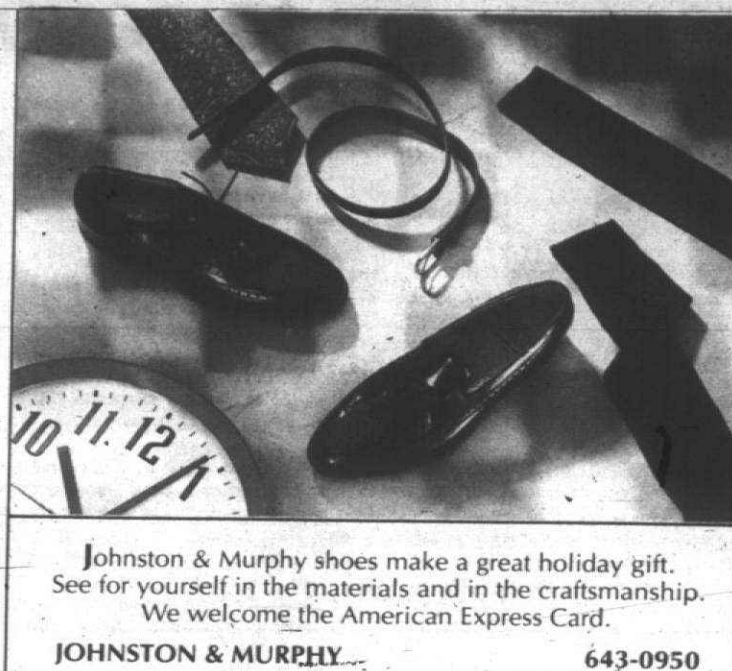
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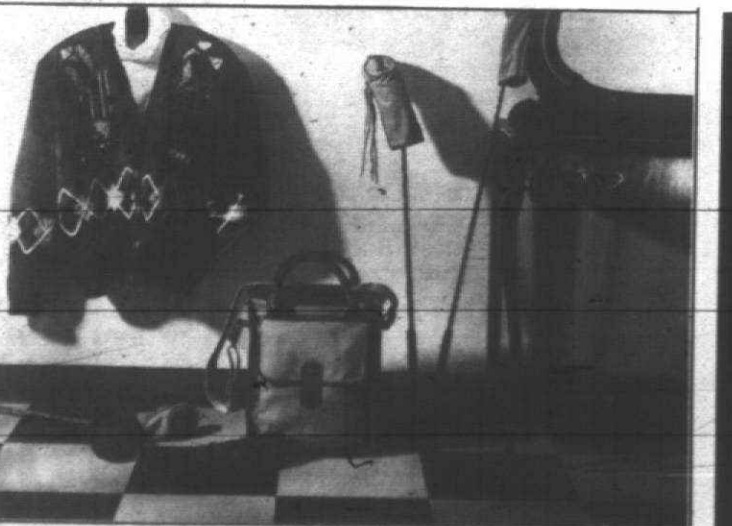
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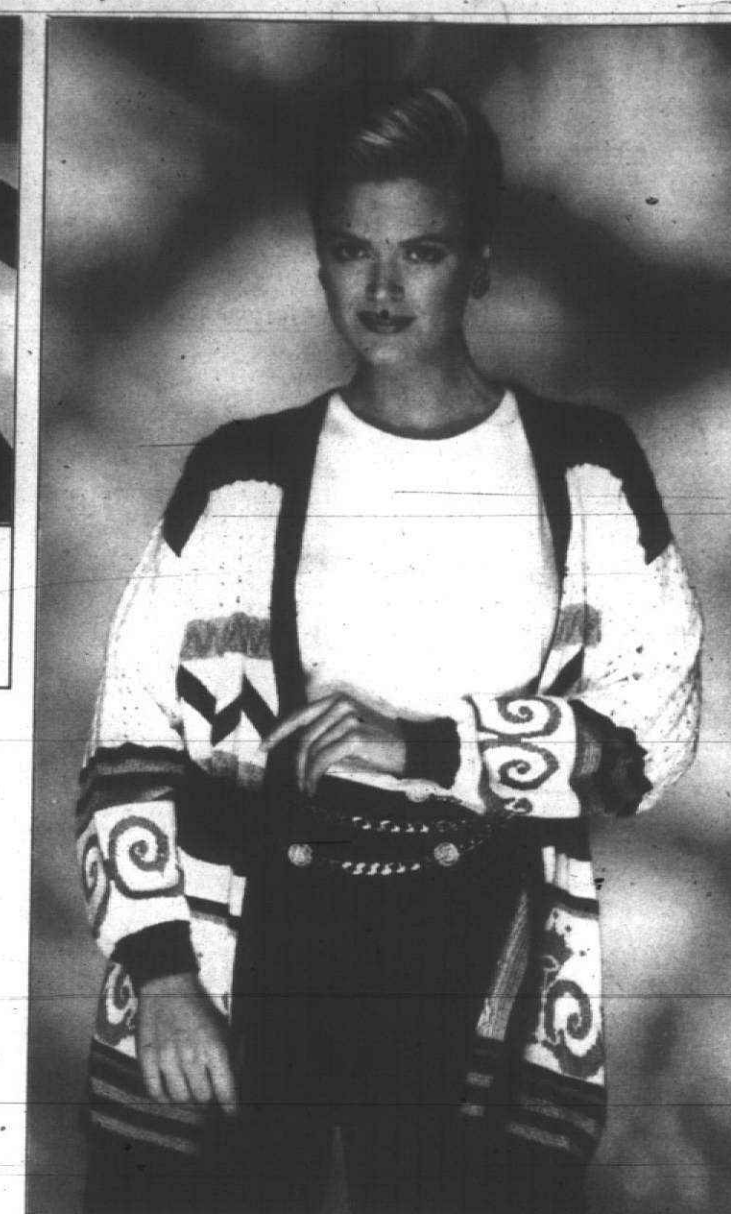
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## Duns Scotus backers hope to save friary

By Tim Smith  
staff writer

The friary at Duns Scotus may yet be saved.

Supporters of the friary are seeking an alternative to selling the 110-acre site to developers who want to build a conference center and golf course.

In the wake of the Franciscan Mothers' Club's spirited protest to block a reported \$9 million sale, discussions have taken place between Duns Scotus real estate agent and D'Etre University, which leases part of the former seminary for its America-Japan International College, said the Rev. Daniel Havron, a Franciscan Provincial Councilor.

According to Havron, the very recent talks have centered on D'Etre University buying a majority of the 280,000-square-foot facility — all but the existing chapel and friary, where the 25 Franciscan fathers now live. Others also have stepped forward with an interest, he added.

"They (D'Etre University) are interested in the place" and in having "further dialogue" about a deal,

Havron said. That, he added, might "change the entire picture."

But for Duns Scotus supporters, the picture remains bleak. Havron on Monday said negotiations to sell the entire 61-year-old landmark and surrounding grounds for \$9 million to Southfield developer LoPatin & Co. and an out-of-state company remain "on the front burner."

SOURCES CLOSE to the scene confirmed that the second company involved in the proposed purchase is Florida-based Doral Corp. and not a New York firm as was earlier reported.

That sale, prompted by low staffing and financial problems at Duns Scotus, could take place by the end of December, Havron said.

Havron said the developers intend to keep the distinctive-looking structure intact for use as a conference center, with much of the 110-acre site being transformed from its current peaceful setting into a 9-hole golf course.

Meanwhile, members of the Franciscans Mothers' Club said there have been rumors that Duns Scotus

would face the wrecking ball if sold, or at least turned into upscale condominiums. Havron scoffed at those rumors.

"We had that offer years ago from developers, to buy the land and tear it down," Havron said. "If we knew that was their plan we wouldn't go any further with it."

The latter wouldn't bother those who have come out in full force to oppose any sale, including members of the Franciscan Mothers' Club volunteer group, which recently has collected nearly 4,000 anti-sale signatures onto petitions.

ACCORDING to club president Rachel Hund and member Vicky Garland, the main objective of the protest is to at least save the chapel and friary's living quarters.

"That's all we're fighting for," Hund said, later adding that the 675-member club will continue its petition drive until a final decision is made. "If it's God's will (to save the chapel), I'm sure our prayers will be answered. If it's to be sold, then it will be sold."

Garland said the club's aim is to "show how much Duns Scotus is wanted and needed."

About 3,000 people a week attend religious services, while many needy

people are assisted by its retreat center, particularly during the holidays.

Hund and Havron said the club's efforts have stirred up public awareness in support of the efforts to save Duns Scotus.

"They say 'it's sad, it's terrible,'" Hund said. "That's like a historic place. No matter who you talk to, they say, 'Oh yeah, Duns Scotus, I love that.'"

HAVRON SAID public reaction to the club's protest surprised him. "It's nice to see that people care so much."

The petition drive also has resulted in companies calling Duns Scotus to inquire about purchasing the property, Havron said.

Meanwhile, Havron added that D'Etre University has been interested for more than a year in buying the now-closed college which is adjacent to the chapel/friary. It was closed in 1986.

The university's dean, William Poffenberger, could not be contacted Monday and Tuesday.

When asked whether there was any way the pending deal with LoPatin and Doral Corp. could be fine-tuned to at least rescue the facility's chapel and friary, Havron said it

was doubtful whether such an arrangement would be compatible enough to work.

"THE PROBLEM is, a conference center would draw a certain class of people," Havron said. "We have a lot of people who come here who are lower income families who depend on us for food, clothes and other sustenance."

"It wouldn't be compatible for us to be here if some big business also had a convention here."

According to Havron last week, Duns Scotus representatives and those for the lined-up buyer (LoPatin-Doral) would meet this month to discuss terms of a conditional deal.

A nine-month period to close the deal would follow, Havron said. He added that Duns Scotus would vacate its quarters by late 1992, but that the Franciscans would maintain their "presence" in Southfield and surrounding communities.

"The most important thing is that we remain in the Archdiocese of Detroit and continue to minister to the people," Havron said, adding that a possibility is moving mass to nearby St. Michael's Church.

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### CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO. 90-5 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.137 OF CHAPTER 24 OF THIS CODE OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Section 2.137 of Chapter 24 of Title II of the Code of the City of Plymouth is hereby amended as follows:

a) The second paragraph, second sentence of the second paragraph as it presently reads is deleted in its entirety.

b) A new sentence is added to its place so that the second sentence of the second paragraph shall read as follows:

Where the water service to any premises is turned off to enforce the payment of water service charges or sewage disposal service charges, the water service shall not be recommenced until all delinquent charges have been paid and a turn on charge of \$35.00 added to these past due amounts. Also, if the request of water turn on is after the normal beginning and ending of the work day for the Department of Public Services, the turn on charge amount will double (\$70.00). The defined working hours being:

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Except Holidays, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Winter - Monday-Friday Except Holidays

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall become operative and effective on the 7th day of December, 1990.

Made, passed and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Plymouth, Michigan, this 3rd day of December, 1990.

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Publish December 6, 1990

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## Opinion

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Mettetal  
Hearing will help clear air

W urge residents of Plymouth and Canton to attend a meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 10, on Mettetal Airport. The meeting to be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center is billed as a full airing of the discussions about purchasing the nearly \$5 million piece of property in Canton Township for public use.

Government officials from the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be on hand to answer questions.

We'll be there to listen because nobody has convinced us that a public airport is needed.

And the situation has been muddled by the actions of local government. Canton Township has twice walked away from the deal. And now Plymouth Township is eyeing the airport. Meanwhile, the city of Plymouth is watching and will decide on Dec. 17 whether to join an airport authority being pushed by Plymouth Township.

And dropped into that stew is a proposal to locate an aviation school at the airport.

We think that the public meeting is a good time to look at the concoction on the stove and see what's going into it.

We think the idea for the aviation school has some merit. Promoters say there are good jobs available in aircraft mechanics, and local kids could benefit from training at such a school.

However, we can't fully endorse the idea yet. We just haven't seen enough evidence.

Also, there's an assumption that an airport purchase and aviation school go hand in hand. We're not certain they should be fully linked.

There's another assumption being made that bothers us. That's the acceptance of having to purchase Mettetal Airport in the first place. We've heard it suggested that a new airport between Plymouth and Ann Arbor could be built at some point.

We think that idea has some merit and should be discussed.

Let's just hope for good attendance at the public hearing and a forum that allows ideas to be discussed.

Local help  
Group helping invisible poor

IT SEEMS LIKE we can't turn on the television news around Christmas time without seeing stories about people sleeping on the streets.

It's a good story for the television networks. Find some poor person and turn him or her into a media star.

But there are problems closer to home in Canton. They're called the invisible poor who are overshadowed by appears to be the affluence of Canton.

About 4 percent of the households in Canton, about 2,370 people, are receiving public assistance, according to the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

But chances are they'll never receive the attention of homeless advocates.

However, one local group is doing something to help in Canton. It's the St. Thomas A'Becket chapter of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

This Christmas the church group plans to help 24 families have a Christmas. One family to be helped is headed by an out of work man who doesn't expect to start receiving his unemployment checks before Christmas.

THE GROU P is also helping a Canton woman who has three daughters, ages 13, 10 and 8. The father has a drinking problem.

We applaud the efforts of the group. Its members are doing something to help their fellow residents before they end up on the street.

We think groups like that deserve more attention. We just hope they get it year round and not just during the holidays.

Tax sharing  
Robin Hood method of funding

LIKE A zombie, the notion of property tax base sharing keeps rising from the dead. Last week the state Senate Appropriations Committee buried the idea for this legislative session, thanks to the votes of Sens. Doug Cruce, R-Troy, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, and Robert Geake, R-Northville.

Probably the zombie will be back in 1991. The high priests of this weirdo, Sen. Dan DeGroot, R-Port Huron, and Rep. Bill Keith, D-Garden City — are tenacious.

Superficially, the idea has charm. Your school district has a big factory or mall. Ours has only homes and farms. We should collect the growth of commercial and industrial property taxes on either a countywide or statewide basis and distribute the revenue on a per-pupil basis.

Our kids shouldn't be deprived just because they were born on the disadvantaged side of a boundary — so the sales pitch goes.

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Legislature to play Robin Hood with their hard-earned industrial dollars.

Some areas of Michigan don't want industry. They have lovely shorelines, pricey homes, quiet. That is their privilege. Why, then, should they share in the pot of commercial and industrial property taxes?

Other cities have driven out industry — through high taxes, crime, bureaucracy and plain rudeness. We recall the big city dentist who planned to renovate a building for new offices only to have the city bulldoze it by mistake. Feeling unwanted, he moved to South Carolina.

Spending figures you hear of \$7,000 and \$8,000 per child are often exaggerated. Several districts in the O&E area place capital expenditures in the operating budget. At least one funnels its special education money through the operating budget. These budget techniques overstate spending on the classroom.

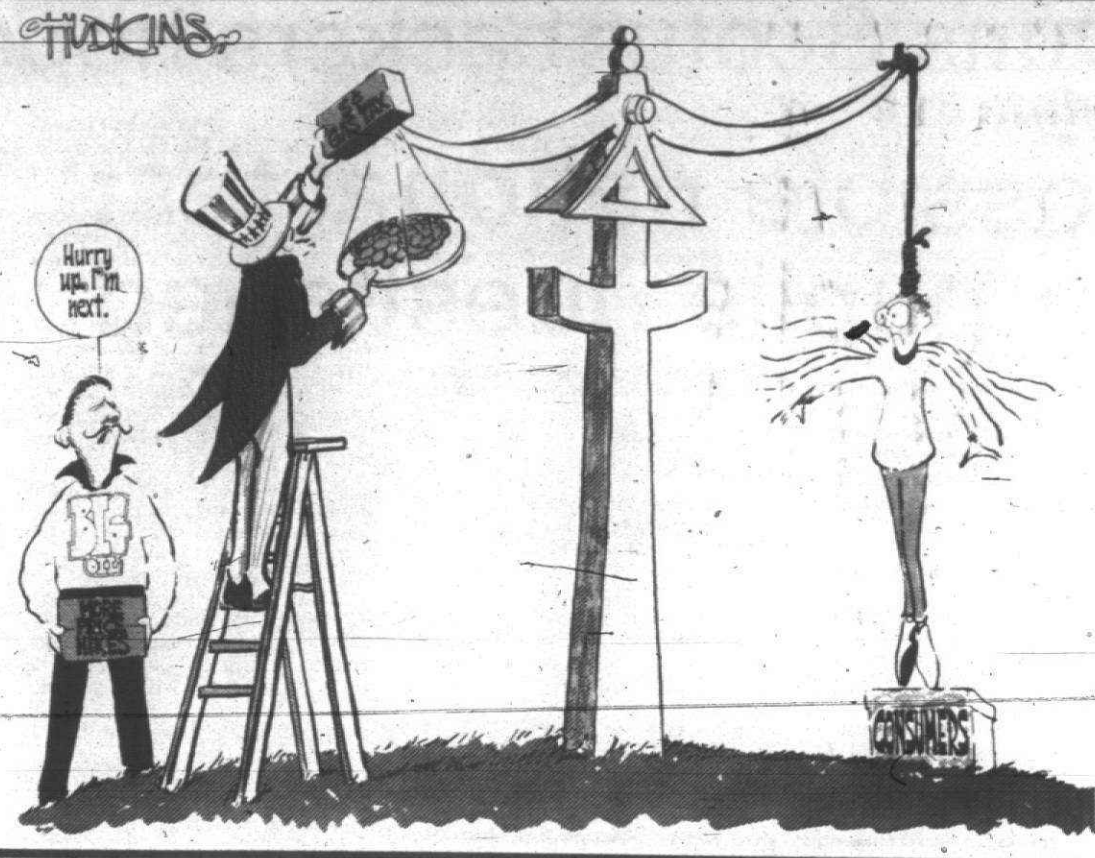
Many high-spending districts are in southeast-Michigan where costs are high — for health, insurance, and construction. Southeastern Michigan's average prices run 22 percent higher than the rest of the state.

Districts are called "rich" only because of their business wealth. Many people in them are low-income folks and troubled families whose kids need counseling and special help.

FOR DISTRICTS which, despite high millage rates, lack adequate revenues for their kids, the Michigan Constitution has an answer: "The Legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law." (Art. VIII, Sec. 2.) "The Legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of state government." (Art. IX, Sec. 1.)

On a 25-year trend line, the state has reduced education's share of the budget. The state has \$15 billion in resources and power to raise more. It should raise the floor of support for poor school districts, not lower the ceiling on the rest with the zombie of tax base sharing.

It would be preposterously unfair for the state

Our individual towns make  
region a fine place to live

THE HEADLINES of late have been gloomy. Recession. Layoffs. High fuel prices going higher. War in the Middle East. Detroit Lions.

So it's good when somebody comes along and reassures us of something we knew perfectly well all along: Southeastern Michigan is a fine place to live.

The Population Crisis Committee, a highly respected Washington-based family-planning advocacy group, recently released a study concluding that living conditions in this area are pretty competitive with any place in the world — sixth out of 100 areas studied.

We're better than New York or Los Angeles or San Francisco. Our region is more livable than Tokyo or London or Paris — or even Toronto. We score especially well in low food costs, housing, access to schools and lack of traffic jams. And we're pretty good in living space, telephone service, noise and clean air.

THE RESPONSE from assorted liberals and Detroit mass media people was predictable: Let's make one big regional governmental unit out of "Greater Detroit."

The Free Press put it clearly: "... the distinction between Detroit and its surrounding communities — and even its Canadian neighbors — is declining in significance. More and more, the local us-against-them attitude is a destructive fiction perpetuated by narrow-focus politicians and their equally myopic allies on both sides of the Detroit city limits."

I'm sorry. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out one good reason our area is doing pretty well. It

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is precisely because it is not one big regional government, with the troubles of Detroit rubbed off on the neighboring suburbs and vice versa. Farmington and Plymouth, Birmingham and Livonia, Rochester and Troy, Northville and Howell are all fine places to live because they are individual communities, each with its own history and traditions, its own politics and lifestyle. The notion that they are all the same, just small sub-units of a larger regional reality, is what distinguishes big-city daily newspapers from community newspapers such as this.

I FIND IT hard to believe that the ills plaguing Detroit would be noticeably reduced if the center city were somehow merged into a larger region.

I find it equally hard to see how treating southeastern Michigan as



Phillip Power

one region would make any appreciable difference in anybody's quality of life — except that of bureaucrats who work for regional government.

In fact, it strains my credulity to think that Detroit Mayor Coleman Young would be at all interested in any kind of regional government structure he didn't control.

Young has been, on nearly all counts, an increasing disappointment in recent years. But he has been consistent on one main point: the necessity for black people to control all aspects of the city in which they have a large majority of the population.

Creating a big regional government runs against the realities of the suburban and exurban communities, just as it goes against the grain of the realities of Detroit politics. It makes no sense, and we might as well realize it. Let's get on to seeing how we can make the aggregate of our individual communities work together so it's more than merely the sum of the parts.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

## from our readers

Animal vs.  
human rights

To the Editor:

I would like to express my opinion regarding the Animal Rights Movement that is sweeping our country today.

I would first of all like to commend those involved. The needless slaughter of animals should stop, and each citizen should be concerned about the outcome. By the same instincts that we have to save these defenseless creatures should come at least the same amount of concern over the needless slaughter of human life that occurs with abortion. Does that have a similar ring to it?

Why is it that "Animal Rights" is the chic movement to be involved in today? What about "Human Rights"? Where have our priorities gone — to the "dogs"?

Research has shown that parents who read to their unborn child, and play classical music will have more intelligent children. Why would these men and women of medicine be recommending that mothers use these tactics if the unborn child were simply a "lifeless lump of tissue"?

The fact that so many pro-choice activists seem to use this phrase really does not add up. Who is right?

Animals vs. Humans. I think it's about time we took a good long look

at our motives behind our actions and become responsible citizens.

Linda R. Burleson  
Canton

Aviation  
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To the Editor:

In 1943 I joined the Indian Air Force and served at the Burma Front in World War II. In the Air Force I gained maintenance experience on all types of aircraft — fighters, bombers, transports and trainers. I served for 9 years in their largest training school as a Grade "A" instructor, teaching aeroengine subjects (piston and gas turbine engines), course supervisor and examiner. I had the unique opportunity to organize training from scratch.

After 24 years of service with the Air Force, I served with Air India, for 16 years in the jet engine overhaul division, as the quality control and NDT inspector.

Now I am 65 — a retiree with over 40 years of aviation experience with a special liking for teaching and training. My only ambition is to see that my knowledge and experience is made available to the coming generation of boys and girls, men and women, of this society.

I am not asking you for money. I am ready to dedicate my time and

soul for this noble cause of teaching and training. What I am asking you is only a place to start the school for aviation mechanics — a public facility — at the Mettetal Airport. You are well aware many of our people cannot afford to have training in a private school because the cost is prohibitive.

With your blessings, if this school is started, you will not only make history in the Plymouth-Canton area but you will also be placing our communities on the map of Michigan as having one of the best aviation schools turning out quality aviation mechanics in airplane, powerplant and avionics. We would be putting in more value in our people.

Imagine how lucky we are. The Northwest Airline Machinist Union (I.A.M.O. is behind this great venture and Schoolcraft College is giving the proposal serious consideration. With the expansion of the Metro Airport, the need for quality aviation mechanics is tremendous. Grab the opportunity. Further I understand that NWA is considering building an overhaul facility for the Airbus.

Now it is time to reflect and ask ourselves these questions: What asset have we kept for our children and grandchildren? What have we done for our children that can help them as men and women, earn top dollars and live with dignity?

Now, think — Should we let this great job opportunity slip by?

Harl Subbiah  
Canton

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## points of view

Possible national test  
for pupils questioned

Q. I hear that a national test out of Washington D.C. is going to be given to every child in our schools. Speaking as a teacher, we already have enough testing in our schools. Will this new national test serve any purpose?

A. Depends on who you talk to. Some believe the new national testing program is a significant move by Washington for more national influence and possibly more control of state education agencies and local schools.

Ideed, President Bush has a national Educational Goals Panel giving much time and effort to an expanded national assessment test.

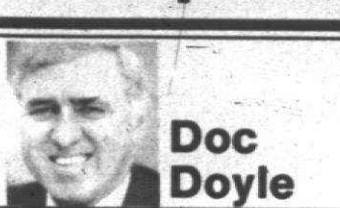
There are those in Washington who believe that student learning would be greatly enhanced if each state and our 33,000 schools would all agree on national goals, on a national curriculum.

The inference by some in Washington is that each state and each school district is a kingdom unto itself. That educational goals and curriculum vary as much as one superintendent style can vary from another superintendent's style.

However, the war drums are beating in many local school districts. The message is always the same, local control of our own destiny — we know our students and what is best for them.

Education's most powerful teacher/curriculum group, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development see little value in the national assessment test. Executive director Gordon Cavelti believes there is already too much testing which takes too much time from what is really important, classroom instruction.

In Michigan, we have the Michigan Educational Assessment Test (MEAP), standardized tests, locally developed Criterion Reference Tests, the SAT, ACT, and others.



Doc Doyle

Carried to the extreme, those opposed to more testing would say: "Knowledge of lousy results is not a motivator or healer. Let's spend the millions of dollars that will go into this national testing program into funding programs that have proven successful in raising student achievement."

You ask if this new national assessment test will serve any purpose. It's not new. It is simply an expansion of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing results of the NAEP, which has been going on for 20 years.

Frankly most teachers, most building principals and many central office people are not even aware — some don't really care — about the testing results of the NAEP. Why? There are no diagnostic results that a building principal or teacher can use to improve the learning of specific children in the building. And the child is usually the focal point of the quality principals and teachers, not national test results.

However, in a broader sense the national test has served a purpose. Let's take just one situation. Years ago the test found that young women were not scoring as well as young men in math and science.

A follow up soon discovered that the young women, including the brightest ones, were often being steered away from math and science and continually into secretarial type courses whether they wanted to be a secretary or not.

Guess what happened once counselors started encouraging young women to consider engineering, high tech, the medical profession. High

school girls scored as well as or better than the boys in math and science on the national assessment test.

The political problem for many is that a national test will result in a national report card for each and every school district, information which can be used for comparison purposes by citizens. This will not be a problem says Washington, the report will go directly to just your own school district.

The Michigan Department of Education promised that individual MEAP test results would not be published, that the MEAP test was for only local district use for program improvement. The "sunshine law" changed that, and rightly so. Today, every Michigan school district compares their MEAP results to other districts whether they like what they see or not.

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## Gender gap on court

THERE'S A gender gap on the Michigan Supreme Court. Justice Patricia Boyle and Chief Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley tend to stick together in upholding tough prison sentences.

They give two basic reasons:  
• Their brothers are "inventing the authority" to reduce sentences.  
• In reviewing facts, their brothers look at them "antagonistically," while the women dissenters view them from "a pro-victim standpoint."

Two key cases come to mind.

SCOTT MILBOURN was convicted in Eaton County of breaking and entering the residence of his ex-girlfriend with intent to maliciously destroy property worth more than \$100.

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Milbourn had lived with the woman six weeks, but she booted him and changed the locks — twice. Milbourn broke into her vacant apartment that night, slashed her clothing, bedding, drapes, bathroom towels and shower curtains. He sprayed red paint on the carpet and drapes, broke an end table and punched three holes in the walls, Boyle wrote.

On bail, Milbourn threatened that if the woman didn't drop the charges, he would send "lewd" photos of her to her family, co-workers and friends. Later he smashed the windshield of her car, flattened a tire and threatened her new boyfriend.

While Milbourn had no prior conviction, Boyle noted he had been suspended from school for fighting and savagely attacked another inmate in jail.

Boyle accused the majority of viewing the facts as Milbourn's "overreacting to the situational stress of a lovers quarrel." She and Riley felt the victim had been "terrorized."

THE SECOND is the famous basketball score case, the second-degree murder conviction of Timothy Moore in 1985 for killing his ex-girl-

friend. Detroit Recorder's Judge Michael Talbot could have given Moore life or a term-of-years. Talbot gave him 100 to 200 years.

"A life sentence for this sort of crime allowed him to be reviewed (for parole) in 10 years," Talbot said, reasoning that with a 100-200 year sentence Moore, 34, would die before he became eligible for parole.

In May of 1989, four justices rejected his reasoning, ruling Talbot abused his discretion. They virtually accused Talbot of pandering to the press and public for being "tough on crime."

Boyle wrote the dissent, attacking the majority reasoning as "misguided." She noted that Moore shot the woman twice, struggled through three rooms of the house and stabbed her seven times. Her blood was splashed on walls 11 feet apart.

Boyle also said Moore had threatened the woman earlier, had a juvenile record and had three prior felony convictions, including armed robbery involving forcible entry and rape.

Women do see things differently.

FOOTNOTES: The women had two male allies — Justice Robert Griffin, who joined in the Moore case dissent, and candidate Clark Durant, who used these cases in his campaign ads.

Talbot reduced Moore's sentence to 50 years. Last week Shuster gave Milbourn the identical 10-15 years.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.

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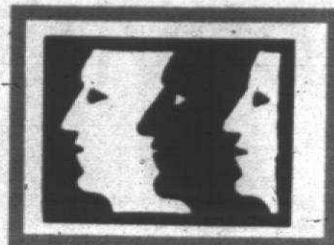
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## CHILDREN'S WINTER ACTIVITIES



Children on winter break can choose from plenty of fun-filled activities.

Whether it's a visit to the Detroit Zoo, or a trip to Henry Ford Museum, families can find lots to do in the metropolitan area. Some low-cost, or free, activities are offered even closer to home.

Most museums and other attractions will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day, and some will close on other days as well. Information is subject to change, so making a phone call before heading out is a good idea.

These activities should keep youngsters and their parents occupied until it's time to go back to school. They're also a great way for families to enjoy time together.

### ART INSTITUTE

A variety of activities are planned at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward in Detroit.

"Breakfast With Santa" will be 9:45 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday in the Kresge Court. Visits — for believers of all ages — will continue through Saturday, Dec. 22. Ticket price is \$7 and advance reservations are required. Weekend visitors may enjoy a "Snack With Santa" noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. No reservations required.

The December line-up features special Detroit Youththeatre performances Saturdays. They include: "Christmas 'Round the World" on Dec. 8, a magical international sleigh ride for those age 5 and older; "Feliz Navidad" on Dec. 15, a holiday dance and music extravaganza for those age 5 and older; and "Holly Folly Christmas" on Dec. 22, with Ken Schultz as the elf who dazzles the audience with a variety-packed

performance for those age 3 and older.

Youtheatre tickets are \$5, and show times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the DIA Auditorium. For ticket information, call 833-2323.

The art institute's Prince Street Players will present their musical version of "The Emperor's New Clothes" Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Children must be 5 or older to attend, and tickets are \$6. Performances will be 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Dec. 27-29, 2 p.m. only Dec. 26 and Dec. 30.

The art institute offers self-guided family tours, including the "DIA Discovery Tour" and "Do You See What I See?" Information is available in the Farnsworth Lobby.

An archeological scavenger hunt, "The Mystery of the Five Fragments," is offered 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Kits for the scavenger hunt can be checked out in the Rivera Court.

For more information, call the DIA, 833-7900.

### HENRY FORD MUSEUM

A holiday celebration, "Traditions to Treasure," is planned at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Special displays and demonstrations will continue through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Day.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering Christmas tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. The museum concourse area will feature a fantasy Lionel train layout.

Toy trains — including one equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view" — will wend their way through a

gingerbread village. Visitors will be able to watch gingerbread houses in the making.

Several craft activities are planned for children. Youngsters will be able to make such items as a gingerbread boy bookmark, snowflake ornament and angel ornament. Families can leave a little bit of their own history at the museum by contributing photos of their celebrations to the holiday photo wall. Family photos will become part of the archives.

Santa Claus will preside over the merriment in the museum. Many holiday customs and traditions from the past will be displayed at the historic Greenfield Village buildings. At the Town Hall Activities Center, children will find holiday crafts to keep them busy.

