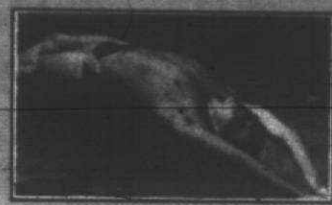


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Salvation Army in final push

Donations are down this year

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Salvation Army officials are hoping area residents will dig into their pockets this weekend and find some cash to put into those red kettles.

This year's goal for the kettle campaign is \$75,000.

"I think we may fall just short of our goal," said Lt. Jeffrey Beachum, commanding officer for the local Salvation Army, which serves Canton, Plymouth and Northville.

Those organizing the kettle campaign weren't able to get into some indoor sites this year where bell-ringers had collected in the past.

"I think that has contributed. So we're kind of hustling to make up for it," said Beachum, who declined to name those sites.

THE LOCAL campaign began the day after Thanksgiving and will continue through 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. Organizers are hoping to collect a total of about \$20,000 this Friday, Saturday and Monday, he said.

"It will bring in probably twice as much as any other weekend throughout the whole holiday season."

The campaign doesn't include Sunday collecting, as it isn't the Salvation Army's practice to raise money on a day meant for worship, Beachum said.

Many volunteers, including members of service clubs and local churches, have served as bell-ringers. Some bell-ringers are paid for their work.

Beachum's heard a few objections to the practice of paying bell-ringers. Those people are paid \$5 an hour and bring in \$25 to \$30 per hour, he said.

"It just makes sense. We try as hard as we can to use volunteers. It's not easy to get people to do that. We don't live in an ideal society."

Many volunteer bell-ringers take shifts on Fridays and Saturdays, but it's tough to get volunteers during the week when many people are at work, he said. Working as bell-ringers gives low-income people a chance to earn some much-needed money during the holidays.

"We're able to help them in that manner."

THE ANNUAL kettle campaign helps Salvation Army officials raise money for the rest of the year and boosts the organization's visibility, he said. Many people expect to see the red kettles during the holidays.

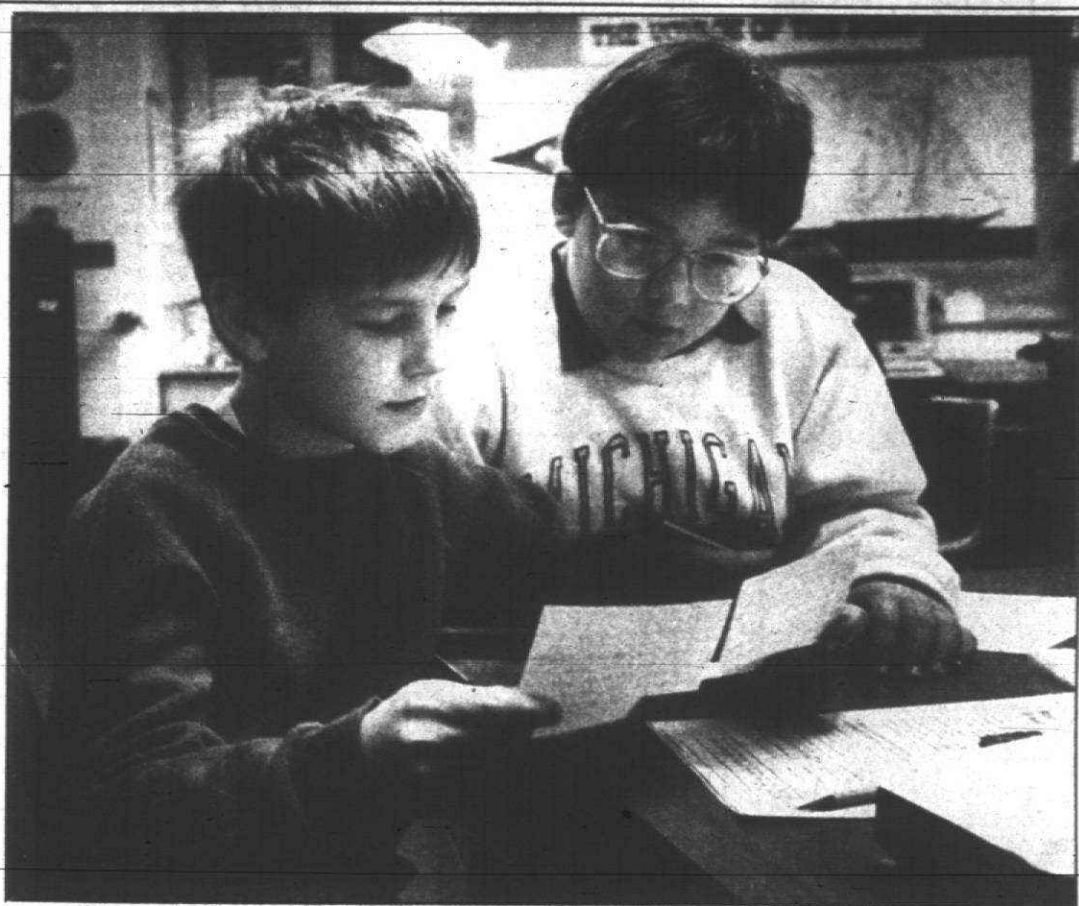
"They wouldn't know what happened to Christmas" without the kettles.

Many local people have signed up for the Adopt-A-Family program, providing food, clothing and gifts for more than 200 area families this Christmas.

"That takes a lot of money to do that," Beachum said. Those who contribute through that Salvation Army program don't have as much money left to put in the red kettles.

He's found predictions of a recession don't have much impact on contributions. Contributors are aware that great need exists during tough times.

"They continue to give right through recessions."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Greg Dreslinski and Matthew Bruscato go over letters from servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi letters a learning experience for students



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Lisa Fisher, a fifth grader, received a letter from serviceman Joe Garza, of San Antonio, Texas.

By Diane Gale
staff writer

Some Canton-Plymouth elementary students are shocked to learn from letters written by American troops about cultural differences in Saudi Arabia.

"They're learning a lot about Saudi Arabia, and they're learning a lot about how women are treated there," said Miller Elementary School teacher Jolene Sniderman.

For instance, a Saudi custom that requires women to be covered from head to toe, Sniderman said, drew gasps from students.

MILLER CLASSES started writing the troops last fall, said Miller principal Sam Barresi, after it was publicized that some of the American service people weren't receiving mail.

Students are also learning about the Middle East confrontation and they're practicing their letter-writing skills, something that Barresi said is being pushed aside by easy access to calling long distance.

Fifth grade student Matthew Bruscato received a letter from Spec. Private Karmen E. Quderkirk, who sent the youngster a Saudi coin.

Quderkirk wrote: "It sure is nice to hear from someone back in the home state of Michigan. Your letter is the first of many that has been received in my section from Michigan."

"Saudi Arabia is like a big, soft sandbox. If you have been to a beach it's like that, but without water. The people here are great, they know why we are here and they want to help any way possible."

"Their lifestyle is almost like ours, but they pray three times a day. Also the women aren't allowed to do nothing but take care of the children. They can't drive or be seen in public without being covered from head to toe with dresses and veils."

Bruscato said he plans to write back and send Quderkirk a package for Christmas.

He said he learned that the culture is "a lot different from here," Bruscato said. "It's unusual, but again it's not America."

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Purchase of airport stuck in holding pattern

By Kevin Brown
staff writer

Hold that takeoff — at least until next month.

Plymouth city commissioners said last week they'd likely vote on Monday to join Plymouth Township in forming a governing board to run Mettetal Airport in Canton.

But after area residents commented on the issue for nearly two hours — several suggested more study — the commission voted 3-to-2 to delay a vote on whether to join a governing board until Jan. 21.

"I really worry about liability," said Commissioner Jerry Vorva, who asked commissioners to join him in delaying the vote.

"I think it would not hurt us to wait a little bit longer," Vorva said, adding he'd like to see past-year financial reports for the airport.

The action delayed a vote on a resolution authorizing the city to enter into an airport joint operating agreement with Plymouth Township, to buy, operate and maintain Mettetal Airport.

Commissioner John Vos, who spoke strongly in favor of joining the governing board voted against delaying the vote.

"We are not rushing to judgment," Vos said, adding that public meetings have been scheduled over the past six months to discuss Mettetal's future.

Answering the concerns of some who oppose creation of an airport board, Vos held up the document outlining the authority of an airport operating board. "It says we cannot tax the citizens."

"We can't use your money," he said, slowing his words for emphasis. "It has to rise or fall on its own merits."

Mayor Dennis Bila, like Vos, said the public and city officials have had ample time to study the issue.

"I was extremely disappointed at the fact that it was tabled," he said. Before commissioners voted to delay

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— Lynn Earle
Plymouth Township teacher

a vote on whether to approve joining an airport board, several of the 120 area residents who packed the commission chambers offered their views.

"There has been a rush to judgment on this issue," said Lynn Earle, a Plymouth Township teacher. "It doesn't give us much time to examine the legal ramifications," he said. Gesturing toward the commissioners, he added, "They don't have all the facts either."

Plymouth Township Supervisor Maurice Breen said, "There's very little risk if any for the community to act as a public sponsor. We have no intention to put the tax dollars at jeopardy."

Former commissioner Robert Jones still questioned the possible cost to taxpayers, and asked if improvements to the airport would come from local taxpayers' money. Jones said he also wanted to know if the communities could get out of an agreement to run the airport, if they so decided.

Paul Nastoff of Plymouth was applauded when he suggested putting the issue before voters.

John Vergona of Canton, who served on a study committee that recommended Canton buy the airport, said the airport is profitable, and added the airport board could sell the airport. Canton Township rejected purchasing the airport.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

New judge

Milt Mack Jr. was sworn in Tuesday as a Wayne County probate judge. Mack served as Wayne County commissioner representing Canton Township. Above, Supreme Court Justice Patricia J. Boyle administers the oath of office.

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By A. Giralt Bedford
staff writer

A Canton resident and nephew of the late James R. Hoffa, John C. Burge, was indicted Dec. 11 by a federal grand jury in Detroit on seven counts of receipt of bribery payments by a labor union official and two counts of filing false income tax returns, according to U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Markman.

Hoffa was the former president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Burge's wife Kathleen D. Burge, also of Canton, was charged with two counts of filing joint fraudulent federal individual income tax returns, according to Markman.

John Burge was a business agent

If convicted on the felony income tax charges, the Burges face up to three-years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine on each count.

for Teamsters Local 124 in Dearborn Heights from 1984 until early 1986. The indictment alleges Burge at that time was the owner of Western En-

terprises, a company allegedly used by Burge to receive illegal payments from trucking companies at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Markman

said. Burge and his wife allegedly received approximately \$35,000 through Western Enterprises.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Straus, who is handling the case, the alleged bribery payments in amounts less than \$1,000 are misdemeanor violations, each carrying a one-year maximum prison sentences and/or a \$100,000 fine.

If convicted on the felony income tax charges, the Burges face up to three-years imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine on each count, said Straus.

Jill Price, Burge's attorney, said that it is premature to make any comment at this point, given the information she has received from the government. She said the date for the trial has not been set.

Commissioners confused by airport vote

Three of five Plymouth city commissioners said Tuesday they were against delaying the vote on whether to form a Mettetal Airport governing board.

But when the vote was taken at the city commission meeting on Monday, it was recorded as 3-to-2 in favor of delaying the vote until January.

Commissioner Mary Childs, whose vote was recorded as favoring the delay, said Tuesday she did not favor the delay.

"I think it was the noise factor," Childs said, as the commission chamber was packed with about 120 residents. "It's OK, we'll go through

it again. You might satisfy everybody that way anyway."

"I voted not to table (delay) it," she said, adding she favors the city joining with Plymouth Township in forming a governing board to run the airport.

Mayor Dennis Bila and commissioner John Vos were recorded as voting "No" on the motion to delay the vote, proposed by commissioner Jerry Vorva and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph (Jack) Kenyon. Commissioner Ron Loisele abstained, while commissioner James Jabara was out of town.

"In the heat of the moment, I

wasn't clear how the votes were counted," Vos said, "I should have requested a re-vote."

City clerk Linda Langmesser, who

recorded the 3-to-2 vote favoring the delay, said, "That's the way the City Manager Gordon Jaeger heard it too."

Airport purchase on hold

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Bill Baumgartner of Plymouth, a long-time instructor at Schoolcraft College, questioned the contention of some airport board backers that the college is interested in establishing an aviation-related school at the airport.

"Two years ago the auto mechanic

program was discontinued. It cost too much," he said, adding, "This is not a sure bet."

Pilot Tom Kennedy of Plymouth Township, who is seeking to locate such a school at Mettetal, said, "The college is continuing to study the feasibility of this program."

Dennis Shrewsbury of Plymouth, a former state House candidate, said "an airport for private pilots seems to be the real issue."

Warren Dushier of Plymouth warned of noise created if jet engines were tested at the airport by students. "Can you imagine? If you start up a jet engine they're going to break every pane of glass in Gray's Greenhouse."



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Students place clothing to the needy in boxes as part of a class project at West Middle School.

Kids find clothes for needy

By A. Giralt Bedford

staff writer

A seven-foot red cardboard house in the hall of West Middle School in Plymouth proves students there have done a good job.

As part of a class project for the Quest-Skills for Adolescence program, seventh graders built the house and filled it with clothes collected from sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

This week the clothes will be sorted and delivered to the Plymouth Community Clothing Bank.

"We filled the whole thing and it started to overflow," said with pride 12-year-old Jeanna Haggart.

THE REST OF the clothes were then kept in boxes.

Quest is a semester-long program being conducted in 47 states and 11 foreign countries. It's a service project, said Susan Kolbas, a seventh grade teacher who organized the project.

With Quest, students work on a program that will benefit the school or the community. While reaching out to other people, Quest helps students build self-confidence and handle peer-pressure, she said. It includes a commitment not to use drugs.

The 19 children have promoted the clothes drive with bulletin board signs and morning announcements. They have also visited classrooms encouraging their peers to donate. Boxes were made and placed in the hallways to collect the clothes, said Kolbas. Later, they were poured in the big red house.

The house had three windows — one for each grade — promoting a friendly competition among the grades. Through the windows, students and teachers checked how much each grade was giving.

Kolbas said sixth graders have given the most clothes, but she remains proud of her seventh graders.

"THEY WERE WONDERFUL, very organized and they followed up on their commitments," she said.

Administrators, teachers and students are happy with the results, she said and added: "They (students) really think it will make a difference for some people."

Children said they worked hard because they liked the project.

"We can donate clothes to the needy to have clothes for Christmas," said Jeffrey Tidwell, 13.

Some children said they liked the opportunity to work with other students doing something worthwhile. And of course, they will all get good grades on the project. "This group has been exceptional," Kolbas said.

All aboard!

Toy trains keeping tradition on track

By M.B. Dillon

staff writer

When Redford Township native Kirk Nicola was 3 years old, his favorite toy was Mr. Machine, a see-through, foot-and-a-half tall robot.

The engineer-in-the-making entertained himself by disassembling it and putting it back together, no help from mom or dad required.

At 10, he was changing electrical plugs. One day when Kirk was 14, the family car needed a new water pump. He tore half the engine apart before anyone realized what he was doing.

"My dad was so mad at me," said Nicola, 32. "I told him not to worry. It took me a day and a half, but I put it back together."

Nicola's childhood is reminiscent of that of another boy who lived in another era and another place.

JOSHUA LIONEL COWEN, born in New York City in 1877, also served his engineering apprenticeship without benefit of schooling.

At age 7, he carved a locomotive out of wood, using the family kitchen as his workshop. He installed a homemade steam engine and was quite proud of himself until it blew up, scaring the daylight out of his mother.

Cowen became an inventor, developing the first dry cell battery, and a fuse photographers used to ignite magnesium powder.

After opening a small shop in New York City, he crafted a toy train and marketed it to retailers. Cowen suggested that the shopkeepers showcase their goods on the tiny flat car as it looped along a track displayed in the window.

The idea went over — but the cargo had little to do with it. The big seller turned out to be the miniature locomotive. Lionel trains were born.

BY THE 1950s, Cowen's company became the largest toy manufacturer in the world.

Ninety years later, Lionel Trains Inc., headquartered on an 18-acre complex in Mount Clemens, employs 1,000 engineers, artists, marketers, technicians, assemblers, accountants, sales people and executives.

Nicola — who formerly designed toys including the Ghostbuster line for Kenner in Cincinnati — is one of Lionel's seven project engineers.

The Lawrence Technological Institute graduate is responsible for large-scale Lionel trains from conceptualization to production.

Nearly all of the company's 20 large-scale, indoor-outdoor trains are his creations.

ONE OF HIS NEWEST is a Conrail large-scale diesel engine that retails at Plymouth Yard Hobbies and Gifts in Old Village for \$417.

As the royal blue, 6-inch tall engine barrels down the track, you hear the eerily real sounds of a train whistle, clanging bell and chugging diesel generator.

They're authentic; a digital recording of actual train sounds is stored on a hidden computer microchip.

There are three electronic boards, one for the motor, one for the rail sounds and one for the amplifier," said Nicola, who as a kid was a "slot car guy," not a train buff.

There's a speaker on the bottom and an on-off switch and volume control.

IT'S NO accident that the Conrail looks like a toy-sized version of the real thing.

"I took a real engine and started from a diagram of it. I started scal-

ing it down and went from there," said Nicola, who is responsible for his own research and development.

The finished product has 60 different molded plastic parts and a total of 300 components, including a smoking chimney and directional headlights.

FOR THE holiday season, Nicola crafted the large-scale North Pole Railroad, rugged enough to be used outdoors.

The "Merry Christmas Lines" feature a green steam engine with a bearded, well-fed conductor (clad in red and white with a hat to match), a white flatbed car laden with presents, and a crimson bobber caboose.

To celebrate Christmas 1990, there's also a colorful handcar, starring gaudy dancers Santa Claus and Frosty.

Lionel teamed up with the Walt Disney Co. to create the popular Disney Magic Express — manned by Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck — in commemoration of Disneyland's 35th anniversary.

WHILE IDEAS come from marketing, engineering and other sources, Lionel is primarily consumer-driven, Nicola said.

"We try to pick our products based on what the customer is asking for. That's how we decide. We try to let them tell us."

Here's help in locating locomotives

If a model train is on your Christmas list and Santa doesn't cooperate, don't worry, be happy.

Lionel trains and accessories are available at national chain stores including Toys R Us, Children's Palace, through Sears' catalog, J.C. Penney, Target, Service Merchandise, True Value, Ace Hardware, Kay Bee and Hills Department Stores.

Collectors can shop at Plymouth Yard Hobbies and Gifts, an authorized Lionel service station at 904 Starkweather in Plymouth, Joe's Hobby Center, 35203 Grand River in Farmington, Jimmie's Rustics, 29500 W. 34 Mile in Livonia, 48152; Nankin Hardware, 35101 Ford Road in Westland; the Doll Hospital, 3947 W. 12 Mile in Berkley and Joe's Hobby Center, 105 S. Livernois in Rochester.

Nicola is back on the floor to trouble shoot, or to oversee production when new features are added or a design is improved.

Since Nicola joined Lionel in 1985, the privately held company's growth has been phenomenal, with sales up

"We listen to hobbyists at national conventions and shows throughout the year so we know what to do and what not to do," said Sandra Beste, Lionel's advertising and promotion manager.

LIONEL TAKES its research seriously. "I've been on business trips, driving with people in the marketing department who've spotted a train, pulled over and climbed up on top of a tank car," Beste said.

"We get real blueprints for rail cars, and we have a pretty good library."

"Sometimes we'll go right out to the trainyard if we're looking for something special," Nicola said. "We want to be exact."

LIONEL TAKES just 12-14 months to go from paper to production.

"It's fast-paced work; it's a lot of fun," Nicola said.

Once he has the specifications, the project engineer then does "a lot of board design."

"We make prototypes and models so we can build the tools. Then we test the design philosophy and find out where the problems are."

"We design those problems out of them until we have a design that's flawless."

TRAINS MUST meet a quality standard — 1,000 continuous hours of operation.

"That represents a normal person's lifetime use of the product," said Nicola, a graduate of Catholic Central High School.

"It takes us three to four months just to test a product. If it fails, we start over again."

If a new product gets the green light, "we have the tooling built and design all the parts and approve the tool designs."

"Once the parts are built, we debug them and find out how the parts fit. Then we approve the molds and get ready for production."

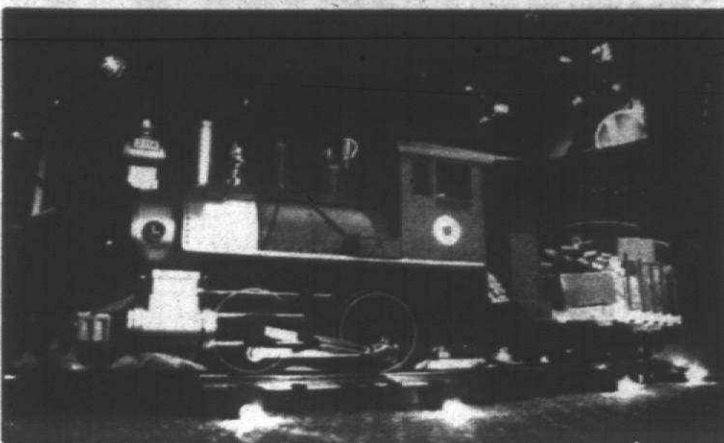
AFTER THAT, it's out to the plant floor, where assemblers painstakingly take the miniature locomotives from concept to completion.

"With the new engines, no one has ever seen them before," Nicola said.

"So I help teach them how to put the engine together. I help them for a few days with production until I'm satisfied they have all the knowledge they need."

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Above: Train made for Christmas 1990. At left: "People are getting back into traditional items," Kirk Nicola says.



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer



Karen Prevost assembles lights for a built-to-scale Hudson steam locomotive.

Little engines are a big draw

By M.B. Dillon

staff writer

Bob and Bonnie Reckinger, owners of Plymouth Yard Hobbies and Gifts near the railroad tracks in Old Village, aren't fooled by the hoards of adults buying Lionel model trains. They know perfectly well that some childhood love affairs never die.

"A lot of parents still have their Lionels, and want them for their kids."

"THIS CHRISTMAS, our biggest seller is still the Lionel starter set," said Bob Reckinger, whose 100-year-old store was once a freight house for the Pere Marquette Railway. "It's very popular because of all the young families in this area."

Customers hail from near and far.

"They drive here from Ohio, Traverse City, Indiana and Canada," said Reckinger.

"We mail order all over — to Wisconsin, Kansas, the U.P. and way up in northern Canada."

Putting shoppers in mind of an old-fashioned Christmas is the illuminated Lionel Original Snow Village the Reckingers display. It comes replete with an apothecary, dry goods and hardware store, hotel, evergreen-laden houses, barnyards, gaslights, and of course, snow.

Sandra Beste, Lionel's advertising and promotion manager, isn't fooled by full-grown model railroaders either.

"I think a lot of adults are using their kids as excuses for buying trains," she said.

"It's a great thing for families. People like the interaction. They like going back to what they enjoyed as kids. We've found that the large-scale trains are very appealing to women. They're very quiet," said Beste, who recently bought one of her own.

FOR \$22, THE novice model railroader can buy a

four-car train with oval track, transformer, accessories and everything you need to get it running under the tree Christmas morning," says Reckinger.

For \$2,800, the collector can lay claim to the Lionel Standard Gauge Blue Comet set.

Resurrected this year from the 1930s, the Blue Comet is a two-tone, bright blue locomotive with three illuminated Pullman cars that are named after comets, an operating red firebox and a headlight that works. The re-introduced Blue Comet features "RailSounds" — actual digital recordings of train whistles, bells and chuffing.

Lionel, the largest manufacturer of collectible trains in America, is celebrating its 90th anniversary with the bolt-for-bolt reproduction of the Scale Hudson locomotive. The sturdy, sleek, black die-cast engine retails for \$1,500.

Privately-held by Detroit real estate mogul Richard Kughn, Lionel has added micro-electronics to the world of model railroading.

Tiny video cameras mounted inside specially outfitted locomotives allow operators to view their track, trestles and tunnels on a television monitor, just as they would if they themselves were miniaturized.

"RailScope" trains use track power to operate the video system, eliminating the need for batteries.

LIONEL'S PRODUCT LINE includes hundreds of models, capturing 90 years of American rail history. But no matter what the model, or the age of the owner, model railroading maintains its mystique as it heads into its second century.

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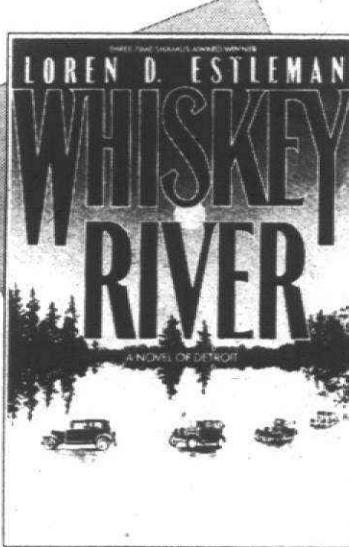
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at Miller Elementary
School.



"I asked him for a game
called Sorry and
Rhinestones and Rocks."
— Jason Poniatowski
7 years old



"I haven't gone to see
him, yet. But I'll probably
ask him for a new Barbie
doll and some new
clothes, and maybe some New
Kids on the Block T-
shirts."
— Karen Simon
6 years old



"I don't really feel
comfortable around him,
but I'll probably ask for
another Lego set and
probably another truck
and work machines like a
scraper."
— Philip Rothwell
6 years old



"I don't know. Games,
probably."
— Alisha Cieslak
6 years old



"A baby. Any kind of
baby doll. A book mark."
— Malissa Shankus
6 years old



"Nintendo. Legos. A
pirate ship and a rake."
— Timmy Summers
6 years old

Free baseball clinics planned

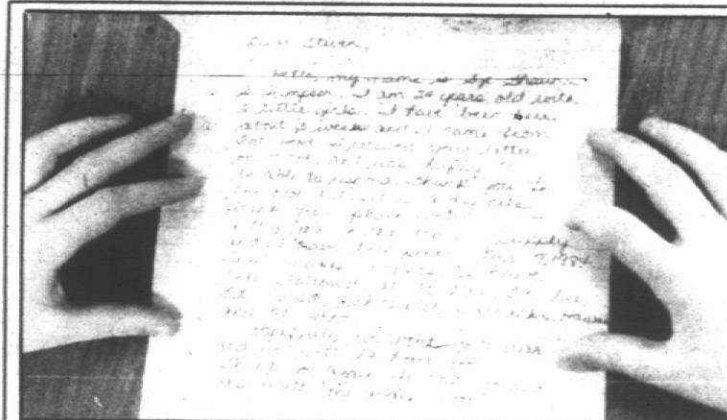
It's never too early to think about
spring and baseball.
To help youngsters polish their
skills, the Westland Federation
Baseball Club will sponsor a series
of free clinics for players between 10
and 14.

The clinics are scheduled for 7-10
p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29-
30, at Bailey Recreation Center, on
Ford between Wayne Road and New-
burgh, and 3-6 p.m. Friday and Sat-
urday, Jan. 11-12, at Marshall Junior

High School, on Bayview, just south
of Cherry Hill and east of Wayne
Road.

A club spokesman said players
may attend any or all four days of
the clinics. Players are asked to
bring gloves and gym shoes. Regis-
tration will be held 15 minutes be-
fore each session.

Interested people may contact Al
Fernandez at 287-4055 or Joe Von-
dracek at 522-4962.



A letter from the desert.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Letters tell of customs in vast desert kingdom

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THIRD GRADER Laura Novkov said she received three letters from a serviceman named Adam. "He says he doesn't know if there's going to be a war. I don't think there's going to be a war. He says he feels sort of scared and he said he sometimes stands guard and he sees all the stars out."

Fifth grader Steven McGuire included a package of Kool Aid with a letter he sent to the troops. He

received a return letter from Shau-na Simpson.

"She said it was a definite break from the water," McGuire said. Serviceman Joe Garza, from San Antonio, Texas, wrote a return letter to Miller fifth grader Lisa Fisher. Garza said in his letter: "No, I'm not worried about a war breaking out here. I think, and strongly feel, that we are ready for war if and when it comes to that."

'Think positive' state tells young students

By Tim Richard
staff writer

The pop psychology of Norman Vincent Peale is on its way to an elementary school near you, thanks to \$750,000 raised by the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

Two-thirds of Michigan elementary schools — 1,380 out of 2,080 — this week will receive a package of videotapes aimed at teaching Peale's "positive thinking" and raising kids' self-esteem.

"The program is delightfully creative and absolutely consistent with the Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education," said Pat Nichols, health teaching consultant for the Michigan Department of Education.

"The bottom line is health care cost containment. POPS (Power of Positive Students) is a wonderful addition," she said in a news conference with business donors.

THE KITS, at \$448 apiece, consist of two videotapes for classroom use, audio tapes and written materials for teachers. Usage is totally under the teacher's control.

"Promotional material says the program 'teaches children in kindergarten through fourth grade how to pop out of negative self-images and enjoy being themselves.'"

"Research indicates that 80 percent of children entering kindergarten have a good self-image, but by fifth grade that number falls to 20 percent."

Explained Gerald Smith, associate program director of the Kellogg Foundation: "Research shows there is a link between (low) self-esteem and anti-social and destructive behavior." Promoters bill it as a way to an early prevention system to combat drug abuse, suicide, pregnancy and violent crime. They cite strong poll response in West Virginia and Kentucky, where POPS already is in statewide use.

Kids see and hear puppet characters voicing their own problems — small size, unstable families, working mothers — and learn how to express them and deal with them.

JAMES BARRETT, president of the state chamber, said strong efforts have been made to assure the program will be used, not left on a shelf.

"First, the Michigan Department of Education will be involved in training through the intermediate districts . . . after the first of the year. The people are already in place."

"Second, Rotary people have gone to the schools to ask them if they would like the program."

Alfred J. Slaggett, chair of the Michigan Rotary POPS Multimedia Committee, said, "They (schools) were sent a card. If we didn't get the card back, the local Rotary called back and answered their questions. Rotary will ask in six months how things are going."

Barrett said Kellogg Foundation

underwrote the implementation and evaluation portions of the program. POPS will be evaluated annually for three years.

ROTARY'S 150 clubs canvassed all elementary schools, Slaggett said.

"We had to convince the Department of Education that (1) we wanted to help and (2) it wouldn't cost 'em anything."

"Steve Economy and his associates at Michigan Bell really led the way (on fund-raising)," said Barrett. Economy, of Farmington Hills, is executive assistant to the president of Bell.

Other donors were the Skillman Foundation, Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co., Grand Trunk Western Railroad, Barton-Malow Corp., Amway Corp. and Dow Chemical USA.

Norman Vincent Peale, 92, became pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City in 1932. A popular radio and TV lecturer and columnist, he wrote "The Power of Positive Thinking" in 1952.

POPS is produced by the Positive Thinking Foundation of Pawling, N.Y.

AREA SCHOOLS due to receive the POPS program and the person in charge are:
Clarenceville — Botsford, Grandview; Pat Vickery.
Livonia — (list unavailable); Dr. Joseph J. Marinelli, superintendent.

No agreement? County budget war looming

By Wayne Pool
staff writer

If there's to be a compromise on the Wayne County budget, it could come today.

But war seemed more likely as this afternoon's meeting approached. Commissioners and Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara appear far apart on several budget items, with matters likely to head to court.

McNamara has charged commissioners with driving the county back into debt by adding slightly more than \$1.2 million to the county budget. Where the money is going, and where it's coming from, are keys to the dispute.

"If we were fighting over money to go to health care or some other topic like that it would be one thing," McNamara said. "But what we're fighting about is the commission padding its own budget and that of the clerk."

Though McNamara said he approved a \$600,000 increase for commission expenses — a 14 percent hike — commissioners added an additional \$700,000, giving them a \$5.6 million budget or 30 percent increase.

Some of that money would apparently go to create a new position — executive director of commission staff.

"They're budgeting \$84,000 for a position that isn't necessary," said McNamara, who added he wouldn't

authorize any payments to whoever fills the job. (County insiders speculate the post has been offered to undersecretary Warren Evans.)

Commissioners, though, said the post was necessary. "I think we need to upgrade our staff," said Commissioner Kevin Kelley, D-Redford. "This person would be chief of staff for the commission chairman."

Commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, made it clear that the commission would sue McNamara if the executive failed to fund any commission-approved activity.

Another commission-approved increase would boost the commission's own budget auditing division.

"WE HAVE to get more information on budget matters," said commission Vice Chairwoman Susan Heintz, R-Northville Township. "For instance, we've never seen an audit on the county's new indigent health care plan."

A related aspect, \$250,000 the executive approved to expand the health care plan, was canceled by the commission.

"This would have helped the working poor," McNamara said. "I don't know how the commission could

have voted against it."

Commissioners, though, said the money could scarcely have covered an expanded program.

"I'm still interested but it seemed like they approved money to get it started, but not to keep it going," Kelley said.

Another dispute centers on an estimated \$500,000 the commission added to the county clerk's budget — raising clerk's office fees to pay for the increase.

McNamara said he would veto the increase, in part because commissioners failed to properly schedule a public hearing on the new fees.

Commissioners, however, had set another public hearing for Wednesday.

Yet another dispute centers on use of proceeds from the sale of county property in Northville Township. Commissioners are tapping that one time increase, McNamara said, to expand commission operations.

"That's the kind of stuff that went on before we had a county executive," he said.

But some commissioners hope matters will resolve peacefully.

"I'd have to see us go to court," Kelley said. "To me, that's the last resort. I'd rather we sat down and worked this out."

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A number of self-treatments have been suggested for hiccup relief. These include holding one's breath, standing on one's head for a certain length of time, drinking water from the "wrong side" of a cup, slowly taking 9 sips of water, and breathing into a paper bag.

Although there were several studies conducted in the nineteen seventies, little has been written during recent years regarding the evaluation of different hiccup treatments. One study concluded that persons who swallowed a teaspoonful of white granulated sugar often obtained hiccup relief. Varying degrees of success have been achieved with carbon dioxide, quinine and chlorpromazine. A recent issue of *The New England Journal of Medicine* reported on hiccups in a boy who had experienced the problem for several years. Immediate relief was achieved with the antidepressant medicine amitriptyline.

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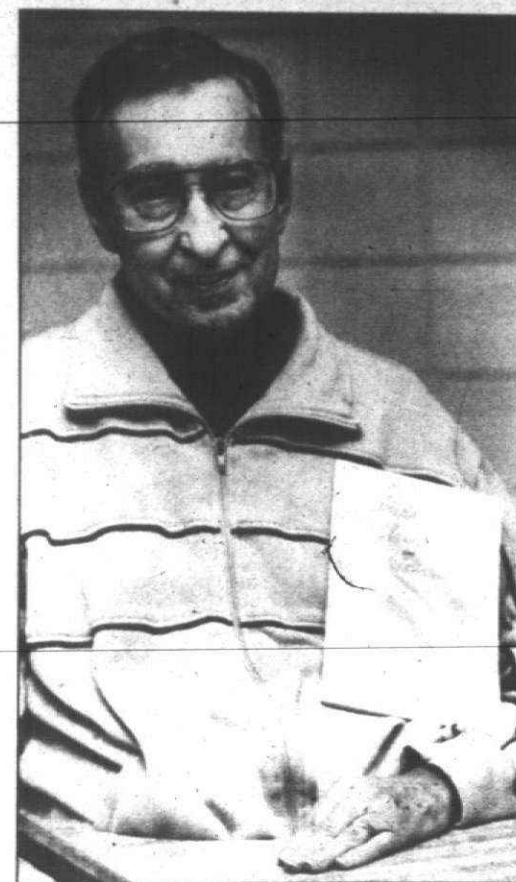
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Joe Barnett writes about what he knows best — his own experiences — in "Clouds, Clowns, Rainbows."

By Louise Okrutsky
special writer

In many ways, Joseph Barnett considers himself lucky. He walked, ran, played ball and drove a car. He and his wife Ann went on camping trips with their three children.

Now, at 65, Barnett's the author of a book of poetry and essays, "Clouds, Clowns and Rainbows," which draws on his own experiences. After more than 30 years of fighting muscular dystrophy, he doesn't consider any of these accomplishments small victories.

"I started out just writing shorter articles and poetry since I retired in 1970," said Barnett, formerly of Canton.

He now lives at Oakhill Nursing Home in Farmington.

"I chose not to become a couch potato. For a long time, I would just stick them in a drawer, I'd rewrite until it's what I really wanted to say," said Barnett who gets around with the aid of a motorized wheelchair.

Although he hasn't studied writing formally, he follows a bit of advice given to all writers. He writes about what he knows best.

"Basically, it's how I truly feel about life," he said. "You can overcome difficulties. You have to keep active in the world and not just hole up."

"It's stuff I think about a lot — nature, friendship, family. It's definitely not religious, but I have a couple of articles alluding to my belief in God," he said.

UNTIL NOW, his biggest publishing success was a short article published in January 1981 in Yankee magazine and is included in "Clouds." It's a wry account of his family tree which can only be described as a hybrid. His mother and father were stepbrother and stepister. He winds up advising readers, "For a happy and uncomplicated life — leave your roots buried."

It was Ann Barnett, his wife of 37

years, who doggedly pursued the idea of publishing the rest of his work.

"She's sort of the backbone of the idea," Barnett says in a whispery yet firm voice. "She kept me at it."

It was she who helped strike the deal in which the Barnetts co-publish the book with Winston-Derek Publishers, he says.

"I was real pleased with the way it came out," Barnett said.

It's also Ann Barnett who helped arrange for the book to be carried by the Little Professor book stores in Plymouth and Farmington Hills as well as Waldenbooks.

He'll be signing his book in the Little Professor stores in Plymouth and Farmington Hills. Although he can't hold a pencil any more, Barnett signs his name with a stamp made from an old copy of his actual signature. It's a gift from his wife.

FOR MORE than 24 years until his retirement, he was a laboratory technician for the Chrysler Corp.

Barnett's dystrophy was diagnosed in 1962, according to his wife, 58, who lives in Canton Township. His symptoms appeared later in life than most cases which usually show up when patients are in their late teens and early 20s. By the time they knew he had muscular dystrophy, the Barnetts had three children, Cheryl, now 36; Kim, 32; and Mark, 30.

Some of his poetry is inspired by and dedicated to his children. A few are signed "Dad" and offer sympathy and advice. "Child of Mine, I Hear You Crying" voices the distress of a parent watching an adult child cope with heartbreak.

Ann Barnett makes an appearance in "A Summer Rain," which dwells on the joy and sorrow inherent in nature.

The book has made him something of a celebrity at Oakhill. "This modest notoriety I'm still trying to absorb," he said. "I just felt pleased people want to read something I've written."

2-car collision leaves woman in coma

A 37-year-old Westland woman remained in a coma Tuesday following a two-car collision on Merriman, north of Warren Road late Monday, police said.

Two other people received less serious injuries, police said.

The investigation into the 11:35

p.m. crash is continuing, police said.

Police declined to identify the woman, who was a passenger in one of the cars, or the two drivers involved in the accident.

The driver of one car, a 21-year-old Canton Township man, faces possible charges, police said.

The woman was admitted to Garden City Osteopathic Hospital with major closed head injuries, police said.

The Canton Township man was southbound on Merriman in a 1990 Chevrolet Beretta when he lost con-

trol of the car and crossed the center line dividing the northbound and southbound lanes, said officer Tom Hissong of the Westland police traffic bureau.

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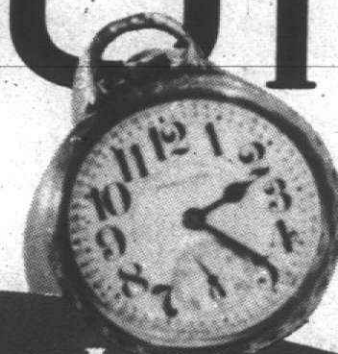
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Board to act on plan for special ed center

By Wayne Peal
staff writer

A vote Friday night by Garden City school board members could secure the short-term future of Burger Center, home of Wayne County education programs for autistic students.

School board members will decide if they want to keep the building open for the next 10 years if a county agency pays for an estimated \$1.2 million in repairs.

Repair costs would be paid by the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency. The agency, formerly known as Wayne County Intermediate Schools, supervises special education programs for all county public school districts.

The Garden City Board of Education meets 6 p.m. Friday to discuss the proposal. The county agency board unanimously authorized money for repairs last week.

Parents, who lobbied the county agency for two years to keep Burger Center open, said they are optimistic about the building's future.

"We're pretty encouraged," said Ken Howse of Livonia. "The big hurdle has already been cleared with the county money being available."

Garden City Schools Superintendent Michael Wilmot said the building would receive about \$1.2 million in repair work. Much of the money is expected to be used for roof repairs.

For the first time, the county agency would also pay rent to the local district and would agree, in writing, to pay teacher salaries.

"We'd expect to receive about \$90,000 a year in rent," Wilmot said. "The county had been picking up teacher salaries but that was an informal agreement. This is the first time we've have anything in writing."

Mainstreaming programs, which place autistic children in buildings with other students, could apparently continue.

A dispute over the benefits of mainstreaming had clouded Burger Center's future.

"We're not opposed to mainstreaming," said Howse, who was active in the campaign to keep Burger Center open. "But we did have concerns about over-mainstreaming, about trying to mainstream children who just aren't ready."

Under the agreement, the county agency would complete repairs over the next two years. Burger Center's current staff would remain for at least five years.

In August, a county task force recommended restoring Burger Center, a former Garden City junior high school, and keeping it open at least another 10 years.

The center was initially scheduled to close at the end of the 1989-90 school year.

Some 218 students, age 3-26, attend Burger Center programs. It is the only center of its kind in the state.

Students are bused to Burger Center from districts throughout the county.

At the center, youngsters participate in programs ranging from physical education to kitchen skills to woodworking. Some older students receive outside job training.

Legislature to address assisted suicide

By Tim Richard
staff writer

A bill to prohibit assisting suicides will get fresh attention in 1991 in the wake of the Dr. Jack Kevorkian case in Oakland County.

"It could develop to euthanasia," said state Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Oakland, who sponsored a bill in the last session to make assisting suicides a felony.

Because of the Kevorkian and another case, Dillingham and others fear Michigan will become the "suicide capital" of the nation unless a prohibitive law is passed.

DISTRICT JUDGE Gerald McNally on Dec. 13 threw out a first-degree murder charge against Kevorkian, 63, inventor of a machine that allows a person to press a button and inject lethal drugs into his own bloodstream.

McNally dismissed the charge after a pre-trial exam, saying the legal status of assisting suicides is unclear. "The Legislature has a responsibility, and I would hope they would step out and meet it," McNally said.

Thompson charged Kevorkian in the June 4 death of Janet Adkins, 54, an Oregon woman with an advanced case of Alzheimer's disease.

DILLINGHAM'S Senate Bill 1084 died in committee Dec. 11 when the Legislature adjourned. The bill would have made assisting a suicide a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and a fine of \$2,000.

Dillingham can introduce the bill next year, but he will no longer chair the Senate Human Resources Com-

mittee which handled it. He has been elected assistant majority leader and relinquished his chairmanship.

He sees the bill as part of a package of measures, including the newly passed "patient advocate" law. That law allows a person to designate another to make medical treatment decisions if the first person becomes incapacitated.

The House Judiciary Committee also was working on its own assisted suicide bill as the Legislature adjourned.

"We held a hearing on it. It opened up a can of worms," said David Weiner, a committee staff lawyer. "There's no social consensus on it."

THE SENATE panel also held one hearing on Dillingham's bill in Octo-

ber, revealing it would be as controversial as the patient advocate measure.

"Assisted suicide can be a great help to those who are critically ill," said cancer patient Ken Shapiro of East Lansing. "It can be their safety net."

Dr. Charles Year, of Physicians for Ethical Responsibility, said doctors shouldn't serve contradictory goals — healing but then helping in a suicide.

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Airport delay Cooling off period needed

THE PLYMOUTH CITY Commission made the correct decision on Monday when it balked at voting on Mettetal Airport.

Plymouth Township is pushing for the creation of an airport board composed of the city of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Such a board could obtain the federal and state money needed to buy the airport in Canton Township that's valued at about \$4 million.

The airport is privately owned and is for sale. It is zoned for light industrial and could be turned into an industrial park.

We don't disagree with such a board or even with an airport purchase, but we do think that a couple of weeks delay caused by the city's tabling of the issue won't hurt.

We think it's time people need to look at the issue.

Manger display It's a symbol of hope for us

IT LOOKS LIKE the manger display in Plymouth's Kellogg Park is safe again this year.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which usually challenges such things when they're on public property, is going to stay out of it unless a local resident complains. We hope there aren't any complaints.

Said Paul Denefel of the ACLU: "I don't believe the ACLU is going to be expending resources on scenes that have secular symbols. Unfortunately it seems to be a real losing cause."

WE DON'T HAVE much sympathy for the ACLU's losing cause. But it's not because we want to see any religion or belief endorsed by

government. It's just that the traditions of most religions and beliefs hold out hope for the future.

There is something in a tradition such as placing a manger scene in Kellogg Park that gives us some reassurance that everything is going to be all right. We may have more than 500,000 troops in Saudi Arabia on the verge of war. And the economic crystal ball gazers may be seeing a recession. But there's the manger scene in the park, just like it's always been.

To us it's a symbol of hope that there will be peace and that the homeless will be fed and sheltered.

And there's nothing wrong with having a little hope.

Pay raises Put them on hold for now

THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN should ask state officials to put aside their proposed raises, in some cases amounting to 16.2 percent, until they earn them.

Last week a state commission recommended giving raises to legislators, the seven Supreme Court justices, the governor and the lieutenant governor. These raises, which would take effect Oct. 1, 1991, were approved by the commission despite a recent simultaneous mandate to cut \$500 million from Michigan's budget through state services, programs and layoffs.

The impropriety of accepting raises under such circumstances should be reason enough to cancel them. But there are other compelling reasons:

- Burton Schwartz of Farmington Hills, who chaired the committee recommending the raises, said the pay increases are necessary to attract individuals qualified to solve Michigan's problems.

That argument, "If you pay them more, they must be (or will turn out to be) better," is flawed. One need look only as far as the national level in the public sector to find well-paid, well-intentioned budgeteers and managers presiding over a recession-driven economy, an unfavorably lopsided trade imbalance and monetary and social malaise from coast to coast.

IN THE PRIVATE sector, heads of companies have salaries that effortlessly outdistance the annual pay of President George Bush. Yet those chairmen, chairwomen and CEOs are watching

their market share dwindle to foreign competitors. They're also taking the advice of high-paid consultants who recommend going for the short-term bag of big profits, instead of the long-term benefits of seeing programs (such as solar energy and production of higher density computer chips) through to completion, which would keep jobs here, guarantee a lock on research and development and still return a handsome profit.

So paying someone more isn't necessarily the answer.