The Henry Ford Museum Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" on Saturdays through Dec. 22, with additional performances Wednesday through Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16 and Dec. 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed. Audience members will be able to meet the characters after each performance. For ticket information, call 271-1620.

Hours at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Separate admission is charged for the museum and village. For more information, call 271-1620.

### JEWISH CENTER

The Jewish Community Center, Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, has planned activity days for kinder-

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## AND CLOSER TO HOME...

### PARTIES WITH SANTA

Children's Christmas parties with Santa Claus will be Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon in Canton.

Parties are sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services and are for Canton residents only. A party will be 9:30-10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-7, followed by a 10:45-11:45 a.m. party for those age 12 and younger.

Children will participate in games, holiday movies, refreshments and a visit with Santa during the parties.

Admission is free. Advance reservations are required. For reservations or more information, call 397-5110.

### WORKSHOP FUN

Christmas "Kids Only" workshops will be Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. The first session will be 10 a.m. to noon, the second 1-3 p.m. Sessions are open to students ages 5-18 from Canton and Plymouth.

Workshops are sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services in cooperation with D&M Studios of

Plymouth. Participants will make items suitable for holiday giving (at least three projects), and each will decorate a Christmas cookie. Refreshments will be served.

Price is \$12 for each participant. Registration may be completed in person at Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. For more information, call 397-5110.

### YMCA OVERNIGHT

The Plymouth Community Family YMCA will offer a "New Year's Overnight" 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, through 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The event will be in the old Grange building, across from the YMCA at 248 S. Union in Plymouth. Parents who plan to go out for the evening will be able to drop their children off and pick them up the next morning.

The sleep-over is for children in first-fifth grades. Advance registration is required and must be completed by Thursday, Dec. 20.

No late registrations will be taken. For registration information, call 453-2904.

Price is \$15 for YMCA members, \$20 for non-members. Participants will participate in crafts, games,

movies and a pizza party.

### FAMILY FUN

A family Christmas program will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

It will include a presentation of "The Snow Queen" by Bill Siemer's String Puppet Theatre. Advance registration isn't required, and children from neighboring communities may attend. For more information, call 453-0750.

### CANTON HISTORY

The Canton Historical Museum, operated by the Canton Historical Society, is at the corner of Canton Center and Proctor, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. Regular museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday.

A Christmas exhibit will be displayed through Saturday, Dec. 8. The Canton Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas party and sing-along 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the museum. Anyone may attend.

For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921. There is no admission charge.

### PLYMOUTH HISTORY

The Plymouth Historical Museum, operated by the Plymouth Historical Society, is at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. Regular hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

The current main exhibit features more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures from the collection of Weldon Petz. A number of other holiday items are included. The exhibit will continue through late January.

The "Then and Now" section downstairs helps younger children learn about history through hands-on activities. Several doll houses are on display downstairs.

Admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children younger than 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8940.

### ICE SHOW

The Plymouth Figure Skating Club will present its Christmas show 7-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. About 60 skaters of all ages will perform. Youngsters from Academic Gardens in Plymouth will sing songs of the season.

"Sleigh Bells Ring" is the ice show theme. Admission price is \$3, free for children 12 and younger. Tickets will be available at the door the evening of the performance.

## FOR KIDS ON THE FAST TRACK.

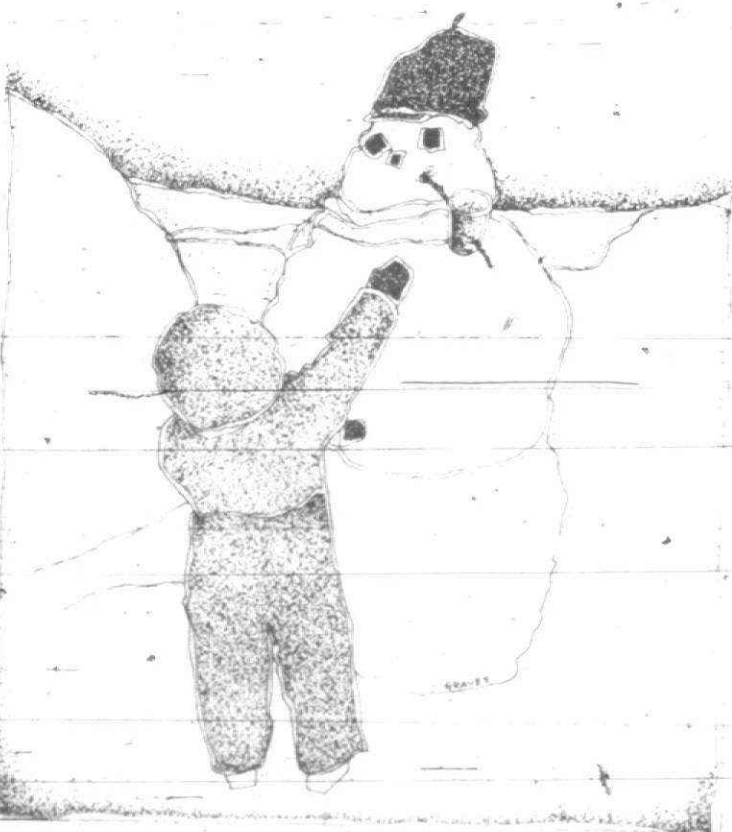
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10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
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December 9th  
11:00 A.M. "The Death, Descent and Delight of the Redeemed"  
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**Redford Baptist Church**  
7 Mile Road and Grand River  
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Communion Sunday  
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Church School for all ages 10:45 a.m.  
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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 P.M.

28440 LYNDON, LIVONIA, MI

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4505 Joy Road, Canton, 455-0022  
(Between Main Street and Lilly Road)

Sunday Services  
9:45 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
6:00 P.M. Evening Service  
7:30 P.M. Family Hour

**NORTHWEST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
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Bible Study for all ages 9:45 A.M. Sundays  
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Plymouth, Michigan 48170  
(313) 453-1525

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M.  
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Wed. Family Night: 7:00 P.M.

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LUTHER A. WERTH, PASTOR  
Sunday Worship 8:00, 10:15 & 11:30 A.M.  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 A.M.  
Week Day School, Pre-School, Kindergarten  
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**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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29630 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DAILY  
532-2266

Worship Services  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School  
9:15 & 11:00 A.M.

**Risen Christ**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
46250 Ann Arbor Road  
Plymouth 453-5252

The Rev. K.M. Mehri, Pastor  
M. Meseke, Vicar  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR  
9:45 A.M.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
MISSOURI SYNOD  
High & Elm Streets, Northville  
T. Luback, Pastor

Church & School 5885 Venoy  
118 N. of Ford Rd. Westland 425-0380  
Divine Worship 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class & SS 9:30 A.M.  
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Church & School 5885 Venoy  
118 N. of Ford Rd. Westland 425-0380  
Divine Worship 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.  
Bible Class & SS 9:30 A.M.  
Monday Evening Service 7:30 P.M.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Livonia 425-9249

Worship & Holy Communion  
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Tuesday Classes 8:45-9:15 P.M.

**ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Jerry Yarnell, Sr. Pastor  
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Song Services - Last Sunday  
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Church School, Pastor: Kearney Kirby, Pastor  
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School  
11:15 A.M. Adult Study Classes  
Nursery Provided - 422-9038

**CHERRY HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Randy Whitcomb  
Worship Service  
8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:30 A.M.

**First United Methodist Church/Plymouth**  
45001 N. Territorial Rd.  
453-5280

Worship 9:00 & 11:15 A.M.  
Adult & Youth Church School 10:15 A.M.

**ST. JOHN NEUMANN**  
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Father George Charnley, Pastor

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16175 Delaware at Puritan - 255-6330

Susan Bennett, Pastor  
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Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery provided

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1990  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:00, 9:15, 10:45 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.  
Worship and Sunday School

8:00 A.M.  
"THE FAITH OF ZEPHARIAH: IMPERFECT FAITH"  
Rev. John B. Crenshaw

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION 12:05 P.M.  
9:15 and 10:45 A.M. and 12:00 P.M.  
"PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: JOSEPH'S PREPARATION"  
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess

7:00 P.M. - TEEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
Rev. Paul D. Hansen  
Minister of Youth and College Ministries

Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.  
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
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Worship Services  
8:30 and 11:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
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"Close To The Heart of God"  
Dr. Thomas P. Eggebeen, Minister  
CHURCH SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES  
8:45 A.M.

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Redford - 534-7730  
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Centennial Celebration  
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Education - 10:45 A.M.

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11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Pastor Frank Howard - Ch. 453-0323 - Ext. 269-9890

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Sunday School for all ages  
9:30 A.M.

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8:30 & 10:45 A.M.  
Wednesday Dinner 6:00 P.M.  
Youth Group 6:30 P.M.

**CHRISTADELPHIANS**

**CHRISTADELPHIANS**  
Sunday Memorial Service 10:00 A.M.  
Wednesday Night Bible Class 8:00 P.M.  
Dec. 2 - "Eternal Life"  
2:15 P.M. Man's Only Hope  
36516 Parkdale, Livonia - 425-7610

## church bulletin

The church bulletin is published every Thursday in The Observer. Information must be received in the Livonia office by noon the Monday prior to publication.

**PEACE VIGIL**  
St. Michael Parish, 11441 Hubbard, at Plymouth Road, will have an all-night peace prayer vigil 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Private prayer and peaceful reflection will continue throughout the night concluding Saturday, Dec. 8.

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
All Kuhnle of Youth for Christ will be the speaker at the men's prayer breakfast 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 422-1826.

**YULE CONCERTS**  
Christmas by Candlelight" concerts will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, at Gifford, Canton and Bell Choirs will perform at the

service of carols, and instrumental music will also be featured. Donation is \$2. For ticket information, call the church office, 459-9550. The church is between Plymouth and Ann Arbor, approximately six miles west of Sheldon Road.

**BIBLE CLASS**  
Margaret Hess teaches a Bible study Tuesdays at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, at the corner of Six Mile, Livonia. Small groups meet at 9:30 a.m. and a 10 a.m. lecture follows. For information, call 422-1150.

**ADVENT RETREAT**  
The Madonna College Alumni Association will present "Waiting for Mary" - an all-day Advent retreat, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Campus Residence Hall and Chapel. Price is \$8. Madonna College is at 196 and Levan in Livonia. For information, call 591-5127.

**GARDEN CITY CONCERT**  
Several Garden City church choirs will take part in Christmas concert

7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Raphael Catholic Church, Merriman and Beechwood, two blocks north of Ford. Churches include Good Hope Lutheran, First United Methodist, Garden City Presbyterian and St. Raphael. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds will be donated to the local FISH program.

**CHOIR CONCERT**  
A choir concert will take place 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy, Westland. At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, an Advent service with Holy Communion will be held. For information, call 425-0261.

**GUEST MINISTER**  
The Rev. Gregory Gentry will be the speaker 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Under the Urban Church Planting program, Gentry plans to work as missionary coordinator of a task force effort, planting "clusters" of churches. In addition to coordinating the planting of English-speaking and ethnic churches in the Boston-New York-

Washington area, Gentry will concentrate on helping other leaders take on the team concept in other densely-populated areas. The public may attend.

**ADVENT WALK**  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia, will have an Advent walk 5-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Tour groups will be led through the rooms of the church. The story of Christmas will be traced from the Old Testament to modern times. Traditions of different countries will be highlighted. More than 100 people are involved as Biblical prophets, choir members, bell ringers and others. The journey will take one hour with tours leaving every 15 minutes. For information, call 466-0211.

**YULE CELEBRATION**  
"Christmas Celebration '90," a musical/drama, will be presented at Fairlane Assembly Central and Fairlane Assembly West. Times at Fairlane West are 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

**CHILDREN'S PAGEANT**  
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Hubbard and West Chicago, Livonia, will have a children's Christmas pageant 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. The program will celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**GERMAN CHRISTMAS**  
At 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, Historic Trinity will have its annual German language Christmas service. This year's service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Jakob Heckert of Concordia College in Ann Arbor, and assisted by the Rev. Carl Weber of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamburg. Special German chorale ensembles will be provided by Deutschelinder Choir. Christmas Eve services will be 7 and 11 p.m. Christmas Day service 10:45 a.m. The church is at 1345 Grafton, Detroit. For information, call 567-3100.

**CHRISTIAN SOFTBALL**  
Any church representatives interested in participating in the Northwestern Christian Women's Softball League should call Pat Larson, 474-4928. Games are Tuesdays and Thursdays early May through mid-August, including regular season, tournament and an all-star game.

**BUDDHISM**  
The Detroit Area Karma Kagyu Study Group, offering meditation and discussion of the Buddha's teaching. Free meditation instruction can be arranged by appointment. Weekly meditation and discussion takes

**COOKIE WALK**  
Church of God of Prophecy, 28545 Pardo, Garden City, will have a cookie walk noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

**WSU CONCERT**  
Dennis Tini, Wayne State University professor, directing the WSU Concert Chorus, featuring Deborah Smith, directing the WSU Women's Chorus, will present arrangements by composers Robert Shaw, Francis Poulenc, Randall Thompson and Louis Vierne. The concert will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Alban Church, 17600 Farmington, Livonia. A sing-along will follow the concert. For information, call 473-5158 or 427-1457.

# Pass the plate

## Money matters: God, pastors love cheerful givers



"I'm not just up front," he said. "We have gas bills, etc. Somehow, we have to generate the income to pay for it."

At Grace Baptist, an independent Baptist church, "a good 75 percent or more," Grief said. "The church is on solid financial footing."

"We have been very fortunate. Not all churches experience that. We preach and we believe in tithing. Not simply because the Bible teaches it, but out of love for the Lord."

TITHING ISN'T the prevailing philosophy at the Church of Christ in Plymouth, an independent, non-denominational church which supports several missionary projects.

"The Bible preaches that members should give as God prospers them," said the Rev. David Thomas, 41, of Plymouth, pastor of the 300-member church.

Members are asked, on Purpose Sunday, to fill out cards describing their anticipated contributions. Cards are destroyed after being reviewed in confidence by the elders.

"If people are not able to give, we believe God understands their desire to give," Thomas said. A new group of deacons has suggested a 42 percent increase in giving and spending.

"It is a tremendous goal for us to set," Thomas said. "The push we have is on the congregation as a whole, not individuals."

Aldersgate, established in the mid-1940s, has used a variety of strategies. The church two years ago spent \$6,000 for a new sign to bolster visibility. A recent intensive telephone

bers tithing, Parr suggests that they "measure their blessings. Their gratitude increases, and so do their donations."

It is "foolish" for church officials to shy away from talking about money, Parr said. He likes to discuss stewardship as an expression of gratitude for God's blessings.

Although few Aldersgate mem-

solicitation in Redford, Livonia and Dearborn Heights has resulted in several new families attending services.

A stewardship campaign is in progress. "This won't be a finger-pointing campaign," Parr said. "It's to get more people involved. It's goal-setting."

Although Aldersgate meets its local expenses quite well, it falls a bit short in meeting its apportionment for United Methodist missionary outreach programs.

"You have to have a goal each year, beyond what we were able to achieve last year," Parr said. "That creates a little bit of frustration. If you don't plan enough it's easy to get complacent. We are doing well, but we aren't doing as well as we would like to do."

Repairs and improvements can take a big bite out of any church's budget. Aldersgate anticipates some capital improvements next year. Rose-dale Gardens may replace its organ.

At the Church of Christ in Plymouth, there have been several costly repair projects. Church policy is to earmark funds in the budget.

The roof was replaced twice, at a cost of \$10,000 each. Four years ago, the church spent \$40,000 to correct a problem of water leaking in the basement. When the auditorium was redecorated, members reached into their pockets.

"We're on solid ground, to the extent our people stay and continue to give," Thomas said.

place Thursdays in Redford. For information, call 538-1559.

**ADVENT SERVICES**  
Advent services will take place Wednesdays, Dec. 12 and 19, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 9520 Wayne Road, Livonia. A light dinner will be served 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m. worship. A Sunday School program will take place 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, and the Christmas Eve service will be 7:30 and 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24.

**SUPPORT GROUPS**  
Ward Presbyterian Church Grief Support Groups are open to anyone who has a loved one die. The Wednesday group will meet 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 19, the Calvin Room at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile in Livonia. The Thursday group will meet 7:30 p.m. in Room A-15 on Dec. 13 and 27.

New Start for the widowed will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the Calvin Room for the Christmas party.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH**  
A Christian fellowship luncheon will take place 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, two blocks east of Farmington Road. Price is \$4. Mary Mae-Leod will install officers. Christmas music will be performed by the Redford Union High School Choir directed by Kevin Cushman. Babysitting will be available on request. For information, call 474-5205.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**  
The Congregational Care Ministry of Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a series of six seminars for engaged couples, those who are considering marriage, and those recently married. The sessions will be 7-9:15 p.m. Couples must attend sessions together. Advance registration is required. There is a testing fee of \$20 to cover computer processing. For information, call 422-1826. The church is at 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile, Livonia.

**CHURCH DINNER**  
A church family dinner will be 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Village Presbyterian Church, 25500 W. Six Mile, Redford. After dinner, members will decorate the halls of the church for the holidays.

**COOKIE WALK**  
Church of God of Prophecy, 28545 Pardo, Garden City, will have a cookie walk noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

**WSU CONCERT**  
Dennis Tini, Wayne State University professor, directing the WSU Concert Chorus, featuring Deborah Smith, directing the WSU Women's Chorus, will present arrangements by composers Robert Shaw, Francis Poulenc, Randall Thompson and Louis Vierne. The concert will be 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Alban Church, 17600 Farmington, Livonia. A sing-along will follow the concert. For information, call 473-5158 or 427-1457.

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# Writer publishes novel

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deal of plotting for her writing during her daily commute. She works on scenes and dialogues, talking aloud to herself.

"I hardly have any trouble with writer's block because of that." She typically writes for an hour or two in the evening. Coan doesn't have children, but it's still a challenge to find time to write.

"This is not a business that you quit your day job for. I'm not sure if

I'd ever want to write full time." Writing's a solitary pursuit and Coan enjoys the company of others. Coan, who works from a sketchy outline, has found rewriting's the toughest part. She's working on another novel for Avalon and has two or three other projects on the back burner.

SHE STARTED on the second novel last July and hopes to have a draft done by January and the manuscript ready by next spring. The book will

focus on a librarian in an academic setting. Coan's family, friends and colleagues are pleased she had a book published. Some colleagues were surprised in that her work at Park-Davis is highly technical. Coan reads voraciously in her free time, focusing on romance, mystery, fantasy and espionage novels. She enjoys watching movies, particularly musicals. She's volunteered for about a year and a half as a tutor for the Western

Wayne County Literacy Council. She's been working with an adult student and finds it rewarding. Coan knows literacy means a great deal to authors and others. "You can't have writers if you don't have readers." "A Private Proposal" is available in hardcover, priced at \$12.95, from Avalon Books, Thomas Bourque & Co. Inc., 401 Lafayette, New York, N.Y. 10003. The book may be ordered by calling 1-800-223-5251.

## new voices

Caroline and Sherry (Snell) Carroll of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Chelsea Marie, Oct. 31. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harison Snell of Lowell, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Carroll of Canton. Chelsea Marie has a sister, Claire Alesha, 8.

John and Karen Rudolph of Canton announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Ainsley Rudolph, Oct. 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Marie Tomasek of Westland, Enrique Contreras of Detroit, and Goebel and Jean Rudolph of New Port Richey, Fla. Maria Munoz of Livonia is the great-grandmother. Sara has a sister, Keely, 2.

Nisha and Koni Kasbarian of Livonia announce the birth of a daughter, Amanda Elizabeth, Oct. 17 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Fred and Arlene Kunz of Livonia and Sam and Marjorie Kasbarian of Novi. Great-grandparents are Thomas and Ruth Jones of Volga, W.Va., and Beatrice Lucas of Plymouth.

Rob and Julia Hess of Plymouth and Barnet, England, announce the birth of a son, Garrett Wade Herigstad Hess, Nov. 25 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Grandparents are Bob and Phyllis Hess of Plymouth and Anthony and Sylvia Pidgeon of Barnet, England.

Sean and Victoria (Johns) Veit of Westland announce the birth of a son, Blair Andrew, Nov. 1 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Robert and Sally Johns of Plymouth, David Veit of Farmington and Terry Veit of Novi.

## weddings and engagements

### Pulford-Hunt

Florence Ann Hunt of Las Vegas, Nev., and Carl "Scott" Pulford of Las Vegas were married Nov. 14 in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

Parents of the couple are Phil and Ann Hunt of Portland, Ore., and Carl and Noreen Pulford of Beaverton, Mich. The bride is a graduate of the University of Oregon, where she earned a bachelor's degree in history. She is employed as a casino blackjack dealer.

Her husband is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is employed as a casino dice dealer. For her wedding, the bride wore a white suit with rhinestones. She carried an arrangement of red roses.

A reception was held at Tahoe Queen.

Following a wedding trip to Lake



### LaBeau-Lough

Raymond and Mary Jo LaBeau of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Lynn LaBeau of Addison, Ill., to Daniel William Lough of Woodridge, Ill. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Edward and Dorothy Lough of Canton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and attended Schoolcraft College. She is employed as a preschool teacher with KinderCare in Wheaton, Ill. Her fiancé, a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of the College of DuPage, is attending National-Louis University. He is employed as a quality control engineer with Bradrock Inc. in Des Plaines, Ill., and is also an assistant golf coach at College of DuPage.

A mid-May 1991 wedding is planned at the Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

## anniversaries

### Couple marks 50th anniversary

Binte (Ben) and Marjorie Ekholm of Canton are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They were married



Nov. 30, 1940, and have lived at their Canton home for the past 6 1/2 years. They have three children: Jan Bruce (Nancy) Ekholm of Troy, Kan. (Richard) Fisch of Canton, and Paul Ekholm of Waterford. The Ekholms also have four grandchildren.

Ben Ekholm is retired from Auto Owners Insurance Co. The anniversary celebration included a trip to Las Vegas, Nev., with a number of well-wishers from throughout the U.S.

### Hopkins-DeRaud

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Marie) Williams of Plymouth and John Hopkins of Kalamazoo, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Marie Hopkins, to Mark Gerard DeRaud of Canton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Rita) DeRaud of Dearborn.

The bride-elect, a Plymouth resident, is a graduate of Oakland University. She is employed at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna College. He is employed at Garden City Osteopathic Hospital. A mid-October 1991 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth.

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## bazaars

### ● WESTHAVEN MANOR

Westhaven Manor, 34601 Elmwood, off Wildwood, east of Wayne Road, will have a holiday bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. The bazaar will be a fund-raiser for the seniors activity fund. For information, call 729-3690.

### ● LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH

Belleville Lighthouse Pentecostal Church will hold its Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 6-8. The church is at 51185 Willis, off Rawsonville Road. There will be a spaghetti dinner 1-6 p.m. Saturday. Handcrafted bears and bunnies, pil-

lows, woodcrafts, handmade ornaments, teddy bear lamps, dolls and other items will be sold. For information, call 461-9800.

### ● BRIGHTON GARDEN CLUB

Brighton Garden Club's ninth annual juried arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at Maltby Middle School, 4740 Bauer Road, Brighton. Admission is \$1 for adults and children 12 and older. All proceeds go for Civic Beautification and Education projects. For in-

formation, call 229-4885.

### ● GREENWOOD VILLA

Greenwood Villa Senior Apartments, 7600 Nankin Court, west of Wayne Road, north of Warren Road, Westland will have a craft sale 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8. For information, call 261-3200.

### ● HANDCRAFTERS UNLIMITED

Handcrafters Unlimited will have

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### ● GRACE LUTHERAN

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## clarification

In a story appearing in the Nov. 29 edition of The Observer should have indicated that donations of cakes and frostings for birthday celebrations at First Step, the western Wayne County program on domestic violence, came from the congregation of Nativity United Church of Christ in Livonia. The Rev. Don Lintelman is the pastor.

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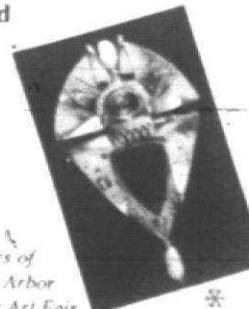
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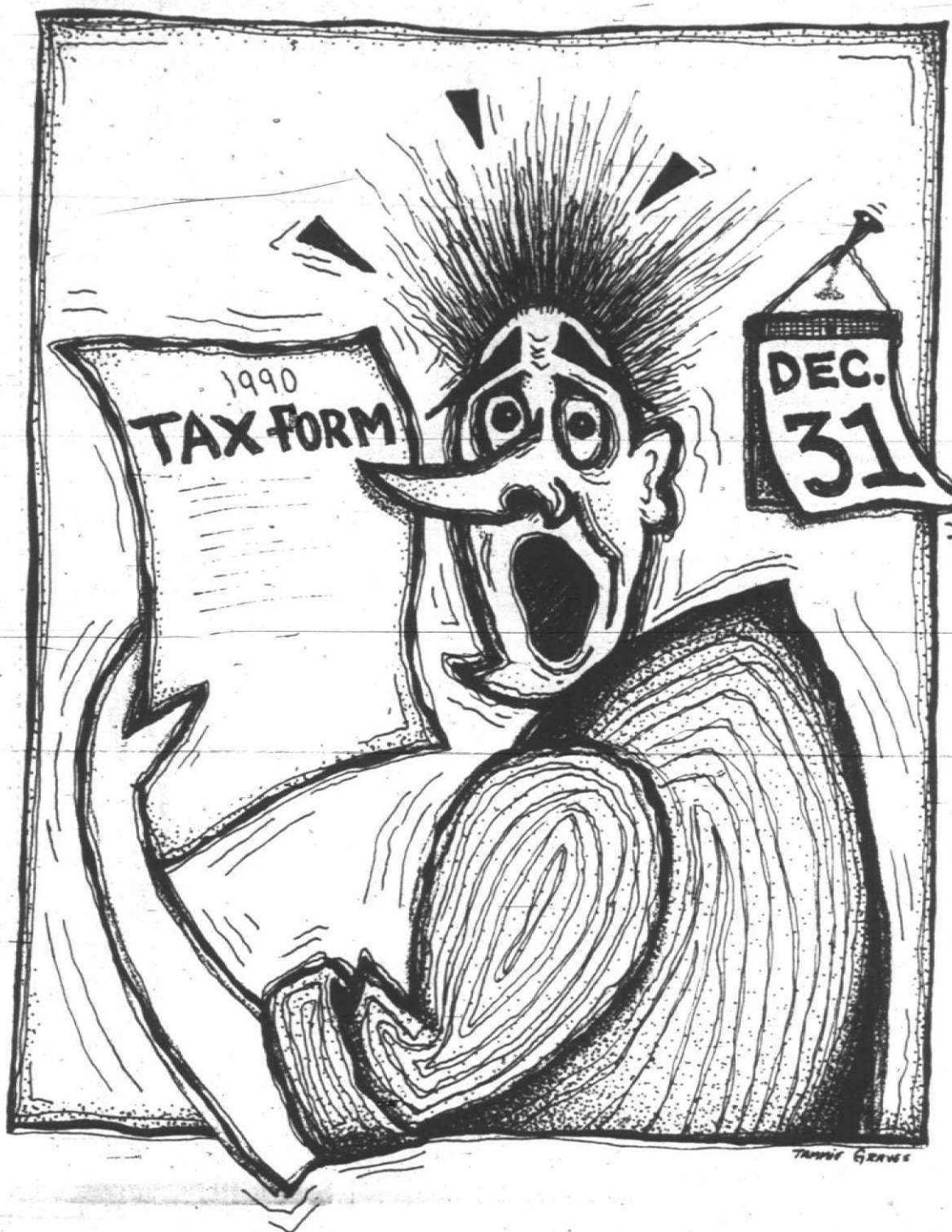
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## Season's Greetings?

Get started now to ease tax crunch

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

You can sigh, pout and grouse, but you still have to pay.

Federal income taxes, that is. Although returns aren't due for another four months, the tax year for most individuals ends Dec. 31. You have until then to position yourself to minimize the crunch.

"Conventional advice is to defer income until next year and accelerate deductions this year," said Michael Licastro, a certified public accountant and tax specialist with Ernst & Young.

But changes in the tax rates for 1991 may prompt some wealthier taxpayers to accelerate income now — if possible — and pay at the marginal rate of 28 percent rather than 31 percent next year, Licastro said. That strategy might be especially attractive to filers of joint returns with taxable income in excess of \$162,770 or singles with taxable income of more than \$97,600.

EXEMPTIONS will be phased out next year for joint filers with adjusted gross incomes exceeding \$150,000 and single taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$100,000. Itemized deductions will be reduced for all taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes in excess of \$100,000.

All the more reason why high wage earners may want to investigate accelerating income this year.

How exactly do you accelerate income? Bonuses normally earned this year and paid next and accrued vacation wages earned for 1991 could be distributed this year. Investors can turn to treasury bills which pay interest immediately.

Dan Maher, a CPA and tax partner with Deloitte & Touche, wonders whether a difference of 3 to 4 percent on marginal rates is worth a lot of machinations even for the rich.

**One federal deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.**

"It makes a little sense to accelerate income, but it's not a tremendous savings. That is a narrow spread to go to a lot of unnatural lengths to accelerate income or deductions," Maher said.

Capital losses sustained since a dive in the stock markets in August could be used to offset capital gains realized earlier in the year. But tax experts caution that investments should be based primarily on economic grounds rather than on tax implications.

The standard deduction this year jumps to \$3,250 from \$3,100 for singles, \$5,450 from \$5,200 for marrieds filing joint.

You don't have to be Daddy Warbucks to load up on deductions to offset taxable income.

You can prepay property taxes and make a 13th mortgage payment in a year to claim the interest portion of the extra payment.

CHARITABLE contributions made by Dec. 31 can be deducted this year.

The deduction for personal interest payments declines to 10 percent this year and is phased out entirely for 1991.

"I would really encourage people who still have personal loans to take another look," Maher said. "The simplest solution is to pay them off. Another alternative is a home equity

loan. My impression is pricing and interest rates have become more competitive in the last year or two."

A fully-deductible Individual Retirement Account contribution, if a taxpayer qualifies, can be made right up until returns are filed.

While it's too late now to defer income into a qualifying 401(k) retirement accounts, consider joining the program if offered through your employer early on in 1991.

ONE FEDERAL deduction commonly overlooked by taxpayers in Michigan is the annual license tab fee for cars. That fee, now based on value rather than weight, can be claimed as a personal property tax on Schedule A.

A 10-percent excise tax on expensive cars, boats, jewelry and furs kicks in Jan. 1. So if you're thinking about buying a car worth \$40,000 (a luxury tax of \$1,000 would apply), you will save money if you make the purchase by the end of this year.

More taxpayers should be able to file the simpler Form 1040A this year, said Elyc Maccani, spokeswoman for the Internal Revenue Service.

The form has been revised to include income from Social Security and pensions and credits for the elderly and disabled.

TAXPAYERS who are their own bosses will face a higher self-employment tax rate (15.3 percent this year compared to 13.02 percent), but will be able to deduct half of self-employment tax paid.

"The effect is pretty much a wash," said Scott Koll, a CPA with a private practice in Canton and Troy. "There's no big benefit, I believe."

If you're at the lower end of the income spectrum, check to see if you qualify for the earned income credit. You probably do if your wages are less than \$20,264 and a child lives with you.

Tax planning should be an ongoing process rather than an annual December scramble. "They should be looking at it throughout the year," Licastro said.

## To discharge humanely

By Janice Brunson  
staff writer

Successful termination — it's an euphemism for being fired, but with a twist.

You've just been axed from your job and while experiencing the rage, disbelief and shock that is typical of such an awful event, your employer is trying to soften the blow by doing it under the best possible circumstances.

In increasing numbers, employers are turning to "outplacement" or career transition consultants to "successfully terminate" employees who are not performing up to par or are caught in cutbacks due to a soured economy or other reasons.