- This is Michigan. A salary of \$45,450, which legislators now receive, may not be much to live on in New York or California, but it provides a very nice living in this state. If that isn't enough for a legislator's family to live on, perhaps the legislator should ask his or her spouse to get a job, like the rest of us.

That said, it is necessary to attract good people to serve in the public sector and money is an incentive. There is nothing wrong with giving these people a raise under the same circumstances the rest of us get a pay increase — merit and performance.

Look in any direction and one sees areas on a statewide level that can be improved — education, incentives for small businesses, commerce, social services, overcrowded prisons and court dockets, medical care, housing, roads. Measurable improvement in these areas would make Michigan a better place to live for its residents, who come first, since they pay the bills.

Legislators are sworn to serve those residents. Do your part, and we'll do our part.

Christmas front Reason, tolerance prevail

NO NEWS IS good news, we feel, when it comes to the so-called December Dilemma — this Christmas-in-the-schools controversy that has nettled some suburbanites in past years.

Christmas in the classroom (or religion in the public schools) in some of our overwhelmingly Christian communities had the potential to become "an emotional free-for-all" in the words of an administrator, once the religious minorities got going on the subject.

It's no secret that pressure has been applied to the school establishments of several districts (Rochester and Birmingham come to mind) by these minorities to keep the traditional symbols of Christmas out of the public schools. And of course parents to whom Christmas means a lot were talking back.

This December, however, all is quiet on the Christmas front, that's the way it seems. Why have things settled down? We'd like to believe that it's a matter of points well made and

well taken on both sides of the issue.

CHRISTMAS IS to be downplayed in some districts, according to new holiday policies. There seems to be a new attitude, as well, as people adjust to the new policies.

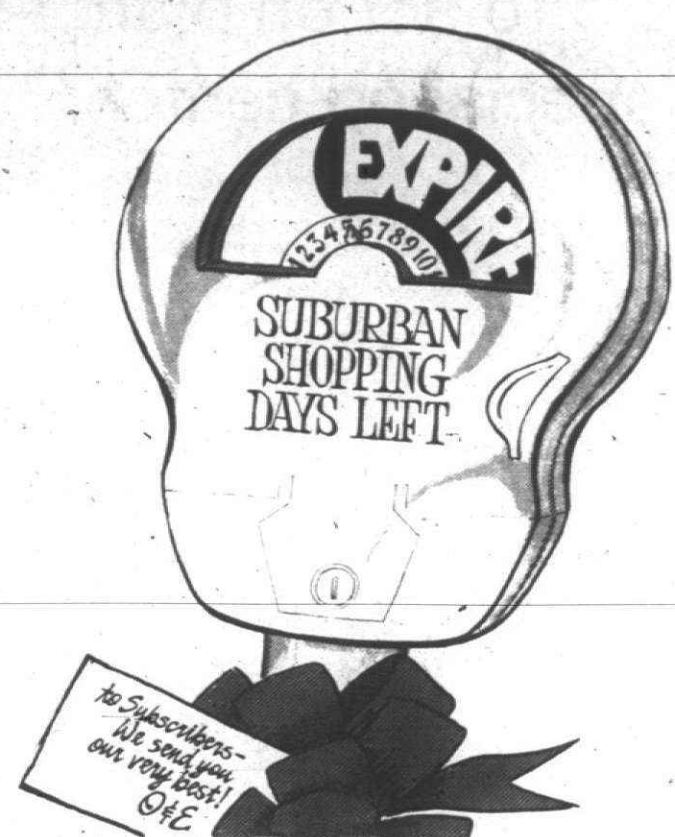
I guess people are getting educated to the fact and sensitive to the fact that this is no longer a 100 percent Christian community," said a Christian-pastor from Birmingham in an interview.

In the past, we've asked for tolerance and understanding on this issue. It could be made into a positive experience for all concerned, with the proper understanding.

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

That's not religious education. That's simply learning about life.

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The cost of housing turns 'dream' into a nightmare

THIS COLUMN is another in a series devoted to exploring what has happened to The American Dream here in Michigan.

Last week I showed that the dreams of most middle-class people are now being shredded by real declining incomes. This week, I'll start looking at the costs of some of the things that traditionally have meant participation in The American Dream.

Home housing. After all, owning your own home is one mark of entry into the middle class. And traditionally, more Michigan people owned their homes than anywhere else because they held the good, high-paying jobs in the auto industry.

BUT STARTING around the mid-1970s (just about the same time that real incomes started to fall), something started going haywire with the costs of housing.

On average, the price of a house tripled from 1973 to 1988. And the steep rise in interest rates — remember the "standard" mortgage used to be 30 years at 5 percent — compounded the problem of making house payments.

In the 1950s, a typical Michigan 30-year-old middle-class man in an ordinary house spent on average 14 percent of his gross income on mortgage payments. By 1973 that had risen to 21 percent. And by 1983 it had shot up to 44 percent.

When mortgage payments consume nearly half of an average guy's income, it's not at all surprising that the rates of home ownership have started slipping for the first time in nearly 70 years.

The consequences of the terrific inflation in housing costs over the last 20 years are many and terrible.

WHO'S TO BLAME?

The Builders' Association of Southeastern Michigan says:

- Local building codes are inconsistent and too restrictive, while building inspectors are arbitrary and slow. This runs up costs and drags out construction time and interest costs to the builder.

- Housing construction is energy intensive, and when the price of energy goes up, so do the costs of housing.

- People have been indoctrinated to want more house than in the past. There are all sorts of examples showing that a family with an average income simply cannot afford an average house.

Realtors used to say that a sensible budget for housing was 25 percent of the husband's income. Today they say you should budget 40 percent of a family's combined income.

THE CONSEQUENCES of the terrific inflation in housing costs over the last 20 years are many and terrible.

They start with the thousands of homeless people you see sleeping in the park and trying to get a square meal in a church feeding program. Some are mentally ill; others are ha-



Philip Power

bitual substance abusers.

But far too many are perfectly ordinary, decent, hard-working people who simply cannot earn enough money to afford housing for their families. For them, The American Dream ended some time ago, and their nightmare is our shame.

But far more common and far more insidious is the kind of pressure making enough money to meet the house payments puts on families. Husbands work at two jobs instead of one. Mothers go back to work six weeks after delivering a baby, not because they want to, but because they have to.

One of the important parts of The American Dream was set out in one of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms: the Freedom from Fear.

Far too many families are living right at the brink, existing from paycheck to paycheck, always in fear that some unforeseen event — a divorce, a pregnancy, an illness not covered by insurance — could put them out in the street. For them, The American Dream exists only in the fantasy world of TV ads.

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

from our readers

Reader says cop headline was offensive

To the editor:

In your Dec. 13 issue, you had a headline and article that I took great offense to.

It read, "Plymouth Township Cop Shoots Injured Deer." In this day and age, I feel police officers receive enough negative publicity and very little (if any at all) respect from juveniles as well as adults. So why refer to them in a major headline (on your second page) as a cop?

Whatever happened to the title of police officer? Even though you did refer to him as a police officer in the first line of the article, it still does not make up for the headline.

As for the subject matter of the deer being shot, I applaud the officer for putting the animal out of misery quickly. An article such as this receives second page top heading, yet commendations and merits to these officers are found on the back page or not at all in your paper. This cop was affectionately nicknamed by fellow officers at Plymouth Township Police Department as Dr. Doolittle, due to his obscure ability to find and care for injured wildlife within the township.

This officer was the first to report, to this newspaper, on raccoons found in the township with distemper this year. He also while on patrol, stopped a pickup truck when he observed a caged cougar in the bed of the pickup. The cougar was found to be without proper ownership and was turned over to the Humane Society.

The Huron Valley Humane Society and this cop have maintained an excellent rapport, thus injured animals have been saved whenever possible. The event of which you reported on (the deer) was an unfortunate one. The officer's skill and knowledge of the extensive injuries to the animal left him no other recourse but to destroy the animal and put it out of pain.

With the onset of the holiday season, I ask you, the editor, to print articles that are more beneficial to the public you serve.

To all the police officers and staff in the township, as well as all surrounding areas, and especially to my husband, of whom and which you

spoke of, a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Tracey Thompson
Plymouth

Job discharge article helpful

To the editor:

Your Dec. 6 article, "To Discharge Humanely," contained information which will be helpful to employers and to employees who may be faced with job loss. Your attention to this very stressful situation is commendable.

I wish to point out that your reference to my situation was not entirely accurate, and I'd like to set the record straight. In 1982, when I resigned my chief personnel officer position at Chatham Supermarkets, it was because I was accepting the same position at Perry Drug Stores. I was not, as the article stated, "out of work and in desperate need of a job."

Thanks again for your continued interest in workplace issues.

Samuel N. Ray,
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Joys of a Christmas that's finished

Just a week until Christmas and all through the place the family is sixed out in pure hyperspace.

The tinsel is strung on the mirrors up high while the cats calculate whether felines can fly.

The Scotty is zooming around through this zoo playing "Bet You Can't Catch Me" with the kid from Grade Two.

She's dashing and dancing and squealing with glee. Then she loses her balance and knocks down the tree.

Mom's making the cookies, I'm cleaning the floors. Big Brother's in hiding avoiding the chores.

I've just finished up with the dining room rug when the kid from Grade Two takes a break for a hug.

Then out in the kitchen

we heard such a clatter I sprang to the door to see what was the matter.

The flour on the floor gave the room a strange glow and the specter that stood there was white as the snow.

She was covered with flour from her head to her feet and the moment I saw her my heart skipped a beat.

Her eyes, ooh, they sparkled. Her look was not dainty. Her face was as red as a Michigan cherry.

The dough in the sink and the look on her face let me know right away I was in the wrong place.

"The cookies aren't working," she said with a growl, as I barely avoided a flying dish towel.

"The dough is too soft and the room is too hot."



Jack Gladden

And I ducked when I saw her reach out for a pot.

As dead leaves that in Michigan often do fly, I was sure that that pot would soon take to the sky.

But then tempers cooled down (and so did the dough) and the Big Cookie Project was put back on "Go."

The dog had relaxed and was gnawing a bone and the kid from Grade Two was involved on the phone.

Big Brother appeared from the womb of his room and in just a few minutes

was wielding a broom.

The cats were still eying the tinsel with greed but had not figured out how to manage the deed.

When dinner was over the dog wanted out and the kid from Grade Two was asleep on the couch.

Big Brother had vanished back up to his room and the silence enveloped the house like a tomb.

Said Mom, with a terrible ache in her head, "I don't know about you, but I'm going to bed."

And I heard her exclaim as she crawled in her nest, "This will be over soon, and then we can REST!"

Jack Gladden is a copy editor at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. He lives in Canton Township.

Vocational programs must be improved

Q: We are always being compared with Europe and Eastern countries. Everyone knows our test scores are lower but there must be other factors beyond test scores that make their educational systems more successful. What are the reasons?

A: I believe the main reason is our over-all 19th century approach to education. Our curriculum does not address the fact that a majority of students who do not graduate from college yet are in a system that favors those that do.

In Germany and Japan, at about the fifth grade, students are assigned to either a college-bound curriculum or a vocational education program.

Germany and Japan recognize that many young adults will not go to college, so they begin preparing them in prevocational/industrial arts programs at the upper elementary level.

Granted we offer some of these opportunities. The difference, however, is in the amount of resources, commitment and energy given to "those young adults who will not graduate from a four-year college."

Frankly, we run most of our high school kids through a college-oriented curriculum whether they like it or not.

Look at the figures. Only 20 per-

cent of all U.S. high school students graduate from college with a four-year degree.

Yet 60 percent of our high school curriculum is geared towards college-bound students and 20 percent of our curriculum is geared toward non-college bound students.

Recent studies show that, in the United States, only 18 percent of the jobs in the future will require a college diploma; 82 percent of the jobs will not require a college education.

Germany, Japan and other emerging powers recognize that 70 to 80 percent of their student population will not graduate from college. They have structured an appropriate system to serve the non-college bound population.

Those going to college go to the college-bound high school. Those not attending college go to a vocational school.

Yet to justify our college-dominated high school curriculum, we develop remedial math, science, English and other holding tanks so that this neglected student majority can accumulate enough credits to receive a diploma.

These young adults want a job after graduation. Some are saved by our community college system. But a vast majority wander around from job to job.



Doc Doyle

The brighter ones eventually enroll in a quality adult education program to start anew — to start preparing for something they should have been trained for previously.

No, it is not just test scores in which the emerging international powers are surpassing us. Frankly, government officials and educators talk about restructuring and school reform but I haven't seen it.

We need a dual system, one for the college-bound and one for the 70 to 80 percent that do not graduate from college — clearly defined with student dignity and self-esteem for the non-college-bound built into the system.

We need a vocational and industrial arts program second to none. One with technical and computer literacy — a built-in requirement.

How is anyone going to survive in any job in the next decade without computer skills?

Everyone has said it and it's true. Our national priority is not educa-

tion. Until it is, we shouldn't blame or "dump" on local school boards, taxpayers and educators; many are making the best with what they have to operate.

You see, the national priority in Japan and Germany is education. Teachers are the highest paid civil servants and equipment is state of the art. Vocational schools are fully funded, not an afterthought.

On the flip side, Japan is a class society and once one is labeled a skilled worker, that's what they are to be. We never shut the door and believe the truck driver can become a lawyer if the desire is strong enough. However, there are still at least 70 percent who will not go on to college.

Our system needs a total restructuring as opposed to 20 years of philosophizing and writing about restructuring and school reform.

James "Doc" Doyle is a former Troy Schools administrator. His column on educational issues appears regularly.

Boy-o-boycott! look at future

Try this news story from the year 2001 for size:

President Patricia Schroeder provided a great opportunity for all Americans this year — rebuilding the almost totally collapsed economy.

"An environmentally safe, unisex, people-owned set of companies must be our goal," said Schroeder in her State of the Union message.

Reconstruction is necessary because of the collapse of all the "Fortune 500" companies during the last decade due to boycotts. The gross national product — total of all goods and services — plummeted from \$5.2 trillion in 1989 to \$1 trillion currently — at inflated prices.

THE BEGINNING of the end came in 1987 when Chrysler Corp. signed up to sponsor ABC's miniseries "Amerika." It portrayed the peaceful takeover of the United States by the Soviets.

Chrysler's dealers and customers gave the No. 4 automaker a lot of heat for agreeing to sponsor it. Peace groups gave Chrysler even more heat for backing away. Everyone agreed to boycott Chrysler's products.

A movie producer ultimately bought control of the firm and used its stock of unsold cars in a seven-movie series entitled "Demolition Derby."

In 1993, NOW, the National Organization for Women, brought Domino's Pizza to its knees. Before disposing of its stock, founder Tom Monaghan had contributed much of his profit to anti-abortion lobbies.

Domino's problems were compounded when every environmentalist group in the nation accused him of turning the countryside around its Ann Arbor headquarters into a sleazy Broadway of holiday lights. Their efforts doubled when Monaghan turned Drummond Island into a theme park, injecting bears with Valium so they could be petted.

DAYTON-HUDSON, parent of Target and Hudson's stores, succumbed when Right to Life instituted a boycott of its stores because of the company's support of Planned Parenthood.

Ohio was the first state to file for governmental, corporate and personal bankruptcy. The issue was ignited when lottery winners rejected Honda automobiles, made by a



Tim Richard

Japanese-owned company in Ohio but employing non-union American workers.

When Honda's Ohio plant closed shop, Ohioans boycotted every other kind of auto, and the other 49 states boycotted all Ohio products.

By 1995, no Ohioan had a job, and all had aged, rusted autos. ABC, The Detroit Free Press and Meijer's — a broadcaster, newspaper and retail chain, respectively — closed shop in 1994 after blacks boycotted their allegedly racist practices.

THE WHITE HOUSE said rebuilding the U.S. economy would start with Mea Culpa Inc., a printing firm.

Mea Culpa accounted for half the shrinking GNP by printing standard apology forms used by target corporations to placate boycotters. A target corporation would buy stacks of the forms saying the firm totally, completely, and without reservation apologized and renounced its offensive behavior and would change all its policies. The president would fill in two blanks — the company name and the offended group — and mail them to all who protested.

Unfortunately, the form also promised the company would cancel dividends and dedicate 110 percent of its profits to anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-abortion, anti-polluter and anti-war community groups.

This led to the collapse of the stock market because go no wanted to invest when every corporation was suffering a loss source of investment capital would have to be found because no one audited what the anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-abortion, anti-polluter and anti-war community groups did with the corporate profits they had received.

Schroeder said a new source of investment capital would have to be found because no one audited what the anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-abortion, anti-polluter and anti-war community groups did with the corporate profits they had received.

"These are times of great challenge. But working together, I believe we can build a new economy," the president said.

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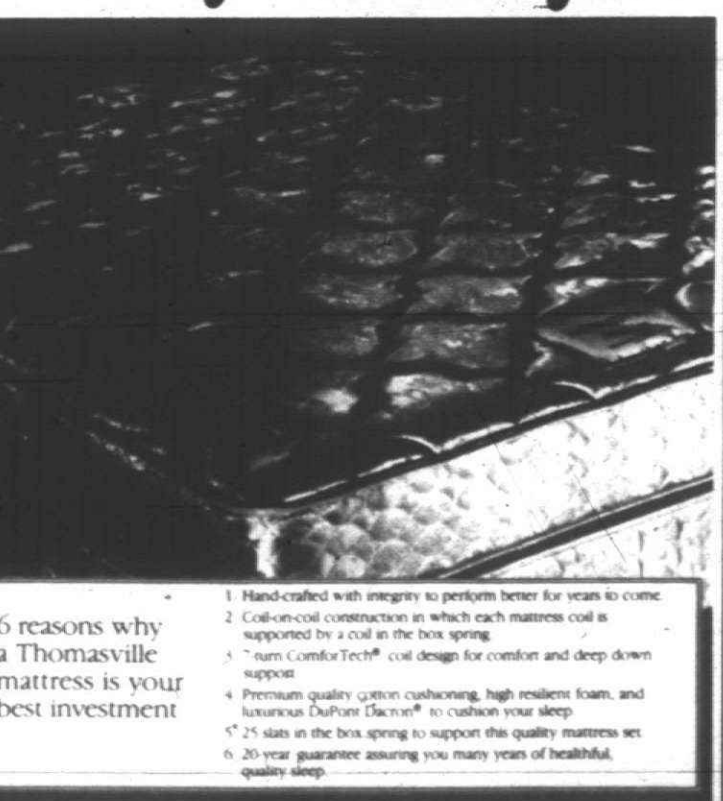
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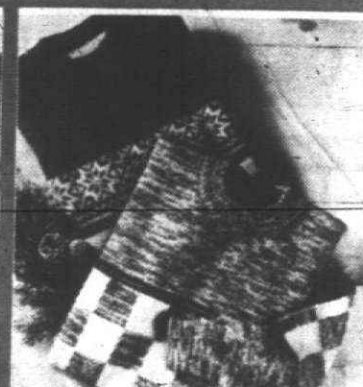
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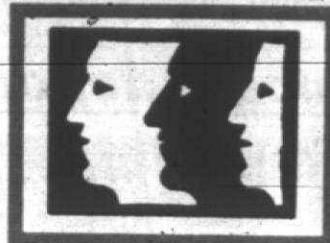
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Nancy West-Smith provides the musical accompaniment during the Canton Historical Society party.



Tillie La Fave didn't mind paying top dollar for a pound of onions.

Fun found at yule fest

By Julie Brown
staff writer

BIRDSEED, ONIONS and dog biscuits aren't the most typical of Christmas gifts, but they were high on the list at the Canton Historical Society's holiday party.



Auctioneer Bob Padgett holds up one of the "mystery gifts" and encourages people to bid on it.

The get-together at the Canton Historical Museum included an auction of gift-wrapped "mystery items," each weighing one pound.

Auctioneer Bob Padgett kept things moving right along, encouraging society members and guests to bid on the packages. Padgett reminded those at the party that the packages could include Waterford crystal, gold or other valuables.

Those treasures didn't materialize when presents were unwrapped, but many guests went home with such practical items as hand lotion and light bulbs. Those who bid \$15 or more for a pound of onions didn't mind a bit, as the proceeds went to the Canton Historical Society.

THE HOLIDAY party's an annual tradition and has been held for many years, said society president Tillie Schultz. The Dec. 13 party featured a Christmas sing-along.

The gathering gives Schultz a chance to visit with others, "to greet them and make sure they're going to have a happy New Year."

"I love to hear the singing up here," said Schultz, a Canton resident. "I love the singing and the socializing. People are so happy at this time of year."

Those at the party sang "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells" and other songs of the season. The highlight of the evening was a poetry reading by Helen Garber, 92, of Plymouth.

Garber read poems by Helen Steiner Rice, focusing on the true meaning of Christmas. "I hope that you will always see God's gifts upon your Christmas tree," she said.

She has memorized many of those poems.

"This is what keeps me mentally alert at 92," said Garber, a

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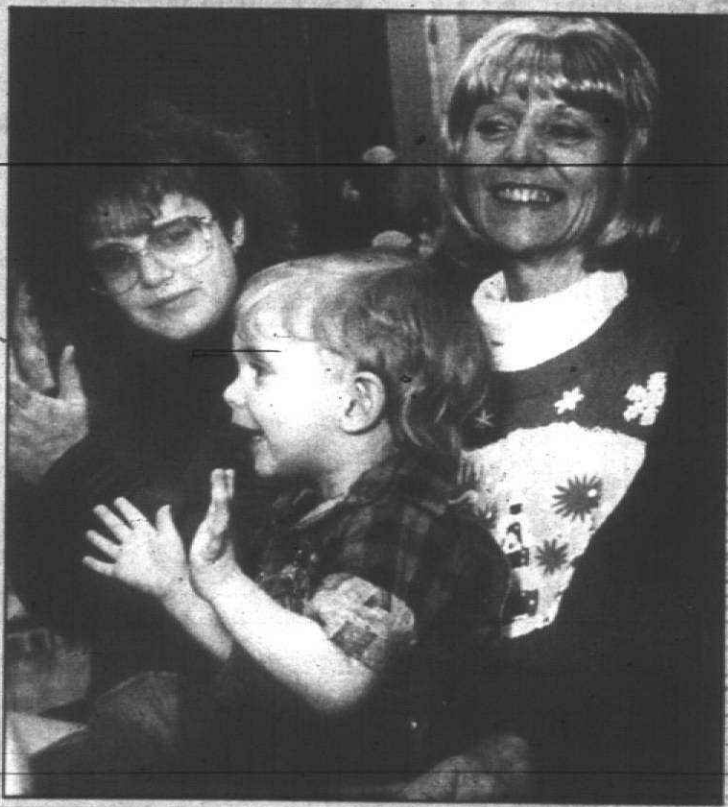
— Tillie Schultz
Canton Historical Society

longtime area resident and mother of 35th District Court Judge James Garber. The 30 or so people at the party encouraged their guest of honor to read more poetry but she declined graciously.

"I think that's enough," she said. "Invite me some other time."

Historical society vice president Bonnie Berg, who coordinates programs, arranged for Helen Garber to read poetry at the Christmas party, Schultz said.

Johnny Mitchell, 2, sings and claps along with the Christmas carols as grandmother Elisabeth Padgett holds him on her lap.



Keeping fit: It's tough this time of year

By Julie Brown
staff writer

It's pretty easy to put on weight during the holidays.

"There's a perpetual 5-pound gain, I think," said Ann Van Wagoner, a fitness instructor who lives in Plymouth. She's found a combination of exercise and willpower's the key to avoiding December weight gain.

"Eat in moderation and continue exercising," said Van Wagoner, who

coordinates the fitness classes sponsored by the women's association at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Lynne DeMoore, a registered dietitian, agreed that caution's essential. DeMoore, who earned a master's degree in nutrition science from Pennsylvania State University, is a nutritionist for the Catherine McAuley Health System in Ann Arbor.

GUESTS AT holiday parties

should plan ahead to avoid overeating, DeMoore said.

"The first thing is not to be really hungry when you go," Hungry guests are more likely to head for the high-calorie hors d'oeuvres, she said. Having a small sandwich or some fruit before going to a party can help in avoiding temptation.

"A lot of people these days are watching the fat content of their food," said DeMoore, who works at the NutriCare outpatient nutrition

center. Some holiday foods, including appetizers, eggnog and cookies, are high in fat.

DeMoore has some practical advice for those planning holiday parties:

- Some dip recipes calling for mayonnaise can be modified to reduce fat content. One cup of mayonnaise can be replaced with a combination of one-half cup plain low-fat yogurt and one-half cup light mayonnaise.

- Eggnog can be diluted with non-fat evaporated milk. Eggnog is high in fat and calories, so it's best to stick with small servings.

- It's helpful to treat yourself to small portions of one or two of the "best picks" on a holiday party table.

- Those going to potluck gatherings can bring something nutritious and tasty, such as a vegetable tray. For food prepared at home, it's helpful to experiment with low-fat recipes, gradually incorporating those into family meals.

- White meat's a better turkey choice than dark meat, and it's best to avoid eating poultry skin.

- Broth can be used to make gravy that's low in fat. Ice cubes can be dropped into the measuring cup to help fat congeal so it can be removed.

- Among baked goods, angel food cake's a good choice. Ginger snaps are lower in fat than many other cookies.

"Take small amounts of the ones with peanut butter and chocolate," DeMoore said. Cookies made with nuts are also high in fat and calories.

At some gatherings, family members or friends may pressure others to overeat. Taking small portions of food offered is one option. Sometimes as a last resort it's helpful to say you're allergic to certain foods, DeMoore said.

In some circles, food's associated with love and saying "No, thanks" to a loved one can be tough, said Van Wagoner, who's been teaching aerobics at YMCAs and other sites for 13 years.

"It's real difficult, very difficult." The December time crunch may leave some people with little time for exercise, she said.

"Don't procrastinate," Van Wagoner said. "Today's the day to start."

SHE RECOMMENDS that people take fitness classes. The support of others can make it easier to work fitness activities into a hectic schedule.

"It's energizing and you're more likely to do it. You don't want to look at it as a burden," she said. Exercis-

ing's a great stress-reducer and a way for people to take care of themselves.

"Once you get hooked on it, you'll miss it and you'll want to do it," Van Wagoner said.

Those who plan to start a fitness program should first check with a doctor, Van Wagoner said. Her program includes an Eldercise aerobics class for the "young at heart," so age isn't a good excuse either.

Day, evening and weekend fitness classes are available, so lack of time isn't a good excuse for not exercising, Van Wagoner said. Her program includes an Eldercise aerobics class for the "young at heart," so age isn't a good excuse either.

Using indoor exercise equipment helps some people stay in shape during the winter, DeMoore said. Some exercise programs are shown regularly on TV, and exercise videotapes can be rented or bought.

"Walking's a great activity," she said. Some wintertime exercisers choose to do their walking in area malls, which are often open before regular store hours.

Both women know losing weight is not a realistic goal during December. For many, maintaining current weight is more practical.

"We have to be realistic. If you lose, that's wonderful," DeMoore said.

Holiday survival recipes offer mix of good taste and nutrition

These "holiday survival" recipes are low in fat — and tasty. The herbed salmon spread and bagel chips can be served together.

HERBED SALMON SPREAD

1 (8 ounce) carton plain low-fat yogurt
2 (6 1/2 ounce) cans salmon packed in water, drained
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
1 tablespoon minced green onions
1 tablespoon reduced-calorie mayonnaise
1/4 teaspoon dried whole dillweed
1/4 teaspoon dried whole thyme

1/4 teaspoon salt
Fresh parsley (optional)
Lemon slice (optional)

Spoon yogurt onto several layers of paper towels; spread evenly to 1/2-inch thickness. Cover with paper towels; let stand five minutes. Spoon into a medium bowl with a rubber spatula. Add salmon and next six ingredients; stir well. Cover and chill. Garnish with fresh parsley and lemon slice, if desired. Serve spread with crackers, pita bread or raw vegetables.

Yield: 1 1/4 cups (about 24 calories per tablespoon).

BAGEL CHIPS

If you like crisp, salty snacks such as potato chips, this is a great healthy alternative. How good they are depends on how thin you can slice the bagels.

2 bagels (preferably garlic or onion)
2 teaspoons soft margarine, melted
1 teaspoon dried oregano

Using a very sharp serrated knife, slice bagels into very thin rounds. Arrange in single layer on baking sheet, brush with margarine. Sprinkle with oregano. Bake in 350-degree oven for 12 minutes. Let cool and store in an airtight container for up to one week.

clubs in action

HOLIDAY LUMINARIES

Holiday luminaries are being sold at Kroger, on Ann Arbor Road, at Sheldon in Plymouth. They will be sold 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the supermarket.

Each \$3.50 kit contains 10 candles and 10 bags. They are sold as a fundraising project for the Trailwood Garden Club and the Plymouth Symphony League. Displaying the glowing bags is a Christmas Eve tradition.

VIETNAM VETERANS

The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 528, Vietnam Veterans of America, will meet 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Mayflower-L. Gamble Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 1426 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 Schlott, 455-9381.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a bar. For more information, call the hot line, 562-3160.

CHRISTMAS PAST

"A Memories of Christmas Past" program will be 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Westland Helen C. Brown Historical Museum, on Wayne Road just south of Marquette, between Ford and Cherry Hill. The museum will be decorated for Christmas. Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit, and photos will be available for \$2. Tours of the museum will be given and refreshments will be served.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will hold a Christmas party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman. Romulus. The party is for singles over age 21. Admission price is \$2 for women. For more information, call the hot line, 942-7422.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles/Westside will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Roma's of Garden City, on Cherry Hill east of Veno. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Music will be provided by a band, Steve King and the Ditties. Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A New Year's Eve party will begin 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Mayflower-L. Gamble Post No. 6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The annual party is sponsored by the post and auxiliary and will continue through 1 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. A prime rib dinner will be served 9 p.m.

Price is \$25 per person, and Saturday, Dec. 29, is the deadline to make reservations. Music will be provided by the Trademark Band. There will be a cash bar. For reservations or more information, call the VFW post, 455-6700, or Bruce Patterson, 455-6811. Tickets are also available at Yer Grampa's Moustache, 137 W. Liberty in Plymouth. (For more information, call Greg Huddas, 453-5020.)

ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. Admission is free. The public may attend. Registration will start 7 p.m. and the meeting will include a "rap session." For more information, call 464-8233.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church. A program on wok cooking will be presented by Ronnie Cambra of The Kitchen Witch in Northville.

TRAIL WALK

A trail walk will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Docents, volunteer guides at the gardens, will focus on winter tree identification. They will also search for signs of color in the woods.

Warm clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear should be worn. Weather permitting, the walk will be along the Blue Trail and will last about two hours. The walk will be shorter and closer to the conservatory if temperatures drop. Participants should meet in the lobby of the conservatory. For more information, call 998-7061.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics athletes from Wayne County will compete in area winter games Friday, Jan. 11, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. Downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure skating, speed skating and other events will be included. Opening ceremonies are set for 9 a.m. The Special Olympics program is for mentally impaired athletes ages 8 and older. Volunteers are needed for the winter games. For more information, call 730-0119.

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YOUNG CAREERIST

The Canton Business and Professional Women organization is looking for candidates for its Young Careerist program. Candidates must be ages 21-35 as of July 31. They must be or have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of full-time work experience. Achievement in scholastic work, community service and/or church work will be considered. Candidates must live, work, train or attend school in the area they represent.

Applications are available at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, and at Schoolcraft College. For more information, call Cecelia Round, 845-8943, Friday, Jan. 25, is the cutoff date for applications. Young Careerist candidates must support the goals and objectives of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

CLUB DONATION

Members of the Three Cities Art Club recently donated \$100 to the Plymouth Historical Society. The money will be used for conservation and restoration of dolls from the Plymouth Historical Museum's collection. Beth Stewart, museum director, accepted the contribution on behalf of the historical society during a recent holiday open house at the museum in Plymouth.

CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 9900 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 981-2411 or 981-7259.

MORNING PLAY GROUPS

The Canton Newcomers Club sponsors morning play groups. Groups meet 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 981-9197.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

A group for advanced Dungeons and Dragons players meets Friday

night in Plymouth. The group is for adult players. For more information, call 454-0134.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees meet 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The non-profit organization is dedicated to community service and individual development. For more information, call Cam Miller, 453-1915, or Ronnita Kreiling, 455-8676.

TOASTMASTERS

A Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Denny's, on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, Plymouth Township. Participants improve their communication skills and make new friends. For more information, call 451-1241 or 455-1910.

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 591-1358.

LAMAZE EDUCATION

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia offers a variety of classes. Participants learn about pregnancy, labor, delivery and other topics. There are six-week classes for new parents, two- and four-week refresher classes, and a monthly breast-feeding class. Week-day classes are 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday

classes 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the registrar, 937-0665.

MUSEUM FUN

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. An exhibit featuring more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures will continue through late January. The exhibit, from the collection of Weldon Petz, shows how Santa Claus has changed through the years. Museum admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children under 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8940.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Meetings are open to those grieving as a result of a death or divorce. Free admission. For more information, call 453-7630.

BRIDGE GROUP

The "Party Bridge Group" meets 1-4 p.m. every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Singles and couples who enjoy playing bridge may attend. For more information, call Boyd or Dorothy Shaffer, 459-2206.

SYMPHONY COOKBOOK

Prelude members of the Plymouth Symphony League have issued a cookbook. The cookbook, priced at \$5, includes complete menus for

brunch, lunch, dinner and special holiday meals. The professionally typeset cookbook makes an ideal hostess gift, shower gift or favor. Books are available at a number of Plymouth-area stores, including Paper Parade, Sacks of Forest Avenue, Cheese and Wine Barn, Country Cupboard, Beiter Jewelry, Petite Shop, Frame Works and Corner Curtain Shop. For more information, call 453-7537 or 459-7016 before 5 p.m.

CHURCH COOKBOOK

A cookbook has been compiled by members of The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. Cookbook price is \$5, plus \$1 for handling. The cookbook includes recipes, cooking information, pictures and more. For more information, call 326-6255 or 561-4502.

BRIDGE FUN

A singles-bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Lessons are available. For more information, call 349-9104 (evenings).

new voices

Sgt. Don A. and Cheryl McDonnell of Radcliff, Ky., announce the birth of a son, Jeremiah Robert, Sept. 11 at Fort Knox, Ky. Grandparents are Gerald and Bruna McDonnell of Plymouth and Robert and Katherine Stefan of Colorado Springs, Colo. Nancy McDonnell of Canton is the great-grandmother. Jeremiah Robert has a brother, Joshua Daniel, 2.

Brian and Tracy Zyka of Westland announce the birth of a son, Justin Michael, Aug. 11 at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. The family also includes Danielle Zyka, 2. Grandparents are Herbert and Sharon Fletcher of Plymouth and Zigmund and Arleen Zyka of Canton. Great-grandparents are Robert and Stevie Robertson of Westland, Herbert and Margaret Fletcher of Plymouth and Virginia Robertson of Plymouth.

Early deadline for club news

Early deadlines will apply for "Clubs in Action" calendar items because of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Items for the Thursday, Dec. 27, issue should be submitted by noon Friday, Dec. 21. Items for the Thursday, Jan. 3, issue should be submitted by noon Friday, Dec. 28.

Forms for club news are available at the Observer Newspapers office, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170. Club material may be submitted to the newspaper at that address. Items may also be submitted by fax (459-4224).

"Clubs in Action" material must be submitted in writing, and no information will be taken over the telephone. Items should include the name and daytime telephone number of a person who can verify information.

Club items are used on a space-available basis, and publication isn't guaranteed.

The Observer Newspapers office in Plymouth will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

1940s look suits him just fine

He likes styles of the past

By Julie Brown
staff writer

Adam Sweeney wasn't around during the 1940s, but he still likes to wear clothes from that era.

"It's just really cool, I guess," said Sweeney, 19, a sophomore at Plymouth Canton High School. "You don't really see too many people with the hats and the wide ties anymore."

Sweeney, a Canton resident, describes the clothes he wears as "unusual, strange, eccentric, different." He has a collection of 1940s-style hats.

One hat came from Burton Gallery Antiques in Plymouth. Sweeney's mom has worked there part time on weekends, so she's able to tell him what's available at that store. He finds clothes at many other places as well.

"I go everywhere," he says. "I buy a lot of neckties and bowties at Value Village in Westland."

REACTION OF other students at Centennial Educational Park to Sweeney's clothes is varied. "Some of them hate it, some of them like it. Usually the girls like it and the guys don't. I don't know why."

Sweeney wore a 1940s-style pin-striped jacket to Canton's home-

"You don't really see too many people with the hats and the wide ties anymore."

— Adam Sweeney



Adam Sweeney has a collection of hats from the 1940s.

off the cuff

movies just to see what kind of hats they wore," he said.

Sweeney tends to wear more traditional styles to school and to save the fedoras and other unusual attire for weekends and evenings. He's been known to wear a baseball cap to school, and occasionally wears plain old blue jeans.

"When I run out of laundry, I wear jeans," said Sweeney, who was nominated for "Off the Cuff"

by his brother, Quinn.

Know someone in the Plymouth-Canton community who dresses with a certain sense of style and flair? Drop us a line at the Observer Newspapers, 744 Wing, Plymouth 48170. Please include your name and daytime telephone number, along with a brief description of why you think that person should be featured in "Off the Cuff."



He wore this jacket to Canton's homecoming.

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weddings and engagements

Roberts-Eszenyi

Karen Sue Eszenyi of Novi and Paul William Roberts of Dearborn were married Oct. 6 at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. The Rev. Philip Rodgers Magee of that church and the Rev. James Kenneally of Sacred Heart Parish in Dearborn performed the ceremony. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eszenyi of Canton and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Roberts of Dearborn.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed as a radiation oncology nurse clinician at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, where she is working on a master's degree in business administration.

Her husband is a graduate of GMI Engineering and Management Institute, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. He is employed as an electrical engineer for Cadillac Motor Car Corp.

Sister of the bride Sandra Swanger was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were sister of the bridegroom Joan Roberts and Pamela Potts.

Bradley Shumaker was the best man. The groomsmen were brother



For her wedding, the bride wore an off the shoulder, lace/beaded gown with a cathedral train. Her cathedral-length veil had a tiara-styled headpiece edged with pearls. She carried a bouquet of lilies, roses, miniature carnations and ivy.

A reception was at the Dearborn Country Club.

After a wedding trip to London, England, and Paris, France, the newlyweds are making their home in Novi.

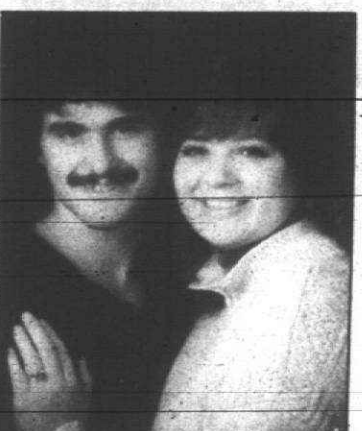
Winter-Simchak

Mr. and Mrs. Jurrien H. Winter of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Lee Winter, to Karl Wesley Simchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy S. Simchak of Clinton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and of Lehigh College of Beauty.

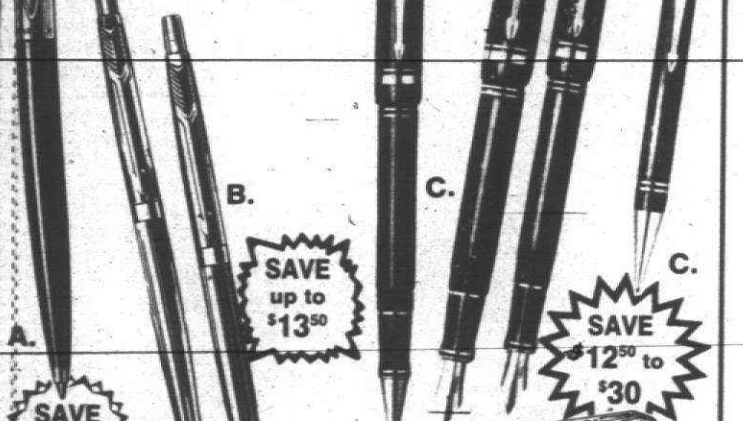
Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. He is employed at Silverman's Restaurant.

An early June wedding is planned at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth.



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Several Plymouth Court residents got involved in the fund-raising poinsettia sale. Volunteers from the nursing home included (from left): Bessie Niemitalo, Halie Martin and Helen Decker.

Good work

Age is no barrier to helping on project

By Julie Brown
staff writer

December's not the best time of year for gardening in Michigan, but Plymouth Court residents who like flowers found a way to put their talents to good use.

Last week, residents of the nursing home participated in a "Poinsettias for Progress" sale, with proceeds going to the Metro Detroit Branch-Arthritis Foundation.

"We thought it was a good cause," said Deborah Fitzgerald, admissions director at Plymouth Court. "It's nice especially at this time of year to give something. They're real excited about it."

Many Plymouth Court resi-

dents have arthritis, she said, and staff members at the nursing home see its devastating effects. The chronic disease is characterized by inflammation, stiffness and often deformity of the joints.

"There's a lot of research that needs to be done," Fitzgerald said.

MONEY RAISED will be used by the Arthritis Foundation, a United Way agency, for research and development and for client services.

'We thought it was a real good cause.'
—Deborah Fitzgerald
Plymouth Court

Helen Decker is one of several Plymouth Court residents who participated in the project. She got involved "because I was asked to I like to sell things. I think it's wonderful."

Decker did some gardening in the past.

"I love flowers, I love the Christmas poinsettias," she said. Residents Halie Martin and Bessie Niemitalo are also flower-lovers who participated in the project.

"My room is full of African violets. I've always had lots of flowers," Niemitalo said.

A number of other Detroit-area nursing homes got involved in the "Poinsettias for Progress" sale. Staffers and senior citizen volun-

teers kept things running smoothly during the two-day event.

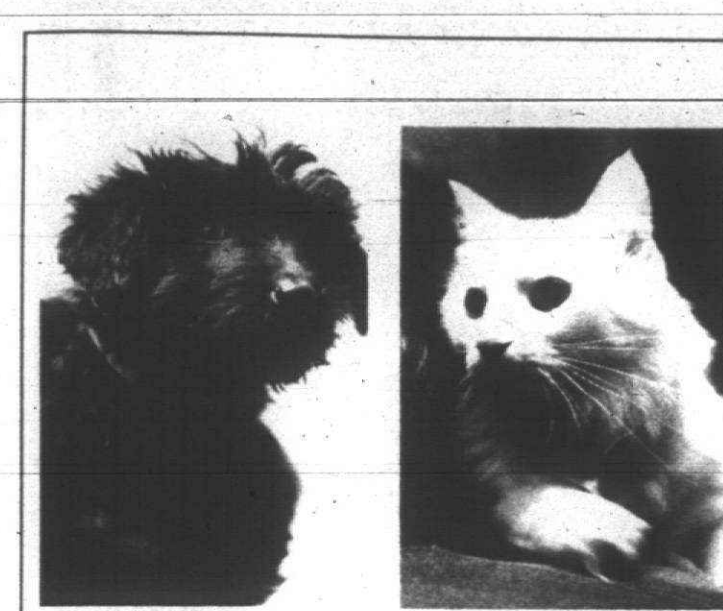
"I think they like the contact with people," Fitzgerald said of the residents who volunteered their time and talents. Participating helped residents get into the Christmas spirit.

Those at Plymouth Court ordered about 75 plants — red, white and pink — for the Arthritis Foundation project and had the option of ordering more if needed. They were pleased to sell the poinsettias, and didn't find the nursing home looked less cheerful after the sale, due to the presence of Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

"It looks pretty Christmas right now," Fitzgerald said.

Pets of the week

Rosie, a 9-week-old female terrier/shepherd mix, and Chelsea, a 3-year-old female long hair cat, need homes. Rosie (Control No. 295879) is good with children. Chelsea (Control No. 295890) is litter-trained and good with other pets. To adopt these pets or others, or to check for lost pets, call the Westland Kindness Center of the Michigan Humane Society, 721-7300. The center is at 37255 Marquette, Westland.



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Computer classes on tap at SC

Schoolcraft College is offering several computer courses this winter.

The class lineup includes:

• **Microcomputer orientation** — which familiarizes students with the basic functions and uses of the microcomputer. Various types of software will be used to demonstrate word processing, file management, spreadsheets and graphics. The 10-week course will be offered from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays beginning Jan. 5. The fee is \$123.

• **Macintosh computer orientation** focuses on basic skills. Macintosh applications and capabilities are explored using a series of exercises that integrate graphics, text and page layout. The three-week course is offered from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 15. The fee is \$105.

• **Introduction to Microsoft word** on the Macintosh will cover basic word processing skills available in the Mi-

crosoft Word software package. Topics discussed include document manipulation, text entry process, print operation, format characteristics and use of a spell checker. The six-week course is offered from 9-11 a.m. beginning Jan. 19. The fee is \$105.

• **Introduction to Wordperfect** will cover instruction in document preparation, formatting, printing and saving and retrieving information from the disk. Three sections of this course are being offered. The fee is \$107.

• **A Wordperfect features course** will cover the more sophisticated functions of the Wordperfect program. Topics include styles of column text entry, preparing simple accounting documents and merging. The eight-week course is offered from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning Jan. 9. The fee is \$107.

• **Intermediate Lotus 1-2-3** is for students who know the basic func-

Mice move into abandoned bird nests

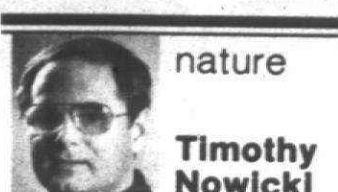
Not long ago I suggested that soon after the leaves have fallen from the trees, one should look at bird nests. They are still intact because wind, snow and rain have not damaged them. Some nests may persist until next summer, but most are not durable enough to last that long.

As you look at some of these feats of construction, you may notice that some of them have additional material which have been incorporated into the original design. Often this added material consists of grass, shredded paper, cattail down, feathers and hair.

These materials were not added by the bird before it left in hopes that it would winterize its nest. A new and different animal has re-modeled and taken up residence in the nest. Wild mice will often make a winter home from an abandoned bird nest.

An abandoned nest from a brown thrasher or a robin are suitable in size for a Peromyscus mouse. Bird nests provide a stable foundation with good insulation and protection from the bottom. Additional material is woven into a dome to cover the top of the structure and the nest cup where the mouse will curl up.

Though we often only think of mice on the ground, many mice



nature
Timothy Nowicki

will take advantage of a nest that may be up to 15 feet above the ground. Nests above the ground are exposed to winter wind and do not have the insulative advantage of snow as do nests on the ground. Their elevated position does, however, remove them from many potential predators that search the ground for a meal.

White-footed mice also have the ability to lower their body temperature from 98 degrees Fahrenheit to 59 degrees Fahrenheit. By lowering their body temperature, they will not lose as much body heat and thus expend less energy. Conservation of energy for a small mammal is essential in winter when food sources are scarce.