Firing an employee is never pleasant. "It's the least desirable part of our job, the number one worst thing," said Phil Bissell, a manager of employee relations for Federal Mogul, an international automotive supplier with offices in Southfield.

While Bissell is unwilling to describe the firm's exit interview for fired employees, he did say the company is increasingly turning to transition consultants to ease the departure process.

Drake Beam Morin (DBM), an international consulting firm formerly of Birmingham and now of Troy, provided services this year to some 100,000 clients who lost jobs, according to vice president Jim Tutorow.

Experts in human relations, DBM counselors attempt to place as positive a spin as possible on an otherwise onerous event.

"EARLY MORNING ON MONDAY," Tutorow said, explaining the ideal time for a firing. "Imagine, interfacing all day with someone you're going to fire at 4 p.m. Get the job done."

In addition, a Monday termination permits time enough during the week for the fired employee to seek professional support and employment advice elsewhere.

Tutorow said it is important to prepare beforehand an exact script of the termination notice. During the interview, come directly to the point. Provide a list of all severance benefits in writing.

Ideally, the fired employee is then referred directly to transitional counseling services like those pro-

### FIRING FIRMS

vided by Tutorow.

"We concentrate on recognizing a person's skills and interests, what they have to offer and what they like to do. You'd be surprised how many say, 'I should have left 15 years ago. I hated it. Now I have the opportunity.'"

Typically, staff morale and production suffers following a termination, especially in the event of mass firings for economic or other reasons. To minimize the effect, "survivors" or employees who are retained must be told what has been done and why, and given a complete explanation of expected changes.

"If done well," reads the introduction to a handbook Tutorow supplies to clients, "people will feel that they have been treated with dignity. Their self-esteem will have been protected. They will leave the organization feeling as positive as possible."

"I WAS VP of human resources for Chatham Super Markets when they filed chapter 11 in 1982. I was 54 years old and still had a child in junior high," said Sam Ray, president of The Transition Team in Troy. Ray also found himself out of work and in desperate need of a new job.

Drawing on this experience, as well as his experience as a transition consultant, Ray describes typical termination scenarios, from both an employee and employer point of view.

Case I: "The employee is not measuring up. He or she may be in denial but intellectually, they know they're not measuring up. Eventually the employer says, 'We can't put up with this any longer.'"

"The employer does one of two things, fires the person outright or says, 'We share your problem. We want to provide you with the help you need to get on with your life.'"

If "sharing" the problem, the employer provides severance pay and medical insurance as a financial bridge to a new job or career. Transitional services assists former employees in redirecting skills and interests into new employment.

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### TERMINATION TIPS

Here's some tips for conducting a successful termination from "Manager Training Handouts, Terminated Employees," by Drake Beam Morin.

#### Delivering the message

##### DO'S

Invite the person to sit down. Get right to the point. Be clear about the action taken. State, why, what and when.

##### DON'TS

Say "Good morning," good to see you." Use humor. Be apologetic. Engage in small talk.

#### Managing Reactions

##### DO'S

Listen. Wait for employee response. Restate message if necessary. Keep to the script. Provide structure.

##### DON'TS

Defend, argue, justify. Discuss other employees. Use platitudes or gratuitous comments. Try to minimize or offer false hope.

#### Structuring Next Steps

##### DO'S

Clarify official separation date. Review separation package. Explain logistics for leaving the company. Close and agree to meet again if appropriate.

##### DON'TS

Allow the meeting to go on too long. Make promises you can't keep.

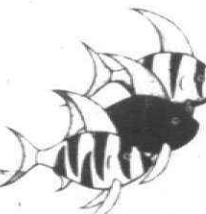
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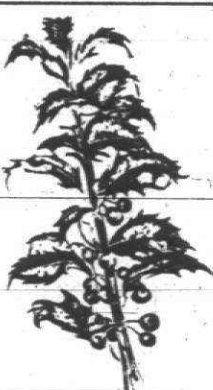
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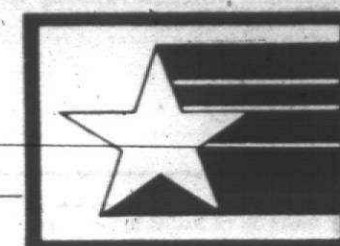
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## Hollywood trip takes determination

By Dan Greenberg  
special writer

**W**HAT DOES A TICKET from Detroit to Hollywood cost?

The bottom line is inner determination," according to Scott Spiegel, graduate of Groves High School in Birmingham, who co-authored the screenplay for Clint Eastwood's latest film "The Rookie," opening Friday throughout the metropolitan area.

Spiegel, who was born in Detroit, spent a year at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills after his 1976 graduation from Groves. "That is," he said, "when I began to take film seriously."

His experience in those years included acting for Sam Raimi and Bruce Campbell in their 1979 production "Within the Woods." He also

told on special effects for Raimi and Campbell's first well-known effort, "Evil Dead I." As with many other dedicated young Detroit-area filmmakers, he worked at whatever jobs he could in those days. In Spiegel's case that meant clerking at

a grocery store while producing short films.

"Cleveland Smith, Bounty Hunter" was a 10-minute parody of "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Toro, Toro, Toro" about a runaway grasscutter. Both were 16mm films Spiegel sold to HBO in cable's early days when a nationwide search was underway for any and all programs. The cable system's enormous capacity for material created opportunities for many filmmakers. He also sold "Toro, Toro, Toro" to the U.S. Army.

Spiegel, WRVLY remarked, "I think they made a mistake and thought it was 'Tora! Tora! Tora!'" (a 1970 film about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor).

"I got a lot of mileage out of those two films," Spiegel said. "They were also in a weird compilation, 'Filmhouse Fever,' a vignette piece where a couple of guys go to watch films."

Spiegel appeared in Sam Raimi's 1983 production "Crimewave." Then I turned "Cleveland Smith" into the lowest-budget feature ever made, Josh Becker's "Thou Shall Not Kill Except..." which Spiegel produced and co-wrote. "It was in-

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— Scott Spiegel

valuable hands-on experience — baptism-by-fire," Spiegel said. "I learned what not to do."

"Then Sam Raimi asked me to write 'Evil Dead II' which was shot in '86 and '87," he said. Another one of Spiegel's shorts, "Attack of the Helping Hand," was a film spoof of the Hamburg Helper commercials. The title describes the plot. "Sam Raimi liked it so much," Spiegel said, "that he dropped it into 'Evil Dead II.'"

"Everyone needs guidance and people to tell you how things are done. But ultimately it's got to come from within," Spiegel said. In 1987, with that inner determination in high gear, he moved to Hollywood where he rewrote scripts for Bill Lustig's low-budget productions including "Hit List" with Jan-Michael Vincent.

NEXT HE MADE "Night Crew" with Charlie Band at Empire Pictures. Filmed in two weeks on a \$130,000 budget — "What I shot was what I got" — "Night Crew" was sold by Band to Paramount which renamed it "Intruder" and cut it to receive an R rating. "Ironically," Spiegel said, "my \$130,000 feature was marketed under Paramount's \$400,000 computer-generated logo."

Originally intended as an unrated film, "Intruder" is about people trapped in a supermarket and being picked off by a homicidal maniac. The special effects folks were Pan-goria people, who featured a severed head from the film on the cover of Gorezone, one of the sci-fi fantasy/horror magazines.

Some of the stores selling Gorezone pulled the magazine from their racks. The negative publicity was heightened when the uncut version, which was selling well in England, got pulled after the distribution company was fined \$500,000.

Why all this interest in horror/slasher stories among young filmmakers like Spiegel, Sam Raimi and so many others? "Ever since I was a kid I saw horror films with my dad," Spiegel said, "and I grew up during the monster craze of the '60s. There



Scott Spiegel (above), who went to school in Birmingham and Farmington Hills, shares screenwriting credits with Boaz Yakin for "The Rookie," directed by Clint Eastwood.

was also a lot of comedy in that era — and both comedy and horror are similar."

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THE PUBLICITY generated by "Intruder" led Spiegel to working with Boaz Yakin, and the concept for "The Rookie" developed. "We wrote it together, and by this time I was with his agency," Spiegel said. The script was sold a year-and-a-half ago for \$500,000, and Charlie Sheen was attached to the project. Then it was given to Clint Eastwood who liked it and decided to direct as well as star in the production.

"The Rookie" features Eastwood as a veteran cop whose partner is murdered by a villainous car thief. Strom (Raul Julia), whose bizarre girlfriend, Liesel (Sonia Braga), doubles as Strom's chief hit-person. Eastwood's new partner is David Ackerman (Charlie Sheen), a young man whose mission is to prove his courage and reliability.

The all-star cast features Tom Skerritt as David's father. Spiegel and Yakin met with Eastwood for one major change on the

script and a few minor ones. "He is so professional," Spiegel said. "It was a thrilling moment because his knowledge of film is just incredible. He made sure everything was to the letter. He knew exactly what he wanted."

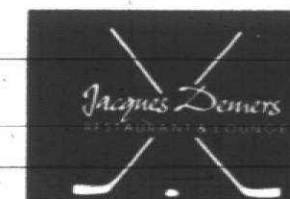
Eastwood allowed both Spiegel and Boaz to appear in the film.

Spiegel is a baggage-carrier in the airport scene. Spiegel also worked on "The Rookie" set as a script consultant, although by this time he was directing "The Nutty Nut," which he co-wrote with Sam Raimi and Ron Zang. That's an IVE Caroloco production film featuring Ione Skye, Tracey Lords and Pat Boone.

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# Hope is the message of 'A Christmas Carol'

Performances of "A Christmas Carol" at Meadow Brook Theatre continue through Sunday, Dec. 30, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. For ticket information call 377-3300.

By Mary Jane Doerr  
special writer

As Ebenezer Scrooge, Booth Colman

man takes center stage just after his partner's ghost, Jacob Marley, is burst of light. It was only a dream, he says to the audience.

"No it wasn't," a child in the audience answered softly, at a performance last weekend.

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" is very real to children



Mary Jane Doerr

## table talk

### Best of show

Schoolcraft College of Livonia's Culinary Arts Salon Team received the best of show award for culinary schools at the recent Expo '90 competition in Luxembourg and won gold medals in several individual competitions. Individual gold medalists were Executive Chef Mary Brady and students Don Brago, Kim Larson and Shawn Loving. More than 1,000 international chefs competed in the World Cup event.

### Don Carlos

A new Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant has opened in West Dearborn's historic "Waterworks" Building. Constructed by Henry Ford in 1913 and later transformed by him into a research center, the red brick building is on a stretch of Michigan

Avenue alongside the Hampton Inn. This is the sixth venture in Mexican cuisine in metropolitan Detroit for Carlos Shaffran, president and chief executive officer of the restaurant chain. Shaffran has remodeled the old Waterworks Restaurant, formerly housed in the building.

### Santa breakfasts

The Novi Hilton is repeating "Breakfasts with Santa" this holiday season in its Orchard Cafe. Seatings are at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Santa and his friends will entertain and hear gift requests from kids. A breakfast buffet will be available.

As Scrooge himself admits, his is not a very pleasant name — which is remembered more for his greediness than his change of character. He was

and adults. As it has for eight years, director Charles Nolte's delightful adaptation continues to transcend designer Peter Hicks' 19th century English setting with a universal message of hope.

It is the very simplicity of this production and its adherence to Dickens' own story that keeps it a box-office draw. Nolte lets the lessons of Dickens speak to all of us, through the charm of English Christmas customs and the surprises of his theatrical tricks.

THE MOMENT We arrive at the theater, an octet takes us back in time to England with caroling of traditional tunes: "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Wassail Song," "Deck the Halls" and wassailing songs. Music director Donald Daniels can take credit for the well-blended vocal group.

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a product of his time when economists rationalized the ruthlessness of the business-controlled society. Counting the coal in the bin and the minutes on the clock, Scrooge gets his money's worth but learns he can't take it with him. Lost in his society are the less aggressive Bob Cratchit, the weak iron-braced Tiny Tim and the poor laundresses.

No one counts money faster than Booth Colman counts pounds. His Scrooge is classic and so smooth we forget he is acting. Paul DeBoy is an outgoing nephew Fred with an authentic English accent. Paul Hopper is properly submissive as Bob Cratchit. Shirleyann Kaladjian is a sweet Spirit of Christmas Past with an upper-class English accent and a pleasant voice for her reprise of "Silent Night," as Martha Cratchit. Dinah Lynch is different every time she steps on stage, this time as a motherly Mrs. Cratchit.

The laugh of the Spirit of Christ-

mas Present is that of Joseph Reed, who has done this production for the past eight years.

This American show mixes English Christmas traditions — of gifts, folk dances, "yes and no" games, and meals of goose, stuffing, mashed potatoes, apples and oranges, and brandy sauce puddings — with German customs — of Christmas trees and decorations. It does not matter that Christmas trees are not mentioned in the book and that in Dickens' native country, English pantomimes are more popular.

What matters is the message of "A Christmas Carol" that is so easily appreciated at Meadow Brook. The hope of Christmas is that Scrooge does change. The future is not carved in stone. The die has not been cast. Scrooge's tombstone has no epitaph.

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.



Booth Colman plays Ebenezer Scrooge, the miser transformed into a generous man.

## Real estate class at SC

A course in real estate continuing education is being offered 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, at Schoolcraft College.

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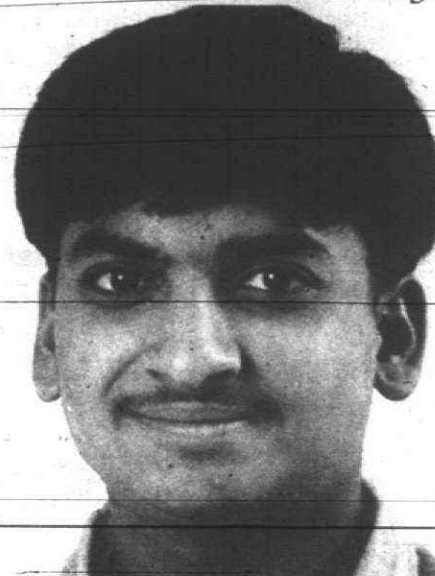


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## clubs in action

### CANTON MUSEUM

A special Christmas exhibit will be displayed through Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Canton Historical Museum, on Canton Center at Proctor, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. The museum is operated by the Canton Historical Society. Museum hours are 1-3 p.m. Tuesday and 1-4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921.

### TRAVEL CLUB

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Senior Tour Clubs of America will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The club is for those age 55 and holding, who enjoy traveling. The evening will include a review of future trips. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a drawing for door prizes. A social time is planned.

Club members have planned a Friday, Dec. 14, trip to The Palace of Auburn Hills to hear contemporary Christian music performed by the Young Messiah Tour. A 200-voice choir and 40-piece orchestra will perform a modern version of Handel's Messiah. Sandy Patti, Larnell Harris, Sheila Walsh and the Imperials will perform. Price is \$39, including dinner and transportation. For more information, call Len Bloch, 459-5508.

### PLYMOUTH AAUW

The Plymouth branch, American Association of University Women, will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial. Shirley Swancutt of Greenfield Village will discuss Christmas lore and legends. The public may attend the

monthly meeting. For more information, call 453-8998.

### ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. Speaker Paul Jacobs will give an overview on the diagnosis, treatment and management of the disorder. Donation is \$5 for non-members. Registration will start 7 p.m. For more information, call 464-8233.

### WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. The Christmas music program will include a performance by the Madrigal Singers and the Chamber Singers from Centennial Educational Park. Those attending should plan to bring scarves and mittens for the "Mitten Tree" project and canned goods for the club's Christmas baskets.

### HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

Holiday luminaries are being sold at Kroger's, on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon in Plymouth. They will be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 8, 15 and 22, at the supermarket. Luminaries will also be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 8 and 15, at Me and Mr. Jones in downtown Plymouth. Each \$3.50 kit contains 10 candles and 10 bags. They are sold as a fund-raising project for the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Symphony League. Displaying the glowing bags is a Christmas Eve tradition.

### CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association has classes starting Saturday, Dec. 8, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia, and Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Garden City Hospital Health Education Center, 6701 Harrison. Other classes are also available. For more information, call 459-7477.

### YOUTH PHILHARMONIC

The Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan will perform 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Donation is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students. Tickets will be available at the door and are available in advance from members at reduced prices. For more information, call 453-8887.

### US SINGLETONS

The US Singletons will have a Christmas dinner social 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at New Hawthorne Valley, on Merriman in Westland. The group is for singles age 45 and older. For more information, write to the group at P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn 48123.

### BUSINESS WOMEN

The MAIA Chapter, American Business Women's Association, will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Ann Arbor Regent Hotel, on Plymouth Road. The meeting will include 5:30 p.m. cocktails/networking, 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. program and business meeting. Members will bring gifts for Foster Children of Washtenaw County. There will be a raffle of food, crafts and other holiday items. Guests may attend. For reservations or more information, call Linda Biskupski, 761-3912.

### YULE PARTY

The Canton Historical Society's annual Christmas party and sing-along will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Canton Historical Museum, Proctor and Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill in Canton. There will also be a special recitation of Christmas poems by Helen Garber. The public may attend. For more information, call 397-0088 or 453-1921. This will be the December meeting of the Canton Historical Society.

### POINSETTIA SALE

Local nursing homes will participate in the "Poinsettias for Progress" sale, with proceeds going to the Metro Detroit Branch-Arthritis Foundation. Poinsettias will be sold Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 12-13, at Plymouth Court, 105 Haggerty. Prices will be \$6 to \$25, and red, white and pink plants will be available. Money raised will be used for research, development and client services. For more information, call 350-3030.

### VIETNAM VETERANS

The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528, Vietnam Veterans of America, will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1428 S. Mill, Plymouth. Area Vietnam-era veterans may attend the general membership meeting. For more information, call Greg Huddas, president, 453-5020; Joe Agius, membership director, 453-8180; or Mike Schlotz, 455-9381.

### BOWLING LEAGUE

The Mixed-Singles Bowling League is a group for singles age 30 and older. Substitutes and regulars are needed. League members bowl 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl, Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call 591-1350.

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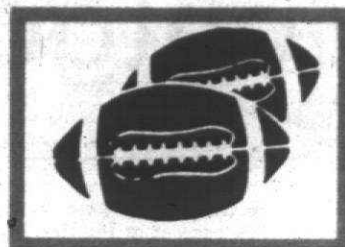
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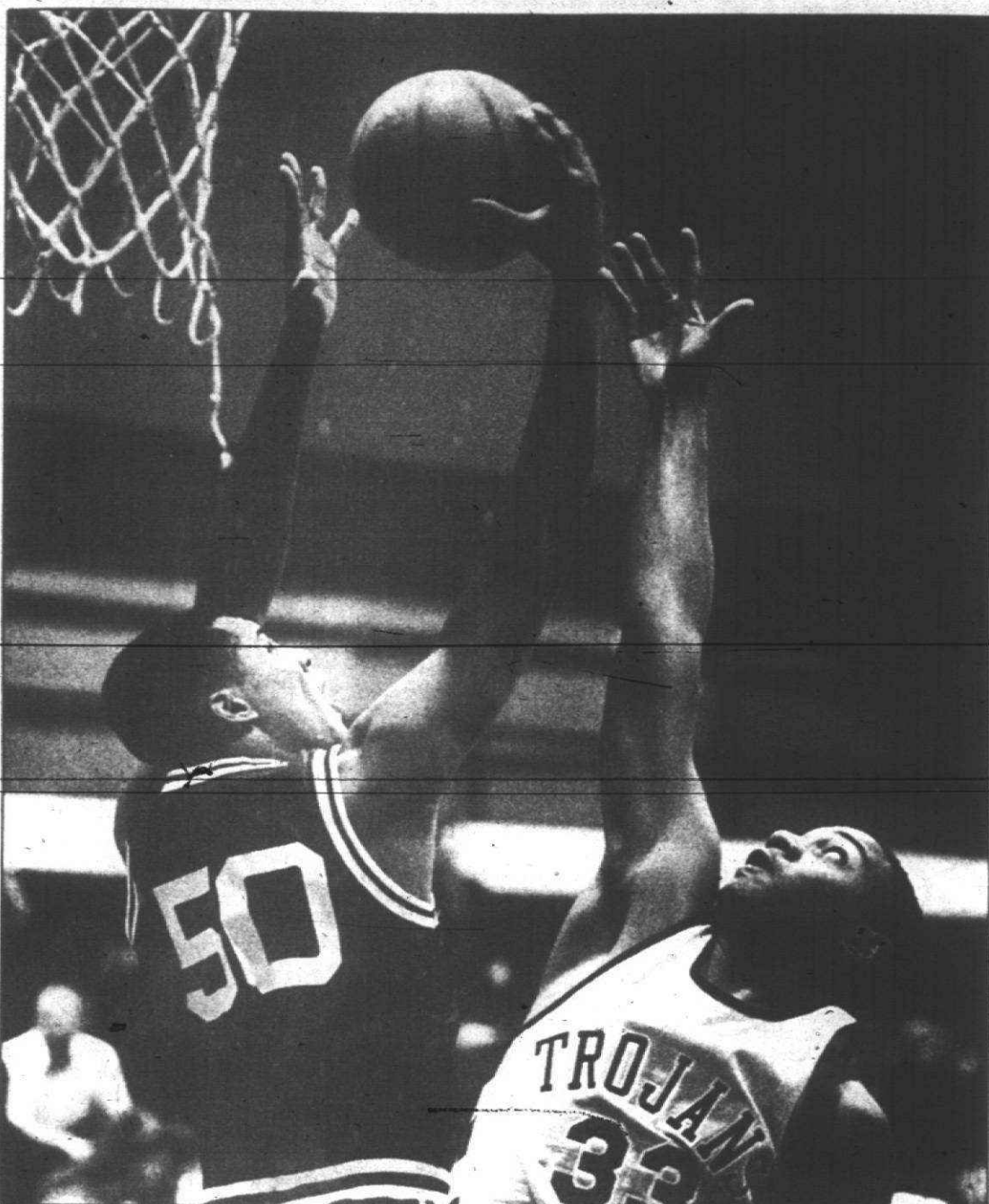
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Cliff Lee reaches for a rebound along with opponent Russ Bullock in the season opener Tuesday. The 6-foot-5 senior scored 10 points in Salem's 56-45 victory.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## More height, depth boost PCA outlook

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

### basketball

Plymouth Christian Academy is expecting good things from the 1990-91 boys basketball season.

The Eagles certainly anticipate a better year than last when they finished 6-15 overall, fourth in the American Division of the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference at 2-6.

The reason for PCA's added optimism is the addition of six transfer players from defunct Redford Temple Christian. The Eagles also return five varsity players, including high-scoring guard Manish Nandani.

The former Temple players combine to give PCA its largest squad in coach Dan Brandel's five years and its strongest group of post players in school history.

"I think we've gone up a whole notch," said Brandel, who will carry 12 varsity players and had to make cuts for the first time. "The transfers have made us deeper at two levels, not only varsity but JV."

"AS LONG as I've been here, we might have the most physical talent we've ever had. A lot depends on how we mesh, because we have people who don't know each other. We're only talking three months (in school) and three weeks playing together."

Nandani, a 6-foot senior, will start at guard again and give the Eagles a major scoring threat after averaging 26 points per game last year.

"He can play inside and outside; he can shoot the three-pointer, he can drive, he can post up," Brandel said. "That's why people have trouble with him. They can't shut down every part of his game."

"The biggest problem for playing in the future is that he doesn't have a

lot of body weight (145 pounds). He doesn't have a Glen Rice (shooting) form, but he has a nice touch on the ball."

The other returning players are 6-3 sophomore Jason Neil, who developed as a freshman and was starting by the end of the year; and seniors Rob Flanagan (5-9), Kevin Kerfoot (5-10) and Gavin Baisch (5-10).

Neil averaged five points and three rebounds in the post. Flanagan and Kerfoot are guards, and Baisch, a strong, 180-pounder, plays small forward.

THE TEMPLE transfers expected to provide the biggest help are 6-3 senior Keith McCants and 6-3 Jeff Hess, a pair of post players who combine with Neil to give the Eagles their tallest team ever.

Both started at Temple as did 5-10 junior Kevin Williams, a guard who is sidelined by a pulled hamstring.

"Usually, we've only had one 6-3 guy," Brandel said. "Nobody in school history has been able to dunk, and (McCants and Hess) are able to put on a dunking show. That gives you an idea how strong these guys are."

"They can dominate games. In fact, they're quicker than the guards. We hope to be a running team if we can get out of the blocks."

An asset in past years when the Eagles weren't as talented, the small Lowell Middle School gym where the team plays its home games could instead be a liability this year.

"Our game facility could hurt us," Brandel said. "We've been able to harness other teams' talent and, with our weaker talent, control the game. Now the opponents have the advantage, and we'll have the advantage when we go to their places where we can open up on the bigger courts."

PCA also has former Temple players Milton Smithson, 5-11 junior, Matt Cronan, 6-0 junior, and Rob Askew, 5-10 senior. Rounding out the roster is Sunil Bhat, a 5-9 sophomore who spent last year on the PCA junior varsity. Smithson, Askew and Bhat are strictly guards while Cronan is a swing player who will start at small forward.

SMITHSON IS sidelined with a sprained ankle, and Brandel was unsure who would be the fifth starter in Friday's season opener at Lowell against Taylor Light and Life.

Brandel said he won't necessarily put his top five players in the starting lineup, because he likes to have some strength coming off the bench.

The Eagles also have their toughest schedule ever, according to Brandel. Besides its division opponents, PCA will play Livonia Clarenceville, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Hamtramck, St. Florian, Southfield Christian and Harper Woods.

"I'd like to see our big men work the inside," Brandel said. "We want to be balanced, so Manish probably won't score as much as last year."

"Some might not get as much recognition, but teams will have a hard time stopping us because they won't know who to stop."

"I think the talent is there (for a run at the division title). We had to do a lot of things to stay with it in the past, and now hopefully the talent is there to compete."

## Canton, Salem win openers

The boys basketball season began Tuesday with a pair of road victories for Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton, two teams expected to do well in 1990-91.

The Rocks, considered to have one of the best ballclubs in the state, trimmed Trenton 56-45 while Canton had an easier time at Monroe, tearing up the Trojans 85-62.

Central Michigan recruit Jake Baker, a 6-5 senior, scored 17 points to lead Salem, and teammates Cliff Lee and James Head tossed in 10 apiece.

The Rocks led the entire game, but "toward the end they did a good job of attacking the defense," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

"Any time you get a win in the first game it's good, but we were ragged. It's nice to come out after a long bus trip and win."

SALEM HELD quarter leads of 17-6, 31-17 and 48-30 before Trenton outscored the Rocks 15-8 in the finale.

Senior guard Chris Mace scored a game-high 18 points for the Trojans, who made 17 of 22 free throws.

Salem was 3-of-6 at the line. The Rocks play host to Southfield Friday.

Canton coach Dave VanWagoner thought the same of his team's first game as Brodie did his.

"We played well in spots, but at times we didn't," he said. "We've got a lot of room for improvement."

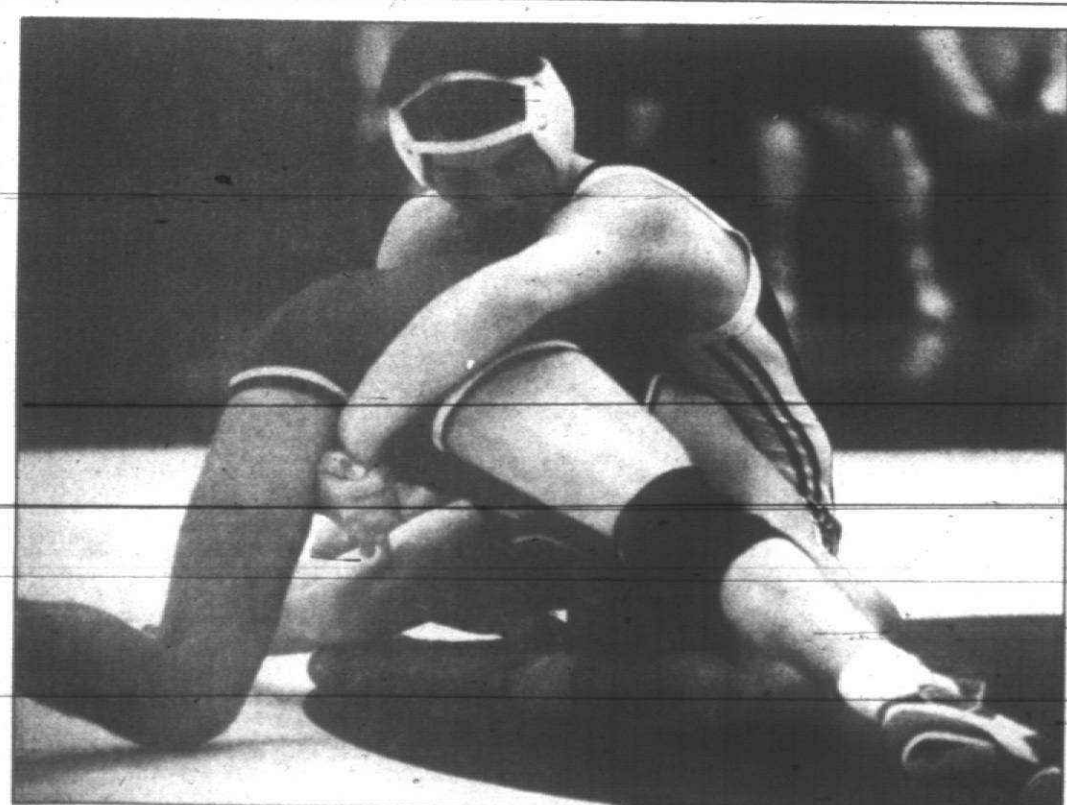
Tony Coshatt, a 6-foot-8 junior, scored 15 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the Chiefs, and Karl Wukie, a senior guard, had as many points and six assists.

Canton had four players in double figures with sophomore Mike Stafford scoring 13 and junior Derrick McDonald 12. Chad Zion scored 18 to lead Monroe.

THE CHIEFS expanded a 17-12 lead to 36-25 at half-time and that to 53-38 after three quarters.

Canton faced a press the whole game, and the Chiefs "broke the pressure well at times but sometimes we broke down," VanWagoner said. "Defensively, we weren't very good. We'll have to play better Friday at Ann Arbor Huron."

The River Rats are rated in the top 10 in Class A by one statewide poll.



LEE EKSTROM/staff photographer

## Wrestling previews

The 1990-91 wrestling season begins Saturday when Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton compete in invitational. Jeff Coleman, wrestling Westland John Glenn's Cory

Buckalew last season, returns for his senior year with the Rocks. See Page 3D for preseason stories.

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# Montgomery is all-region

By C.J. Rieck  
staff writer

As season's go, Kim Montgomery wouldn't mind trading the one just completed for any of her three previous seasons at the University of Massachusetts.

Not that her own efforts were lacking. That was evident when Montgomery was named to the all-New England regional soccer team. The senior tri-captain from Livonia (Churchill) just wishes the end results had been better.

For the only time in her four years at U-Mass, the team did not earn a berth in the NCAA tournament. In fact, it was the first time in the nine-year history of the women's NCAA tournament U-Mass didn't qualify. And that hurt.

"We definitely had a very frustrating season," she admitted. "We had personnel as good as any since I've been here. We just were not scoring goals."

Montgomery still thought U-Mass' 10-5-2 record and No. 13 ranking was enough to earn it a spot in the tournament. But when a committee is making the selections, such decisions are imminent.

The team's lack of offense proved costly. The defense was solid, surrendering just 14 goals in 17 games. And Montgomery was a big part of that defense.

A MIDFIELDER throughout her high school

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years, Montgomery never considered herself to be strong defensively. But before her junior season, U-Mass coach Kim Rudy asked her to switch from outside midfield to sweeper.