Those people who have bird houses will often find mice using the old bird nest inside the box. Old



nests need to be removed in spring in order to encourage a bird to use the box. Typically, birds do not use the same nest over again.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia.

Piano concert features husband, wife

Pianists Elizabeth and Eugene Fridonoff will perform a piano program Wednesday, Jan. 16, at Schoolcraft College.

One in a series of music club concerts, the program is scheduled from

1-2 p.m. in the liberal arts theater. Admission is free.

Eugene Fridonoff has established himself as a virtuoso and sensitive pianist performing repertoire from Bach to Bartok. He has performed

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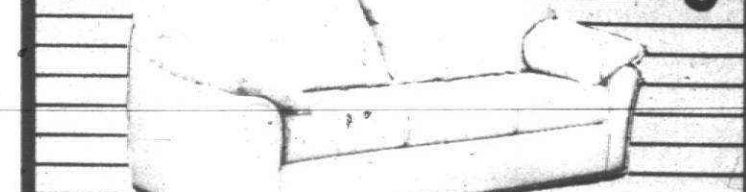
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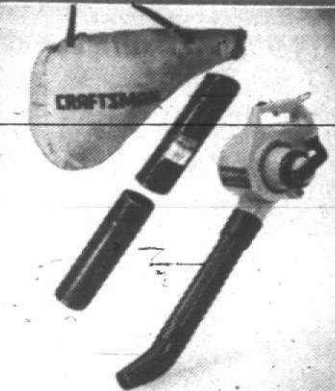
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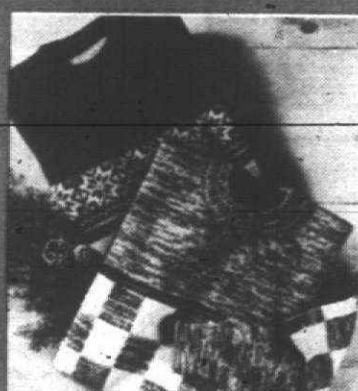
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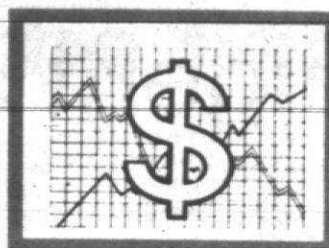
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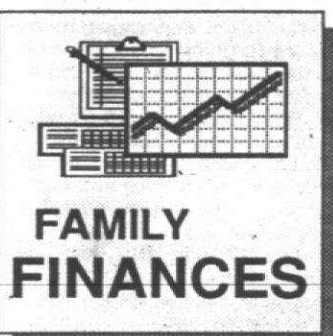
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Diligent saver hears options

By Dan Boyce
and Alan Ferrara
special writers

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strengths. She has a steady income and employment, good emergency reserves, an excellent savings rate, and adequate homeowner's and life insurance. But she must deal with some weaknesses that may hold her back from reaching her goals.

One of the first concerns we note is that Tippet owns a townhouse in Ohio that she received as part of her divorce settlement. She receives yearly rental income of \$5,400, but her yearly expenses for this property are about \$6,500. Thus she is experiencing negative cash flow of about \$1,100 per month. Including the depreciation, the investment does provide her with some tax savings, but this is not necessarily an adequate reason to retain the property. Although the area around the townhouse is well-kept, there has not been a great deal of appreciation in recent years. When you consider her potential problems as an absentee landlord, Tippet may want to consider selling the property.

IF SHE DOES sell, there will be some taxes to pay. She has a tax basis in the property of about \$48,000, and if she sells it for \$70,000, she will have to pay income tax on \$22,000 of capital gain. The capital gain would result

in additional income taxes of about \$6,000.

Because she turned a townhouse into investment property, she could not defer the gain by buying a new residence. She may want to structure the sale on an installment basis or land contract to spread the taxable gain over several years.

Tippet is currently saving about \$800 per month, which is an outstanding savings rate. Part of this savings is being put into savings bonds and part into her passbook savings account. She is planning on using the passbook savings account to buy the car next year, and subsequently the savings will be used for the house she hopes to buy. She views the savings bonds as retirement savings.

We agree that it is a good idea for Tippet to keep savings for short-term goals in a liquid, stable account, but we would suggest that she consider switching her savings account to a money market account/fund for her short-term goals to get a greater return than passbook savings provide. The money continues to be immediately accessible whenever she needs it.

As for her long-term goal of retirement, Tippet might better be served by setting up a deductible Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and placing \$2,000 every year into the account (her employer has no retirement plan). In this way the principal and income are tax-deferred until withdrawn from the IRA.

BETWEEN THE IRA and her "untouchable" retirement savings account, we would suggest that \$300 be allocated from the total savings. She might want to consider investing at least the IRA portion in a quality growth mutual fund, which should provide better

long-term returns than the savings bonds and which would build a better balance into her portfolio over time.

If Tippet is careful she should be able to meet her next targeted goal of buying a home within the next two to three years. She currently has \$30,000 equity in her mobile home, which could be used to help buy the new home. In addition, if the townhouse is sold, this will provide additional money for the new home payment.

Tippet should determine how the new mortgage payment will impact on her monthly budget and cash flow, especially on her ability to save for other goals. When determining the total amount she wants to spend for the new house, she should look at what effect it will have on her total cash savings and on her cash-flow needs.

We note with some concern that Tippet has no estate plan. Her assets are not so significant that she would consider a revocable living trust for tax avoidance purposes, but she may want to at least consider executing a will to provide for her daughter. It is likely that her daughter's father would be the named guardian under the law, but if he is unavailable or dies before her mother, successor guardians should be named.

As some point, Tippet may want to consider setting up a living trust for the benefit of her daughter. Under Michigan law, any assets left to her daughter would be payable to her daughter at age 18. With the use of a trust, Tippet could spread out the distribution of assets to a later date while providing flexibility for the use of the funds for her daughter for whatever is needed.

ONE WEAKNESS to consider

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Townhouse (out of state)	\$70,000		
NON-INVESTMENT ASSETS		Financial Weaknesses:	
Mobile Home	\$30,000	✓ No disability insurance coverage	
Auto	\$1,200	✓ No estate plan	
Personal Possessions	\$10,000	✓ Out-of-state townhouse has negative cash flow	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$135,300	✓ Payroll withholding is too high	
LIABILITIES		✓ Employer has no pension plan	
Townhouse Mortgage	\$52,300		
Credit Cards	\$1,000		
NET WORTH	\$82,200		

correcting is that Tippet has no disability insurance. If she were to become disabled, she has no ongoing source of income. This is a major problem in the event she becomes disabled. She should buy an individual disability insurance policy to protect against this contingency.

Tippet should give some significant thought to future college expenses for her daughter. At Tippet's income level, it is possible that her daughter will qualify for some college financial aid if she plans properly. Much of this will depend to a large extent on the costs of the school chosen and on the strategies she uses for allocating her savings.

It is commonly recommended that parents provide for college savings by establishing a Uniform Gifts to Minors Act (UGMA) Account, which places assets in a custodial account for children. But

when determining eligibility for financial aid, these assets are considered to be owned by the child. As a result, for financial assistance purposes, the yearly contribution percentage of those assets (35 percent) is much greater than if the assets are kept in the name of the parent (the expected contribution percentage is reduced to 6 percent).

In addition, Tippet's daughter would be entitled to the assets in an UGMA account at age 18 without any restrictions on the use of the assets. In this case, we might recommend that Tippet keep assets in her own name and earmark certain savings for her daughter rather than establishing such an account.

An additional consideration is that certain types of assets never show up on the college aid

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By Gerald Frawley
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munication Systems, has been making its business by providing sound in all its myriad commercial applications for more than a decade.

Multi Communication Systems, with sales of more than \$4 million last fiscal year, has built a reputation for itself as a leader in the industry that has led to a number of prominent jobs.

The University of Michigan Hospital, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, the Mazda Automotive Assembly Plant, the Pontiac School District, Oakwood, Henry Ford and Harper Grace hospitals — the list of big name clients goes on and on.

BUT THE job Multi Communication Systems president Lonnie Ervin is most proud of is the Cobo Hall expansion.

The configuration of Cobo Conference/Exhibition Center, with its four contiguous meeting halls that can be transformed into one giant 600,000-square-foot assembly hall, posed several logistic and cost problems, general sales manager Dave Hill said.

Multi Communication had to develop a system that could serve each of the four main halls separately and also serve the one large hall created when the partitions between them are removed, Hill said.

The system also had to service the numerous meeting rooms used for the various breakout needs of conventions. The overall cost of the system came in at about \$1.4 million, Hill said.

Now completed, the system requires nearly 64,000 watts of power, a 600-square-foot control room with 14 bays of 72-inch tall racks crammed with amplifiers, 1 million feet of wire connecting the whole thing, and a 20-ton air conditioner just to keep the system cool, Hill said.

BUT SOUND isn't all that Multi Communication Systems does. By definition, the company is a low-voltage communications contractor that specializes in institutional applications for the health, educational and corrections industries, Ervin said.

To accommodate this market, his company has had to expand its services to the design, installation and maintenance of security, paging, life safety, closed circuit television and computer data networking applications.

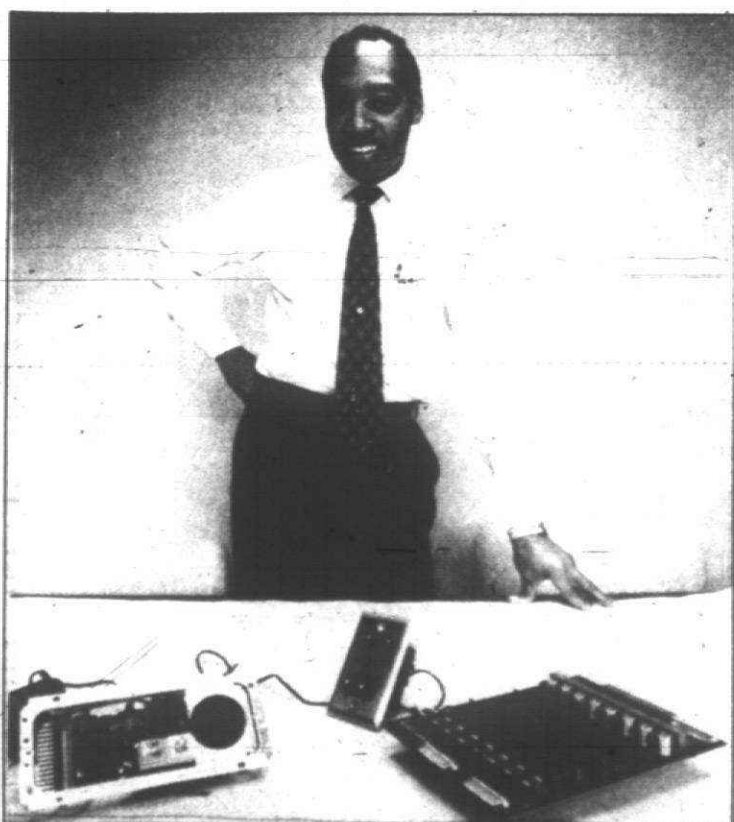
"What we really do is integrate these systems," Ervin said.

Similar systems require similar installation and maintenance skills, he said, but contractors also have to be mindful of how systems affect one another.

TWO OF THE GREATEST growth areas for low-voltage communication contractors, Ervin said, are in computer networking, in which independent personal computers are linked together, and in security, both for private security needs and the construction of prisons and jail facilities.

Multi Communication Systems' success, Ervin said, can be attributed to value engineering.

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JIM JAGFELD/staff photographer

In the increasingly complicated sound design industry, competitors dealing in similar products have to find a way to make themselves stand out. Front-end engineering, before electricians ever solder the first connection, ensures more flexibility at less cost, according to Lonnie Ervin, president of Multi Communication Systems of Livonia.

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Diligent saver hears options

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application forms (for example, annuities or life insurance), and Tippet should be aware of these planning opportunities. It may seem like a long time in the future to begin planning for college, but

decisions made now could have a significant impact on the cost of funding her daughter's education.

If Tippet can maintain her current financial strengths and gradually improve in areas of financial weakness, her good beginning can help bring fruition of

her goals and desires.

Dan Boyce, a certified financial planner at the Center

for Financial Planning in Southfield, has been recognized by Money magazine as one of the top financial planners in the

nation. Alan Ferrara is a partner in the Farmington Hills law firm of Couzens, Lansky, Feak, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar. Both serve on the board of directors for the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the International Association for Financial Planning.

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EVCOR has relocated its southeastern Michigan Headquarters at Suite B6 of the 39201 Schoolcraft Building.

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Company drafts beautiful sounds

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"Value engineering is looking at new ways of solving old problems, sometimes using old technology in new ways."

Value engineering probably wouldn't mean anything to the layman, Ervin said.

"All he's interested in is that if he speaks into a microphone, he wants a voice to come out the speakers."

BUT VALUE ENGINEERING does not mean that its systems will cost less than others, Ervin said.

"What (more engineering) means is more flexibility and more value for the same dollars. If we can enhance a system without costing the customer extra money, then we're ahead of the game," Ervin said.

Value engineering is a natural progression from being in a highly competitive, established market.

Most companies will offer comparable products, Hill said, but comprehensive engineering up front can make a system better and at a lower cost.

THE COMPANY'S greatest strength is its in-house engineer, Hill said. It has all the traditional craftsman and electrical engineers, plus computer-aided design/computer-aided manufacturing (CAD/CAM) capabilities.

"We can become a design partner with architect and design engineers," Hill said.

Any sound company that hopes to compete will have to be able to provide more.

Because products are relatively

similar, that "more" has to come from what the firm provides — design, installation and maintenance.

THE FIRST step in a sound design project, whether it's new construction or a remodeling job, is to sit down with the design and engineer team to work out the technical aspects of the system, Hill said.

The second step is to sit down with the non-technical end users, he said.

"Quite often, the end user has a whole different set of qualifications than the engineering people," Hill said.

"We have to be cognizant of that and sometimes act as the facilitator of these two groups and get them together."

Once the pre-engineering interviews are complete, the company does a sound analysis of the structure from which sound engineers can determine what equipment is needed and how it should be used.

AFTER DESIGNING the system, being careful to allow for expansion and ease of use, the sound equipment is installed and tested. But the job doesn't end there, Hill said.

"No matter how good a piece of equipment is there will always be failures — especially in electronics."

Sound systems have to be flexible because uses often change, he said.

Non-sound applications and integrated applications follow similar steps, he said.

Auto makers shouldn't wrap cars in the flag



auto talk
Dan McCosh

I seem to spend more time than most journalists who cover the auto industry defending the merits of the American car, or perhaps I should say the cars sold by the companies who have their main headquarters in the U.S.

That is why I was surprised at my own reaction to the conclusion of a testimonial dinner honoring a top-ranking Detroit auto exec that concluded with the guy giving his favorite speech, tying patriotism directly to buying American (preferably his American) cars.

I think I may have been pushed slightly off-center when he pulled out a plastic American flag, stiff enough sort of look like it was blowing in the wind and began waving it from the podium. No kidding.

Well, maybe he was kidding, trying to make a caricature of himself and his often-publicized opinions on such matters.

Kidding or not, the flag bothered me a lot more than I would have thought. When it comes to patriotic issues, nothing gets me quite as angry as someone pulling out the flag to bash someone who is expressing an opinion different than his own. To me, it's worse than burning it, since protecting the right of idiots to express their opinions is one of the principal things it stands for. No one ever claimed it's a fireproof.

Then I realized that what was also bothering me was that someone who should know better was once again taking an old-fashioned jingoist stance on the matter of what kind of

cars Americans ought to buy.

It seems to me that something has gone strangely awry with the debate over U.S. vs. Foreign automobiles. Mainly, it is the failure to distinguish between a simple machine on wheels and the effect of national policy.

It's pretty clear that when U.S. manufacturers duplicate the Japanese effort in engineering and manufacturing technology, as they are at-

tempting to do, the result is superior cars made more efficiently. But it also should be obvious that if the U.S. duplicated Japanese national policy, rather than its cars, the U.S. would simply prohibit all importing of Japanese products and make Japanese investment in the U.S. illegal, then possibly write a special set of books that would allow U.S. products to be sold cheaply in Japan until that

country's national wealth began to siphon off.

One reason it's difficult to cite an import buyer for lack of patriotism is because the domestic auto companies have gone offshore faster than the typical retail auto customer.

It was Chrysler, for instance, that led the way to volume purchases of Japanese steel, and GM has nearly wiped out the U.S. machine tool and stamping press business by spending virtually all of the \$40 billion or so it took to refurbish its plants in Japan and Europe rather than with U.S. companies. This, of course, is before you count the often-cited penchant for supplying major components and niche cars from offshore sites.

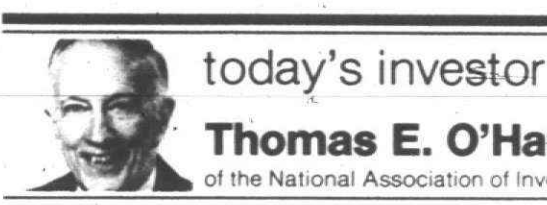
Regardless, I would argue that the

notion of a patriotic consumer is far less important to the future of U.S. industry than some sensible national policy on trade and debt.

It's sobering to realize that the beleaguered U.S. auto business is virtually the only major U.S. manufacturing enterprise that has managed to stay marginally competitive with imports, despite the seemingly self-destructive trend of many U.S. economic policies.

All this is heavy stuff for someone out to kick a few tires and buy a set of wheels. I don't really think it should be his problem. It's a problem for the leaders of the industry and the country that deserves some careful thought and debate, not the feeble waving of a plastic flag.

Long-term investor should ignore short-term advice



today's investor
Thomas E. O'Hara

of the National Association of Investors Corp.

Q. I was at a broker's meeting where they had a securities analyst talk and discuss a number of companies he suggested we consider buying. My broker said that the information was good but that it was too short-term and I should be basing my selections more on long-term thinking.

I know I am in favor of long-term planning, but I don't think I know how to apply that to stocks. Would you be able to give me an illustration of long-term and short-term reasoning in the selection of a stock?

A. I recently had an experience that fits your question perfectly. I am on a committee that picks a

stock once a month for Better Investing magazine. We try to pick stocks that seem to have the characteristics that would enable them to double in value in the coming five years. Five years is a long time in the stock market.

Several months ago the stock we selected was Guardsman Products Inc. This is a company whose major business is making finishes used in the appliance and furniture industries. As you might guess with those major markets, its business is a little cyclical.

MANAGEMENT RECOGNIZES that and has started to build some new lines that are more consumer

oriented and consequently more stable.

The company has had an excellent record. Its sales have increased at 15 percent compounded annually for the past 10 years. Earnings per share are up 20 percent.

With a record like that, that is good reason, from a long-term point

of view, to believe the company will continue its past performance and possibly be worth twice as much five years in the future. But the long-term investor also would recognize that during the five-year period a number of temporary problems might arise that could cause declines in the price of the stock.

ANALYSTS WITH a short-term outlook have taken on an entirely different view of the stock. They have reasoned that a recession most likely is coming.

Since the appliance and furniture industries are very cyclical and are almost certain to decline sharply in a recession, they reason that Guardsman will experience a sharp decline in sales and earnings and its price will drop.

Both lines of reasoning are good. It is just that they are from different perspectives.

THE PERSON following the short-term thinking will sell the stock in anticipation of buying it back when he reasons the business turns around.

The person with the long-term point of view will recognize the bargain when the price declines and add

to his holding. The person following the short-term pattern has the more difficult job because his timing has to be right. He has to select his sell and buy-back points close to their respective highs and lows to make a profit.

Thomas O'Hara of Bloomfield Hills welcomes your questions and comments but will answer them only through this column. Readers who send in questions on a general investment subject or on a corporation with broad investor interest and whose questions are used will receive a free one-year subscription to the investment magazine Better Investing. For a sample copy of Better Investing Magazine or information about investment clubs, write Today's Investor, PO Box 220, Royal Oak, MI 48068.

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More bad news on how taxes will affect you

Last week I presented several provisions of the RRA of 1990, details of which were supplied by Deloitte & Touche. This column provides additional provisions, also supplied by Deloitte & Touche, which I hope would be of interest to you.

EXCISE TAXES

10 Percent Luxury Excise Tax — A 10 percent excise tax is imposed on the portion of the retail price of the following items that exceeds the following thresholds: automobiles — \$30,000; boats and yachts — \$100,000; aircraft — \$250,000; jewelry — \$10,000; and furs — \$10,000.

The tax is applicable only to the first retail sale of newly manufactured items. Additionally, the provision contains special rules on anti-abuse, the leasing of boats and aircraft, an exemption for sales to the Federal or state or local governments, and the exportation and the importation of affected goods.

Effective Date — Applies to sales after 1990 and before 2000. However, an exception is made for binding contracts that were in effect on Sept. 30, 1990.

Gas Guzzler Excise Tax — The prior law gas guzzler tax rates are doubled. Thus, the tax begins at \$1,000 for automobile models with mileage between 21.5 and 22.5 miles per gallon and increases to \$7,700 for automobile models with fuel economy ratings of less than 12.5 miles per gallon. This provision applies to passenger automobiles with an unloaded gross vehicle weight of less than 6,000 pounds. However, all limousines are subject to this tax regardless of their weight. The special rules permitting Treasury to set the rate of tax for small manufacturers are repealed.

Effective Date — This provision is effective after 1990.

Highway and Motorboat Fuels Excise Taxes; Excise Tax on Rail

Fuels — The highway and motorboat fuels taxes are increased by 5 cents per gallon. A 2.5 cents per gallon tax is imposed on fuels used in rail transportation. The excise tax exemption for gasoline is reduced to 5.4 cents per gallon. The exemption for partially exempt ethanol and methanol fuels remains at 50 percent of the applicable rate. In addition, rules relating to the collection of taxes are tightened.

Effective Dates — The fuels tax increase is effective on Dec. 1, 1990, with applicable floor stocks taxes imposed on that date. The collection of tax provision is effective July 1, 1991.

Excise Tax on Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits — The Act doubles the excise tax on beer from \$9 a barrel to \$18 a barrel, increases the excise tax on distilled spirits by \$1 per proof gallon, and increases the excise tax on still wines and artificially carbonated wine by 90 cents per wine gallon.

An exemption is made for small domestic producers of beer and wine. Under the exemption, small producers will, generally, pay the same rate of tax as under the old law.

Effective Date — The rate increases are effective Jan. 1, 1991, including a tax on floor stocks.

Tobacco Excise Taxes — The excise on all tobacco products is increased by 25 percent on Jan. 1, 1991, with an additional increase of the same dollar amount Jan. 1, 1993. For example, the tax on a pack of cigarettes will increase by four cents in 1991 and by another four cents in 1993. Floor stocks of cigarettes will be subjected to each tax increase.

Ozone-Depleting Chemicals Excise Tax — The list of ozone-depleting chemicals subject to the excise tax is more than doubled. However, the excise tax for the new-



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Sid Mittra

ly taxed chemicals is lower (30 cents) for the tax year 1992.

Airport and Airway Trust Fund Taxes — The tax on passenger tickets and air freight is increased by 25 percent. For example, the ticket tax is increased from 8 percent to 10 percent. In addition, the Airport and Airway Trust Fund excise taxes are extended for five years through 1995.

Effective Date — The airport and airway excise taxes generally are effective for amounts paid after Nov. 30, 1990.

Harbor Maintenance Excise Tax — The harbor maintenance tax is increased from 0.04 percent to 0.125 percent of the value of commercial cargo or the passenger fare.