"The coach liked the way I read the game. He liked my vision," she explained. "I like it now, but I never viewed myself as a very good defender."

It took some adjustment, but by the start of her junior season Montgomery was used to adjusting.

When she first came to U-Mass, Montgomery — a high school all-star and all-midwest selection — got a rude awakening. "It was very tough," she remembered. "Coming out as a freshman, it was a big difference. For me, it was hard to adjust. But it's hard for everyone, I think. They were so much faster and more skilled."

The coach at that time, Ken Banda, wasn't exactly what Montgomery had hoped for, either. After her freshman year, she toyed with the idea of transferring. "I got really discouraged," she said, admitting a lot of it had to do with a lack of playing time.

BUT THEN a coaching change was announced, with Rudy replacing Banda. Montgomery decided to "give it a year."

She liked Rudy's more personable style and decided to stick at U-Mass. But more changes were on the way.

"Three games into my junior season," she recalled, "our sweeper (Becky Bonzano) couldn't handle a game with us because she was sick. Rudy switched Montgomery to sweeper in spite of her doubts."

The rest, as the adage goes, is history. By her own admission, Montgomery was an extremely cautious sweeper at first. "I was determined no ball would get over me," she said. "I played the deepest sweeper you've ever seen."

But she gradually adjusted, even to the point of yelling instructions to her teammates. "I was always kind of quiet before, not very vocal," she said. Rudy made her a captain this season and told her to increase her volume. "That really helped my game. He forced me to be vocal."

He also heaped responsibility upon her, which Montgomery appreciated. "Being a captain, knowing he trusted me enough with the responsibility — I liked that," she said.

What she didn't like was the final result — no NCAA berth. In her freshman year, U-Mass reached the NCAA title game before losing to North Carolina. But she couldn't be happier with her decision to stick it out at U-Mass.

# Ocelot men dominate non-conference foe

By C.J. Rieck  
staff writer

The game is fun again.

Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team sped up and down the floor Monday, outclassing the visiting Adrian College junior varsity with ease. No way the Bulldogs could keep pace in this game; the final score was indicative of that.

SC 128, Adrian 102.

The Ocelots had an 11-point lead (54-43) at the intermission and a 10-2 start in the second half decided the issue. Sure, Adrian closed to 13 on three separate occasions — the last was 85-72 on a Scott Hill three-pointer with 10:33 left — but never got closer. SC always had the answer.

That's the nice part of the Ocelots' early-season schedule. Even coach Dave Bogataj referred to these games as confidence-builders.

"It's 5-1," he said, examining his team's record. "And that's better than 1-5, like last year."

Bogataj knows the easy part of the schedule is over. A road game at Lake Michigan CC is coming up Saturday, before the real fun begins — the Eastern Conference slate. And what a start: a home game against one conference favorite, Oakland CC, Wednesday, followed by a trip to play another, Mott CC, Dec. 15.

BOGATAJ PLANS to try and keep the Ocelots in a place similar to the Adrian game. His reason is simple: "We're going to have to win because we can't go half-court. Those teams will beat us up if we try and go half-court against them."

"We have to go for the quick shots. Once we get down inside, it's tough. We have to be quick in a half-court game... we have to rely on whatever quickness we have."

In Monday's shootout, the final Bulldogs rally was thwarted by Lynell Collins, a freshman point guard from Southfield. Collins converted a pair of layups, both after turnovers; he finished with a game-high 30 points, 20 coming in the second half.

Collins got plenty of offensive help. Four other Ocelots reached

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double-figures in scoring: Mitch Fryke (21), Kwest McGill and Randy Waters (each), and Barry Quayle (15). Collins also had six steals and four assists. Waters had seven assists and seven rebounds, McGill had six assists and Quayle hauled in 10 boards.

Five Bulldogs scored in double-figures too, led by Eric Davis' 23. Hill had 19, Chad Demery netted 18, Bob Brugger had 17 and Brian Temple finished with 11.

BUT ADRIAN was similar in size and not nearly SC's equal in talent or depth. Such favorable odds won't be present in the conference season. The Ocelots will have to use whatever superiority in quickness they can muster to set up those easy shots — and they'll have to convert them.

Bogataj would also "like to see a lot less turnovers. In an up-tempo game, you expect to see turnovers, but you don't want to see them in the double-digits."

It will be difficult for SC to win when it's surrendering the ball 20-to-30 times a game. It will be equally hard to win if the roster is weakened by end-of-the-semester academic losses, as it has been in recent years. Bogataj said he knew of no players having classroom problems at present.

Indeed, SC may even be strengthened for the second semester when guard Marcus Lowe, a sophomore from Westland, becomes eligible. Lowe, a 1988 John Glenn graduate, played a season at Madonna College before the program folded after the 1988-89 campaign. He didn't play last season, but academic troubles prevented him from becoming immediately eligible at SC.

There's no doubting Lowe's abilities; he'll be a definite asset. When combined with those already in the lineup, SC is transformed into a formidable unit — as long as everyone stays eligible and healthy.

Whether Givens will see immediate results remains to be seen. The Chiefs were 5-6 a year ago, but the second-year coach is encouraged by the enthusiasm shown by the returnees, parents and community.

Canton had a "Family Day" Saturday and raised \$225 for the Plymouth Canton Invitational scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15. That kind of support has Givens — a 1973 graduate of South Lyon High School and a former Schoolcraft College wrestler — excited about the season's first test, Saturday at the Belleville Invitational.

"The enthusiasm is good," Givens said. "The program used to suffer from lack of support, not only from the administration, but also the community and parents. Now we have all three. We're not going to build Rome overnight, but we will build a foundation."

Canton doesn't have a large senior class, but it should be boosted by the return of Liam Rentz, a 145-pound entry. Rentz was 7-1 as a junior before being suspended half way through the season for disciplinary reasons.

Givens said, "Those kids put a lot of effort into working with the younger kids. They didn't beat up on them. Instead they tried to teach them. It was the most giving group. They really set an example."

Sawicki had 9 — including 2 free throws with 10 seconds left to thwart a late Siena Heights' rally. Lee Anne Lightfoot also scored 9 points for SC.

The Lady Ocelots led by as many as 20 — they were up 38-30 at the half — but needed Sawicki's end-of-the-game heroics to preserve the win.

## Late free throws lift SC

Tricia Lucas' sharp shooting and Julie Sawicki's clutch shooting were the difference for the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team in a 62-57 win against Siena Heights' junior varsity Friday in Adrian.

Lucas connected on 10-of-11 from the floor and 11-of-12 from the line in scoring 31 points. No other Lady Ocelot reached double figures, but

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# Salem wrestlers prepare title defense

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

If tradition holds up, Plymouth Salem will contend for another Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling championship early next year.

But veteran coach Ron Krueger has some legitimate concerns as the Rocks prepare to begin the 1990-91 campaign Saturday in the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

Salem, a league champion in eight of the last nine years, lost a handful of quality seniors, including WLA title winners Julian Sell, Steve Burlison, Brian Burlison and Scott Breithaupt. Other names missing are Pete Israel, who placed in the state finals as did the Burlisons, Ken Stopa and Ron Miller.

The Rocks had more than 40 wrestlers for the mats when practice began last month but 16 failed to come back Monday after a pre-season scrimmage Saturday.

"Apparently, a lot hadn't had any idea how tough a sport it is," Krueger said. "I guess they found out."

HE HAS THE green light to compete this season.

"I think he can win the state," Givens said. "The kid has talent. Before he didn't know how to handle his emotions. He'd fly off the handle a bit, and I could tolerate that only so long."

"He has made the biggest turnaround as far as attitude goes that I've ever seen. I won't hold last year against him. He knows where I stand. I'm real proud of him."

Another senior expected to help the Chiefs is James Carnes, who will wrestle at either 125 or 130 — and has shown a lot of improvement," according to Givens.

Sophomores and juniors make up most of the 47-man roster for the Chiefs. Back for his junior year is George Young, 172-pounder who wrestled 160 last year. Givens said Young learned a lot from wrestling Purzer a year ago in practice.

"He couldn't beat Purzer last year but it was good for him," Givens said. "He's a lot better now and looks like he's on a mission."

OTHER JUNIORS expected to fill the Chiefs lineup include Jerry Flynn, 125, Mark Messaros, 189, and Chad Gettlyna, 160.

The sophomore class is led by Dave Yack, 119; Bill Buslup, 160, and Kevin Pavlov, 140.

"He never left the room when the season ended (last year)," Givens said. "This kid is going to turn some heads. He's gotten to where he knows what he's doing."

The biggest preseason surprise has come from freshman Mark Armstrong, a 119-pounder.

"He shows a lot of ability," Givens said. "I'll tell you what, he seems to know his way around the mat. He doesn't back away from anybody."

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"WE'RE REAL young this year. A lot of JV's didn't come back, so we're starting the year with pretty young people."

Let alone think Salem has gone totally in the opposite direction, the Rocks do return a league champion in sophomore Scott Martin and enough experienced wrestlers to build a team around.

Martin, who started the year at 98 pounds, won the WLA championship at 103 but will move up to 112 in place of junior Dan Bonnett, who goes to 119 this year.

"He's going to have to develop more technique and be more of a wrestler than he had to be at 98," Krueger said. "The bigger you get the more you have to know how to wrestle. He'll get better as he goes."

Bonnett was second in the WLA but will have competition from senior Chad Wilson at 119. Wilson was sixth at that weight. The loser in head-to-head competition will wrestle at 125.

"(Bonnett) wrestled some good kids and did well," Krueger said. "I'll bet he had more seconds than anybody. He always

seemed to get to the (tournament) final and meet a real good wrestler."

OTHERS WHO figure prominently in Salem's plans are junior Jeff Shumate, senior Charlie Apigian and senior Ken Coker.

Shumate placed third in the WLA at 140 and will wrestle at that weight again.

"He was hot and cold last year," Krueger said. "We're hoping he'll be all hot this year. He had days when he beat good wrestlers and days when he lost to not-so-good wrestlers."

"He went to Iowa last summer and spent 28 days out there in camps. He went through some intensive training, and hopefully it's going to pay off."

Apigian wrestled at 152 and is jumping two weights to replace Israel at 171. Injuries interrupted his junior season and he's currently sidelined by a neck ailment, but Krueger expects a good year from Apigian.

"He's been working real hard, and we're real happy with the way he's looking in the

room," Krueger said. "We're hoping he's going to step in this year and do real well."

Coker split time with Breithaupt at heavyweight much of last season. But that position in the lineup is his alone this year. Furthermore, he has trimmed down from 260 pounds to 225 and should give the Rocks a solid and dependable finisher.

"HE BEAT A couple state qualifiers last year," Krueger said. "He's improved 200 percent. He's gotten a lot quicker and just feels better about himself. We're looking for him to step up and be a leader for us."

Seniors Jeff Coleman and Bob Hansen also return with some experience at 145 and 160, respectively. Freshmen John Moran and Jeff Martin are expected to step into regular roles at 98 and 135.

Krueger also has high expectations for sophomore Tom Baker, an outstanding soccer player in his first year of high school wrestling. He will wrestle 160, which could allow Hansen to drop to 152.

"OUR MAIN target, with all the young kids, is getting them some experience and getting back up there next year," Krueger said. "But it will be hard to stay there this year."

"We've got some experience, and then you turn around and we've got a lot of younger kids. We're hoping to do well by the end of the year."

Tradition says the Rocks probably will.

Redford Catholic Central coach Mike Rodriguez is hoping the success enjoyed by CC's football team continues on the wrestling mats.

Four important wrestlers — seniors Rob Sylvester, Dan Suhajda and Steve Sucher and junior Dan Kelly — played for the Class AA state champion football team.

The Shamrocks won more than 20 dual meets a year ago and made it to the regional but failed to qualify for the state tournament as a team.

"The football championship has kind of juiced them up, so they're ready to go," said Rodriguez, who has six seniors he's counting on. "I'm lucky to have that many, because usually I have only four or five with experience."

The Shamrocks will miss two-time Class A champion Jay Helm, a 140-pounder now wrestling for Michigan State University.

CC should get solid wrestling from Sylvester, a heavyweight who lost in the Class A finals a year ago. Rodriguez predicts senior Rusty Fowler (119) also can challenge at the state meet.

Other key returnees include Suhajda (189), a district champion, and Kelly (171), who qualified for the state meet. Jim Whall (152), Tom McAvoy (130) and Sucher (126) also will score for the Shamrocks.

The underclassmen are led by juniors Dan Rieple (140) and Jeff Harris and sophomores Jason Krueger (160) and Adam Gianatassio (112).

The Shamrocks open the season Saturday in the Battle Creek Lakeview Invitational. Rodriguez hopes to embark on a similar trip later on this winter — for the team state championship.

"It's nice to start off there (Battle Creek), because that's where we'll end up at," Rodriguez said.

# Raiders capture Tipoff Classic

Starlin Stevens scored 10 straight points in a second-half run that carried Oakland Community College's men's basketball team to an 81-71 triumph over Macomb CC in the title game of the Macomb Tipoff Classic Saturday.

Stevens finished with 27 points and five assists in the victory, which kept the Raiders unbeaten at 6-0. Fourteen of those came in the second half.

points and Ed Whitaker had 11 and 6 assists for OCC. Jerry Priestkorn was a demon on the boards, grabbing 20 rebounds. He scored 9 points. Mike Muscato led the Monarchs with 22 points.

In Friday's tournament opener, Reviere played in 30 points to push the Raiders past Owens Tech 95-85. OCC dominance on the boards was pivotal in the win. Priestkorn had 15 points and 10 rebounds. Devin Bell had 15 points and 13 boards and James Escote (from Southfield HS) collected 12 points and 10 rebounds. Dave Smith's 18 points led Owens Tech.

The Raiders play Kellogg CC Saturday at OCC's Highland Lakes campus.

SC coach recalled, "It was gone. We were going to live and die with our outside attack. We went outside in the second game and we were extremely successful. Elena Oparka and Karl Domanski were both hitting extremely well."

But in the decisive third game, Ricks adjusted its defense to stop SC's outside hitters, and it made just enough of a difference. "They didn't pick up much, but it was just enough," said Teeters.

He added the team's defense "was just great," singling out Jenny Sproul, Lisa Domke and Laura Brown. But that was true throughout the tournament. Defense, serve re-

exit. Instead, the tournament field proved much tougher than in the past — even tougher than Teeters anticipated.

Still, there was one definite reason for their ouster. "Hitting was our weakness," said Teeters. "At times, certain hitters hit as expected, but we never had them all hitting well together in crucial matches."

That was particularly true in those final two matches. Earlier, in pool play, SC won six consecutive games, beating Waldorf CC (Iowa) 15-2, 15-6, 15-3 and Onondaga CC (Syracuse, N.Y.) 15-5, 15-5, 15-3. Then came the Jefferson match, which the Lady Ocelots lost 15-12, 15-11, 15-5.

Their total-games record of 7-2 in pool play was still good enough to advance them to the next round. But the next round started with Wolfson, which ripped SC 15-7, 15-9 in the quarterfinals. Ricks knocked the Lady Ocelots out of the tournament with a 15-12, 5-15, 16-14 victory.

"Against Jefferson, we lacked consistency in our hitting, and our serving hurt us in that match," said Teeters. The tough, three-game loss to Ricks was more difficult to take. "WE HAD no middle attack," the

ACCORDING TO Teeters, it wasn't the Ocelots' poor play that caused the earlier-than-expected

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# Early hoop games set tone for Salem

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

Plymouth Salem's experiences last August in the first week of the girls basketball season put the Rocks on course for a successful year.

The first three games provided the insight and direction that eventually guided Salem all the way to the Final Four for the third time in five years.

It took eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King to stop the Rocks with a 60-38 setback in the semifinals of the Class A tournament Friday night.

"We really achieved everything we could this year," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We maximized our ability to the end. There was not much more to be accomplished with a roadblock like Martin Luther King in the way."

A fine season — the Rocks were 22-4 and won the Western Lakes Activities Association title for the fourth time in six years — began with Salem winning the Traverse City tournament, defeating Sterling Heights and the host school.

NEITHER TEAM lost another game during the regular season and entered the post-season tournament with 19-1 records.

On the heels of that uplifting experience came a humbling experience when the Rocks were soundly beaten by No. 1-ranked Flint Powers 58-46 in their next game.

"Our season and our expectations were shaped early in the season," Thomann said. "That put us in the position to know we were pretty good but not great and we had to keep working."

"We were down 16 points to Sterling Heights and came back to win. That was important for the team to believe good things could happen. We had beaten two pretty good teams, but we found out we weren't the best team out there."

The Rocks overcame injuries and illnesses to win 15 of their next 17 games and finish the regular season 17-3.

A key was the play of sophomore

Christy Parmucha at point guard when returning starter Kelly Austin, suffered a knee injury that required surgery and sidelined her for the entire season.

"WE NEEDED someone to step in and fill that spot, and she did a great job," Thomann said.

"Every time there was a roadblock we figured out a way to get over it. We thought we'd be a good basketball team, but we didn't know we'd lose some people and be able to carry on."

The Rocks lost only two players to graduation, Sarah Ruete and Betsy McAllister, but the duo accounted for most of Salem's outside scoring.

"We'll definitely have to make some adjustments in terms of the perimeter game," Thomann said. "Right now I don't know if we have a consistent three-point shooter like Betsy or Sarah."

Salem's strength next year should be its post-up game since that's where most of the returning players will be. Junior Darcie Miller and sophomore Yolanda Jackson started at post positions, and juniors Emily Giuliani, Martha Bol and Allison Fyke and sophomore Cyndi Platter came off the bench.

"I think that became one of our strengths this year," Thomann said. "Cyndi Platter had some great games for us. People really stepped in when Emily went down (with spinal meningitis), and we've got a nice group of players ready to play on the inside."

WITH THE addition of Parmucha and possibly a healthy Austin to that group, the Rocks will be a team to watch again next season.

Salem will have competition in its own backyard, however. Plymouth Canton, which played some close games with the Rocks, loses one starter, all-league guard Mary Barna, and will return guard Julie Nicastri and Stephanie Gray.

"We lose two starters; they lose one," Thomann said. "They'll have four starters back; we'll have three."

Results: Celtics 33, Lakers 30, Pistons 28, Sonics 20, Pacers 29, Kings 14, Lakers 29, Kings 26, Celtics 36, Sonics 25, Pistons 24.

# CC wins with late-game rally

By Brad Emmons  
staff writer

Redford Catholic Central jumped out of the basket Tuesday, pulling off a miraculous season-opening 68-65 basketball victory over host Wayne Memorial, spelling Dan Henry's debut as coach.

The Shamrocks, who sputtered throughout most of the game, put on a furious rally in the final five minutes after being down by as many as 13 points early in the fourth quarter.

CC outscored Wayne 28-13 in the final eight minutes.

"I thought we were dead," said CC coach Bernie Holowicki. "I think we stole one. We went with our 80 deny (press). We were in it earlier, but this time it worked. And then we made three excellent plays in a row."

The first pivotal play for CC occurred with 3:27 remaining.

Bob Kummer, CC's 6-foot-5 junior who is making the transition from center to point-guard this season, scored on a drive, colliding on his way to the basket with Wayne's Greg Hartman, who was called for blocking.

OFFICIAL TOM SULEVIAN then charged Henry, who claimed it was a charge, with a technical foul.

Given three free throws, two because of the bench technical, Kummer connected twice. The fourth-point play pulled CC within three, 58-55.

The 6-1 Hartman, who led Wayne with 20 points, then answered with a baseline drive and scored again to put the Zebras ahead by seven, 62-55, with 2:28 to play.

But it all unraveled for Wayne in the final 2:11.

CC's Steve Whitlow, who led all scorers with 30 points, scored six straight points, including a four-point play with 1:47 left.

And it didn't help when the Zebras

# North, Farmington lose

North Farmington and Farmington were on the losing end Tuesday in their 1990-91 boys basketball season opener.

Free throws were the difference as host Berkeley edged the Raiders 51-49, and visiting Farmington fell 48-37 to Waterford Kettering after scoring only four points in the last quarter.

The Bears made eight of 14 free throws, and North was 6-of-13 at the line. Both teams made 19 field goals, including five triples apiece.

Senior forward Chris White scored 23 points to lead the Raiders, and 6 senior Bill Chwalik had 16 points and 11 rebounds despite playing on an injured ankle.

"We're satisfied," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "We played a lot of untested kids, and they did a good job."

Berkley was led by Jim Vick with 19 points and Damon Works with 12. Farmington led 22-15 at halftime, but the Captains outscored the Falcons 19-11 in the third quarter to take a 34-33 lead.

Kettering, using a press successfully in the second half, closed the door with a 14-4 fourth period.

Senior guard Rob Cook led Farmington with eight points. Tad Smith scored a game-high 18 for the winners.

failed to convert a wide-open layup during the CC run.

The 6-4 Whitlow hit a short baseline shot over the outstretched arms of Wayne's 6-1 forward Greg Hartman. The senior also went to the line for a one-and-one, converting both, when officials ruled that he was fouled after the shot.

Now trailing by only one, 63-62, the Shamrocks' Bob Schneider deflected the in-bounds pass and hurled the ball over his head as he was flying out of play to Kummer, who converted a layup (with 1:36 to play) to give CC its first lead since the second quarter.

CC STOLE the ball again with 1:31 to go and Whitlow scored, giving his team a three-point cushion, 65-62.

Barnes cut the deficit to one again, 65-64, with 1:14 to go, but CC came right back on Kummer's back-court layup off the dunking game.

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# Canton 'oldtimer' 2nd

THE OLD TIMER Bowling Association held its annual tournament and party on Sunday, Nov. 20, at Thunderbolt Lanes in Allen Park.

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# Angler comes up with big catch

Bill Wilson

Wilson got things started on opening morning when he took a 125-pound four-point muskellunge in a swamp in Lapeer County.

• Greg Trolly of Rochester bagged his third buck in as many years when he dropped a five-point on Nov. 23 in Oakland County.

• Hunters at the Trail's End Hunting Camp near Sidnaw in the Upper Peninsula's Houghton County had plenty to celebrate this year.

Bill Wilson, of Shelby Township, called to report that seven hunters at Trail's End managed to bring down eight bucks during the firearms deer season.

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Isbipmarg's Bill Hill claimed "Buck Master" honors at the camp for the upcoming year when he dropped a 150-pound nine-point, also on opening morning.

John Hill of Isbipmarg took the first of his two spike horns on opening day and followed that with his second spike horn on Nov. 18.

Other opening day bucks were followed by Sidnaw's Jerry Strickler, who bagged a three-point, and Benzon's Tom Stapleton, who took a spike horn — his first buck ever.

Dean Dell of Clarkston filled his tag on Nov. 23 when he shot a spike horn which was also his first buck.

Gene Berbaum came all the way from Vista, Calif. to participate in Michigan's firearm deer season, and he wasn't disappointed. Berbaum filled his tag with a spike horn on Nov. 27.

Wilson attributed much of the camp's success to Greg Rogers of Howell.

"Greg is our tracker," said Wilson. "We call him our 'Bloodhound' because he always helps everyone else find deer. He's always complaining that he's never had enough time to hunt because he's always tracking someone else's deer."

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# Club gymnasts ready for big event

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who compete at Level 10, and four belong to Michigan Academy. The quartet consists of Devon and Danielle Cunningham, Shawna Gunnis and Carrie Thompson.

Other Michigan Academy gymnasts expected to do well this weekend are Gina Gentry, Jana Stoyanovich and Zoe Yockey at Level 7 and Lisa Blackmer, Anne Abramczyk and Sara Stoyanovich at Level 6.

Genrich was second on vault in the Judges Meet at EMU recently, and the Level 6 trio was fourth in team competition.

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# Gridiron heroes CC, Harrison place 5 each on 1st team

By Steve Kowalski  
staff writer

**TOM MACH**, the Redford Catholic Central football coach, wasn't totally discouraged when he awoke Sept. 30.

Even though it looked like he had reason to be. The Shamrocks had lost 8-0, the night before to Detroit St. Martin de Porres, and were left with a 3-2 record and slim hopes of a Class AA state playoff berth.

"Even when we were 3-2 I mentioned to the coaches that we were playing hard and there wasn't much we can do about it," Mach said. "I was never upset over our performance. It was fun toward the end of the year to call our offense."

Fun, because the Shamrocks finished the season with eight straight wins, including a 21-0 pounding of Detroit Martin Luther King in the Class AA final. Because of it, Mach has been named Observerland's Coach of the Year.

Mach, who owns a 119-31-1 record and two state titles in 15 years at CC, credits the turnaround to "smashmouth football."

"That's slang for power football, CC style."

"We practiced hard and came to play every game," Mach said. Following is a capsule look at each member of the Observer's first team.

## FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

**Karl Wukie**, quarterback, Plymouth Canton: The catalyst behind Plymouth Canton's first-ever post-season playoff team, Wukie finished the season with 2,600 yards in total offense. A three-year starter, he threw for 1,450 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also gained 1,150 yards on the ground and scored 13 touchdowns rushing. He was selected as the Chiefs MVP.

"He makes a lot of things happen and is a leader by example," coach Bob Kheonice said. "An outstanding athlete, good thrower and a good college prospect."

**Gary Devine**, running back, Harrison: The 5-foot-6, 155-pound tailback had an enviable senior year, gaining 1,483 yards on 275 carries for a 5.4 yard per carry average. He also finished the year with 27 touchdowns and 162 points. All this despite being hampered late in the campaign with an ankle injury.

"He really was the heart of the offense for most of the games," coach John Harrington said. "He was very hard to tackle — low to the ground with great speed. He runs a 4.6 and can really make the cuts."

**Anthony Hood**, running back, Bishop Borgess: The 6-foot, 212-pound senior gained 1,172 yards as the Spartans won the Catholic League's Tri-Sectional championship. Hood was quick out of the blocks and wasn't afraid to run over people. "He's an excellent back with good speed," said Borgess coach Walt Bazy. "He's also a very durable kid."

**Leon Hister**, running back, Plymouth Canton: The 5-foot-10, 160-pound junior rushed for 987 yards on 140 carries and more impressively, scored 18 touchdowns rushing. "He was obviously a major part of the offense and probably one of the most talented running backs we've ever had," coach Tom Mosheimer said. "He has the moves, is very shifty and can stop dead in his tracks — and take off. He can also run inside. It's hard to get a clean shot at him."

**Jon Barbara**, running back, Catholic Central: The 6-2, 215-pound senior gave offense as often as he received it. Barbara led CC with 788 yards rushing on 175 carries, a 4.5 average. He led the team with 14 touchdowns, all but one coming on the ground. He also grabbed eight passes for 67 yards and made 13 tackles at the beginning of the season at linebacker.

"He did more than we expected because he became the heart of our offense in terms of leadership and intensity," Mach said. "He always had outstanding intensity. He was a major contributor by example and he motivated others."

**Brett Howell**, wide receiver, Plymouth Canton: Howell was Wukie's favorite target, catching 41 passes for 580 yards and 10 touchdowns. Howell is a 6-2, 195-pound senior, who also has gained attention of college scouts.

"He has good size, good speed and good hands," Kheonice said. "He was a sure target for our offense."

**Dave Rankin**, wide receiver, North Farmington: The 5-foot-10, 185-pound senior gained 1,089 all-purpose yards and set school single-season records with 44 catches and six touchdowns. He totaled 659 yards in receptions and a defensive back had four interceptions and 37 tackles.

"Dave's probably the hardest-working, most dedicated athlete we had," North Coach Jim O'Leary said. "He only came off the field for extra points and field goals. And he never missed a game."

**Todd Pawlowski**, tight end, North Farmington: Had eight receptions for 185 yards and two touchdowns. The 6-4, 235-pound senior also played defensive end and recording 67 tackles, including five for losses. He also had two sacks and four knock-downs.

"From game one on, everyone ran away from him," said O'Leary. "He took blockers and ball carriers, together."

**Tony Prey**, lineman, John Glenn: The 6-foot-1, 227-pound senior two-way tackle was Glenn's best lineman and he led the Rockets to their fifth post-season berth in the past six years. A co-Most Valuable Player, Prey also carries a 3.5 grade point average.

"He's one of the most dedicated to every play at John Glenn," coach Chuck Gordon said. "No matter if it was practice or the weight room, he was always the first to leave. A lot of players follow him, and he leads by example. He was a pleasure to coach and very steady."

**Mike Teller**, lineman, Plymouth Canton: Teller, a 6-5, 220-pound senior, Teller opened holes for the Chiefs' explosive offense and was pivotal in leading them to their first-ever playoff berth. His 3.3 grade point average earned him the team's student-athlete award.

"A lot of schools are looking at him," Kheonice said. "He came into his own this year. He did a great job of blocking for the run or pass and stayed on his block well. He cleaned out the line of scrimmage."

**Rob Sylvester**, lineman, Redford Catholic Central: A 6-2, 235-pound senior, Sylvester showed his versatility by moving from guard to tackle because of teammate Gary Gurgold's injury during the Class AA title victory over Detroit King. On defense, Sylvester finished third on the Shamrocks in tackles with 80, nine unassisted. He also recovered a fumble.

"I think Rob is equal to any lineman in the state," Mach said. "He has excellent technique. He trap blocked and pulled a lot for us to allow us to run the offense we wanted."

**Jason Gloetzer**, lineman, Farmington Hills Harrison: The 6-2, 227-pound junior loves pancakes and we're not talking about the kind Bisquick makes. A two-way tackle, Gloetzer also had 49 tackles, including 11 unassisted.

"He's definitely a force on offense," Harrington said. "He's one of our best drive-blockers we've ever had. He's lights in getting pancakes (blocks which flatten the opponent). The kids called him biscuit because he gets so many pancakes. He just stays on people and drives them off the ball until they're lying on their backs."

**Jason Riggs**, defensive back, Canton: A two-way player as a senior, Riggs led Canton's defensive backfield with 12 interceptions. He also lent support as a running back, gaining 530 yards rushing and scoring four touchdowns.

"Jason was one of our better all-around athletes," Kheonice said. "He was a great asset on defense but did a great job on both sides of the line of scrimmage."

"Brian had a fantastic year," Mach said. "It was his first year playing defensive end, and it was a position made for him. He has good mobility, he put pressure on the quarterback and made some great plays. I considered him a tone setter with his aggressive hits."

**Bobby Johnson**, defensive lineman, Livonia Franklin: The Patriots' Most Valuable Player on defense, Johnson took some weight off his 6-1 frame and it showed. The 240-pounder played nose guard and linebacker on defense and center on offense. He also kicked extra points and field goals.

"He had a good season and led us a lot," coach Armand Vigna said. "What's good about him is his quickness."

**Tony Shaieb**, defensive lineman, Harrison: A versatile performer, Shaieb recorded 55 tackles and was a consistent blocker at offensive guard. He also punned 29 times for a 34.2 yard average. He bench presses 300 pounds.

"Tony was one of the best blockers we've ever had at guard," Harrington said. "and he was real solid at defensive tackle. He hurt his shoulder and was able to play over it. He's one of the finest linemen we've ever had."

**Gary Gurgold**, defensive lineman, Catholic Central: The 6-1, 220-pound senior led for the team lead in tackles with 93, 13 unassisted. The two-way performer also had one sack and a fumble recovery.

"He doesn't like to have two-way players, but we thought Gary was too good to go only one way," Mach said. "When we needed big yardage, we ran (Jon) Barbara on the right side over Sylvester and Gurgold."

**Blazo Sarcevic**, linebacker, Farmington Hills Harrison: A sure blue chipper, Sarcevic led the Hawks with 139 tackles, and finished as the school's all-time leader in that category with 299. Offensively, the 6-3, 230-pounder caught 12 passes for 166 yards, a 13.8 per catch average. He scored two touchdowns.

"When he hits somebody, it's the end of the line for them," Harrington said. "He rates in the top four or five linebackers we've ever had, without a doubt. He's a sure tackler who pursued to the ball. He'll be tough to replace."

**Jason Gould**, linebacker, John Glenn: Gould was the Rockets' defensive MVP and also a team captain. The 5-11, 195-pounder was the Rockets' leading tackler. "He is very quick, smart and we expected a lot out of him in terms of calling defenses," Gordon said. "He did an excellent job."

**Steve Koss**, linebacker, Thurston: Koss finished his career as a school record 322 tackles. The 6-2, 215-pound Koss led the Eagles with 98 tackles this fall.

"He's the best athlete I've coached in my 10 years," coach Bob Snell said. "He was the key to our team."

**Adam Moran**, linebacker, Wayne Memorial: The team's MVP, Moran ended his career with a school record 259 tackles. "He was our leader on defense and played well game after game," coach Chuck Howton said. "He always made the big play and did a tremendous job."

**Mike Thomas**, defensive back, Catholic Central: An impressive tailback, the 6-1, 195-pound speedster made an even greater impression as a defensive back. Although missing three games with an ankle injury, Thomas intercepted two passes, recovered one fumble and had 46 tackles. A starter at tailback prior to the injury, Thomas gained 556 yards on 111 carries, a 5.0 average and two touchdowns.

"He can run as well as any halfback in the state, and defensively, I haven't seen anybody better than him as far as movement," Mach said.

**Mike Brooks**, defensive back, Livonia Churchill: It's tough to get post-season recognition playing for a winless team, but it's hard to overlook the senior two-way tackle. Brooks, 5-11, 190 pounds, gained 850 yards rushing and led the Chargers' defense from his free safety position. Brooks also played quarterback when needed, throwing for about 200 yards.

"He's a versatile athlete," coach Herb Osterland said. "To me he's a super football player. A tough hitter and our leading defensive back. He's one of the best we've had at Churchill, offensively and defensively."

**Greg Piscopink**, defensive back, Harrison: Combined size and speed to become a threat in the defensive backfield and at receiver. The 6-2, 174-pound junior made 41 tackles and caught 31 passes for 516 yards and six touchdowns. He averaged 16.6 yards per catch.

"Greg is a very skilled athlete, one of the best athletes on our team," Harrington said. "As a defensive back, he was one of the hardest hitters. He made some big plays back there, and we're happy to have him back. He has the ability to run good patterns. He can get open and jump. He can go up and get the ball."

**Kendrick Harrington**, defensive back, Livonia Clarenceville: A four-year letterwinner, Harrington capped his career with an impressive senior year on both sides of the line. Harrington, quarterbacked Clarenceville on offense, completing 14-of-32 passes for 406 yards and five touchdowns. He also rushed for 1,232 yards on 141 carries and scored 15 touchdowns.

"He's a great athlete, passed well and did everything you could expect from him," Clarenceville coach Mark Ladd said.

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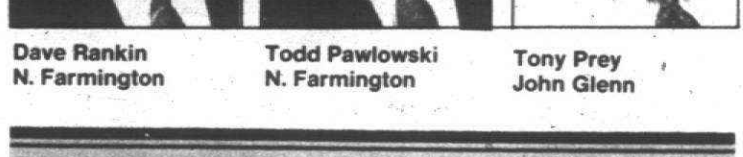
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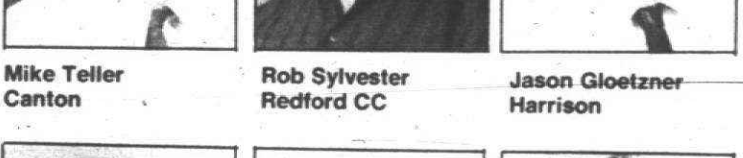
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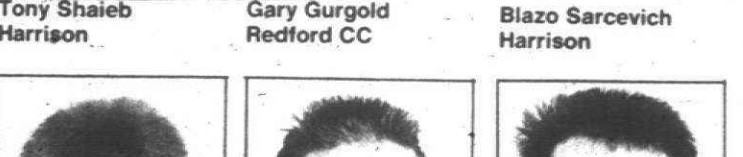
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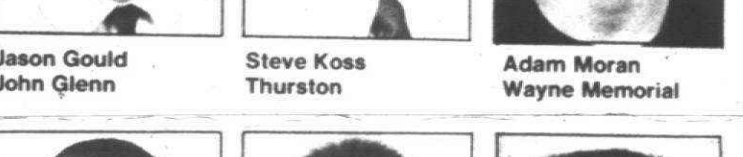
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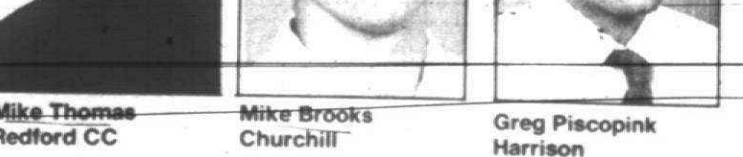
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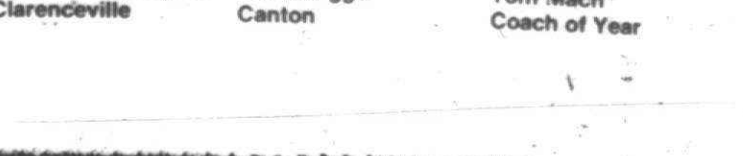
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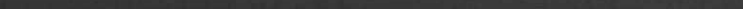
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## 'Tis the season to shop

"I would kill to do that at Christmastime!" I heard the voice through my office door. It was my friend Nora starting at a press release from Hamilton, Miller, Hudson and Fayne Travel Corporation in Southfield.

It read "New York Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree" and went on to describe one-day trips on Pan American to New York City, with transfers to Macy's. Fortunately, some were already over and some were sold out but there was still space Dec. 6, 12 and 13, leaving at 7:30 a.m. and getting back at 12:45 a.m. for \$129 to \$149.

I started to say "call your travel agent," but she held up her hand. "I could get there but I couldn't afford to shop," she moaned. "Oh my God, look at this. Chocolate!"

"She picked up the ad and read it aloud: 'If you love chocolate, you'll love Hershey's Chocolate World visitors center in Chocolate Town USA.' That's Hershey, Pa., home of Hershey's chocolate."

That's when I found out about shopaholics and what they go through at Christmastime. "I love to shop," she sighed. "Even if I buy a pot at K mart I feel better, because I've bought something. But we're on a budget and my husband took away my credit card. This year I can only shop by catalog or over the phone."

There she was, a shopaholic with a glut of Christmas shopping opportunities in front of her and no credit card. We threw out the brochure from AAA Travel Agency for a December shopping trip to European Christmas markets in Germany and Austria, and the invitation to spend \$1,350 roasting chestnuts in the Ritz Hotel in London, England.

"Can you travel a little if you don't shop?" I asked. "As long as I don't go too far and it doesn't cost much."

I lifted a bright yellow brochure that said: "Santa Claus Train Rides Through Wine Country." The third annual Santa Claus tree-cutting trains leave Kalamazoo on the Lake Shore & Chicago Railway for the Bonamego Tree Farm, a few miles west of Paw Paw, where you can cut your own Christmas tree.

The trains leave Paw Paw at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 9, 15 and 16, with a special 4 p.m. train Dec. 7. Fares are \$17 for adults, \$7 kids under 12, children under 2 are free. The ticket includes hot apple cider, hot chocolate, doughnuts and snacks aboard. It costs \$85 for the Christmas tree, which is mechanically baled, tagged and delivered to the train for the return home. Call (616) 657-7037 for more information.

There are a lot of Christmas activities where you can avoid shopping if you pass the craft tables blindfolded. Check Interlochen at (616) 276-6230 for musical events through the season.

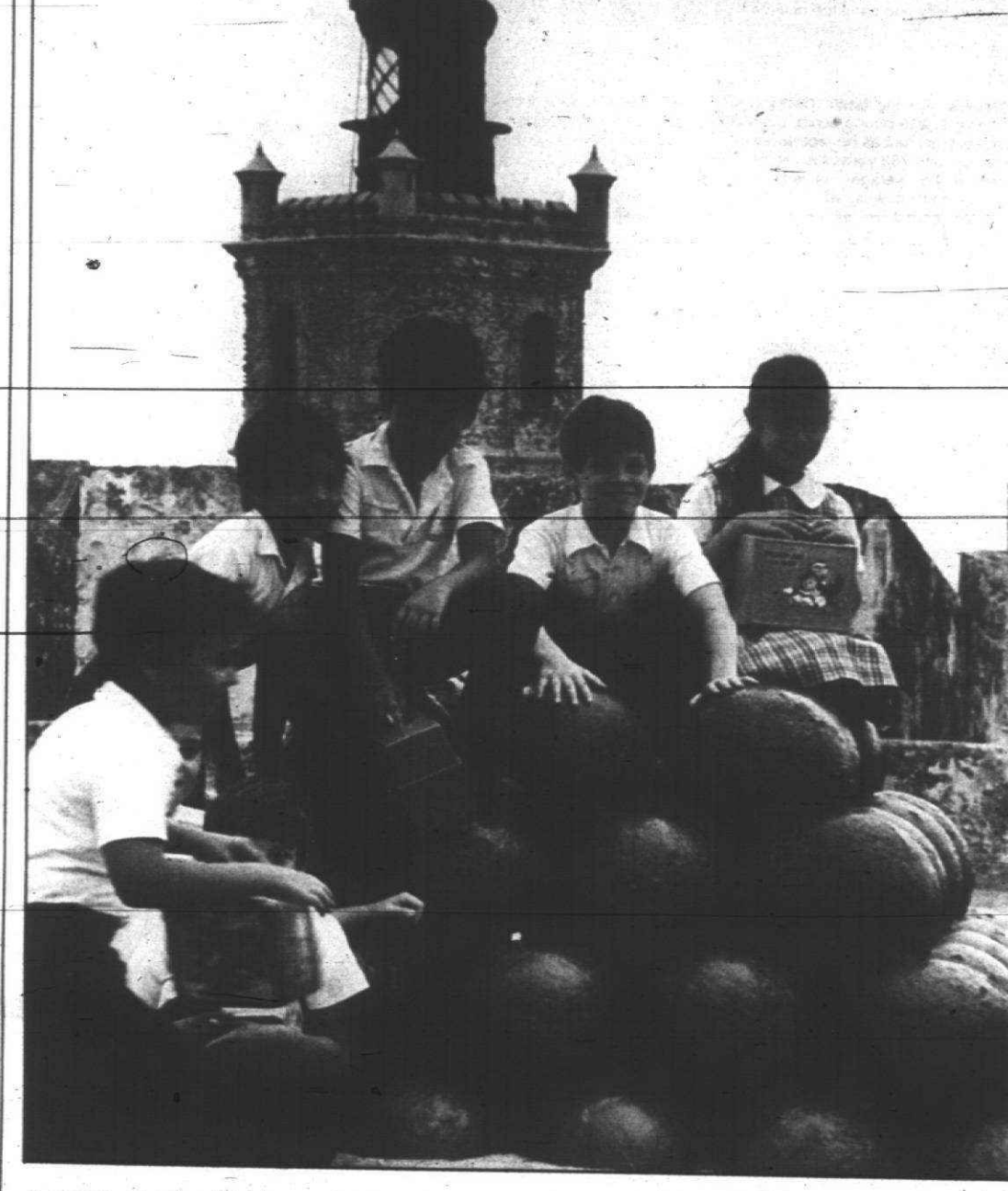
"Here's one for lots of ho-ho-ho's at Grand Traverse Resort," she said. And then she saw it. An ad for the "Power Shoppers' Weekend." "It's all right, that one is over," I said. "I didn't want any shopaholic fainting in my office."

It costs \$3.50 to see the new holiday laser light show, a 20-minute spectacular performed at Grand Traverse. You can also ride horse and sleigh complete with jingle bells. Call toll-free (800) TRAVELERS for other activities going on in the region.

Closer to home, there is, of course, Dicken's Christmas Carol at Meadowbrook Theater on an 8:30 p.m. performance Dec. 7 and 15 at the Hibbard Tavern bed-and-breakfast in Milford. Admission \$15 including refreshments.

You can go to Toledo to see the Lights Before Christmas display through Jan. 6 in the Zoo, Christmas by the River through Dec. 30 at the Wolcott House/Museum Complex, Children's Wonderland through Dec. 30 at Lakes County Recreation Center and Holiday Traditions through Dec. 30 at Ritter Planetarium. Shopaholics can't get in too much trouble there.

# A tale of warm breezes and cool rum in Puerto Rico



A group of school kids perch atop a pile of huge cannon balls at El Morro fortress.

By Noreen Flack  
staff writer

It's hard to determine whether Puerto Rico is actually the paradise island I remember it to be or if it was the tremendous consumption of well-aged rum known to the Puerto Ricans that somehow has blurred my memory.

Needless to say, a few rum drinks blended with tropical fruits in a tall glass sporting an umbrella is enough to send anyone off into the palm tree breezes of the Caribbean and at least a few merry-making nights out.

For years, Puerto Rico has been a major exporter of rum. Last year, nearly 85 percent of the rum sold in the United States came from Puerto Rico.

I enjoyed several tours of various distilleries, which have a history all their own including pirate tales and origins of drinks. Call the distillery (Bacardi, Barrilito, Boca Chica, Captain Morgan, Castillo, Don Q, Palo Viejo, Ron Boy, Ron Lieve, Ronrico and Ron Superior). You can also call the Puerto Rico Tourism Co. toll-free from Michigan to reserve a tour or for other information: (800) 223-6530.

It wasn't only the waiting rum that enchanted me with the island. The tranquility of Puerto Rico offered, among other things, the perfect sunset, allowing me to forget about the chaos I left in my office desk back home.

Like all Caribbean islands, the most important thing to do in Puerto Rico is to find a cozy spot on the beach and capture the magic of the ocean. Vendors line the shore with their wares while bronze bodies soak up the rays. The sand is as warm as it comes and there's nothing better than a barefoot stroll along the coast before dinner.

The island cradles a population of 3.3 million, one million of whom

live in metropolitan San Juan. Spanish is the official language and most Puerto Ricans know at least some English so you can usually get your message across. I was amused by one tradition that seems to remain intact: Street workers would practice their mid-afternoon siesta and drop to the pavement or under a tree, it didn't seem to matter where, for a quick nap, and as temperatures rose, a siesta didn't seem like a bad idea for me either as I tried to catch the sights in the island's heat.

I took a 90-minute ride across the island from San Juan to Ponce one day. The ride journeys through a utopian-like blast of dramatic mountain scenery and peaceful countryside.

Ponce, Puerto Rico's second largest city was even more tranquil than San Juan. The city park and shops are clustered together making downtown an easy stroll through the cobblestoned streets.

I gained nearly 10 pounds while I was in Puerto Rico, even though I

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# Light festival adds sparkle to Christmas

By Nicki and Harold Chodnoff  
special writer

Communities across the country may be setting down for a long winter's nap, but not Wheeling, W.Va. They have flicked the switch and turned on the lights for the annual "Festival of Lights."

What started in 1985 as a way to relieve end-of-the-year doldrums during tourist-starved winter months has escalated into America's largest light festival.

More than 70 major lighted displays attract nearly 300,000 visitors through February in downtown Wheeling and Oglebay (pronounced O-gul-bee) Park.

Visitors are greeted by lighted sidewalk trees, storefront displays and 250 giant lighted snowflakes, lining downtown business-area streets. More than 40 giant lighted displays are seen throughout the city.

A kick-off celebration performance got the Festival rolling November 15, followed on November 16 by

four new designs for 1990. Lighting is not limited to displays. Selected landscape vistas, historical buildings and natural tree groupings on the property are bathed or outlined by twinkling holiday lights.

Other Christmas festivities include the Christmas Caravan Ball through Dec. 18, a Christmas candlewalk in Flushing and a Dow Gardens Christmas Walk in Midland Dec. 6 & 7, Christmas at Courthouse in Charlotte Dec. 9, Christmas at the Bunker Park Zoo in Battle Creek Dec. 12-23 and Dec. 26-30.

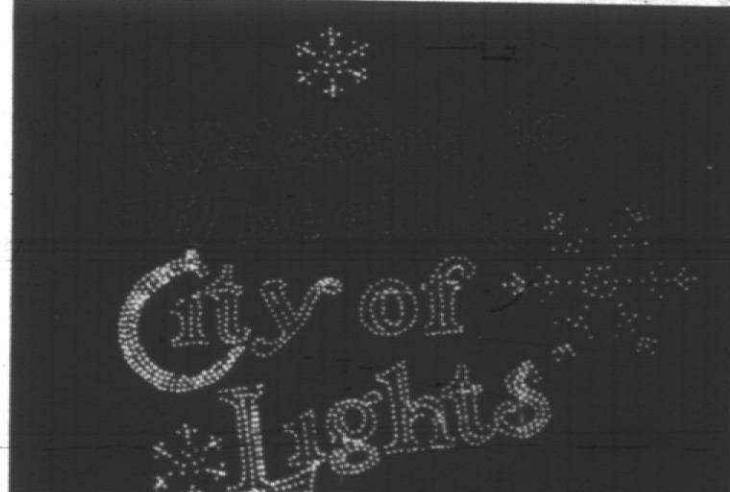
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Wheeling, W.Va., proclaims its Festival of Lights with sparkling style. The annual light display attracts visitors from across the country.

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# Holiday excursions offer something for everyone

By Nicki and Harold Chodnoff  
special writer

You can see them from an old-fashioned steam train. You can see them from a Victorian village. Any way you look at it, you'll see lights in front of your eyes at Crossroads Village through the end of the year.

Christmas at the Crossroads lights up the near Flint from 3:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays until December 30. The Huckleberry Railroad leaves on its first daily run at 4 p.m.

A musical revue, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," will be performed several times each day in the Colwell Opera House, and local choirs and organists will provide music in the Coldwater Chapel.

The General Store will be well-stocked for holiday shopping and the village's official U.S. Post Office will be open to handle the thousands of cards mailed by visitors every year. Each card is hand-cancelled with the

distinctive Crossroads cancellation. Handprinted cards are also available in the Village Print Shop. St. Nick and Frosty the Snowman will be on hand to visit with the children. The whole family will enjoy rides on the village's gorgeous 1912 Parker Carousel and horse-drawn wagon rides through the gaily decorated streets.

Informal buffet Christmas dinners are served at the adjacent Moti

Farm, and reservations can be made by calling (313) 736-7100. Tickets, which include admission to Crossroads Village and a 35-minute excursion aboard the Huckleberry Railroad, are \$9.95 for adults, \$4.95 for seniors 60 and up, and \$3.95 for children 4-12. Children under 4 are free.

Crossroads Village is just north of Flint. Follow I-475 off either I-75 or I-49 to Exit 11. For additional information, call Genesee County Parks at (313) 736-7100 between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

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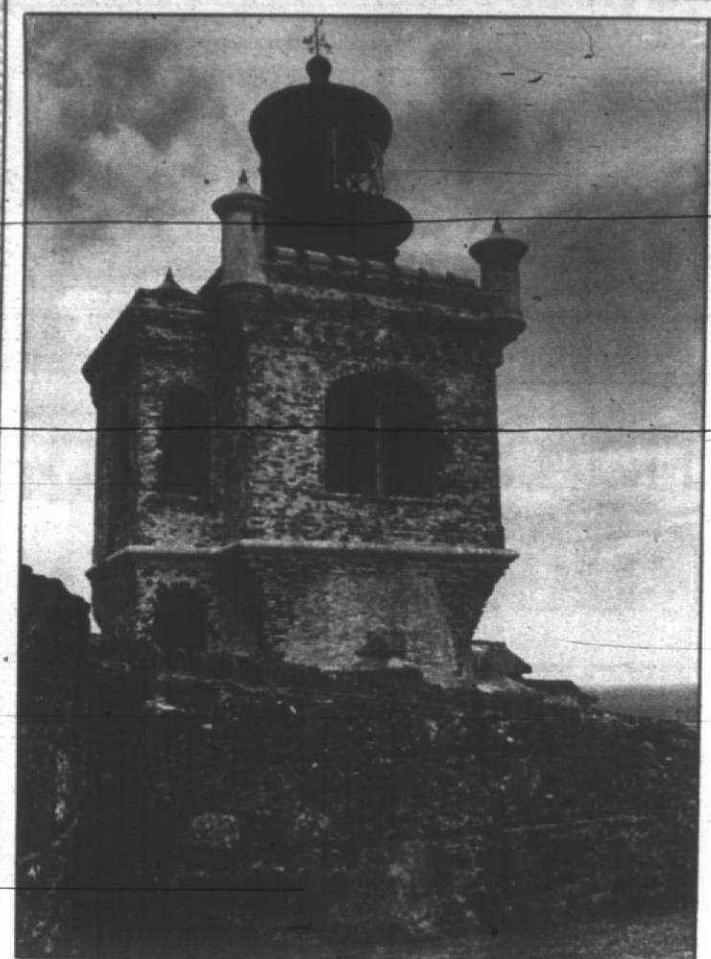
Other Christmas festivities include the Christmas Caravan Ball through Dec. 18, a Christmas candlewalk in Flushing and a Dow Gardens Christmas Walk in Midland Dec. 6 & 7, Christmas at Courthouse in Charlotte Dec. 9, Christmas at the Bunker Park Zoo in Battle Creek Dec. 12-23 and Dec. 26-30.

There's a Christmas Fantasyland Train Ride in Bridgeport Dec. 21-23, celebrations at the Nature Center in Kalamazoo weekends through Dec. 23 and the Festival of Lights in Ypsilanti through Dec. 31.

What started in 1985 as a way to relieve end-of-the-year doldrums during tourist-starved winter months has escalated into America's largest light festival.

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IRIS SANDERSON JONES  
An ancient-looking tower at El Morro is a colorful and historic attraction to visit in Puerto Rico.

## Warm breezes, cool rum in Puerto Rico

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jogged down the beach every morning. San Juan boasts some of the finest gourmet restaurants in the United States and the Caribbean.

For fine dining, El San Juan Hotel and Casino has several exquisite restaurants including La Verandah. I had to try Peter Ivanovich's (an internationally acclaimed chef) Puerto Rican cuisine, poached veal loin stuffed with a mousse of yucca and a sauce of pistachio and aji dulce. And for dessert, I indulged in his original Pina Colada ice cream with Don Q white rum.

Then there was Los Faisanes, a chic restaurant in Condado, with flawless pheasant and seafood cuisine.

Ask Lucky Luciano, Los Faisanes' bartender, to stir up a "Hi Mamee" drink made with exotic mamee apples and dark rum, and tell him, "Salud from Detroit."

I stayed at the elegant El San Juan Hotel & Casino, but if you're not a resort traveler, Puerto Rico has accommodations for a quieter taste with paradores, noted for their homey atmosphere and good food. Each of the 15 paradores in Puerto Rico are nestled in a historic building or a suite of scenic beauty. Prices are reasonable and range from \$35 to \$76 per night. For a listing call (800) 443-0266.

El Convento in Old San Juan was built in the 17th Century and served as a convent for the Carmelite nuns until 1903. Today, the old building has been renovated into a fascinating hotel with some of its simple, delicate rooms offering the most breathtaking views of the bay. El Convento rooms begin at \$150 per night. Call El Convento at (800) 468-2779.

Aside from great shops and restaurants, the Old San Juan historic district gave me the most distinct taste of the island's culture with Spanish colonial architecture, narrow cobblestone streets and wrought iron balconies.

El Morro in Old San Juan is perhaps the most visited site by travelers. This Spanish fort was built in the mid-1500s to protect settlers from an invasion by the English. The fort sits along the San Juan harbor and is structured to sight bay intruders from miles away.

Traveling is easy to Puerto Rico. As a commonwealth, the U.S. dollar is the currency and there are no customs or entry requirements.

Pick up a Que Pasa, the official visitors guide to Puerto Rico, when you arrive on the island, or write to Que Pasa, Box 4435, Old San Juan Station, San Juan Puerto Rico. For more information on Puerto Rico, contact the Puerto Rico Tourism Company, 575 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10017, or call (800) 223-6530.

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# Holiday outings offer fun for all

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Utah (Also in Snowbird, Alta, Park City, Deer Valley, Brighton, Sundance, Solitude and more.)

• Feb. 14-18 (\$580 per person) and Feb. 16-23 (\$760 per person). "A Taste of Colorado" (Copper, Keystone, Abasin, Breckenridge, Vail, Loveland).

• March 30-Apr. 6 (\$650 per person). Spring Break in Aspen, Colo.

For further details on these ski trips or information on other upcoming recreational trips through the Traveling Teachers of Detroit, call Bonnie Linklater (313) 652-4393 or Sam Wolfe (313) 661-0675.

## Going South . . .

Tennessee is hosting a wide variety of special events, unusual exhibits, spectacular displays, historic home tours, and Christmas celebrations this year. In Nashville, visit the Opryland Hotel for country musical celebrations, or take the kids to hear holiday stories read by well-known entertainers. In Pigeon Forge, celebrate a "Smokey Mountain Christmas" at Dollywood Fridays, Satur-

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days and Sundays only through Dec. 18, and don't miss the "Smokey Mountain Winterfest" through Feb. 23. Call Tennessee Dept. Tourist Development, (615) 741-7994.

Celebrate the holidays "Southern style" by attending the Savannah, Ga., 16th Annual Holiday Tour of Homes, sponsored by The Downtown Neighborhood Association. The doors of Savannah's lovely homes will be open Saturday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. for the "candlelight tour," and Sunday, Dec. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person, \$10 for groups of 15 or more. Call toll-free (800) 627-5030. If your holiday travel includes the

Carolinas, you won't want to miss the Asheville, N.C., "Light Up Your Holidays Festival." Events are scheduled through December 31 and include holiday entertainment the whole family will enjoy. And don't miss "A Grove Park Inn Christmas," through January 1. The celebration features sing-alongs with the Grove Park Inn Chorus, visits with Santa Claus, craft demonstrations, afternoon tea, dulcimer music, walking tours, horse-drawn carriage rides, gingerbread village and a train exhibit. Lavish decorations, including festive theme trees, yards of garland, 1,000 poinsettias and other floral displays will be featured during

the Christmas holiday.

Closer to home in Noblesville, Ind., The Connor Prairie Museum invites you to join it through December 23 for the "Festival of Gingerbread" where gingerbread houses of all shapes and sizes will be displayed, and Dec. 8-23 for "Conner Prairie by Candlelight." Call (317) 776-6000. "Holiday Fest" in Fort Wayne includes a variety of events including concerts by the Philharmonic and performances of the Nutcracker Ballet. Call toll-free (800) 767-7752.

## Hotel special

The Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites are offering a \$49 holiday rate of \$49 per room from Dec. 13, 1990 through Jan. 6, 1991 at their 178 domestic U.S. hotels (New Year's Eve not included). Rooms must be reserved 14 days in advance and payment is non-refundable. Children 6 and under eat free. Call toll-free (800) 228-9290.

# Lights add sparkle to holiday fest

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And these are no ordinary displays. They are huge. Some all-time crowd-pleasing favorites include a candy cane wreath glittering with 30-foot red and white candy canes surrounded by a 60-foot green and red holly wreath.

The "Twelve Days of Christmas" display brings to life that famous carol in football-field size, sparkling with more than 28,000 lights. A golden 32-foot menorah rises through a blue Star of David, commemorating the Jewish Festival of Lights.

My favorite is the Fantasy Light Tunnel. Eleven arches containing 1,243 white lights and crystal snowflakes capture and contort car headlights when driving through. The effect is what I imagine traveling on the starship Enterprise at warp-seven would be like, a stream of iridescent odd-shaped rainbows and bursts of white-heavenly light.

To transform winter darkness into a spectacular panorama of lights, a lighting display authority was hired to design the Oglebay effects. To understand the caliber and quality of the effects, the designer's other credits include lighting the Taj Mahal, the Parthenon in Greece and the Great Pyramids.

The Festival of Lights is a community-wide effort. Students at area high schools fabricate the major displays at Oglebay. Thousands of

**In Oglebay Park, in Wheeling, W. Va., more than 900,000 multicolored holiday lights glow from dusk until 11 p.m. through Jan. 30 and on weekends through February.**

working hours are volunteered by students in attaching the support wires and lights. Civic and church groups join in and sponsor theme displays.

Caught up in the holiday spirit, Wheeling residents dress up homes. Friendly competition between neighborhoods provides added viewing pleasure for visitors attending the Festival.

For a unique point of view, try a fly-over tour. A bird's eye perspective of Oglebay's illuminated grounds and displays, complete with dinner, is available from the Anchor Room (304) 394-5537. Their "Dinner & Flights to the Festival of Lights" packages are available through Jan. 30, 1991, at \$35 per person.

Once in Wheeling, there are a number of other things to do and see. The adventure of river travel on the Valley Voyager sternwheeler beckons with excursions ranging from 45 minutes to three hours.

A grander, more romantic age can be conjured up by visiting Wheeling's treasure trove of Victorian homes. Whether a guided tour, an overnight stay at a Victorian bed-and-breakfast or shopping at the two beautifully restored market houses at Centre Market Square, the essence of things Victorian is well-preserved in Wheeling.

And a shopping expedition is in order. The area has an abundance of dinnerware and glass factories that offer beauty and bargains at their outlet stores.

Every Saturday night, downhome fun and frivolity rock Wheeling's Capitol Music Hall. Country-music greats perform live at Jamboree U.S.A., the country's second oldest

live country music show.

Wheeling is conveniently located one-hour west of Pittsburgh, Pa. on I-70. In 1989, 3.5 million visitors viewed the combined Oglebay/Wheeling light show. It does become crowded. To help make your visit more enjoyable, consider these helpful hints:

• Allow plenty of time to view Oglebay displays. Traffic can become congested at the Park.

• Choose alternate routes, available from the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau.

• Go during non-peak mid-week nights, except Christmasweek and Thanksgiving.

• When in Wheeling call the fun phone line (304) 233-2709, for the day's events and activities.

• If fighting traffic is not your idea of fun, bus tour operators sponsor trips to the Festival. When you leave the driving to someone else, you can enjoy the beauty of the Festival from the comfort of a well-padded bus seat.

For more information on accommodations and activities, contact your travel agent or the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau, toll-free (800) 828-3097.

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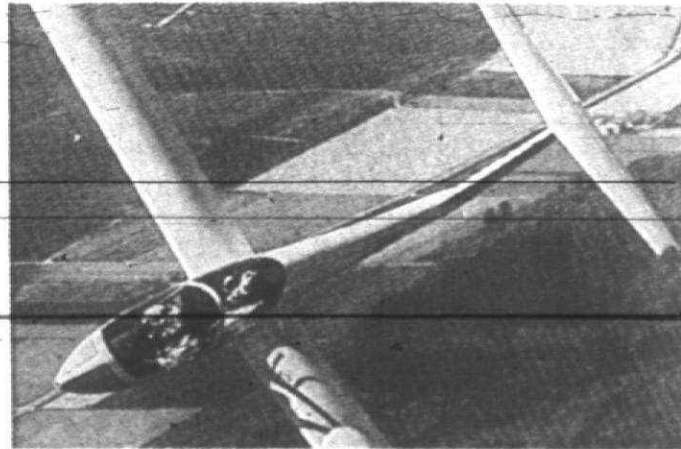
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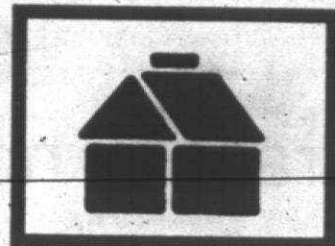
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Country Lane Flower Shops' floral arrangement brightens the great room of this Coventry

Gardens home in Livonia. The tile steps lead to the dining area.

## Friends hosting walk to benefit Greenmead

By Janice Tigar-Kramer  
special writer

FOR A glimpse behind the doors of seven private homes cheerfully decorated for the holidays, consider Livonia's annual Christmas Walk from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Advance tickets are \$5 at Greenmead Historical Village, Livonia City Hall and all Livonia libraries, or \$6 the day of the walk at Greenmead's Hill House (use the Newburgh Road entrance).