Effective Date — Jan. 1, 1991.

Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Tax — The Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund tax of 0.1 cent per gallon of fuel is reimposed and extended for five years through 1995 with no Trust Fund revenue ceiling.

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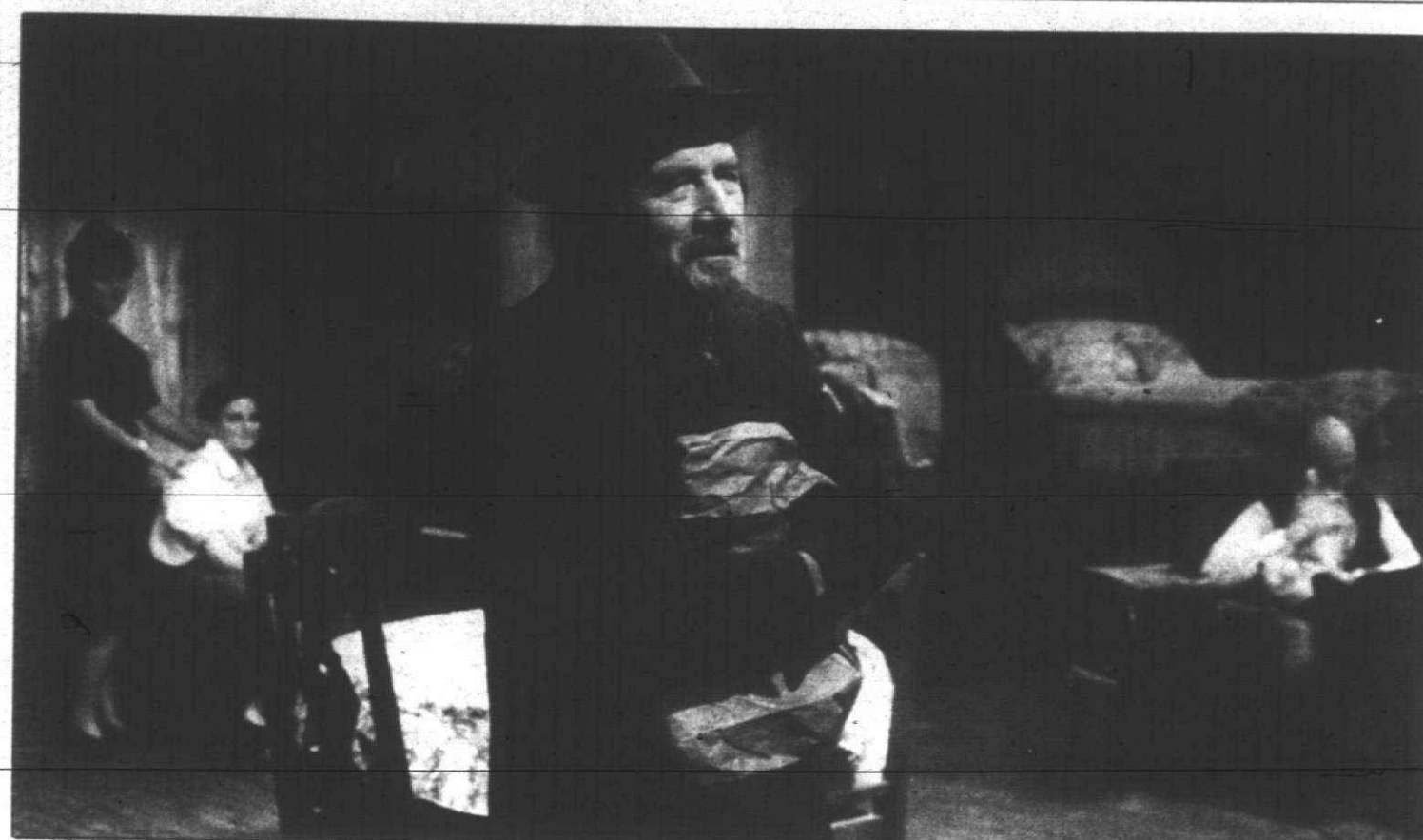
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Sol Frieder, German-born actor who originated seven roles in "A Rosen by Any Other Name" off-Broadway, repeats these roles in the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production.

7 faces

Actor plays many roles in drama

By Cathie Breidenbach special writer

SOL FRIEDER plays seven character roles in "A Rosen by Any Other Name," the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of Israel Horowitz's comic drama, through Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.

He is almost a one-man supporting cast. Frieder portrays Jacob Ardenstinsky, the narrator of the play, and Reb Brechtman, the ancient rabbi who is preparing 12-year-old Stanley Rosen for his bar mitzvah. He also plays a photographer, a stubborn sign painter, a shopkeeper and a chef who sculpts Stanley's likeness in chopped liver for his bar mitzvah much to Stanley's mortification and his mother's delight.

Funnest of all, Frieder plays Judge Brown wearing a pompous, judicial wig like a slightly askew hat

put on in a hurry. Frieder describes the seven roles he plays as "comical, tragic and tragic-comical" and says they "give me an opportunity to show various facets of acting."

In person, the man with an impressive resume of acting credits is a soft-spoken, unpretentious gentleman with more than a hint of German in his accent. With gracious humility he tells of his eventual life and his career in the theater.

FRIEDER was raised in Germany. When the Nazis began to gain power, he and his eight brothers and sisters escaped to Switzerland. He relates his early life in an understated, factual way, and tells how his parents remained behind in Germany, were eventually deported to a concentration camp in Poland and died there.

Between 1938 and 1949, Frieder lived in Switzerland, part time in refugee labor camps and part time

as a student at the University of Lausanne, where he earned a doctorate of social science. His dissertation was on "the history of religious tolerance in connection with the general social history of Europe."

He wrote in French, and his adviser was none other than the famous Jean Piaget. Frieder studied heretical movements persecuted by the church in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. He concluded that heretics who "developed their own ideology, opposed to the Catholic Church's most often arose from the poorer classes."

"I finished the dissertation to become an actor," he says. "I got the acting bug later, but my general education in history, philosophy and literature gave me a good intellectual basis."

He remembers seeing a production of Shaw's "Candida" that was a turning point and impressed him with the power of theater. At the time he had a friend who was a director in Prague and Vienna, and his friend encouraged his aspirations to become an actor. He studied acting

in Berne before coming to the United States in 1949.

IN THIS COUNTRY Frieder made his home in New York, where he still lives, and became a professional actor in 1958. Unlike most actors who spend anxious years playing walk-on roles and paying their dues, Frieder started at the top — on Broadway — in the role of Mr. Frank in "The Diary of Anne Frank." That same year he toured with Faye Emerson.

Of his decision to become an actor, the man who speaks fluent German, English, French and Yiddish says, "I think I did the right thing." He expresses few regrets, saying, "I would like to have started earlier as an actor and worked in a language closer to me. I haven't been able to get classic parts in English because of my accent. That's how it is."

Frieder counts several dozen Broadway, off-Broadway and off-off-Broadway shows in his long list of acting credits as well as feature roles in 12 movies, multiple TV ap-

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Similarities to character

By Cathie Breidenbach special writer

Daniel Kahn is 12 years old and studying for his bar mitzvah. So is Stanley Rosen, the character Kahn plays in "A Rosen by Any Other Name," and the similarities don't end with the coincidence of age and religion.

"Stanley is a lot like me in his whole outlook," says Kahn. "The way he is open and serious. If he thinks something, he says it." Kahn, a sixth grader at Roeper School, explains, "But Stanley's unlike me, too. He keeps more to himself, doesn't have a lot of friends and spends more time in the house with his family."

"A Rosen by Any Other Name," at the Jewish Ensemble Theatre is Kahn's acting debut, but he has been singing and dancing in front of audiences for years. He is the kind of forthright, natural performer who seems born to the footlights and is not intimidated by an audience.

His mother, Marcia, jokes that he was on stage in a prenatal state because she performed in dinner theater when she was expecting him. Love of theater is a Kahn family passion. Marcia belongs to

both the Birmingham Village Players and St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, and Daniel's father, David, also belongs to St. Dunstan's.

YOUNG KAHN cites two emotionally charged, physical moments in the play as especially challenging. "The hardest part is when my father (Mr. Rosen) slaps me. It hurt until we worked it out," he says, reluctant to divulge particulars of how actors preserve the illusion of a slap, and eliminate the pain.

In the play when his cousin Manny, who suffers from shell-shock, admits that playing the part has involved more than acting, challenges. The social sacrifices required by auditions and rehearsals frankly bother him. "I missed my very first dance for the call-back auditions and missed a five-day camping trip up North."

Much as he loves performing, he is a realist and says of his future, "I don't want to be an actor. It's too risky economically. I just want to be happy and be able to support a family."



Daniel Kahn, 12, plays a 12 year old studying for his bar mitzvah with a rabbi portrayed by Sol Frieder.

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Actor shows 7 faces

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pearances and a handful of stock company runs and tours. He played Lear and Shylock in Shakespearean productions and Mr. Frank, to name a few readily recognized roles. In musicals, he played Mr. Schultz in "Cabaret," the rabbi in "Fiddler" and Crooked Finger Jake in "Three Penny Opera."

In 1976, his accent worked in his favor and won him a part as a German immigrant taking an evening class in "The Primary English Class." The play by Israel Horowitz starred Diane Keaton as the teacher. That was Frieder's first acquaintance with Horowitz with whom he has worked frequently since.

He later worked with Keaton again in Woody Allen's movie, "Love and Death," which led to other Allen films including "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "A Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy." In "Music Box" starring Jessica Lange, Frieder plays a death camp survivor testifying at the trial of Dr. Demjanjuk, a Cleveland autoworker accused of being Ivan the Terrible of Treblinka. It's a part he considers one of his best.

FRIEDER USES his eventful life and professional experience to create the characters he plays in "A Rosen by Any Other Name." With whimsical wisdom and the license of age, he portrays the old actor, who introduces the members of the Rosen family including the cat, Toronto.

He sets the time and place for the dramatic action — in Sault Saint

Marie on the Canadian side, back in 1943 when news of the persecutions in Poland had begun to leak out of Europe. The play abounds with humor, some as corny as a Borscht-bell comedian's, yet "A Rosen by Any Other Name" ultimately takes seriously its mission to affirm and celebrate Jewish identity.

He says of the play, "It shows the conflicts, warmth and love of family. It's good for kids — amusing, has a lot of humor — maybe also some truth."

Frieder originated his seven roles when the play debuted off-Broadway four and a half years ago as the middle piece in a two-family trilogy of plays by Israel Horowitz. Frieder played multiple characters in all three plays — "Today, I Am a Fountain Pen," "A Rosen by Any Other Name" and "The Chopin Playoffs," and he so marked the characters with his German-accented, gently wry delivery that Horowitz unequivocally recommended him to JET Artistic Director Evelyn Orbach.

He says, "From the very first time, Horowitz said, 'You must use Frieder.' We hemmed and hawed because we weren't planning to bring anyone in from New York, but when I met Sol, it was a match. I knew we needed him."

SO FRIEDER came to Michigan. It was his first trip to the Winter Wonderland, and he came prepared. "Before I left New York, I bought boots, long underwear, gloves and earmuffs," he says, smiling at himself. So far, I've been lucky with the weather."

Comedy has family warmth

Performances of the Jewish Ensemble Theatre production of "A Rosen by Any Other Name" continue through Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield. For tickets, visit any Ticketmaster outlet or call 645-8666.

As very ably presented by the Jewish Ensemble Theatre, Israel Horowitz's "A Rosen by Any Other Name" is a warm-hearted comedy that positively radiates familial love and nostalgia.

Set in the small town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in 1943, the play focuses on the Rosen family, for whom pressures of the ongoing war vie with preparations for son Stanley's fast-approaching bar mitzvah.

The father, Barney Rosen (Tony Dobrowolski), is so fearful of "the war against the Jews" reaching Canada that he resolves to change the family name to something non-Jewish and stands adamant against his wife and son's objections.

The mother, Pearl (Annette DePetrus), is equally obsessed with ensuring that her son's bar mitzvah outshines all the local "competition."

"Your bar mitzvah is going to be just what I deserve!" she admonishes Stanley, standing adamant against his protestations that such elaborate plans are an embarrassment.

STANLEY (DAVID KAHN) becomes increasingly desperate to make both his parents return to their

senses, while at the same time he tries to spark romance in Fern (Jaime Newman), the 12-year-old femme fatale in his life.

Aided by his shell-shocked older cousin Manny (Sean Foster) and the wise old rabbi who is tutoring him (Sol Frieder), Stanley bravely confronts the issues of his Jewish identity and his coming to manhood.

Under director Evelyn Orbach all the players do fine work, striking just the right balance between humor and schmaltz.

Dobrowolski seems the epitome of paternal benevolence, making his paranoia over names and his snit of silence all the more comical. DePetrus likewise glows with warmth and love, though her giddy coyness in the bedroom scene could be toned down a bit.

Kahn and Newman, both actually 12, have an impressive stage presence for their age. Kahn deftly wields his heavy load of lines and is remarkably convincing in conveying emotional inflections. Newman couldn't be better at showing the disquiet with which the girls of her age regard their more immature male classmates.

FOSTER CREDIBLY portrays the young soldier's nightmares and panic at the sound of the air raid sirens and also does a nice job switching to his wise-guy accent when joshing with Stanley.

The outstanding character actor Frieder is outstanding from the moment he steps on stage as the old actor Ardenshenky, who narrates some of the play. In addition to playing the

actor and the rabbi, Frieder plays six other small roles, most of them great fun because of his wonderful mannerisms and vocal inflections.

Edith Bookstein's costumes seem very authentic, and Eric Johnson's set design works well. At Sunday night's performance only the sluggish lighting cues marred this delightful production.

Barbara Michals teaches high school English in Southfield. A theater critic for the last 16 years, she is an inveterate playgoer who regularly catches up on all the New York productions.

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TRUMBULL THEATRE
"My Three Angels" runs Friday-Saturday through Dec. 29 at Trumbull Theatre in Detroit. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Trumbull Theatre is nestled behind a Victorian-style house. Historically designated neighborhoods border it on two sides. For more information, directions and tickets, phone 833-3532. Tickets are \$7; students and senior citizens, \$5.

FOLK FESTIVAL
The Office of Major Events at the University of Michigan and the Ark will present the 14th Ann Arbor Folk

Festival at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The lineup includes Don McLean, Mahalathi and the Maholathi Queens, Jane Siberry, the Golden Ring with Gordon Bot, Ed Trickett, Dave Para and Cathy Barton, Christine Lavin, Laurie Lewis, Patty Larkin, Pat Donohue, Robert Jones and Matt Watroba. Tickets at \$19.50 and \$17.50 are on sale at the Michigan Union Ticket Office, Herb David Guitars Studio and all Ticketmaster outlets. For ticket information or to charge by phone call 763-TKTS, or in Detroit call 645-6666.

MUSEUM THEATRE
"Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs" comes to the stage of Henry

Ford Museum Theatre again this holiday season. This 1912 version, written by Jesse Braham White, is being presented throughout December with seats still available from Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 26-30. Matinees will be staged each day at 11 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m., except Sunday, Dec. 30, when only a 2:30 p.m. show will be performed. The audience is being invited to meet the characters after each performance. Call the Henry Ford Museum Reservations Center at 271-1630 for ticket information.

DANCE PARTY
The Majestic Theatre in Detroit celebrates four years of nightclub nightlife Monday, Dec. 31, with its fourth annual New Year's Eve Dance Party. DJs Pump the Bass, Blake Baxter, Craig Bridgforth, Rob Rude and Mr. Bill will create a non-stop dance atmosphere from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Champagne, hors d'oeuvres and noisemakers will be provided. Tickets are \$10 at Ticketmaster or the Majestic.

AT PALACE
Chart-toppers Bell Biv DeVoe, Johnny Gill, Keith Sweat and Monie Love will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets at \$25 reserved are on sale at the Palace box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Tickets may be charged by calling 645-6666. Ricky Bell, Michael "Biv" Bivins and Ronnie DeVoe — better known as Bell Biv DeVoe — are former members of the 80s supergroup New Edition. Featuring hip-hop, rap and singing, their double-platinum debut LP "Poison" has been on Billboard's Top Pop Albums chart for more than 35 weeks and currently stands at No. 15. For more information, contact the Palace at 377-8600.

COMEDY COMING
St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook presents "Kiss Or Make Up" at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18-19 and 25-26, at St. Dunstan's Playhouse in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students under 18. For reservations call 644-0527.

THEATER PARTY
A Benefit Theatre Party for a performance of "Bells Are Ringing" is

being sponsored by the Michigan Cancer Foundation's Southwest Regional Board at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Birmingham Theatre. The musical includes Comden-Green-Sterne songs "Just in Time," "The Party's Over" and "Long Before I Knew You." Tickets at \$25.50 may be ordered from the volunteers at MCF's West Office in Dearborn. To order, call 336-4110 before Friday, Dec. 28, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets must be paid for by Dec. 28 and will be delivered the first week in January. For those who do not care to drive, transportation via the Dearborn Trolley will be provided at an additional fee. A trolley load of 30 is required.

LA CASA
Steve Young, a pioneer of country rock, will do a showcase performance for the La Casa Folk Music Series on Monday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve), at the Birmingham Unitarian Church in Bloomfield Hills. Showtime is 9 p.m. Reservations are recommended, but tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$20, and this is a Potluck Dinner as well. Information and reservations may be obtained by calling 540-9031.

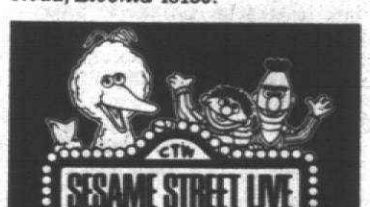
NEW YEAR'S
Our Lady of Loretto in Redford will hold a New Year's Eve party from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Roodbeen Family Center. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m. Child care is available for ages 5-11. Dinner, dancing, beer and set-ups are \$25 per person. Tickets will be sold

after each Mass through Sunday, Dec. 23, at the church. A table for eight may be reserved for \$10, with the balance due by Dec. 23. Tickets also may be purchased by calling Tom Byl at 538-2518 or John Hughes at 533-5002.

POLITICAL SATIRE
"Wozza Albert!" political satire about the second coming of Christ to South Africa and his persecution by the forces of apartheid, is presented at the Plovers Theatre, Detroit's newest, nonprofit professional theater. "Wozza Albert!" continues through Sunday, Dec. 30, at 1515 Broadway. Curtain time Thursday-Saturday is 8 p.m.; matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Featured in the two-man production are Tim Rhoads and Luray Cooper. For ticket information, call 965-1515.

MUSICAL FANTASY
G.K. Adams Productions presents a Gary Hines & Sounds of Blackness adaptation of "The Night Before Christmas," continuing through Sunday, Dec. 23, at Wayne County Community College Northwest Campus in Detroit. This production brings the Clement C. Moore 1823 classic, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," to life, with a soulful twist. The cast of 30 performers from the Detroit area ranges from high school students to veteran actors, singers and dancers. Tickets are: adults, \$15.50; children 12 and under, \$7.50. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers. To charge by phone, call 645-6666.

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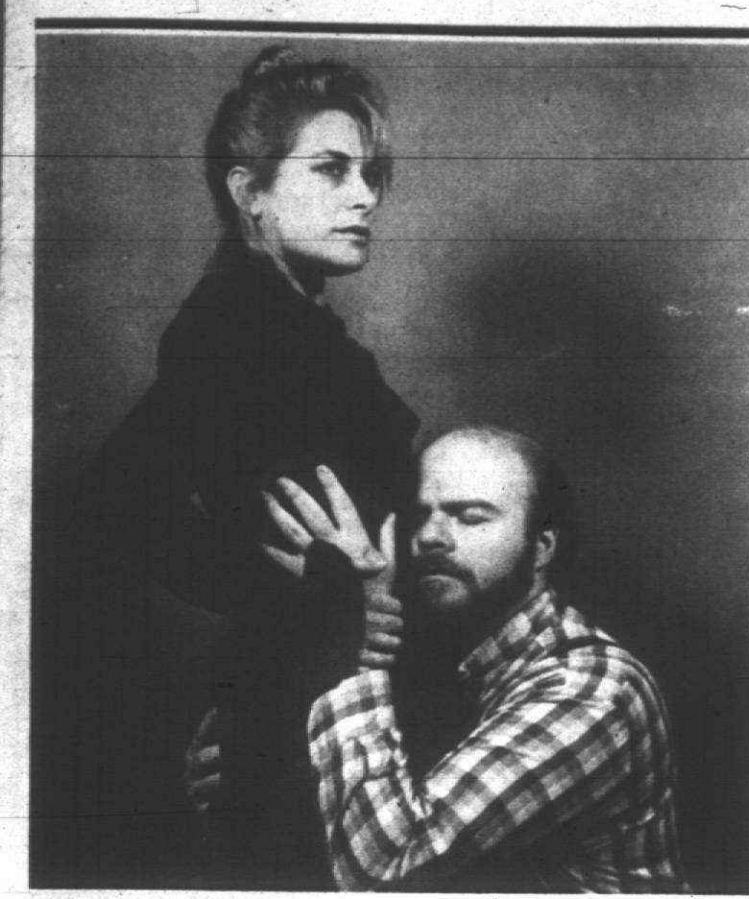
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Novi Hilton
A Christmas Day Buffet will be served at the Northfield Hilton in Troy. Music is by pianist Henry Gibson, and a clown performing magic acts will entertain the children. Brunch buffet is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Wicker Works restaurant, with three seatings available (at 11 a.m. and 1:30 and 4 p.m.). For reservations, call 879-2100 and ask for "Holiday Hotline."

Clarkston Cafe
Music for welcoming 1991 will be provided by pianist Steve Schlessing from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. New Year's Eve at the Clarkston Cafe. Chef Gary Graywicz plans a menu that includes holiday fare such as roast veal loin with truffle sauce, venison chops with morel sauce, rack of lamb and prime rib. For more information call 625-5660.

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military news

MARINE PVT. NORMAN R. FULTON, a 1988 graduate of Canton High School, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He is the son of Norman R. and Lynda L. Fulton of Canton.

U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST MICHELLE R. GILBERT, currently stationed at Frankfurt, Germany, sends best wishes and holiday greetings to her mother, Linda Pittante of Plymouth.

PVT. 1ST CLASS NATHANIEL E. JOHNSON III has deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

NAVY PETTY OFFICER 3RD CLASS JAMES M. RYAN, son of James P. and Gail D. Ryan of Canton, is currently deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Desert Shield while serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS South Carolina, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

MARINE PFC. DAX T. SAMMUT, son of Ken M. and Karen L. Sammut of Plymouth, recently completed the Automotive Organizational Maintenance course at Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

SPEC. WILLIAM R. OSBORN II has deployed to the Middle East with

American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield. The soldier is a multichannel communications system operator at Fort Bliss, Texas. He is a 1987 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is the son of William R. Osborn Sr. of Detroit and Jacqueline M. Osborn of Canton.

MARINE PFC. KETURAH D. REID of Canton, a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Paris Island, S.C.

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SPEC. WILLIAM R. OSBORN II has deployed to the Middle East with

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obituaries

JAMES H. HUMPHRIES

Services for James H. Humphries, 67, of Detroit were Monday, Dec. 17, at St. James Episcopal Church in Grosse Ile.

Mr. Humphries is survived by one son, James H. Humphries Jr. of Chicago; three daughters, Janice Reissner of Plymouth, Randy J. Lee of Plymouth and Andrea J. Ringle of Grand Rapids; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Peggy Martin of Yorba Linda, Calif.