Booklets with a tour map and description of each house will be available only on Saturday at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, or at the Hill House. Tour goers also may go through the historic Hill House, a Greek Revival style farmhouse, which will be decorated in a bright, patriotic theme.

**'We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community. We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century.'**

— Theresa Jaye,  
walk chairwoman

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead sponsors the second annual Christmas Walk. Proceeds will be used to restore Greenmead's Alexander Blue House, an Italianate style house built before 1850 and the former home of Alexander Blue, once a county auditor, township su-

pervisor and justice of the peace. Plans call for the 13-room house to be used as a conference center and reception hall for Greenmead's nearby chapel.

BESIDES BEING a major fundraiser, the Christmas walk is one way for the city to exhibit its diverse architecture.

"We want to dispel the notion that Livonia is a cookie-cutter community," said Theresa Jaye, walk chairwoman. "We have a cross-section of home styles here that date back to the turn of the century."

Each home on the walk will be filled with holiday flowers and decorations donated by one of six Livonia florists. One homeowner plans her own decorating this year. The Livonia Historical Society will decorate eight rooms of the 149-year-old Hill House.

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photos by JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

A centerpiece of greenery, flags and ornaments cast the Hill House dining room at Greenmead in a patriotic glow.

## Symphony stages 'The Nutcracker'



Bettina Sulser of New York will perform the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

By Linda Ann Chomin  
special writer

Before the evening ended, trumpets would announce the violins, then a single crash of a cymbal resounding through the rehearsal hall would awaken the 1990 holiday season with the magic music of "The Nutcracker" by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.



F. DiBlasi

In an hour and a half, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra's rehearsal, under the direction of Francesco DiBlasi, would begin with Tchaikovsky's March of the Trumpets. The Livonia Symphony Orchestra, along with the Contemporary Civic Ballet under director Rose Marie Floyd, will present two performances of Tchaikovsky's Suite from the Ballet, "The Nutcracker," on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8, in the

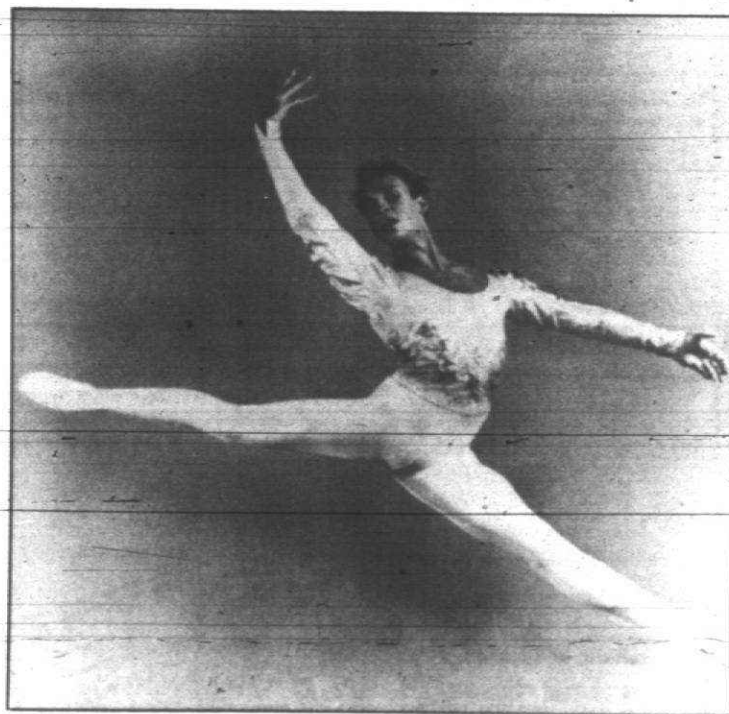
Churchill High School Auditorium, Livonia.

"We are importing two dancers from the American Ballet Theater for 'The Nutcracker,'" said Francesco DiBlasi, conductor of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra.

Bettina Sulser and Fritz Masten are the New York dancers who will perform roles in "The Nutcracker," Sulser as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Masten as the Cavalier and Snow King. Sulser has danced professionally since 1984 with the American Ballet Theater under artistic director Mikhail Baryshnikov.

At 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra and the Contemporary Civic Ballet will present the full production of "The Nutcracker" with Sulser and Masten.

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, the orchestra and ballet will present Act II of "The Nutcracker," Gene Autry's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" with guest conductor, Santa Claus; "Toy Symphony" by Haydn; "Disney



Fritz Masten will perform the roles of the Cavalier and Snow King in the Livonia production of "The Nutcracker."

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## She's a deserving award winner; Smile and Say Read

TAPPING THE creative pipeline:

• She's Co to those of us who work with her.

And it's no surprise Corinne Abatt of the Observer & Eccentric staff was one of nine 1990 Governor's Arts Awards winners Monday at a lavish dinner at the Clubland in Detroit.

The statewide awards honor excellence and recognize leadership in the arts, two qualities Co exudes.

Co won the Media Honor Roll Award "for fostering public recognition and support of the arts and artists in Michigan through a sustained commitment to providing significant media coverage."

Creative Living editor of the Eccentric newspapers since 1975, the Beverly Hills resident not only appreciates the arts, she also can write about them with style and verve yet

simply.

Co figures she has tapped out more than 1,000 major stories on the arts. But her love for chronicling such artistry hasn't faded. As she put it: "In most instances, I've enjoyed the people."

Co is on a first-name basis with most of the major local movers and shakers in the arts world. And gallery owners in communities served by the Eccentric typically look to her first when they host a major exhibit.

When WJBK-TV2 recently did a prime-time news report on the growing Birmingham arts colony, they quoted Co as an authoritative voice.

Her goals when she took her job tell much about her top priority: to bring the world of fine art into the homes of folks who enjoy the arts



Bob Sklar

but who aren't necessarily connoisseurs.

Co strives to expose readers to events and people who comprise the arts, to portray artists as vital community assets and to highlight the excitement and richness of artistic creations.

To Co, the arts are a friend. To her they make a difference in our everyday lives. That's keynoted through the special way she can make them interesting for even the casual arts

follower.

Thanks, Co, for being such an inspiration to co-workers, readers and arts devotees alike.

You've earned this moment in the sun.

• Smile and Say Read. That's the theme of the Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest.

To remind Americans of the power and pleasure of reading as a lifelong activity, Librarian of Congress James Billington has designated 1991 as the Year of the Lifetime Reader.

Amateur photographers of all ages are invited to capture the spirit of lifelong reading and vie for prizes in a contest sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library, American Library Association and Library of Congress' The Center for

the Book.

Your subjects await in classrooms, at the library, in coffee shops, at home, in the park, at bookstores — anywhere people read.

Entries will be judged on photo quality and artistic merit. Prizes will be awarded in youth and adult divisions for black-and-white and color photos.

Entries, due Jan. 10, will be displayed at the Farmington Hills library during judging. Winners will be picked during National Book Week Jan. 20-26.

For entry details, call the Farmington Community Library: 553-0300. Photographers may enter only one local "Year of the Lifetime Reader Photo Contest."

Top local winners will be eligible for national competition with a

\$2,000 grand prize awarded during National Library Week April 14-20.

Why make such a fuss about bookworms? As historian Barbara W. Tuchman put it:

"Books are the carriers of civilization. Without books, history is silent, literature dumb, science crippled, thought and speculation at a standstill. They are engines of change, windows on the world, 'lighthouses' (as a poet said) 'erected in the sea of time.'"

Added Farmington librarian Maureen Baugh: "We're always looking for ways to get people into libraries and get them to read. We're hoping this contest will help."

So do I.

Bob Sklar is the O&E's assistant managing editor for special projects.



## Steady

### Practice how you hold camera

How you hold your camera is important in order to obtain sharp pictures. Camera movement during exposure is one of the most frequent causes of fuzzy photos.

Too often, I've seen amateur photographers jerk the shutter release button and what could have been a prize-winning picture is hopelessly lost to camera jiggles.

There are some simple techniques you can follow when not using a tripod to minimize the shakes and maximize the chances of steady and sharp pictures.

To start with, hold your camera in a way that's both comfortable and steady. If right handed, grasp the right side of your camera in your right hand with your forefinger gently resting on the shutter release.

Cup the camera body in your left palm with your fingers on the focusing ring. For left-handers, just



photography  
**Monte Nagler**

reverse the positions.

**KEEP YOUR** arms and elbows against your body, not suspended in air. Stand firmly on the ground with your feet slightly wider than shoulder width. Hold your camera tightly against your face, take a breath, hold it, and gently squeeze the shutter release. Chances are you'll make a picture free from camera movement.

You can even brace yourself against a nearby tree or set your camera atop a fence post or car

roof to improve sharpness. What shutter speed should you use? It depends on the size of the lens you're using. A general rule is to use a shutter speed equal to or faster than the focal length of the lens. For example, use a shutter speed of 1/60 second or faster when using a normal 50 mm lens. A 1/250 second speed should be used with a 200mm lens and a 1/15 second or faster with a 17mm wide angle lens.

With zoom lenses, this guideline still holds true. Just use a shutter speed close to wherever you've set your zoom.

A golfer will practice his swing and his grip of the club. A marksman will practice squeezing the trigger. Photographers, too, should practice their handling and shooting techniques.



No signs of camera jiggles in this picture. Monte Nagler used proper holding techniques to produce this photograph of a scene at Point Lobos, Calif.

## Chamber choir at Cranbrook

The 20-voice Chamber Choir of Eastern Michigan University will present a program of music by the great choral masters at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

The program of music by composers from the Renaissance to the 20th century, will be directed by Leonard L. Riccio.

Concert goers will be greeted outside Cranbrook House front door by a traditional brass choir playing old and familiar carols.

A festive holiday reception in the Oak Room will follow the concert.

Parking is in Christ Church Cranbrook parking lot, near Pine at Cranbrook with shuttle bus service to the door.

For ticket information, call 751-2455.

## creative impressions

This column appears regularly. Send news items to: Creative Impressions, Creative Living, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

**● AUTHOR SIGNING**  
Kathleen Stocking, author of the popular northern-Michigan book, "Letters from the Leelanau," will sign copies of her book from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Book Shop, Novi Town Center, off Novi Road, just south of I-96. The book is published by the University of Michigan Press.

**● FACULTY PERFORMING**  
Center for Creative Studies-Institute of Music and Dance will present a vocal chamber music recital featuring the vocal and instrumental faculty and guest artists at 8 p.m. Friday, 200 E. Kirby in the Detroit Cultural Center.

For ticket information, call 872-3118, ext. 432.

**● PIANIST TO PLAY**  
Pianist Bess Bonnier, Detroit's "First Lady of Jazz," will be joined by bassist Paul Keller for the second performance of the Detroit Chamber Winds Nightnotes series.

The concert is set for 10:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Matuschus Sky Fox. Nightnotes is an eclectic monthly series of late-night music and mood sponsored by Detroit Chamber Winds and Matuschus Sky Fox Restaurant, 725 S. Huron, just south of Maple in Birmingham.

Performances are accompanied by wine, coffee and Matuschus pastries. Admission is \$12, including the refreshments.

Bonnier is renowned for her extraordinary jazz stylings. Most recently, she was featured before a capacity crowd at Hart Plaza as part of the Montreux Detroit Jazz Festival.

Future Nightnotes performances include a Jan. 11 appearance by The Story Peddler, William Alfred Boyce, and "Notes with Brahms" on Feb. 8, featuring pianist Lawrence Liberson, cellist Debra Payroian and pianist Robert Conway.

Reservations are recommended. Call Matuschus Sky Fox, 642-6900.

**● HOLIDAY FEST**  
Westland Cub Scout Pack 864 and Merriman Road Baptist Church in Garden City will perform in the Hotel St. Regis holiday program, "Where All Your Holiday Dreams Come True."

There will be free entertainment and refreshments at the Detroit hotel, decorated in traditional holiday

style, including floral arrangements. The scouts will perform 6 p.m. Dec. 13, the church group 6:30 p.m. Dec. 18.

**● ON STAGE**  
The American Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at St. Genevieve Parish; 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 at American House Retirement Residence; and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, all in Livonia.

**● CRECHE DISPLAY**  
One-hundred nativity scenes from around the world will be featured at a creche display at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 31450 Six Mile at Merriman, in Livonia, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The display, free of charge, shows the birth of Christ from the point of view of many different cultures and through many art forms. Among the materials used are wood, clay, glass, paper, and fabric.

**● AUTHOR SIGNS**  
Redford Township author Shelby Thacker will sign copies of her debut novel, "Falcon on the Wind," from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Sweet Afton Tea Room, 955 N. Mill, Plymouth.

She will also be signing books from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at B Dalton Bookseller in Woodland Mall, Livonia.

The novel, set in medieval France and Scotland, was one of six national finalists in the 1989 Romance Writers of America (RWA) Golden Heart Competition. It also won four regional RWA awards.

The story follows the adventures of ex-mercenary Count of Glenishel and heiress Laurion d'Amboise as they work to thwart an English takeover of Scotland. From a besieged French castle to the Scottish Highlands, they discover dangerous secrets, and fall in love. Thacker spent 2 1/2 years researching and writing the novel.

The trade magazine, "Romantic Times," gave "Falcon on the Wind" a four-plus rating, a rare compliment for a first-time author.

Reviewer Kathie Robin said, "Shelby Thacker's 'Falcon on the Wind' joins the ranks of the finest medieval

captivity/caprice stories, along with those by Elizabeth Stewart and Johanna Lindsey. A new star of medieval romance is on the rise."

Born in Livonia, Shelby graduated from Northville High school in 1981 and went on to Albion College, where she majored in English and French.

She lived in the French Alps for four months during her junior year of college, studying French language and literature at the Universite de Grenoble.

In 1985, she graduated from Albion with highest honors, a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

**● LANGFORD SINGERS**  
The Langford Singers, conducted by Harry Langford, will hold open auditions Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 9-10 at North Congregational Church in Southfield.

Langford is well known in the Detroit area for his choral conducting abilities. He was conductor of the Wayne State University Men's Glee Club and Chamber Singers for 40 years until his retirement in 1988.

The Langford Singers consist of a 50-voice Male Choir and a 50-voice Chamber Choir.

Requirements are: previous choral

## Luminaries aid local symphony

By Linda Ann Chomlin  
special writer

The Plymouth Symphony League is continuing its tradition of selling luminaria kits on behalf of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra's operating budget will receive half of the sales from the luminaria kits sold this holiday season. The rest of the money will benefit the Trailwood Garden Club.

What are luminaria kits? Luminaries are lanterns made from a cuffed paper bag and a candle. The bottom of the bag is weighted with two cups of sand, rock, soil, bird seed or kitty litter. This keeps the lanterns from being blown away when lit; they are placed at curbside on Christmas Eve.

"Luminaria or luminaries are a holiday tradition borrowed from the Southwest," said Laurene Vigi, a league member in charge of publicity for the kits.

"On Christmas Eve, the Spanish light the lanterns along the way for the Holy Family."

"The luminaria" kits cost \$3.50.

They contain 10 candles and 10 white paper bags. Adapted from a Spanish custom, the league luminaries will be lit and placed curbside in the community at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

"In the last couple of years, the sale of the luminaria kits has earned over \$2,000 for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra," Vigi said.

Throughout the year, the league holds various events to aid the orchestra's operating budget for the season. On Dec. 1 at a Christmas Ball, league president Linda Hart presented a check for \$10,000 to the orchestra.

The next scheduled fund-raising event will be the league's winter antique mart Jan. 11-12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Luminaria kits will be sold by the league from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 15 at Westchester Mall in Plymouth and on Dec. 8, 15 and 22 at Kroger's, Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, in Plymouth.

For more information, call league chairwoman Jill Licata: 459-3827.

experience, a pleasant voice that blends well with others, above average total memory, some sight-reading ability, one prepared solo of your choice.

Call Dianne Cragg, 881-5499.

**● DSO CHIEF**  
Mark Volpe, currently the vice president and general manager of the Minneapolis Orchestra, has been named executive director of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

"His experience, vitality, and proven management skills are beneficial for the orchestra and for Detroit," said Steve Miller, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall chairman.

"He is respected throughout the music industry by colleagues and musicians alike."

Volpe, 33, will assume his new duties in January.

Music of the supposed long-lost (and best forgotten) son of J.S. Bach will be performed at a special concert, "An Evening with P.D.Q. Bach (1807-1742)" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Orchestra Hall.

Semi-conducting the program will be celebrated musicologist Professor Peter Schickel, who will lead the DSO, with help from William Walters, in his new works as the Henry Walther, Royal Firewater Music, Fuga Meshuga and Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra with Schickel as soloist.

The DSO's popular holiday production of "The Nutcracker" returns to the Fox Theatre for 15 performances Friday, Dec. 14 through Wednesday, Dec. 26.

This year marks the production's second season at the Fox. It is the 16th season of collaboration between the DSO, Dance Detroit and Marjorie College. Jacob Lasca serves as director/choreographer.

Joining the DSO and Dance Detroit are guest principal dancers from the New York City Ballet: Melinda Roy and Peter Boal on the evenings of Dec. 14-16, 18 and 26 and Merrill Ashley and Jock Soto on the evenings of Dec. 19-23.

Principal dancers for the matinee performances are Amy Smith and Dmitry Mikhayenko on Dec. 15 and 22; Maria Aversa and James Russell Toth on Dec. 16; Marie Aversa and Ken Levitt on Dec. 23, and Amy Smith and Ken Levitt (of the Dance Theatre of Harlem) on Dec. 26.

DSO Associate Conductor Leslie B. Dunner will lead the orchestra in all performances. The Women of the Detroit Symphony Chorus will provide off-stage chorus parts at the close of Act I.

For tickets to any DSO concert: 833-3700.

**● FLORAL TOURS**  
Christmas songs are depicted in floral decorations this month at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane in Dearborn.

"The Songs of Christmas" is the theme for the holidays at Fair Lane. Florists throughout the area have volunteered their time and materials to decorate this national historic landmark, home to autograph Henry Ford I and his wife, Clara.

Guided 90-minute tours include the mansion and adjacent powerhouse. They begin at 10 and 11 a.m. and at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The run continuously 1-4:30 p.m. Sundays (closed Christmas Day).

Tour cost is \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and students. Children younger than 5 are admitted free.

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## Match media to subject for best results

"Da...vid...Da...vid. The voice called in the middle of the night. Sitting up in bed, I realized it must have been a dream.

"Da...vid," again I heard it, it was almost spiritual. Stumbling toward the voice, I made my way into the kitchen as the refrigerator light bathed my sleeping eyes. I saw the source of my calling, apple pie. It haunted me, it drove and heaped me night and day until finally I ate the whole thing!

Just a few weeks ago, I was outside working in the summer heat. Sandy brought me some water and asked if I was ready for lunch. Feeling healthy, I said, "No, Hon, I'm just gonna eat an apple, thanks anyway."

This summer's heat really did seem to turn off my appetite. But, oh, how things have changed since

the cool weather came in. The vision of a bowl of fruit pails in the unblinking glow of a chocolate-covered doughnut and coffee (double cream). It scares me to think of entering the holiday season with writhing-taste buds!

There are many of you artists out there that choke when you think of certain media or subjects. My goal for myself and my students is to be able to use whatever media best suits whatever subject we intend to do.

I don't want to feel like there is a media or subject that I couldn't handle or execute for myself or my customers. To do this, you must feel free enough to move out of the safety of your favorite media or your favorite subject.



artifacts  
**David Messing**

I like to think of media or subjects that I am rusty or inexperienced in and consistently develop them until they become a strength. I would hate to be remembered as just a wildlife artist or a commercial artist or a sign painter.

Likewise, I wouldn't want only to be known as a watercolorist or an oil painter or pen and ink artist. I would love it if we all could be versatile and unafraid to say, "I don't know

but I will learn" or "I can't draw it yet but I will soon." Art lessons, of course, will help speed you toward this goal.

Lessons often force you into the sometimes uncomfortable position where you realize that you don't know what to do next. Well, that is precisely the point where learning begins.

Lessons in art offer you the opportunity to "get stuck" in the presence

of the teacher. What you are paying money for is to learn. What a particular pleasure it is for the teacher to show the student that their supposed "seadent" was merely a "rest stop" for learning.

I GUESS it is like the musician who consistently works at a particular score of music. When it is finally mastered, he or she moves into other, perhaps more difficult pieces.

Or you could compare it to playing a video game that you just can't put down until you succeed on a certain level.

Then with hardly a pat on the back, you go at it again, seeking for yet a higher level. Now if you don't see your need for growth, then let me ask you a few questions.

Could you do a portrait of Uncle

Bill? Can you do an oil of your sister's dog or would pastel be more your choice? Here is a commercial product, could you do a pen and ink of it for a brochure?

The church needs a 3-by-15 paper banner sign. Would or could you handle it? Or finally, could you do a cartoon for a magazine article? Of course, you must see your need to grow as a "creator" and not your own weaknesses. What I am trying to say is, don't run away from your weak subjects or media.

Instead, run to them. Stay with them until you master them and then move into yet another weakness. Whether by instruction or self-criticism, you can learn to use any media. You can also, by instruction or your own careful study, correctly represent any subject.

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## Mexican mask exhibit planned for Cranbrook

Mexico's richest and most popular folk art traditions will be featured in the exhibition "Mexican Masks from the Collection of Rafael Coronel" on view Dec. 14 through Feb. 24 at Cranbrook Art Museum, Lone Pine and Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills.

The exhibition is a selection from Mexican painter Rafael Coronel's collection of 6,000 masks and includes 400 examples dating from the 16th century to the present.

A PROGRAM of activities relating to the exhibition will be scheduled.

Prehispanic masks dating from the 16th century, colonial masks and contemporary masks are featured in the exhibit. They represent the history, heritage and world view of Mexico's diverse population, which includes 50 Indian tribes as well as people of Spanish and African descent.

The masks originated in southern and northern regions of Mexico and include examples from Veracruz, Michoacan, Oaxaca, Puebla, Jalisco, Chiapas and Guanajuato. Among the ethnic groups represented are the Nahuatl, the Purepecha, the Huasteco, the Otomi and the Yaqui.

MASKS HAVE been used in Mexico throughout the centuries for magical festivities, religious ceremonies and folkloric dances. The person

wearing a mask can heal illness, become an angel or conjure the gods by taking on the appearance of his enemies.

The shape, the colors and even the materials with which each mask was built have a special meaning that was commonly understood by the exhibitors. Most of the masks in the exhibition are made of wood, carved by hand and decorated with oil paints and other media.

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## Collection of master prints on exhibit

"Master Prints of Five Centuries: The Alan and Marianne Schwartz Collection" is being shown exclusively at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 6.

This exhibition is a selection of nearly 200 master prints from the 15th century to 19th, with examples of all the major printmaking techniques: woodcut, engraving, etching and lithography.

Innovative painter-printmakers from Albrecht Durer to George Bellows are represented by some of their finest prints.

The collectors, residents of Bloomfield Hills, have a long association with the Detroit Institute of Arts. Detroit attorney Alan E. Schwartz is an adviser to the City of Detroit Arts Commission and a senior partner in the firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn.

Marianne Schwartz has been a trustee of the museum's Founders Society since 1970 and is a member of its executive committee. She is an honorary member of the board of directors of the Founders Graphic Arts Council.

This exhibition celebrates the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the DIA's Schwartz Graphic Arts Galleries, made possible by the Schwartz' gift and named in honor of the couple and their children — Marc, Kurt and Ruthanne. The exhibition is made possible by the city of Detroit, the state of Michigan, the Founders Society and the Schwartz Family Foundation.

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Free Gift Just For Coming In!

SUNNYMEDE APTS.

561 KIRTS

(1 blk. S. of Big Beaver, between Livernois & Crooks)

362-0290

## WALLED LAKE/W. BLOOMFIELD

Free Rent-1/2 mo. low security. Large 1 bedroom, heat, cable, air, pool, no pets. \$410. 644-1163 624-0790

WAYNE - Furnished efficiency, \$300 mo. includes heat, water and appliances. 326-5515 or 728-0699

WAYNE - SAVE RENT \$345 utilities included. Only 2 one bedroom apts. left. 1 block from the Ann Arbor Hospital, lovely area. 678-6540

WAYNE WESTLAND - clean, quiet, attractive, 1 bedroom, new appliances, private entrance. \$200 security. \$390 rent. 721-6899

WAYNE - New carpet apt. \$395 per mo. includes heat, water and appliances. New carpet. Call 531-2523 or 531-6291 or 728-8822

WESTLAND PARK APARTMENTS

Across from City Park (Cherry Hill)

1 & 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths

Pool, Vertical Blinds

Secured Locked Hallways

HEAT INCLUDED

From \$445

Monthly or Lease

729-6636

## FORD/WAYNE RD. AREA

Spacious 1 & 2 bedroom apts. Amenities include:

• Carpeting

• Park-like setting

• Close to shopping

• Owner paid heat

• Dishwasher

• Park-like setting

• Close to shopping

• Owner paid heat

COUNTRY VILLAGE APTS

326-3280

## 400 Apts. For Rent

**\$200 DEPOSIT**

(with approved credit)

**Westland Estates**

6843 Wayne

(Walk to Hudson's)

1 bedroom from \$430

2 bedroom from \$505

Includes air conditioning - heat - carpet - swimming pool. Cable available. No pets.

721-6468

## WESTLAND - CAPRI APARTMENTS

1 bedroom starting at \$420. Heat & water included. Special: \$200 security deposit. 261-5410

WESTLAND - Immediate occupancy. Spacious 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, pool, carport. Application fee required. Glenwood Orchards 728-5090

WESTLAND - Joy & Middlebelt, 2nd floor studio, separate kitchen, bath & storage; heat & water included. \$350/mo. + security. Non smoker. Available now. After 6pm 437-3131

WESTLAND/NORWAYNE - 2 bedroom, \$375 + 1 mo. security. ADC welcome. 2114 Emerson, near Palmer/Wildwood. 855-7736

## SPECIAL ON SECURITY DEPOSIT \$200

1 MONTH FREE RENT ON 1 BEDROOM APTS.

Limited time only

WESTLAND AREA

Club House, Patio, Pets Allowed, Air, Carpet.

FREE HEAT & HOT WATER

1 BEDROOM - \$445

2 BEDROOM - \$495

## BLUE GARDEN APTS.

Westland's Finest Apartments

Cherry Hill & Newburgh

Daily 11am-6pm - Sat. 10am-2pm

729-2242

## WESTLAND-SUBLEASE

1st. month free. Lease up in June. \$460 mo. includes heat/gas/water. 1 bedroom, security building. 454-0378

WESTLAND (Vanoy-N. of Michigan) remodeled 1 bedroom apartment, stove, refrigerator, carpet. Immediate occupancy \$400 mo. 274-6202

## WARRIS FARMS APARTMENTS

Ask about our "SPECIAL"

Spacious 2 bedroom units only. Our 2 bedrooms have 2 full or 1 1/2 baths. All units include washer, dryer, vertical blinds, central air and appliances. Call for appointment. Hours 9am-5pm closed Wed & Sun 421-8200

## WAYNE/FORD RD. AREA

Spacious 1 & 2 bedroom apts. Amenities include:

• Carpeting

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COUNTRY VILLAGE APTS

326-3280

## Western Hills Apts.

SPECIAL \$200 Move in Rebate

1 & 2 bedroom apartments

729-6520

Cherry Hill & Newburgh

WESTLAND 1 bedroom, \$430 plus electric, within walking distance to Westland Mall. 690 Yale. 326-8599

## BLOOMFIELD CONDO, 2 bedrooms.

1 1/2 bath, fireplace. \$850 month to month or lease, includes utilities. Available immediately. 823-9863

## BLOOMFIELD HILLS on private estate

2 bed apt. with pool, take the convenience out of your relocation. Transfer. Decorator design high rise apartments feature fully equipped kitchens with utensils, maid service, indoor heated swimming pool, tennis, exercise and sauna. Month to month lease available. 646-6000

## BIRMINGHAM EXECUTIVE APTS.

• Short term rentals from \$35/day including utilities

• Fully furnished

• Housekeeping/linen service

• Continental Breakfast

• Dinner Optional

• Cable TV

• 24 hour security

• Pets welcome

• Flexible rental agreements

## 1100 NORTH ADAMS BIRMINGHAM

645-0420





#### 404 Houses For Rent

**FARMINGTON HILLS - Farmington**  
12 miles, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, ranch on large lot, family room, basement, immediate occupancy, appliances, \$895, plus security. 478-7138

**FARMINGTON - 3 bedroom brick**  
1 1/2 bath, garage, air, newly decorated, finished basement, fenced yard, 1717sq ft. Call for details. See \$895 per month, plus security. 478-7138

**GARDEN CITY - 2 or 3 bedroom**  
carpeting, appliances, garage and more. No pets. References and security deposit required. 458-8268

**GARDEN CITY - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath**  
attached garage, fenced yard, library, finished basement, \$975/month. 522-1368

#### HOMES OF THE WEEK

**DETROIT - 3 bedroom, basement**  
double garage, \$450/mo.

**LIVONIA - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath**  
all appliances, family room, 2 car attached garage, 6 miles/Gill Rd. area, \$1,350/mo.

**NOVI - 3 bedroom, 2 bath**  
ranch, lakefront, 2 car garage, near 196 & 12 Oaks, \$1,100/mo.

**WATERFORD - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath**  
open floor plan, \$800/mo.

**WESTLAND - 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath**  
all appliances, full basement, 2 car garage, \$800/mo.

#### 8 MONTH LEASE OR LONGER

#### HARRIMAN REAL ESTATE

477-6980

**INKSTER - 3 bedroom, brick**  
Garage, basement, \$650.  
2 bedroom ranch \$490. Option to buy available on both. 788-1823

**Lahser/7 Mile - 2 bedroom, new**  
carpeting, full basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard, \$350/mo, \$500 security. 553-2165 or 478-6498

**LATHRUP VILLAGE - 4 bedroom**  
ranch, 1800 sq ft, 3 full baths, finished basement, 2 1/2 car attached garage, more. 569-0482

**LINCOLN PARK - stately 2 story 3**  
bedroom brick, 1100sq ft, large yard, 2 car garage, elegant bay window, \$625 plus deposit. 383-0447

**LIVONIA - Sharp 3 bedroom brick**  
ranch, family room, 2 baths, full finished basement, appliances, 2 car garage, \$625/mo. 525-6243

**LIVONIA - Nice area - 2 bedroom**  
home, completely furnished, family room, Franklin Ave. \$600 + utilities. Only Jan. & Feb. 550-2131

**LIVONIA - 2 bedroom ranch, large**  
and fridge, window treatments, large lot, no pets, 8 miles/Middlebelt area, \$650/month. After 6pm 420-2247

**LIVONIA - 3 bedroom ranch, newly**  
decorated, full basement, 2 car garage, 1 yr lease, no pets. \$775/mo, plus deposit. 525-6243

**LIVONIA - 3 bedroom brick ranch**  
furn, new carpet, finished basement, 2 car garage, oak floors, many extras, no pets. \$695/mo. 453-7982

**LIVONIA - 3 bedroom brick ranch**  
1 1/2 baths, basement, appliances, garage, available 1/1. \$795. Call RICHTER & ASSOC. 348-5100

**LIVONIA - 5 mile & Merriman**  
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, brick ranch, new carpet, fenced yard, many extras. \$500 per month. Please call after 5pm. 591-3599

**LIVONIA - 5 mile-Levan area**  
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 level with attached garage, new carpet, appliances, \$650/mo, \$850 security. Immediate occupancy. 464-7652

**LIVONIA-9005 Shadydale, Clean 2**  
bedroom, 2 bathroom, appliances, newly decorated. No pets. \$575/mo. Immediate occupancy. 422-3676

**MADISON HEIGHTS: 2 bedrooms**  
plus dormer, near schools & park. \$495 per mo. plus 1 1/2 security. Call leave message. 335-9575

**NORTHVILLE - attractive 4 bed**  
room on 2 1/2 acres, with 2 car attached garage, short term lease until June 1, 1991, \$975/mo. 462-3633 or 348-8635

**NORTHVILLE - Large duplex, 3 bed**  
room, 1 1/2 bath, finished basement, new appliances, \$790 mo. 595-1552 or 592-2992

**NORTHVILLE - 4 bedroom Colonial**  
2,400 sq. ft., dining, family room, central air, appliances, attached garage, available 1/1/91, \$1,495. RICHTER & ASSOC. 348-5100

**NOVI - 1/2 acre sprawling ranch, 3**  
bedrooms, attached garage, central location. No pets/Haggerty. asking \$1,050, call ONE WAY TODAY! 474-5500

**NOVI LAKEFRONT on Walled Lake**  
Newer single family home, 7 rooms, total: 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, \$700 mo. + utilities. Available now. 698-4228

**NOVI - Large 2 bedroom home**  
Garage, fireplace, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, washer/dryer, central air, \$600/mo. + security. 348-7482

**NOVI MEADOWBROOK & 10 MILE AREA**  
4240 PARK RIDGE  
3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining room, computer room, full basement, attached garage, a clean family home in a great sub. with nice schools. \$1300/mo. Meadowmanagement, Inc. Bruce Lloyd 348-5400

**NOVI - 1 1/2 Mile/Meadowbrook, 5**  
acre site, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, 2 car attached garage, family room, fireplace, central air. Available immediately. \$1100 mo. 591-2424

**NOVI - ROYAL OAK DOUGLAS, Immacu**  
late 3 bedroom, 1 bath, family room, newly decorated, includes stove, refrigerator, possible option to buy, \$675/mo. + utilities. 553-7028

**OAKLAND COUNTY - Youthful,**  
childless, non-smoking couple sought to occupy portion of conveniently located, landmark mansion. One spouse not employed off premises. Possible part time employment on premises. \$300/mo. with numerous conditions. Respond to Box 802, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

**OAK PARK - Between 9 & 10 Mile**  
just E. of Coolidge, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, \$650 mo. 531-2278

**OAK PARK - 20730 Westmont**  
Open Sunday 12-3: 3 bedroom ranch, 1 bath, basement, 2 car garage, fenced yard, \$550, 1st & 2nd rent and security deposit. 699-4822

**OAK PARK - 24111 MANISTEE**  
2 bedroom ranch, 2 car garage, reasonable rent. Realty World Cash & Assoc. 543-6488

**PLYMOUTH - Good location**  
Attractive 2 bedroom ranch, 1 1/2 bath, full basement, stove, refrigerator, full basement, 2 car garage, no pets. No pets. \$825 mo. + deposit. 455-5977

**PLYMOUTH Small 2 bedroom in**  
AF new interior, 2 1/2 baths, appliances, central air, garage, semi-furnished or unfurnished. \$775 plus utilities. 453-4449

**PLYMOUTH-VICTORIAN CHARM**  
in the heart of Plymouth Center, this 2 bedroom, 1000 sq. ft. rental. Available immediately for \$695 month. CALLEE & NOEL 458-6010

**PLYMOUTH - 3 bedroom ranch, 1**  
full bath, utility room, 1 car attached garage, your appliances, fenced yard, no pets. No pets. \$825 mo. + security. 468-1756

**REDFORD - 2 bedroom, furnished/**  
unfurnished, tiled basement on quiet street near St. Agnes. \$595 plus security. 453-6824

**REDFORD-2 bedroom brick house**  
with garage, family room, clean, no pets \$500 per mo. 375-9268 or 758-7353

#### 404 Houses For Rent

**PINE LAKE FRONT**  
3 bedroom, 2 bath, family room, hardwood floors, immediate occupancy, \$1,200 per month.  
Call R. W. Watson  
674-2322 or 682-4700

**REDFORD - BEECH/5 Mile, \$475**  
mo, 2 bedroom, basement, garage, available now, 1st & last mo. free, \$200 security deposit. Call between 6-10pm, Wed.-Fri. 532-6797

**REDFORD TWP., home information**  
center has a free rental housing bulletin board. Call 937-2171.

**REDFORD TWP. - 2 bedroom, unf**  
finished basement, fenced yard, \$460/mo. + deposit. Open Sat. Dec. 8, 12 noon - 5pm. 15462 Leona, 2nd bl. N. of 5 Mile, way between Beech & Telegraph

**ROCHESTER HILLS 4 bedroom, 2 1/2**  
bath, 2 car garage, air, family room w/ fireplace, \$1,250/mo, plus security. 525-6243

**ROCHESTER HILLS, 3 bedroom,**  
1 1/2 bath, gas heat, garage, fenced yard, rent with option. \$950 mo. Days 484-6840; eves. 335-7951

**ROCHESTER HILLS - Just N. of**  
Troy on Adams rd. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, security deposit. \$400/mo. + security deposit. Call 842-1820 642-8735, AM

**ROCHESTER HILLS - Custom ranch**  
in Hawthorn Sub. Great room with large bay, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, air, security system, near schools. \$1,500 mo. 628-5516

**ROCHESTER HILLS**  
Spacious open, finished b-level with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, carpeted, fireplace, central air, appliances, large fenced yard. \$795. Majestic Properties Inc. 332-6500

**ROCHESTER - Short or long term**  
Cozy 3 bedroom bungalow, park like setting on Paint Creek, \$1,200 - \$1,500 mo. Call Dave after 6pm: 332-6500

**ROCHESTER - 3 bedroom brick**  
ranch, attached garage, basement, appliances, enclosed patio, rec room, \$795 mo. Call 551-5368

**ROMEO 2 bedroom house, carpeted**  
throughout, fireplace, central air, 1 car garage, \$575/mo. Lease & security required. Call: 752-2407

**N. ROYAL OAK - Brick cape cod, 3**  
or 4 bedroom, 2 baths, kitchen appliances, central air, \$600/mo. Call 525-6243

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**WAYNE-3 bedroom, brick ranch**  
newly decorated, 1300 sq. ft., fenced in yard, no basement, immediate occupancy. 427-0553

**W BLOOMFIELD lakefront, W**  
Bloomfield Schools, 5 bedroom, 2 car garage, available Jan. 1, \$1,475. 353-3167 or 494-1145

**WEST BLOOMFIELD-Charming,**  
cozy 3 bedroom home. Excellent location. Walnut Lake privileges. \$700 plus deposit. After 6pm. 851-0588

**WESTLAND - Clean 2 bedroom, just**  
renovated, gorgeous kitchen, garage, large fenced yard. Will make someone a nice home. Available Dec. 1. Must have secure employment and good references. \$650 + security. After 6pm. 721-0880

**WESTLAND: Cozy, clean 3 bedroom**  
brick ranch, 3 1/2 car garage, fenced yard, Livonia schools, no pets, \$725 month. 937-8533 or 553-8784

**WESTLAND, LIVONIA SCHOOLS**  
3 bedroom ranch, Florida room, all appliances, basement, garage, immediate occupancy. \$750 monthly. \$495 mo. + security. Ann Arbor Trail/Middlebelt area. Call 464-2845

**WESTLAND (Merriman-Palmer)**  
Nice 2 bedroom ranch, unfurnished, Dec. 1. Must have secure employment and good references. \$650 + security. After 6pm. 721-0880

**WESTLAND (Merriman-Palmer)**  
3 bedroom duplex, unfurnished, good condition. Immediate occupancy. \$495 mo. 274-6202

**WESTLAND - very clean but very**  
small 2 bedroom home w/basement at 538 N. 4400/mo security & references required. No pets. 591-3469

**WESTLAND - (Wayne/Warren)**  
Clean, very nice 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, basement, central air, appliances, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Must have secure job & references. \$800 mo. + Security. Immediate occupancy. After 6pm: 721-0880

**WESTLAND 2 bedroom, 1 bath**  
home, close to schools, \$425 plus security. R.E.M.C. 427-3244

**WESTLAND - 3/4 bedroom, carpeted**  
garage, \$450/mo. + security. References. Ask for Dave. 525-7900

**WESTLAND - 4 bedroom home**  
\$700, per mo. Jan. 1 available. 1 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Central air, large rec. room. 721-5990

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**502 Help Wanted**  
**Dental-Medical**

**HOME HEALTH AIDES**  
Upjohn Health Care Services has immediate AHO accredited for qualified home health aides to service Ulaia area. Afternoon & midnight shifts available. Competitive pay. Bonus program. (6 months nurse aide experience) & reliable transportation required.

**UPJOHN**  
HealthCare Services  
AHO accredited  
Call Mon thru Fri, 8am-3pm, 356-6600 (Southfield) 1-800-462-6603  
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17425 Glenview  
Livonia

Please call the promotion  
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& Eccentric before 4pm,  
Friday, Dec. 7, 1990 to  
claim your DINNER for  
TWO. CERTIFICATE.

Winner names will appear on Thursday only for this promotion.

**591-2300, ext. 404**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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LAB TECHNICIAN  
Part time: Evenings and occasional weekends  
Vivona office  
Cell Barbara 261-3891

**LOOKING FOR experienced insurance-broker/secretary?** Some computer experience helpful, very diversified position for growing South-

LPN's, day and midnight shift available, full time and part time positions. For info or appl. call Kathleen Harding at 255-6450

LPN's staff positions available for individuals interested in continuing to learn in geriatric nursing. We are seeking nurses who will provide our residents with the best kind of care would provide their parents. New wage & benefit package, full or part time. Please apply at Mt. Vernon Nursing Center, 26715 Greenbush between 10 & 11 mile

**LPN/STAFF NURSE**  
University Community & Nursing Home, a 180 bed skilled nursing facility, currently has a full opening for an LPN on the 3pm-11pm afternoon shift, if you enjoy working with the elderly in a close team

data? You offer an excellent compensation package including compensation, call health and life benefits & tuition reimbursement. Please call Joy Hendrich, at 427-6270, for an interview.

University of Wisconsin  
and Nursing Home  
26550 Five Lakes Rd.  
Lima, MI 48154

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## Medical Assistants

Henry Ford Health System, with an international reputation for excellence and innovation in health care, currently has part-time Medical Assistant positions available at either its Fairlane or Rochester Medical Centers.

All positions require the completion of a Medical Assistant course as well as the following:

**Fairlane**

Experience in OB/GYN, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine is highly desirable. Please send resume to: Dept. MM.

**Rochester**

A minimum of one year of pediatric experience is preferred. Please send resume to: OB.

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This single-family, detached condominium in the Maple Hills section of the Maple of Novi development by Classic Construction Co. of West Bloomfield is one of two products avail-

able for under \$100,000. Sales for the three-bedroom, 1½-bath units, which sell for \$99,900, are brisk, according to Classic Construction president Sam Blumenstein.

## Rising costs threaten 'affordable' housing

By Gerald Frawley  
staff writer

Building homes under \$100,000 — some say that in these days of rising land, labor and material costs, restrictive zoning and building codes and slow growth/no growth pressures that that's almost impossible.

The key word is "almost." Sam Blumenstein, president of Classic Construction in West Bloomfield, said there is a tremendous market for under \$100,000 housing, but no one is filling it because of obstacles.

Affordable housing is critical for first-time home buyers, who are just entering the home buyer market and need a way to build equity, and for empty nesters, who need less space now.

The need for affordable housing is best exemplified by the sales record of under \$100,000 homes.

"We keep hearing about the economy slowing down, but we're bucking the trend like crazy. Sales are up 50 percent," Blumenstein said.

Very few builders are building for the under \$100,000 market, Blumenstein said, but not because they don't want to build affordable housing. "Unless you're a vertical company like we are, you just can't do it."

CLASSIC CONSTRUCTION is able to save a great deal of money because the company not only assembles and buys the land, but rezones it, develops it and builds the homes as well.

"If you do all that, and you run a tight ship, you can still do it," he said.

Instead of someone making a profit at each step of the development process, he can sell homes at 15 to 20 percent savings because he cuts out several middlemen, Blumenstein said.

And just because it's affordable housing doesn't mean it's cheap housing, he said. A nine-hole golf course, nature and walking trails and common areas, and community centers and pools are available to the homeowners.

Classic Construction is developing the 900-unit Maples of Novi development which has several options available for under \$100,000. Attached one-bedroom, one-den condominiums start at \$79,990; and detached three-bedroom, 1½ baths

condominiums start at \$99,900.

Homes adjacent to a nine-hole golf course start at \$139,000.

The single greatest obstacle to building homes under \$100,000, Blumenstein said, is the price of land.

"You can't buy the land cheap enough and you can't develop it cheap enough to (build homes for \$100,000 or less)."

Once the price of the lot goes over \$22,000 to \$25,000, the price of building materials and labor makes \$100,000 an unattainable goal, he said. "That's what's really killing the under \$100,000 market."

BLUMENSTEIN ADDED that local government restrictions on minimum lot sizes, woodlands and wetlands are the greatest factors in driving up land costs.

To make affordable housing more common, Blumenstein said communities will have to loosen their restrictions and recognize the need for lower cost housing.

Some communities, he said, are already taking a second look at their ordinances. The result? More flexible zoning ordinances that allow builders to develop projects with a higher density on part of site in exchange for open space, woodlands or wetlands preservation on another part of the site, Blumenstein said.

Communities that insist on stricter zoning ordinances, he said, are learning the hard way that the costs of restrictive zoning ordinances are high.

In many recent lawsuits, the courts have sided with builders in saying that some of these restrictive ordinances constitute an unlawful taking of property.

Bill Lawson, a partner with the Michigan Home Builders Inc. in Rochester Hills, said land costs alone have made home construction under \$100,000 virtually impossible. Lawson primarily builds custom homes and small projects.

"It's really tough," he said. "You can go out into the sticks where the land is cheap, but you're going to have a hard time anywhere else."

Lawson builds homes in the \$100,000 to \$150,000 range in North Oakland County where land prices have skyrocketed in recent years.

IMPROVED LOTS, depending on where they're located, can cost as much as \$100,000 in desirable areas

and even in less desirable areas will frequently cost more than \$50,000, he said.

"If you're building in Rochester it will cost you \$40,000 just for the lot — that means you would have to build (the house) for about \$50,000. You can't do it," Lawson said.

James McLennan, president of Willow Development in Birmingham said there aren't any secrets to building homes for under \$100,000. Builders arrive at a home's cost by adding labor and materials costs and then factoring in the profit.

"And frankly, you don't make much of a return for \$99,900," McLennan said. "It's a real price, but it's also a promotional price."

Most people will add options to the base price that drive the cost up, he said.

"Which doesn't mean these are stripped-down models," McLennan said. A builder can build several lower priced homes to attract customers and then make up the profits by selling options and upscale models. "In that way, we're somewhat like the auto industry," he said.

McLENNAN SAID it's unlikely that builders will be able to hold the line on affordable housing for under \$100,000 much longer. "If we were to mass produce homes for under \$100,000, we'd have to take out a lot (of the standard features)."

McLennan developed Fox Run Condominiums in Waterford Township, which has two ranch-style, two-bedroom, 1½-bath units under \$100,000. Other two- and three-bedroom ranch and townhouse units at Fox Run range as high as \$140,000.

"They're essentially single-family homes that are attached one-half of one wall," he said.

Land costs are not the greatest factor in rising home prices, McLennan said. "Here in the Midwest, land is not the factor that it is on the west and east coasts."

Labor and materials are a greater part of housing costs than land, he said, adding that labor and materials are more volatile. Lumber costs, for example, have actually dropped in recent months, but other material costs have increased.

The net effect, he said, is that he has been able to hold the line on housing costs.

## Builders compete with existing housing stock

A subtle reason for the lack of homes for under \$100,000 is builders have a hard time competing with the existing home market.

Bill Lawson, a partner with the Michigan Home Builders Inc. in Rochester Hills, said rising costs have made it impossible to compete. "We can't build a home for the same price as an older home and give you the same thing."

Increased regulations, land costs, material costs, labor costs — all have risen in the last decade.

The main selling point of the new home is exactly that — its newness, he said.

High property taxes is another reason it is difficult to build homes

for under \$100,000, Lawson said.

Even though assessments have risen significantly in the high-growth areas, they have not risen as quickly as building costs, Lawson said.

Assessments on older homes of the same size and type as a newer home is generally lower for the older home because the assessment was established at the original lower sale price, he said.

LAWSON SAID some people point toward re-urbanization as the answer to building affordable homes — the argument being that builders should construct homes in Detroit and other urban areas where land costs are relatively low.

Image problems, racism and lack

of city services aside, builders are still reluctant to build in established urban areas — even though the extensive infrastructure makes property alluring, Lawson said.

Because property has either devalued or not appreciated, tax rates in urban areas are generally much higher than in less urbanized areas, he said. "So why would I want to build in Detroit?"

The tax burden on newer, high-cost housing would be huge, he said.

For example, two \$100,000 homes — one in Detroit and one in Rochester Hills — would cost the same to build, but taxes would probably be more than double on the Detroit home.

## Slowing economy turns interests to renovation

OK, maybe building a home under \$100,000 is becoming a thing of the past.

Rising land, labor and material costs, restrictive zoning and building codes and slow growth/no growth pressures have made new home construction a difficult, albeit not insurmountable task.

So other than apartments and existing homes, where does that leave John "blue collar" Smith?

Mike Claffone, a sales manager for the Michigan Condominium

Corp. said some builders will be turning to remodeling jobs of existing structures — especially in light of the slowing economy.

Remodeling can offer significant cost advantages to new construction depending on the property, he said, mainly because the building's structural frame — one of the greatest costs in building — already exists.

"The fact that we start with an existing structure reduces are costs significantly," he said.

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chase existing buildings in high-price, high-growth areas at half the cost of building new, he said, because assessments — even though they've increased — have grown as fast as building from scratch.

By remodeling old apartment complexes, builders can often bring in condominium projects well below \$100,000 — even as low as \$59,000.

And some existing facilities, Claffone continued, offer great opportunities. The Michigan Condominium Corp. recently revamped 116 execu-

tive rental units in West Bloomfield and renamed it Moon Lake Condominiums.

The two- or three-bedroom, two-bath, detached units, which sell for \$99,990, were a rare find even for a company that specializes in finding remodeling jobs. "It's by far one of the best products, new or (remodeled), on the market."

Claffone said one thing that adds greatly to the cost of housing is people expect more in a home and are unwilling to wait for the extra bed-

room or amenities.

Since remodeling cuts down on materials and labor costs, builders — with the right property — can offer more at a reduced price.

"If we built (Moon Lake condominiums) today, there's no way we could do it for \$99,990."

"(But) because we already had the existing structure, we were able to put more money into other things," he said.

Claffone said there are relatively few homes for under \$100,000 these

days, but there are still a lot of homes for under \$125,000. "There's actually a lot of competition out there."

Claffone said the line between "affordable" and "luxury" housing has continued to blur over the years.

"A \$100,000 home is not (the benchmark) that it used to be."

As costs continue to rise and building continues to be more difficult, first-time buyer and starter home prices will edge over the \$100,000 mark, he said.

## Engineering consultants announce reorganization

NYH Consultants of Farmington Hills has announced a reorganization.

Jerome C. Neyer has been named chairman of the board and chief executive officer. He had been president of NTH since 1976.

Benedict Tiseo has been named president. He had been NTH senior vice president, director of Midwest operations since 1989 and prior to that principal and vice president since 1971.

Kal R. Hindo is the new senior vice president for corporate development. He had been a principal of the firm since 1976.

James E. Ritsch joined NTH as senior vice president and chief financial officer, a newly formed position. He held a comparable position with a Wisconsin consulting engineering firm.

Stephanie A. Redman joined NTH as director of human resources. She served in the same position with

R.A. DeMattia Co.

NTH is a consulting engineering firm specializing in geotechnical, environmental and building support systems services.

Robert Pliska has been named president of Horton Commercial Realty, Birmingham. The company specializes in asset and property management, brokerage services including investment sales, mortgage financing and consulting services.

Pliska is a CPA who served as president and vice president of commercial real estate firms and specialized in service to real estate clients and financial institutions while with Coopers & Lybrand.

John A. Hamburger has been promoted to executive vice president of Parliament Co., a Birmingham construction and property management firm. He had previously been the firm's general counsel.

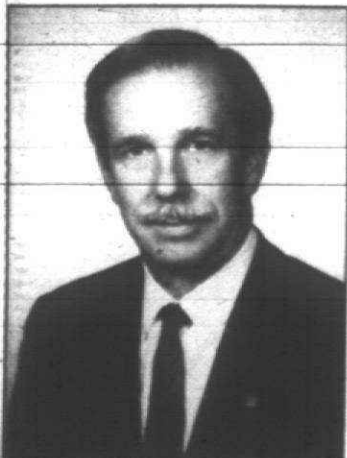
A. Robert Bliven has retired as vice president/architecture of Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates of Troy, where he worked 22 years.

During his career he was responsible for the development and design of such projects as the reconstruction of the Detroit/Canada Tunnel Plaza, expansion of Chrysler Corp. Mound Road Engine Plant, renovation of Fruehauf Corp. world headquarters in Detroit and Campbell-

Ewald's headquarters building in Warren.

Sunbelt Properties of Livonia will serve as Michigan broker for Keys Gate, a \$400 million resort community at the entrance to the Florida Keys.

Stratford Funding, a mortgage banking firm, has opened at 29398 Northwestern in Southfield. Founding partners at Bruce Tennen, Patrick Wolohan and Eric Johnson.



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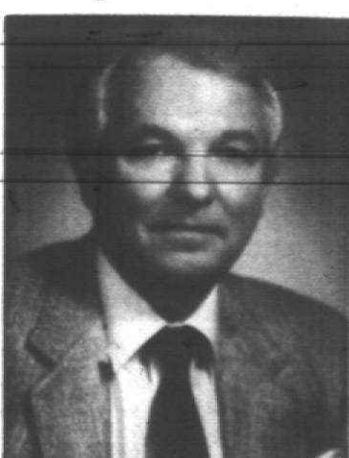
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## commercial real estate sales in Oakland and Wayne counties

This lists recent commercial real estate transactions in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The first name listed is that of the buyer. The second name is that of the seller. Any transaction price followed by an \* represents the price paid for more than one piece of property.

### WAYNE COUNTY

**Livonia**  
Autry Road  
Commercial  
Taylor Freezer Properties  
Harold Blumenstein Trust  
\$600,000

**Plymouth Township**  
Keel Street  
Commercial  
R. A. Demattia Co.

**Metro West Industrial**  
\$75,800

**Redford Township**  
26069 W. 8 Mile Road  
Shop (machine tool)  
Robert C. Lee  
Leon V. Calvert  
\$54,500

26069 W. 8 Mile Road  
Shop (machine tool)  
Charles J. Andrews  
Robert C. Lee  
\$72,000

26800 Grand River  
Auto Service Station  
Ben  
Jnc Inc.

\$95,000

**Westland**  
6232 Executive Drive  
Industrial  
North American Energy  
Albino Cicerone  
\$275,000

**Ford Road**  
Industrial  
Rocca Dev Co.  
Angelo D'orazio  
\$240,000

**Newburgh**  
Commercial  
Woodbridge Pond Partners

**David Ryder Smith Trst.**  
\$513,390

**Van Born Commercial**  
Emro Marketing Co.  
Yousif Kosa  
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Amoco Oil Co.  
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**Birmingham**

**250 Martin Street**  
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George Corp.  
\$59,500

**Farmington Hills**  
30500 Northwestern  
Office building  
Farmington Hills Associates  
North Valley Dev Pr Shrf  
\$2,804,748

**24062 Orchard Lake**  
Car wash  
Thomas M. Page  
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\$40,000

**Huntington Woods**  
8711 W 11 Mile Road  
Commercial  
Anthony Rea  
Linda C. Moran  
\$175,000

**Independence Township**  
Ortonville Road  
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Oak Hill Corners  
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**Ortonville Road**  
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**Ortonville Road**  
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First Of Amer Bk Oakland  
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**Ortonville Road**  
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**Rochester**  
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Industrial  
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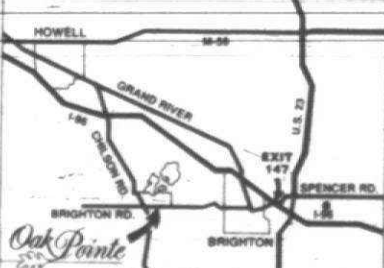
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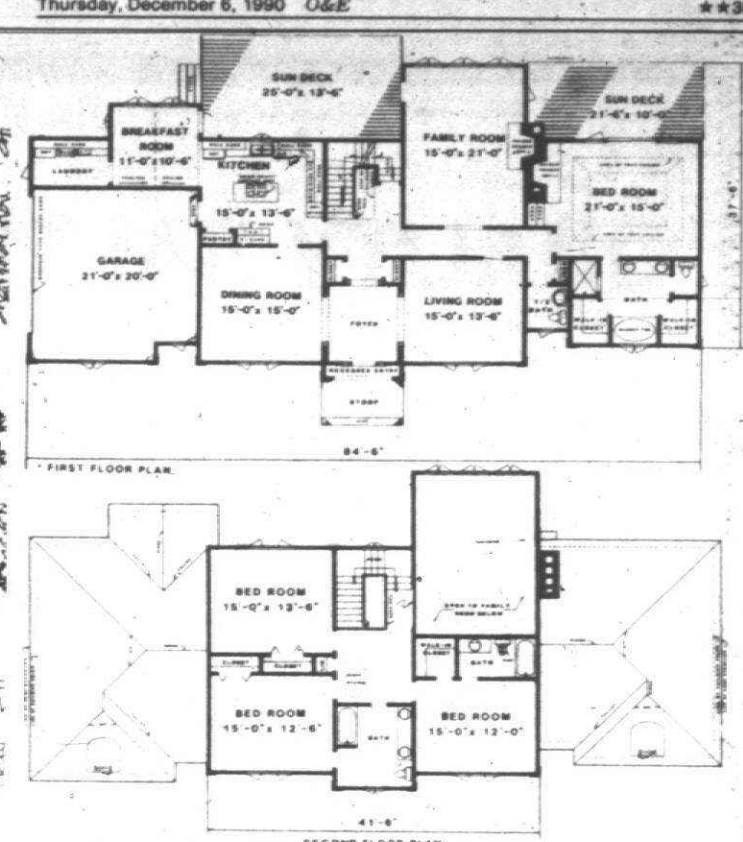
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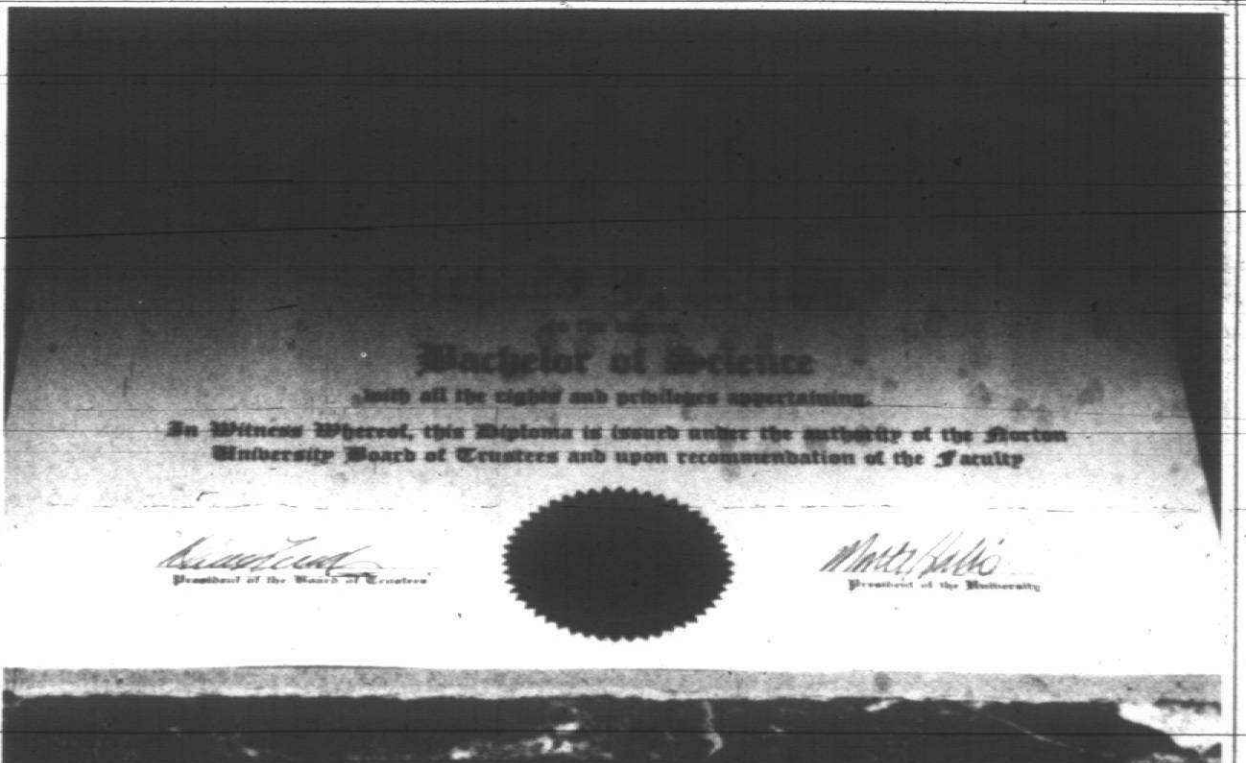
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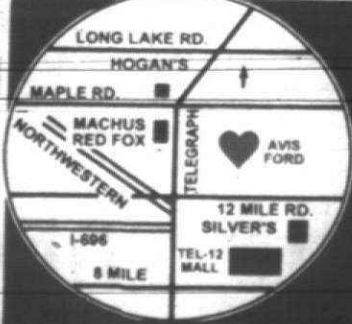
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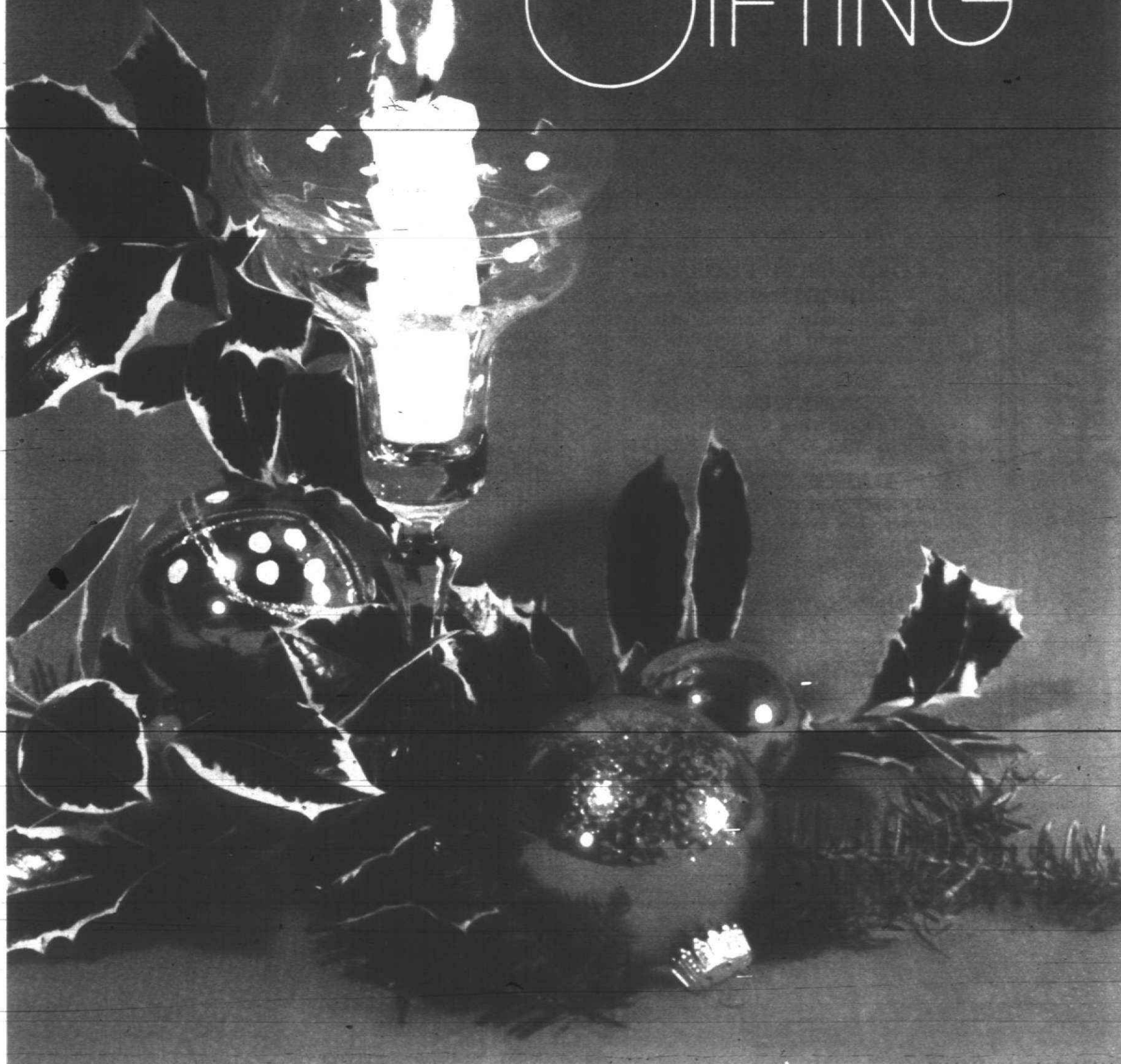
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By Helen Diane Vincent  
special writer

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**T**HE DAY after Thanksgiving not only is the traditional start of the holiday shopping season, it's also the busiest shopping day of the year. But with that crunch time now past, it's time for shoppers to set their sights on the end-of-the-year holidays.