Mr. Humphries was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Detroit. He died Friday, Dec. 14, in Detroit. He was a retired superintendent with Walter L. Couser Construction Co. for 20 years. He was a prisoner of war for six months during World War II in Germany and received the Purple Heart.

The Rev. R. Scott Krejci officiated

the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Lung Association or to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, Livonia.

JENNIE GIBSON Services for Jennie Gibson, 75, of Canton were Friday, Dec. 7, at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Garden City, with burial in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Gibson was born March 25, 1915 in Cave City, Ky. She died Wednesday, Dec. 5, at St. Mary Hospital. She lived 10 years in Ann Arbor and 50 years in Detroit. She was employed as a cook at Evangelical Nursing Home.

Mrs. Gibson is survived by two daughters, Betty Sanders of Canton and Judy Petrie of Redford; three sons, Robert Gibson of Detroit, Ed-

ward Gibson of Westland and John Gibson of Garden City. Rev. Emery F. Gravelle, of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit in Livonia, officiated the service.

ROBERT H. SUESS Services for Robert H. Suess, 62, of Canton were Thursday, Dec. 13, at Paulus Funeral Home, Canton, burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mr. Suess was born April 11, 1928

in Detroit and died Monday, Dec. 10, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He was employed at Senco Corporation.

Mr. Suess is survived by his wife, Helen Marowski Suess of Canton; one daughter, Sandra Rader of Canton; one son, Robert A. Suess of Berkeley and two grandchildren.

Fr. Alex Wytral, of St. Stephens Roman Catholic Church in New Boston, officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the "charity of choice."

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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.

• TRAVELOGUE

Jan. 9, 1991, 8 p.m. — The Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth will present a travelogue on the Austro-Hungarian Empire ("Shadow and Splendor") on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road. Price is \$4. For transportation information call Jim Vermeulen at 453-2276.

• SENIOR TRIPS

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, \$849.
Feb. 8-10 — The Snow Train at Agawa Canyon, \$245.
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• A CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. — The Festival of Lessons and Carols will begin with 160 musicians, ages 8-80 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 1100 Penniman Avenue in Plymouth (one block west of the Village shopping area). Six handbell choirs, a 60-voice parish choir, Singation Children's Choir, folk musicians and soloists will unfold the Christmas story. The program is free. Guests are requested to arrive prior to the candlelight procession which opens the concert at 7 p.m. Call 453-0326 for further information.

• TOUGH LOVE

Mondays, 7 p.m. — A parent support group dealing with teenage behavior meets at Faith Community Church, 4601 Warren Road in Canton. Call 981-5967.

Thursdays, 7 p.m. — Tough Love — Key Solutions will conduct meetings at Straight, 42320 Ann Arbor Road, east of Lilley. Call Judy Preslar at 453-5610.

• FREE LEISURE CLASSES

Wayne County Community College sponsors these classes at the Canton Recreation Center: painting, ceramics and woodworking, 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 453-3525, 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 STUTTERING

Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. — A therapy group for people with stuttering is being formed by the Department of Speech Pathology at the Oakwood Canton Health Center.

• ADULT FOSTER CARE

Foster care is needed for adults

7300 Canton Center Road in Canton. Call Janice Pagnio, 459-7030.

• 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.

• TALK FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. — Meet in the St. John Neumann Church parking lot on Warren between Sheldon and Canton Center. Also Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Call Ed at 455-9042.

• 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.

• HOSPICE SPEAKERS

Hospice Services of Western Wayne County has volunteers available to speak to church groups and civic organizations regarding the hospice concept of care. Call 522-4244.

• HEALTH VOLUNTEERS

Adults and teens — Volunteers are needed at the Arbor Health Building in Plymouth and McAuley Health Building in Canton. Volunteers can work directly with patients or in non-patient contact positions, including answering phones and various clerical duties. Complete orientation and training are provided. Call 572-4159.

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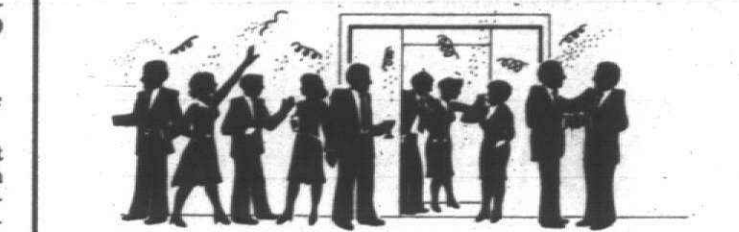
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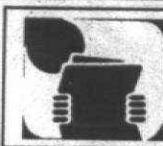
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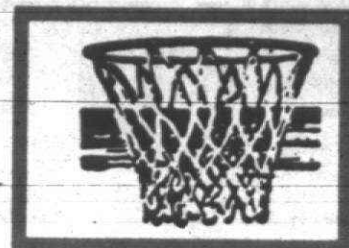
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Salem rises to top in WLAA Relays

Canton captures 2nd spot

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

If anyone wondered what kind of swimming team Plymouth Salem would be without All-American Ron Orris, the Rocks had an answer Saturday.

With a balanced effort, Salem won the annual Western Lakes Activities Association Relays, finishing first in two events, second in four others and no worse than fifth in any of the 10.

"The first thing I did after the meet, when I walked out in the hallway, was say to the parents 'Orris, who?' and all of us laughed together," Salem coach Chuck Olson said.

"It was nice for the kids. It was certainly not expected by us, but we had a good entry in every event. I was real pleased."

Salem scored 242 points and runner-up Plymouth Canton 224. The top six teams included Livonia Stevenson (195), Northville (190), North Farmington (156) and Westland John Glenn (138).

It will be a long time before anyone forgets what Orris did while at Salem, and the relay title proves the Rocks are still bonafide league contenders.

THE ROCKS have won the season-ending WLAA meet the last three years with Orris on the team, and the 1990-91 team received a boost in



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gary Bergman competed in the 400-yard freestyle and the 400 individual medley relays Saturday in the annual Western Lakes Activities Association Relays at Salem. The Rocks were second

confidence as it tries for a fourth straight without him.

"Some teams could've been hurt by winning it," Olson said. "Some teams might get the wrong idea about their ability level."

"But they know what their times are, they're working hard and they know what they have to do. After getting ripped apart by Dearborn (in the first dual meet), it didn't hurt. If anything, maybe we got a little respect back."

It used to be the winner of the relays meet usually won the league meet in early March; however, Salem hadn't won the relays since 1987. But that assumption still holds, and Olson will gladly accept the label as preseason favorite.

"I'll take it," he said. "I'd rather win the relay meet than not. At least we have a trophy to show at our banquet."

"With the dual meets coming up, we might savor this victory. It could

be a while. We have some big-time, getting-ready stuff to do."

Olson maintains Stevenson, Northville and North Farmington remain the top contenders for the league title with the Rocks and Canton being in the chase, too.

WHILE THE relays are always competitive, Olson wonders if other coaches and teams are as serious about the meet.

"Some... try not to win it," he

said. "There's that old saying: Whoever wins the relay meet (wins the league meet). I think a few of them don't want that label."

"We have no illusions about being head and shoulders above the rest of the teams in the conference. But we're very appreciative of the win, and we'll see what we can do with (the label as favorite)."

Canton coach Hooker Wellman echoed Olson's thoughts.

"It's funny — I think teams go in

swimming

there and deliberately let us win and turn around and kick our butts," he said. "I know Northville is going to focus on us for the division now. They've got fuel for their fire."

"Other teams go to the meet and send other teams a message, and some coaches go to the meet and send their teams a message."

Olson said he believes Stevenson came out of the meet underrated, adding the Spartans are better than what they showed on Saturday.

STEVENSON HAD the most first places, winning four events, but the Spartans were disqualified in the 200-yard backstroke and 200 butterfly. Coach Doug Buckler figured his relays would have been third and fourth, which would have given the Spartans another 46 points and a 241 total.

"We would have been right there; it would have been close," Buckler said. "We loaded up with our six, eight best swimmers in the four we won, but I never had my four best kids in one event."

Buckler said the same about North Farmington and Northville as Wellman did his Spartans. The Raiders were without Chris Knoche, Keith Lee and Mike Drelles, and the Mustangs were minus Eric Newton. They skipped the WLAA Relays to compete in a junior national qualifier in Chicago.

"North Farmington didn't have three of its best there," Buckler said. "(North) is an awful good swim club. They have depth and cover all the strokes very well. Those two (teams) didn't show what they had."

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4th-quarter rally fizzles; Dearborn edges Chiefs

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Canton's basketball team awoke in the last quarter Tuesday, but the Chiefs couldn't wipe the sleep from their eyes in time to catch Dearborn.

The host Pioneers were on the verge of a blowout victory, leading by 16 points entering the final period. That's when Canton rallied to nearly win the game but ultimately made defeat more respectable, 54-51.

"In the last quarter, we played like we should have the first three," Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner said. "I think it was a combination; we picked up our defense, which picked up our offense."

Dearborn stayed undefeated at 4-0 with its second straight win over a Western Lakes Activities Association team. Canton dipped to 2-2.

The inside game that had been missing surfaced early in the fourth quarter as Rob Wilson scored all six of his points to get the Chiefs started. Facing a 48-32 deficit, Canton outscored the Pioneers 19-6 in the last eight minutes.

Derrick McDonald took over, sandwiching a pair of deuces around a triple for three straight baskets. That got the Chiefs within 52-49 with 1:16 to play, but Canton's momentum stalled at that point.

MCDONALD, WHO finished with 12 points, had a shot rim the iron and come out, and he fouled out after sending Dearborn's star player, Mohammed Abdrabbah to the line with 38 seconds left. He made both to seal the outcome.

Abdrabbah, a 6-foot-4 senior, went into the game averaging 26 points and finished with a game-high 18.

"Mohammed actually had an off game offensively," Dearborn coach Don McCarthey said. "The positive thing is he had 18 points, and it was probably his worst offensive game. For most players that's a great night, but it's an average night for him."

Senior forward Kevin Holmes had 13 points to lead

the Chiefs, but Canton was lacking an inside game for most of the night.

Dearborn's strategy was take away that part of their bigger opponent's offense, leaving outside shooters open. The Chiefs settled for the perimeter shots most of the time and didn't fare well.

Canton made no more than four field goals or shot better than 33 percent in any of the first three quarters, shooting 12-of-40 from the floor. Dearborn was 19-of-41 to that point.

"Our shot selection was questionable and when we got good shots we didn't shoot the ball well," Van Wagoner said. "We were getting a lot of uncontested outside shots; we just didn't hit them."

THE PIONEERS concentrated on stopping Canton center Tony Coshatt, a 6-8 junior, and held him to two field goals and four points. Holmes got eight of his points in the second half.

Dearborn's tallest player, 6-5 center Steve Harworth, got in first-half foul trouble, which threatened to unravel its defensive strategy.

But 6-1 junior Ali Abdrabbah came off the bench to guard Coshatt and also helped offensively with 11 points. He made two triples in the second quarter that helped to propel the Pioneers into a 30-22 halftime lead.

"He's a 10th grader playing a kid who's got six, seven inches on him," McCarthey said, adding Ali was his choice for most valuable player because of his defense. "He kept us in the game defensively. Coshatt had four points, and that's a kid who can dominate."

"I thought, if Harwood gets in foul trouble, we have no one to guard (Coshatt). We worked on fronting him and making them throw lob passes and hope for back-side help."

To offset Canton's height advantage, the Pioneers tried to speed up the game and pressed the Chiefs effectively at times.

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Salem steamrolls Kettering

Plymouth Salem left no doubt which was the better basketball team Tuesday, annihilating host Waterford Kettering 73-34.

It was the fifth straight victory without a loss for the No. 6-ranked Rocks. Kettering dropped to 1-3.

Salem built a 23-8 lead after one quarter and coasted from there, leading 36-16 at halftime and 58-29 after three periods.

"We took them out of their offense in the first quarter," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, adding the Rocks scored in transition as well as their half-court offense. "We played well at both ends."

The senior duo of K.C. Kirkpatrick and Jake Baker paced the Salem scoring. Kirkpatrick, a 6-foot-6 forward, had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Baker, a 6-5 center, tossed in 16 points and passed for seven assists.

Ten players scored for the Rocks with junior Mike Abraham adding 11

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points. Tad Smith's 17 was tops for the Captains.

Salem plays host to Farmington Hills Harrison (3-1), which has won three straight since a season-opening loss to West Bloomfield, in its final game before the holiday break Thursday.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN Academy rallied from a 12-point deficit in the fourth quarter Tuesday to beat visiting Detroit Trinity Christian 64-58.

The Eagles are 2-1 overall, Trinity 2-3.

After leading 31-26 at halftime,

Plymouth Christian found itself trailing 52-40 at the end of three quarters, having been outscored 26-9 in the third period.

But the Eagles did a complete turnaround in the last quarter, outscoring Trinity 24-6 to earn the come-from-behind victory.

Manish Nandani, a senior guard, scored 13 of his team-leading 18 points in the fourth period.

Junior forward Jeff Hess added nine points as 10 of 12 players scored for Plymouth Christian. Senior center Keith McCants pulled down 16 rebounds.

Jason Pitman tallied a game-high 22 points for Trinity. He also had 10 rebounds, and teammates Cliff Van Gieson and Jason Behnke added 10 points apiece.

The Eagles scrimmage Agape Christian Friday and compete in the Oakland Catholic tournament Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27 and 28.



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Kelley's right on target for Titans

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

Matching last season's strong showing isn't the challenge for Dwayne Kelley. The question is how much he'll exceed it by.

Because there is no doubt the University of Detroit sophomore — yes, he's only in his second year, although he plays older — will improve. Already he's shown it. He was named Midwest Collegiate Conference player of the week for his performance in U-D's 85-81 win over Eastern Michigan Saturday.

Kelley poured in 22 points — all in the second half — as the Titans won their first game of the season, rallying from a 20-point deficit. He connected on six-of-11 from three-point range and dished out seven assists.

An outstanding game, sure. But

it's becoming rather common for the 6-foot-4 guard from Redford Bishop Borge.

"I'm trying my best," said Kelley. His off-season preparation has helped tremendously. So did a team trip to Italy last summer. But none of the work — not the drills or weightlifting or running — would be viewed as necessary evils to Kelley, for a very basic reason.

"I LOVE playing basketball," he said. "Over the summer, I work twice as hard as I am now."

Which is why even greater things can be expected from Kelley, a freshman, third best on the team. What should frighten opponents is what Kelley has added — diversification.

"Before last year, I worked on my

outside shot a lot," Kelley explained. "You can't play Division I ball without an outside shot."

But Kelley's outside penchant as a freshman — he had 47 three-pointers, second on the team, connecting on nearly 40 percent of his attempts — also robbed him of part of his game. "At Borge, I used to go to the basket a lot more," he remembered.

A talk with U-D coach Ricky Byrdson and a quick study of last season's statistics convinced Kelley a change was needed. "This year, I'm a lot more aggressive. I'm going inside more."

The difference? "Last year, I shot 53 free throws all year," noted Kelley. "This year, I've already been to the line 25 times."

HIS SCORING has soared, too.

Kelley leads the Titans with a 18.8 points-per-game average (fourth best in the conference), and he's third in the MCC in free-throw accuracy (88 percent). Also, his assists are up; he averages 4.0 a game (seventh in the MCC).

And yet, Kelley is determined. "We're not going to let a 1-4 start distract us," he said. "We've still got a lot of confidence. All the goals for the team were set by the coach before the season. He wants to win the MCC — this year."

If hard work (including the trip to Italy, during which U-D faced several pro teams that featured former NBA players like Larry Dawkins) pays dividends, the Titans will post a record far better than the 10-18 of a year ago. And they may be a major factor in the MCC race.

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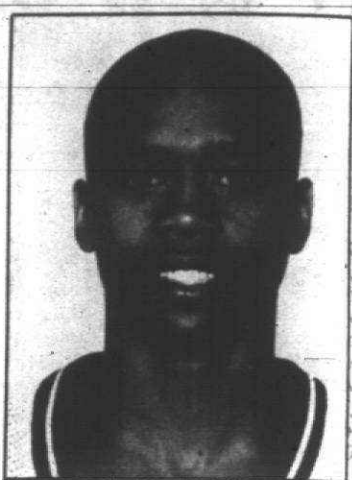
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Holt claims title in Canton meet

Boasting six individual champions and a trio of second-place finishers, Holt High captured the team title Saturday in the 17-school Plymouth Canton Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

The visiting Rams, members of the Capital Area Conference, tallied 306 points, nearly doubling second-place Livonia Franklin's total of 154. Other observant schools in the top 10 included: Westland John Glenn, fifth, 132 1/2; North Farmington, sixth, 96; Livonia Stevenson, seventh, 94; Wayne Memorial, eighth, 90; and Canton, ninth, 89. See statistical summary.

It was another strong showing for the second-place Patriots, who took runner-up honors only a week earlier at the Trenton (dual meet) Invitational.

"I didn't think we'd do that well," Franklin coach Ken Meinschein said. "Holt is a real solid team. We did real well because we got a lot of pins in the first round. That got us going."

Overall we felt good about it (second place), but we have a long way to go."

FRANKLIN HEAVYWEIGHT Bobby Johnson reached the finals before winning on an injury default against South Lyon's Pat Moll. Johnson has won nine of 10 matches this season.

Redford Catholic Central's Rusty Fowler won the 119-pound wrestling championship Saturday at the Lansing Eastern Invitational, and Plymouth Salem's Ken Coker was second in the heavyweight division.

Fowler defeated Fred Schumacher of Temperance Bedford in the final, helping the Shamrocks to a fifth-place team finish.

Coker lost to Howell's Kyle Steinacker in the finals, but he had two pins and an overtime decision in the semifinals to reach that point.

CC's Jason Krueger was second at 160, and teammate Dan Kelly was third at 171. Dan Rieple and Rob Sylvester gave the Shamrocks a pair of fifth-place finishes at 145 and heavyweight, respectively.

In addition to Coker, Salem's Jeff Shumate was fifth at 135, and Jason (103) and Scott Martin (112) placed sixth.

PLYMOUTH CANTON INVITATIONAL WRESTLING MEET
TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Holt, 306 points; 2. Canton, 154; 3. Grand Blanc, 141 1/2; 4. South Lyon, 134 1/2; 5. Westland John Glenn, 132 1/2; 6. North Farmington, 96; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 94; 8. Wayne Memorial, 90; 9. Plymouth Canton, 89; 10. North Farmington, 89; 11. Sterling Heights, 70; 12. Livonia Clark, 63; 13. Redford Thurston, 53; 14. Garden City, 47 1/2; 15. Troy Athletes, 47; 16. Plymouth Salem (B team), 42; 17. Plymouth Canton (B team), 42; 18. Canton (B team), 42; 19. Canton (B team), 42; 20. Canton (B team), 42.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS
Heavyweight, Bobby Johnson (Franklin) won by injury default over Pat Moll (S. Lyon).
160-pound, Jason Krueger (Canton) defeated Pat Schotte (Holt), 9-3.
150-pound, Rich Simonsen (Wayne) pinned Derek Rowland (Franklin), 3-03.
140-pound, Tom Pace (John Glenn) dec. Rob Hernandez (Holt), 2-1.
130-pound, Tim Hughes (Holt) pinned Jermaine (Grand Blanc), 2-55; consolation: Bryan Berz (Stevenson) dec. Jeremy Samples (John Glenn) because of five-match limit.

119-Cam Gahl (S. Lyon) dec. Brandon Bohl (John Glenn), 11-0; consolation: Terry Burdell (Holt) dec. Jeff Pfeiffer (Sterling Heights) because of five-match limit.
115-James Kramer (Thurston) dec. Todd Williams (Holt), 3-0; consolation: Keith

The Patriots' Derek Rowland earned a second at 103 pounds. In the finals, Rowland was pinned by Wayne's Rich Simonsen in 3:03.

Derek was the top seed and he made a mistake in that match," Meinschein said. "But he's a good, hard-working kid and he'll come back."

The Patriots also got a second from sophomore Eric Holmes at 140, who suffered his first loss of the year, as well as third-place finishes from Paul White (160), Brian Poisson (171) and Brian Whetstone (189).

Glenn sophomore Mike Reeves was named the meet's most valuable wrestler after scoring a 2-1 overtime decision over Holt's Orie Lang in the finals.

Reeves is now 9-1 on the year. "Michael's a super, good kid with a good attitude," said Glenn coach Dave Hill. "He's highly motivated and a humble champ. He started out in the seventh grade. He is a real freestyler and he goes year-around."

OTHER OBSERVANT CHAMPIONS: Redford Thurston's Jed Kramer, a 3-0 winner over Holt's Todd Williams in the 125 final; Garden City's Chris Gorak, a pin against Holt's Scott Trimmer in the 135 championship; and Canton senior Liam Rents, a 7-3 victor over North Farmington's Jared Lawrence at 145.

Other area grapplers earning runner-up finishes included Glenn captain Brandon Udell (119) and Stevenson's Ryan Carrere (130). Canton's Ray Givens, the tournament director, expects an even better field for next season.

"It was a good journey and we had some good action going on at the five different mats," said the Canton coach. "I heard (Redford) Catholic Central has expressed some interest about coming next year and Salem has inquired about coming instead going away to another meet that weekend."

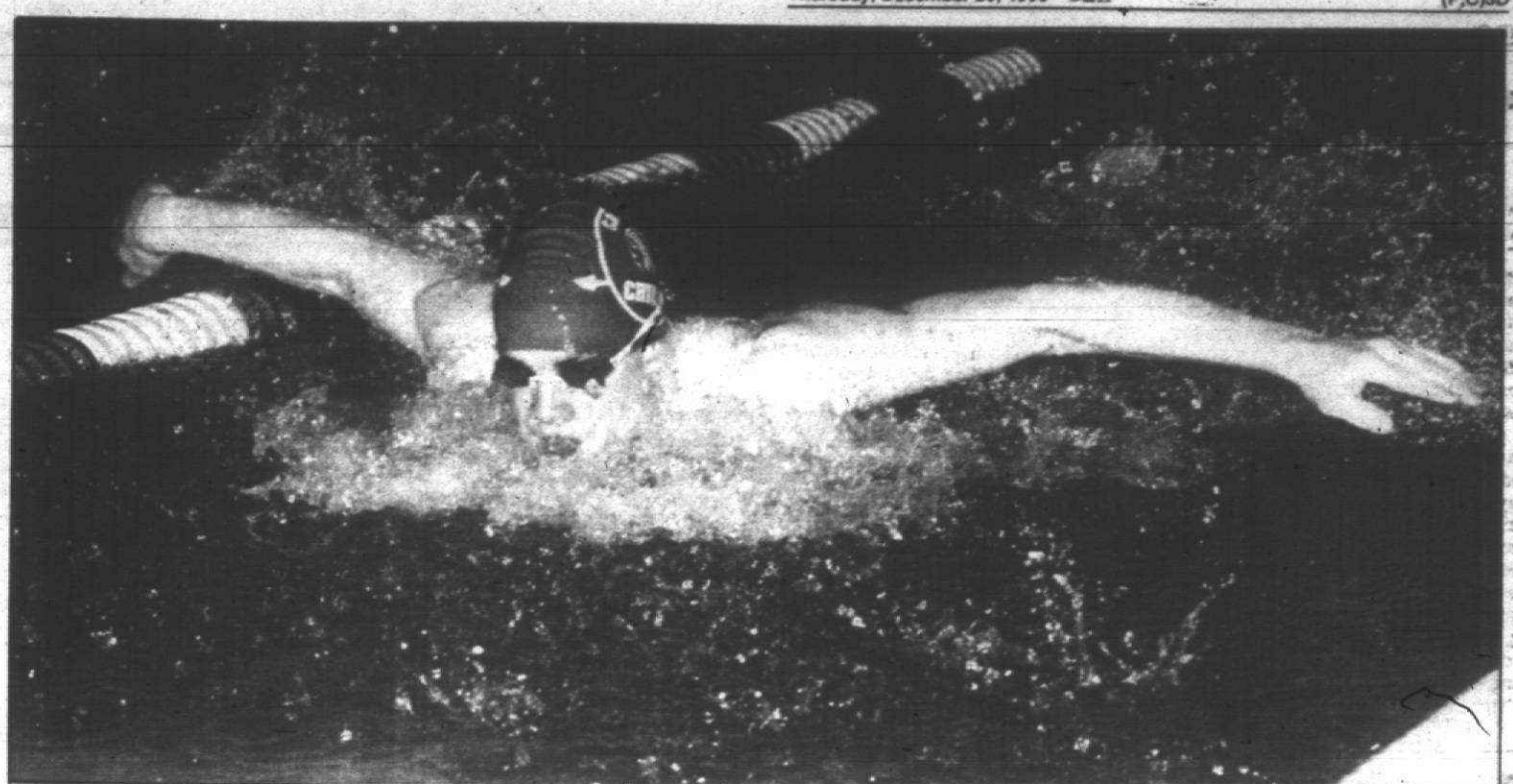
The tournament director, however, will have to work out a few bugs in the individual draws before next year.