This special holiday gift guide, appearing today in all 13 Observer & Eccentric newspapers, is designed to help shoppers survey some of what's on the store shelves during this gift-giving season.

It offers an array of gift-giving ideas as the Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year holiday seasons swing into high gear: from high-tech toys to health hints. Our package includes a sampling of the latest in gifts.

There's even a holiday story to enjoy and share with your youngsters. Included are cookie recipes that accompany the story. Maybe a family baking project could be the result.

As with our first gift guide in November, I'm sure you'll find this special section informative and interesting, maybe even inspirational if you traditionally don't shop for gifts until late December.

Happy holidays!

— Bob Sklar  
assistant managing editor

Bob Sklar coordinated this special section, with assistance from special

writer Denise Lucas. Creative services supervisor Glenn Merillat designed the cover. Graphics editor Randy Borst assisted with page design.

O&E representatives Audrey Roof and Gigi Badalamenti coordinated advertising. Copley News Service provided some of our copy.

A special thank you to the Village Barn in Franklin for brightening our holiday pictures with holiday accessories.

Direct queries to Bob Sklar: 591-2300, ext. 313.

## clarification

The telephone number for the Gourmet Cheesecake Club in Farmington Hills was incorrectly identified in our Nov. 22 gift guide.

The club, which has pioneered the cheesecake of the month club idea, can deliver a cheesecake anywhere in the continental United States, said Marian Sheridan, president.

"Anytime you would send flowers, you can also send cheesecake."

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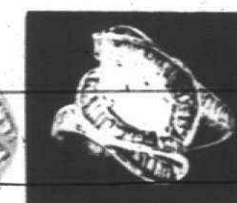
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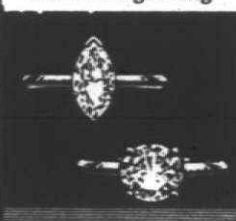
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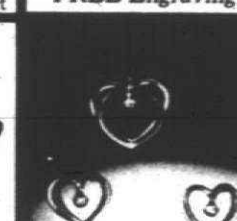
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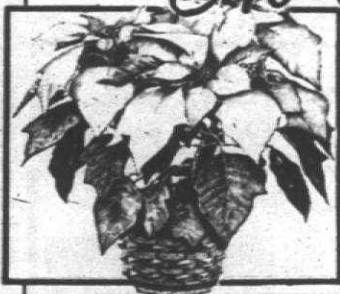
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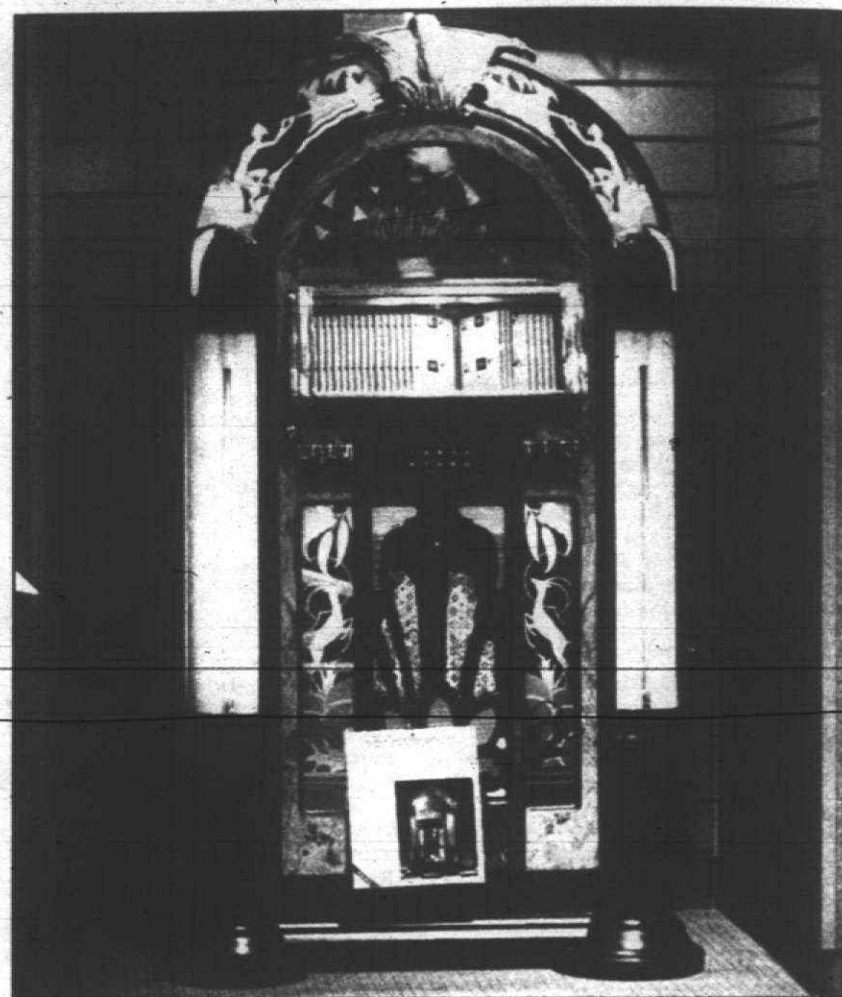
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imagined. The price of the Denonet varies, depending on whether the system plays tapes or laser discs. The former is \$399, the latter, \$1,700.

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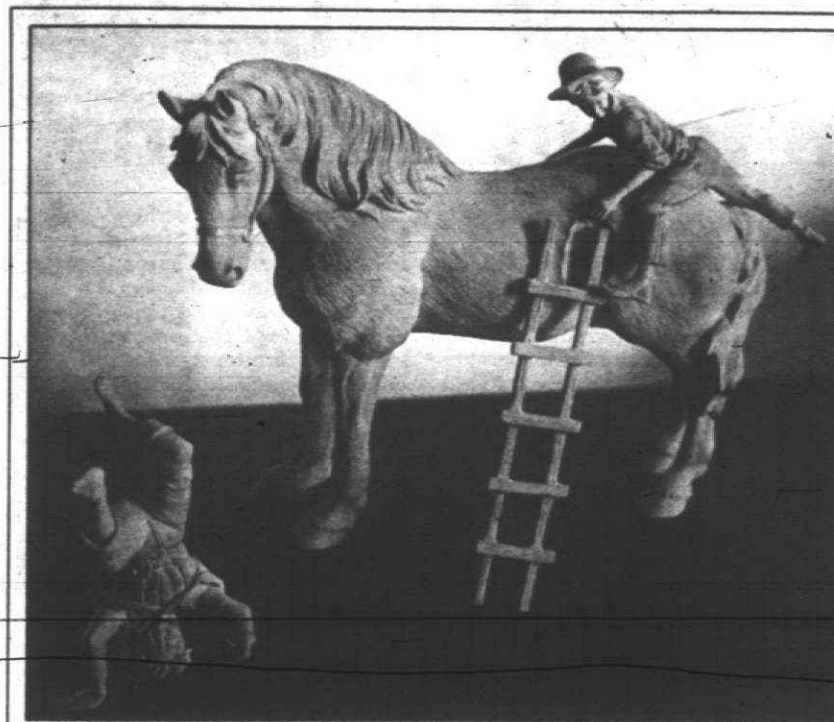
and exotic cars, such as the 1957 Cadillac Eldorado, the 1963 Corvette, as well as a lineup of Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Jaguars. These collectibles, from some of the best resources in the world, are priced from \$15 to \$19.

Working up to an intermediate size are a group of remote-controlled vehicles such as the 17-inch Z-Brawler, a jungle tracker, with giant-studded wheels and many other authentic features. Its 150-foot, remote-control range might be best suited for the

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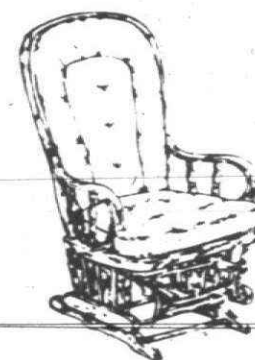
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### A creative look

These sculptures of authentic cold-cast terra cotta are finished by hand, making each creation unique. They are from the moderately priced Homestead Life collection introduced by sculptor John Imhoff of Titusville, Pa. Lois Wright Inc., which specializes in collectibles, offers the handmade limited-edition pieces at a new location, 414 Main, Rochester. The \$79 horse and boy, titled "Oh, So Close," are 6½ inches tall and 8¼ inches long. "Show off," the \$25 boy standing on his head, is 3½ inches tall. Each made-in-the-USA piece in the collection represents 19th-century family homesteading.

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## It's back to basics in family kitchens

By Geri Rinschler  
special writer

**A**MERICA IS cooking again! It's "back to basics" in the kitchen and entertaining family and friends at home. The '90s cook is focused on simplicity, healthy meals and, above all, timesaving gadgets and cookware. Here's a glimpse of what's hot for today's cook, connoisseur and literary gourmet:

- Cusinart Prepboard Counter Protector/Cutting Surface was designed for the practical cook on your list. An 11-inch, square plastic board with curved rims, it keeps counters clean, won't dull knives and is simply wonderful to use. It's attractive enough to go from counter to table. They're available in white and black. You may want to get two or three because one is not enough.

- For a bridal shower, add a few brightly colored dish towels, a paring knife and tie with a big satin bow. Find PrepBoards in shops that carry Cusinart products and at Williams-Sonoma, Somerset Mall-Troy, Laurel Park Place, Livonia; Jacobson's, Livonia and Birmingham; and Kitchen Glamour, Redford Township, West Bloomfield and Rochester. At about \$7.

- Food processors, which have been in the United States since the mid '70s, are still hot items. One of the newest, the Krups Mini Pro is a perfect kitchen gadget for the busy cook. This small food processor takes up very little counter space and quickly chops small amounts of onions, garlic, nuts and chocolate as well as makes mayonnaise and baby food. Find it at Hudson's, Kitchen Glamour and Williams-Sonoma. For about \$35.

- For the novice or "back to basics," there's the newly revised and updated, "The Fannie Farmer Cookbook" by Marion Cunningham. (Knopf Publishers, \$24.95) One of America's first cookbooks, it has been rewritten for the '90s to include new chapters on microwave, vegetarian and outdoor cookery. Along with hundreds of traditional style recipes, the book answers many questions about grocery and produce shopping, storage and cooking techniques.

THE OTHER new cookbooks on my recommended list are too numerous too describe. Here are some of the latest, which belong in the award winners category:

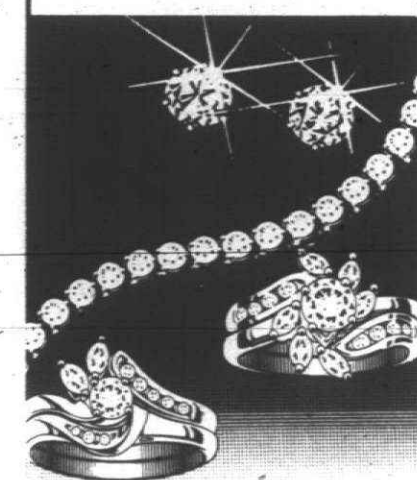
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## Greenfield Village offers up tradition

**V**ISIONS OF sugar plums are sure to dance through the heads of visitors to Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village this holiday season.

From Dec. 1 through Jan. 1 (except Christmas Day), special displays and demonstrations at the indoor/outdoor historical complex will rekindle some of the magic that marks the holiday. They also will revive a variety of traditions from past generations as the holiday celebration "Traditions to Treasure" is presented at both the museum and the village in Dearborn.

Everyone knows the magic of the holidays can best be seen through the eyes of a child. Henry Ford Museum will celebrate the holidays keeping youngsters, the young at heart, in mind.

The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys. Every child, young and old, will find something to wish for on the giant tree. It's not inconceivable that a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle or two might find its way onto the branches.

MORE TRADITIONAL holiday sights and sounds will await museum visitors in the concourse area, where the cheerful toots from a fantasy Lionel train layout will mingle with the strains of holiday music.

The toy trains, including one

**The centerpiece for the museum celebration will be a towering holiday tree decorated with cookies, candy, dolls, stuffed animals and small toys.**

equipped with a tiny camera that broadcasts an "engineer's eye view," will wend their way through a sparkling gingerbread village. Visitors can watch gingerbread houses in the making as well.

Several craft activities will offer children the chance to create items in keeping with the season. Folks can even leave a little part of their own family history with the museum by contributing photographs of their own holiday traditions to the holiday photo wall. (The photographs will become part of the Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village Archives.)

Of course, Santa Claus will preside over the merriment and be available to hear every little one's holiday wish.

DOZENS OF "traditions to treasure" will be re-created in the historic buildings of Greenfield Village. Customs and trimmings from past decades will be featured, ranging from a rural English yuletide in the

17th-century Cotswold Cottage to a more modern 1880s American Christmas celebration at the Firestone Farm.

At scheduled times throughout the day, costumed staff in various homes throughout the village will create decorations and gifts, and demonstrate cooking and food preparation using recipes, utensils and techniques from the past. The Edison Homestead will offer one such domestic scene with the preparation of old-fashioned candles and baked goods.

Other holiday settings and activities to be enjoyed will include an 1890s millinery, where ladies busily fashion winter bonnets; the creative craftsmanship of potters and glass blowers; and the general store, where children are welcome to play with reproductions of yesteryear's toys.

At the activities center in Town Hall, children will find holiday crafts to keep little fingers busy, while holiday singers brighten winter days.

FOR A final touch of enchantment, the Henry Ford Museum Theater will present "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The two-hour play was written by Jessie Braham White and produced on Broadway in 1912. It will run Dec. 1-22, Saturdays only, with additional performances Dec. 26-30.

Two matinees will be staged each show date, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m., except Dec. 16

and 30 when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed.

The audience is invited to meet the characters after each performance. Call the Henry Ford Museum Reservations Center at 271-1620 for more information.

NIGHTTIME WEAVES a special kind of spell around the museum and village.

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The festivities at Lovett Hall recreate the high society scene of the 1920s, complete with champagne toasts, an elegant dinner and dancing under glittering chandeliers to the vintage tunes of the Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra.

The village's Eagle Tavern presents a hearty, family-style meal in the manner of the 1850s, complemented by the holiday music and singing of a troupe of traveling musicians and entertainers. Advance reservations for both programs are required.

For visitors with troublesome gift lists on their minds, the stores and shops of the museum and village provide some out-of-the-ordinary suggestions. Items reproduced from the museum collections, decorations, wares fashioned by village craftspeople, and a variety of distinctive gifts and souvenirs will be welcome under any tree.

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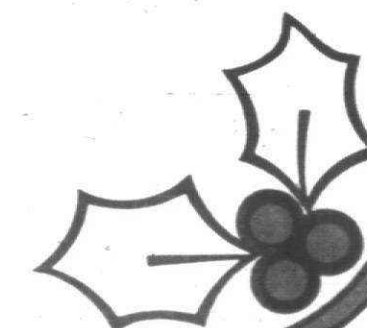
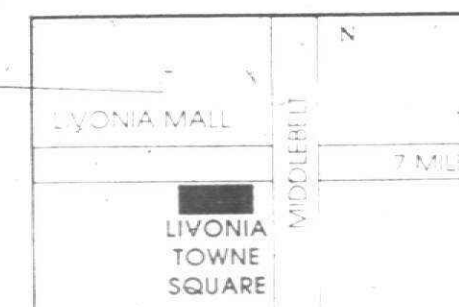
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# Permanent makeup: It's a lasting gift

By Loraine McClish  
staff writer

**C**HERYL WILLIS, a Michigan Board of Cosmetology member, had been plying her trade as a nail technician in



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Goodbye to the eyebrow pencil. The skillful artistry of Cheryl Willis, as she uses micro-pigment implantation, will give her client, Doreen Myernik, permanent eyebrow color and shape. Permanent makeup can look as natural as you want it to be or a more dramatic look can be achieved.

Plymouth for five years when she got interested in permanent makeup.

She took the basic training in applying eyeliner and eyebrow color. She then took advanced classes in applying eyeshadow, highlights, lip liner, cheek color and camouflage procedures.

In March, she opened Permanent Make Up Clinic, 328 S. Harvey, Plymouth.

"Applying permanent makeup is very satisfying because my clients are so happy when they leave here. It is wonderful to have a job that enables me to make people that happy," she said.

"Plastic surgeons have been doing permanent makeup for many years. It has now been moved into the beauty field, where it is more affordable to the average woman."

"No one is too old for permanent makeup. My oldest client is 72 years old and is very happy with her new eyebrows."

WILLIS IS quick to show off before and after pictures of her satisfied clients. She's just as quick to show their written testimonials, which tell the story of what permanent makeup is all about.

"There is nothing like waking up in the morning with eyes," said one client of the makeup that doesn't smudge or come off after you've been swimming, or crying or sweating.

"I've had to struggle with eyebrow pencils for years. Now I don't," said another.

"I love my permanent eyeliner. It wasn't painful. Every woman needs this done," said another.

And from other clients, "I never look tired and worn out like you do when your makeup smears off."

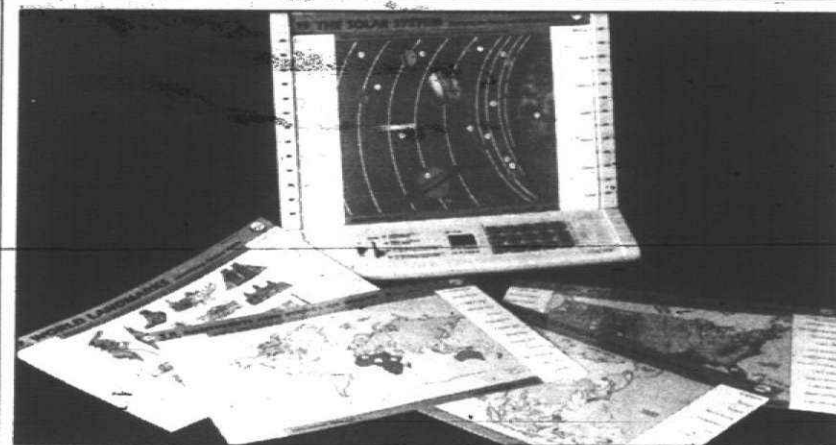
"The best part is it looks so

natural."

"I can get ready for work faster every day since I got my permanent makeup."

The permanent gift of permanent makeup — it's at least permanent for about 10 years — ranges in cost from \$350 for a bottom or top eyeliner, to \$995 for scar camouflage.

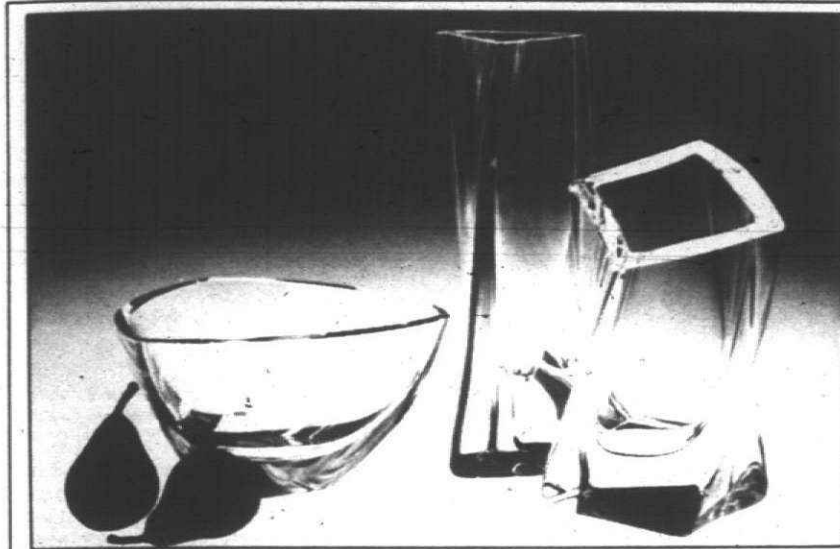
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**Yuletide tidbits**  
By the time of Henry VIII in the 16th century, the royal Christmas banquet began about noon and lasted 8-12 hours. Twelve courses were served as a symbolic reminder of the 12 apostles. Courses included venison, rabbit, beef, mutton, pork, chicken, goose, swan and peacock. The first published collection of English carols appeared in 1521. The songs also were printed singly on broadsheets, usually illustrated. — Copley News Service

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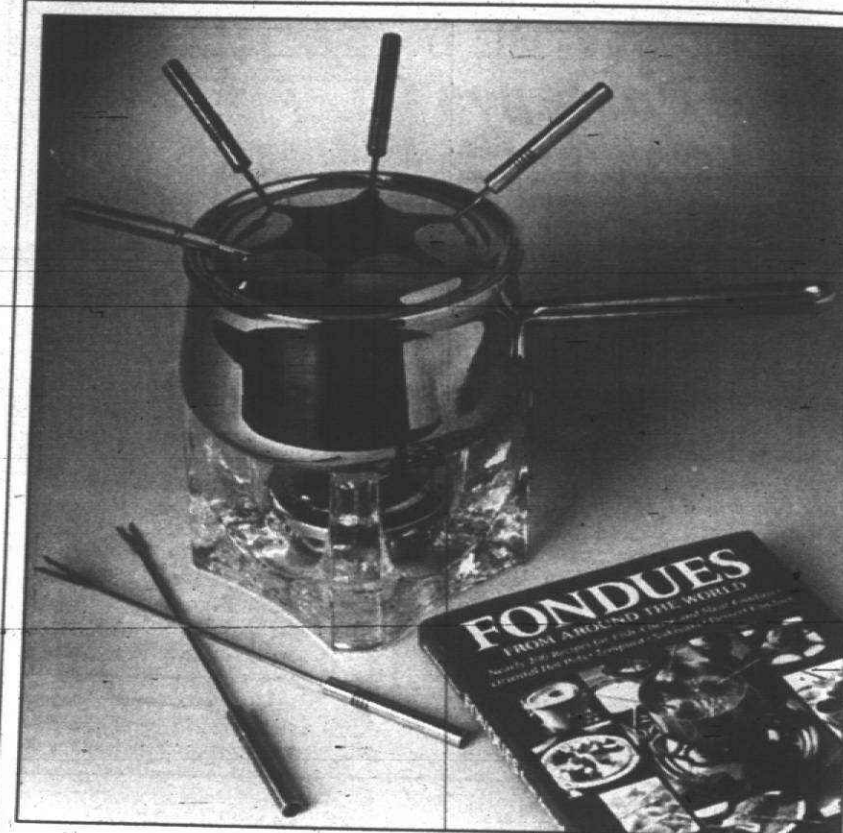
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The Gingerbread Basket, the 1990 edition of the Longaberger Basket Christmas Collection, and the Father Christmas Cookie Mold, the first in a series of Longaberger Pottery collectible Christmas cookie molds, are this year's yuletide offerings from Ohio-based Longaberger Inc. The handcrafted, hardwood maple baskets feature red or green accent weaving. The 8½-inch-tall mold is oven, microwave, dishwasher and freezer safe. Write Longaberger Marketing, 2503 Maple Ave., Zanesville, Ohio 43701 or call 1-614-455-3175 for the name of a local Longaberger consultant.



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## Holiday gatherings

Entertaining at home is back in vogue and the fondue of the '70s is a hot item, as well. Little preparation is needed for fondue since guests do the cooking themselves. And recipes have come a long way from cheese and chocolate. The stainless steel, two-quart fondue, with glass-sculptured base, six forks and alcohol burner, is oven and dishwasher safe. Priced at \$119. Recipe book, "Fondues from Around the World," \$11.95. Both from Kitchen Glamour of Redford Township, Rochester Hills and West Bloomfield.

## Evening drama

Celebrate the season with a showstopping, emerald, velvet strapless dress. The gold-embellished bodice bejeweled of elegance is enhanced with a draped tulip hemline and kissed with a bow at the hip, \$638. Brushed gold and emerald double drop earrings, \$96. At Hudson's.



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## Sneaky snoops

Parents beware!  
Sixty-six percent of children admit

they snoop for their gifts. Could it be time to find more creative places to hide presents from overanxious elves?

— Copley News Service

## A world of sharper images

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back-yard jungle until the quick-steering mechanism is mastered to avoid obstacles. This aggressive little vehicle goes for \$299.

For those who have long dreamed about being a firefighter, but never made it, a 27-inch red fire truck might fill the void. You'll have fun watching it make fancy turns and rotating its extension ladder. Its remote control is not as sophisticated, so it's priced at \$79.

AS EXCITING as these vehicles are, there is no substitute for actually sitting in a toy vehicle and driving it around yourself. For the 3- to 8-year-old set, the Captain Mike police car provides just such an opportunity. This 37-inch, battery-run vehicle with a siren is \$149.

But for the ultimate toy-car driving experience, The Sharper Image offers a 66-inch-long, red-motorized Ferrari, with a maximum speed up to 3½ miles per hour. It accommodates two children comfortably in bucket seats. Grandmothers have been known to indulge their grandchildren with this tradeup toy version of the famous luxury automobile.

Entertainment can also serve more than one person when it involves a digitized computer tablet designed to record a child's drawings in full color and textured effects. These earnest scrawlings can also be put on tape and later replayed on a VCR.

**For those who have long dreamed about being a firefighter, but never made it, a 27-inch red fire truck might fill the void. You'll have fun watching it make fancy turns and rotating its extension ladder.**

The Sony Sketchpad at \$129 is no substitute for crayons or the messy joy of finger painting, but it does introduce the very young child to the 21st-century reality of the computer in the form of computer graphics.

Because The Sharper Image stores and catalog bring in new items every month, one can only look forward to the next shipments to see if they are at all like the present offerings that engage the imagination as well as serve practical purposes.

*The Sharper Image: Somerset Mall, Troy; Twelve Oaks Mall, Novi.*

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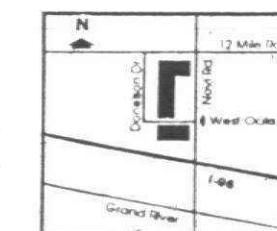
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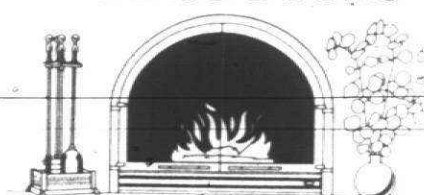
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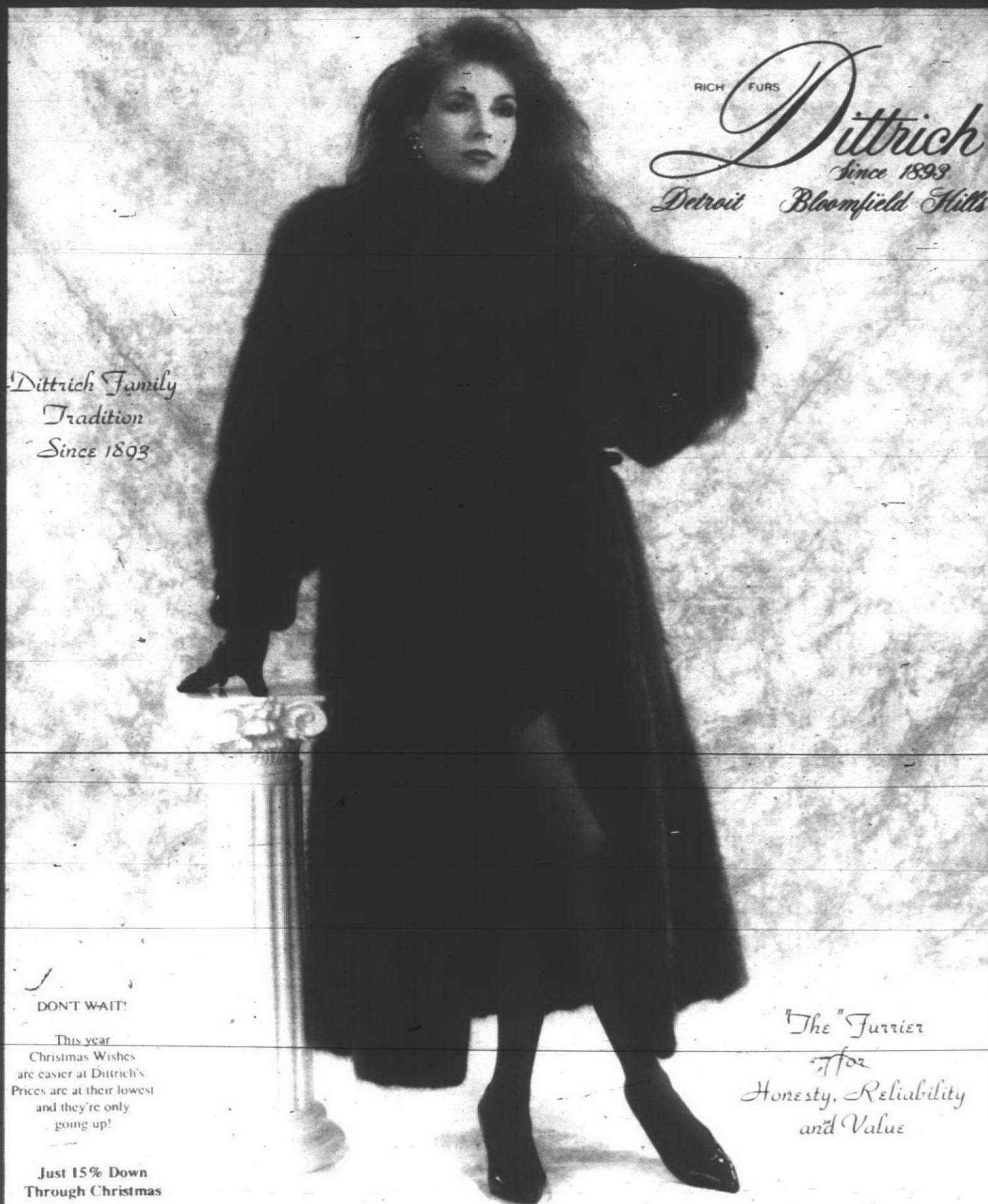
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