The consolation finals — for third and fourth places — were scratched in six different weight divisions because the Michigan State High School Athletic Association limits the number of matches per day. Because some of the consolation competitors were scheduled for their sixth match, tournament officials were forced to declare co-winners for third place.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer
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sin, Matt Tertel and Doug Nevi to record Canton's only first-place finish. The Chiefs finished second in the team standings.

Rocks prevail in relay meet

Results encourage CEP swim squads

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It was appropriate, Wellman said, that Salem and Canton, the co-hosts for the meet, should finish one-two. Their swimmers volunteer their services for the Rotary Club's chicken barbecue each year at the Plymouth Fall Festival, and The Plymouth and Canton Rotary Clubs in turn are annual sponsors of the WLAA Relays.

"It's justice served for all the chickens they had to stuff in the boxes and all the corn they had to husk," Wellman said.

Salem took its victory in diving and the 200 medley.

Pat McManaman and Steve Salhaney gave the Rocks a solid diving combination, and Curt Witthoff, Jon Stridiron, Matt Erickson and Joe Pawluszka set a meet record in the medley with a 1:46.6 time. The standard had been the 1:47.5 posted by Stevenson six years ago.

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400 IM in which Ron Trosin, Matt Tertel, Dave Nevi and Doug Nevi posted a 4:10.16 time, finishing nearly two seconds ahead of Salem.

The Chiefs also had two second places and scored well in every event. Their strong showing will help their confidence, too.

"It should send our kids and other teams in the conference a message that we have some talent," Wellman said. "To finish top-two in our conference you have to."

"WE CAN BE a respectable team in our conference, and that's what we want to be. I think there are teams in the conference with better talent. That's a fact. All we can do is deal with that and do our best, and that's what we did on Saturday."

Stevenson was impressive in the events it won, finishing well ahead of the next-best relay. That was especially true in the 500 freestyle as Joe Petrillo, Matt Erickson, Aaron Rieple and Bryan Morrison finished nearly 20 seconds ahead of runner-up Canton.

Stevenson's Scott Freeborn, Alex Goecke, Caranicas and Eric Peterson won the 400 medley. Rieder, Morrison, Petrillo and Mike Benck, the 400 freestyle, and Aaron Carlisle, Peterson, Goecke and Neil Ebner the 200 breaststroke.

"All in all, (Salem and Canton) were a little more consistent than us," Buckler said. "Our big relays did well, but some of our younger kids didn't swim up to what we needed to win the relay meet. It opened our eyes and showed us what we have to do at the league meet."

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS' SWIM RELAYS (Standings at Plymouth Salem)	
Team Standings: 1. Plymouth Salem, 242; 2. Plymouth Canton, 224; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 195; 4. Northville, 190; 5. North Farmington, 156; 6. Westland John Glenn, 136; 7. Livonia Clark, 137; 8. Farmington, 119; 9. Livonia Franklin, 93; 10. Farmington Hills Harpige, 91; 11. Kaled Lake Central, 40; 12. Wildcat Lake Western, 30.	200 butterfly: 1. Northville (Brad Cook, Bob Hodge, Mike Schlegel and Jim Fee), 1:44.31; meet record (old record: 1:45.85 by N. Farmington in 1986); 2. Canton, 1:47.66; 3. N. Farmington, 1:49.86; 4. Salem, 1:50.51; 5. Glen, 1:50.90; 6. Harrison, 2:00.49.
400-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Ryan Freeborn, Alex Goecke, Tim Caranicas and Eric Peterson), 3:55.79; 2. Salem, 4:03.38; 3. N. Farmington, 4:07.03; 4. Canton, 4:11.40; 5. Northville, 4:12.36; 6. Glen, 4:17.75.	400 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Aaron Rieple, Bryan Morrison, Joe Petrillo and Mike Benck), 3:26.73; 2. Salem, 3:34.97; 3. Canton, 3:36.74; 4. N. Farmington, 3:47.92; 5. Northville, 4:01.42; 6. Church, 4:05.44.
200 breaststroke: 1. Stevenson (Aaron Carlisle, Eric Peterson, Alex Goecke and Neil Ebner), 2:03.32; 2. Canton, 2:06.24; 3. Salem, 2:06.91; 4. N. Farmington, 2:07.85; 5. Church, 2:08.18; 6. Farmington, 2:11.26.	200 backstroke: 1. Canton (Jason Farmer, Pat McGrath, Jeff Koles and Matt Martin), 2:00.69; 2. Salem, 2:07.74; 3. Church, 2:10.31; 4. Northville, 2:15.47; 5. Farmington, 2:15.47; 6. Canton, 2:20.48.
400 individual medley: 1. Canton (Ron Trosin, Matt Tertel, Dave Nevi and Doug Nevi), 4:10.16; 2. Salem, 4:12.03; 3. Northville, 4:19.14; 4. Franklin, 4:23.56; 5. Church, 4:28.86; 6. N. Farmington, 4:32.48.	500 freestyle: 1. Stevenson (Joe Petrillo, Tim Caranicas, Aaron Rieple and Bryan Morrison), 4:27.85; 2. Glen, 4:40.23; 3. Canton, 4:42.61; 4. Harrison, 4:52.93; 5. Salem, 4:59.36; 6. Northville, 5:00.88.
200 medley: 1. Salem (Curt Witthoff, Jon Stridiron, Matt Erickson and Jeff Pawluszka), 1:46.50; meet record (old record: 1:47.50 by Stevenson in 1984); 2. Northville, 1:46.87; 3. Stevenson, 1:51.89; 4. Church, 1:53.35; 5. Canton, 1:53.35; 6. Farmington, 1:58.98.	Notes: Jason Farmer and Pat McGrath, 1:38.45; 2. Franklin, 1:41.60; 3. Salem, 1:43.55; 4. Canton, 1:46.55; 5. Church, 1:47.71; 6. Stevenson, 1:52.17.

Lady Ocelots knock off Mott

A young team that's improving — that's how Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Jack Grenan views his squad. And yet, this penchant for making games close is distressing.

Four of SC's wins have been by five points or less, including Saturday's 57-54 triumph over visiting Mott CC. In this latest case, missed free throws in the clutch could have been costly. The Lady Ocelots missed on four straight from the line in the final 90 seconds, making the outcome much tighter.

Of course, it should be noted that SC trailed 34-30 at the half. Mott's Kerry Duley scored 14 first-half points. A defensive adjustment changed that in the second half. Leanne Lightfoot played Duley man-to-man over the last 20 minutes and limited her to one free throw.

SC RALLIED on Julie Sawicki's outside shooting — she was four-of-six from three-pointers and scored 17 points. Donna Galli added 14 points and Tricia Lucas had 11 and 11 rebounds. Natalie Dappich contributed 10 boards.

Schoolcraft sports

Trina Massey paced Mott (4-5 overall, 0-1 in the conference) with 25 points. Duley finished with 15. "We bounced back well from the OCC loss," said Grenan. "We're young."

Indeed the Lady Ocelots are, with eight freshmen. It showed against OCC last Wednesday (Dec. 12); SC trailed 32-28 at the half, then got blown out in the second half to lose 69-47.

The Lady Raiders (1-0 in the Eastern Conference) outscored SC 37-19 in the second half. Lucas, who had 12 points in the first half, got just three in the second. Galli added 14 points.

Again, free throws were a major factor. OCC made 22-of-26; SC managed to make only eight-of-20. SC, 8-3 overall and 1-1 in the conference, is idle until Jan. 5, when it plays at Alpen CC.

Miller, U-D are soaring

By C.J. Rieck
staff writer

Expectations were low. Production, though, has been high.

That's good news, whatever it's applied to. And in the case of University of Detroit's women's basketball team, it has dual application.

Not much was expected from the team. Why should there be? The Lady Titans' coach for the past seven seasons, DeWayne Jones, left in August. The new coach, Fred Procter, didn't assume command until Sept. 17.

Then there's the team he adopted — 7-20 last season, 6-10 in the Midwest Collegiate Conference. The last time the Lady Titans had a winning season was 1988-87.

No reason to expect anything good, right? The same might be said of senior center Sharon Miller. The Melvindale High School graduate came to U-D in 1988 after two seasons at Schoolcraft College, where she played for Jack Grenan and averaged 16.7 points and 17 rebounds a game. Her initial season at U-D was steady, but unexciting: 9.1 points, 7.1 rebounds.

THAT WAS in 1988-89. Miller was redshirted last season after surgery for a leg injury. Could she come back and match the numbers she posted as a junior?

No reason to expect anything good, right? So far, both team and Miller have disappointed the critics. U-D improved to 3-3 Monday with a 70-61 win over visiting Cincinnati. And Miller? She had 21 points and 10 boards in the victory.

Not so surprising. After all, earlier in the day she learned she had been named MCC player of

played as well as they could."

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Borgess takes 1st hoop victory

Senior guard Kevin Riser scored 21 points Tuesday, leading host Redford Bishop Borgess to its first boys basketball win of the season over Inkster, 70-64.

Junior guard Jermaine Parker contributed 17 points and six-foot-six senior center ReShawn Sumler added 16 for the victorious Spartans, now 1-2 overall.

Parker, who hit three 3-pointers, helped Borgess jump out to a 17-10 first-period lead.

The Spartans also won the battle at the free throw line, hitting 19 of 28 shots compared to 15 of 22 for the Vikings, who fell to 1-3 overall.

Inkster senior forward Claud McReynolds paced all scorers with 22. Junior guard Carlos Johnson, who also hit three three-pointers, finished with 18.

THURSTON 48, TRUMAN 43: Senior guard Danny Perttila scored a game-high 19 points Tuesday, leading Redford Thurston to a key Tri-River League triumph at Taylor Truman.

Both games are 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the league.

Thurston used a 17-8 scoring spread in the second quarter to hand the host Cougars their first defeat.

Junior forward Jeremy Courval also spearheaded the Thurston victory with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Senior guard Dave Dietz tossed in 13 points for Truman.

"We just played tight defense and slowed the tempo down," Thurston coach Mike Schuette said. "We went to a zone and hit our free throws in the fourth quarter. We played real smart."



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

TO AMEND TEXT: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE NO. 83 BY AMENDING SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE RELATED TO MORTUARIES AND DEFINITIONS.

DATE OF HEARING: January 16, 1991

TIME OF HEARING: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE OF HEARING: PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL, 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township proposes on its own motion to amend Section 5.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the Agricultural District and Section 6.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S and R-1 One-Family Residential Districts and Section 32.2, Definitions.

Section 5.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the Agricultural District and Section 6.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S and R-1 One-Family Residential Districts presently read as follows:

1. Public, parochial and private schools, including nursery schools, churches, libraries, community buildings, hospitals, convalescent homes, municipal facilities, municipal parks and playgrounds and mortuaries excluding park & ride facilities.

Section 6.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the Agricultural District and Section 6.2, Uses Subject to Special Conditions in the R-1-E, R-1-H, R-1-S and R-1 One-Family Residential Districts are hereby proposed to be amended to read as follows:

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Section 6.2 and 6.2 are hereby proposed to be amended to add Item 8 to Section 6.2 and Item 6 to Section 6.2 to read as follows:

5.2-8 Mortuaries or funeral homes. A caretaker's residence may be permitted as an accessory use to a mortuary or funeral home, provided that:

a. The caretaker's residence shall be contained within the mortuary building or may be provided in an accessory building after review and approval by the Planning Commission.

b. The caretaker's residence shall be constructed in accordance with the adopted building code, and provided with plumbing, heating, bathroom, and kitchen facilities.

c. In no case shall the caretaker's residence be used as a permanent single-family dwelling by anyone other than a watchman or caretaker.

Section 32.2-1 is hereby proposed to be amended to read as follows:

1. ACCESSORY BUILDING. A supplemental building or structure on the same lot or parcel of land as the main building or buildings, or part of the main building occupied by or devoted exclusively to an accessory use but not including dwellings, residential or lodging facilities, or sleeping quarters for human beings, except for a caretaker's residence permitted as an accessory use to a mortuary under Sections 5.2 and 6.2.

Section 32.2-1 is hereby proposed to be amended to include a definition 16.a., to read as follows:

16.a. CARETAKER'S RESIDENCE. An independent residential dwelling unit designed for and occupied by no more than one family, where at least one person is employed on the parcel on which the living quarters are located. The caretaker's residence shall be constructed in accordance with the adopted building code, and provided with plumbing, heating, bathroom, and kitchen facilities.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the text, as printed, may be examined at the Township Hall, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., until the date of the Public Hearing. Written comments concerning the request will be received prior to the meeting. Telephone No. 453-3840, Ext. 209. Application 1117.

At the Public Hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend the text change as proposed or as amended.

GREGORY WILLIAMS, Secretary
Planning Commission

Published December 20, 1990 and January 10, 1991

Churchill's topples Tractors

Livonia Churchill's one-two punch of Randy Calcaterra and Mike Thomas delivered a knockout Tuesday against previously unbeaten Dearborn Fordson.

The two seniors combined for 44 points, leading the host Chargers to a 71-68 victory over the Tractors.

Churchill is now 3-2 overall, while Fordson dropped to 3-1.

A 28-9 Churchill scoring run in the second quarter proved to be the difference.

The Chargers, who led 42-21 at intermission, withstood a late Fordson rally.

Fordson senior forward Wissam Darwish, who led all scorers with 33 points, scored 14 in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late for the Tractors.

"We played very unselfish, particularly in the first half," Churchill coach Fred Price said. "Overall we made some mistakes, but we played hard and it was a good win."

Calcaterra, the 6-foot-7 senior center, scored 22 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and recorded eight blocked shots. Thomas, the 6-4 senior forward, also scored 22 and collected five assists.

Calcaterra made six of seven free throws, while Thomas hit 10 of 14. The Chargers converted 27 of 38 overall from the line.

TRENTON 50, FRANKLIN 44: The Patriots (2-2) went stone-cold from the free throw line down the stretch Tuesday, falling to the host Trojans (3-2) in a non-league battle.

Livonia Franklin made 14 of 36 shots from the foul stripe. Trenton, meanwhile, connected on 11 of 16.

Trenton outscored the Patriots 16-9 in the decisive fourth quarter to pull out the victory.

Senior guard Chris Moore paced the

winners with a game-high 20 points, while senior forward Phil Morrow contributed 10.

Seniors Dave Roman and Steve McCool paced Franklin with 11 and 10, respectively.

Point-guard Keith Roberts, one of the Patriots' top scorers, fouled out in the final quarter.

Senior center Ryan Richardson and junior guard Brian Keith each tallied 17 points for the victors. Keith hit four 3-pointers.

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winners with a game-high 20 points, while senior forward Phil Morrow contributed 10.

Seniors Dave Roman and Steve McCool paced Franklin with 11 and 10, respectively.

Point-guard Keith Roberts, one of the Patriots' top scorers, fouled out in the final quarter.

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Area man remembers his Finland childhood

Harri M. Virjo lived in Redford as the consul of Finland for 32 years before he retired in 1988 and moved with his wife Irene to South Lyon. (The present Finnish consul is Ruben Naybak of West Bloomfield.)

Virjo was born in Finland, spent six years in the Finnish army and came to Michigan in 1945. He has visited Lapland many times, but most of his Christmas memories come from childhood days in the city.

"The story of Lapland has changed a lot over the years," he said. "Santa Claus has always been there, but not for 500,000 tourists!"

"Finns celebrate Christmas on Christmas Eve. In the country they go to the Christmas sauna. We didn't have a sauna in our city apartment then, although they all have them now."

"When I was a boy, our Christmas started with church late in the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Then

we would take lighted candles to the graveyard where my stepfather was buried. There would be a thousand lighted candles, because families traditionally do this.

"Then it was home to Christmas dinner, which was lutefisk, a kind of cod, fresh ham, rice porridge. The rice porridge had one almond in it. If you got the almond and weren't married, you would get married soon, and if you were married it just meant good luck.

"Then it was prune tarts, chocolates and almonds, coffee. We had three maids in those days and the longest wait for us was waiting for them to wash the dishes and get dressed up so we could all open our gifts together."

"Santa Claus would shout your name and throw your gift through the door! Christmas day relatives came to visit and on the 26th we could go and visit our friends to see what Santa threw through their door."

Finnish city streets laid out like antlers

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American how much money he has in the bank.

The sun didn't set during our entire stay in Lapland, for it was the season of the midnight sun. We learned that there is an exotic counterpart in winter called "kaamos" when the sun doesn't shine for several weeks. However, the darkness is never total; for the sun glows softly just below the horizon.

Starlight and moonlight reflect on the snow, and a dash of color is often

added by the northern lights. The fells in Lapland provide some of the best skiing in the world and most of the resorts have lighted trails. If you don't ski, you can go on a safari via snowmobile, dogsled, or reindeer. You can even get a reindeer driving license.

Finns know that Santa lives in Korvatunturi, a fell north of the Arctic Circle. Therefore, it is easy for the hotels in Lapland to arrange for Christmas celebrations which include Santa himself.

As we returned to Helsinki, we vowed to visit to Lapland again for a Christmas celebration with Santa, as well as a ski vacation on the fells. Should we combine the two, or should we have our ski trip in March or April, when the weather has warmed up just a bit? Locals told us the latter was the wiser choice.

Lillian Lehto, of Birmingham, is the editor of a newsletter called *The Finnophile*, for those who love Finland. It is published in Birmingham.

For more information, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 655 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017, or call 212-370-5540.

Flights to Finland via Finnair (from New York to Helsinki) cost \$575 to \$1,120, depending upon the

season (higher in summer). Call your travel agent or contact Holiday Tours of America, 40 East 49th Street, NY, NY 10017, phone toll-free 800-677-6454. Ask for their beautiful brochures.

Some sample Finnair tours handled by Holiday Tours:

Christmas in Rovaniemi Dec. 23-26 includes Helsinki/Rovaniemi/Helsinki flight, accommodation for three nights, three dinners, two lunches, Christmas program; 2,425 Finnmarks per person, double occupancy. That's about \$680.

Reindeer Safari, three to four hours, 470 Finnmarks per person, about \$132. Add this to any stay at one of the numerous holiday villages.

Santa's there, circled by shops & reindeer

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in Rovaniemi with Kultakelloajot, a reindeer driving competition. In April, join the Finns in Inari (150 miles above the Arctic Circle) for Porokuninkuusravat, the annual premier reindeer race.

Music lovers won't want to miss the Oulu Music Festival, Feb. 21-28, 1991. "Mozart and American Music of the 1980s" is the theme for 1991. While they're near Oulu, the gateway to Finnish Lapland, spa-goers can enjoy an exotic week at the new Eden Spa. This health center offers outdoor activities of snowmobiling and ice-breaker cruises, as well as indoor saunas, swimming pools, gymnastic programs, mud baths, herbal baths and massages.

Dedicated golfers can participate in the not-so-green Santa Claus Arctic Golf Tournament, March 16-18 in Rovaniemi. This three-day ice tour-

namment is played according to rules of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews with some local winter adaptations.

Animal-lovers can visit Finland's renowned wildlife park in the Lapland village of Ranua any time of year. The park is home to more than 60 species of Nordic animals. Children can visit the magnificent castle of Ishtar, the resident polar bear and the lair of cat, the tame lynx. The castle of Murr Murr (Finnish bears don't growl, they "murr") houses Santa's Christmas workshop where children can dress up as animals and see how toy animals are made.

Other activities in Rovaniemi include the Arctic Circle Ski Race on March 17 and the Ounsvaara Winter Games, March 23-24.

For more information on these activities and package tours, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 655 Third Ave., New York NY 10017, or call 212-949-2333.

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Bethlehem sojourn leaves fine memory

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had it built this way in 325 A.D. so potential aggressors could not ride through on their horses. This church was constructed directly over the grotto or cave in which Jesus was born some 300 years earlier.

Stone stairways on each side of the present altar lead down to the dimly-lit Grotto of the Nativity. A silver star set in marble on the floor of the cave, surrounded by 15 small oil lamps, marks the exact place of Jesus' birth.

Candles have burned steadily in this spot for more than 1,600 years. A small stone chamber to one side, only six or seven feet across, is thought to be the location of the animal feeding trough, or manger.

Ownership and maintenance of the church is now shared by several Christian sects, including the Greek Orthodox and Armenian churches.

During much of the year and especially at Christmas and Easter, this church and grotto are jammed with thousands of Christian pilgrims from around the world. But when I was there I had the place to myself. In the 15 or 20 minutes that I spent photographing the birthplace and adjacent manger cave, only two other tourists came down the steps.

From the Church of the Nativity, I wandered next door to St. Catherine Catholic Church which is somewhat larger and more modern. It is from this church that Christmas Eve mass is televised around the world each year.

I had only an hour in Bethlehem and spent all of that in Manger Square, but my brief visit to the cradle of Christianity was one of the highlights of my trip to Israel.

The current Persian Gulf crisis and recent terrorist incidents have caused a drastic drop in the number of foreign tourists entering Israel. Many potential visitors are concerned that this small country could

become involved in a shooting war erupts in the Middle East. As long as the stalemate continues, I personally wouldn't hesitate to go back to Israel for a week or two.

In spite of the occasional terrorist incidents, I felt a lot safer riding the bus to Bethlehem than I would feel on a New York subway train. I would rather walk the streets of Jerusalem alone at night than those of downtown Detroit or Chicago.

Micky Jones is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Cedar Point adds coaster

The popular Sandusky, Ohio amusement park is adding a new roller coaster for the 1991 season called The Mean Streak. Towering 160 feet high, the \$7.5 million machine will hurl riders over its 5,427-foot track at speeds up to 65 miles per hour. The ride will carry about 1,600 passengers per hour on 2½-minute rides. The Mean Streak will be Cedar Point's 10th roller coaster.

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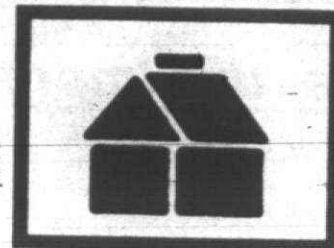
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Downtown series continues

Bricks and mortar provide a framework for buildings, not downtowns. It takes people to parlay potential into productivity.

Take it from Farmington Downtown Development Authority planning consultant Christopher Wzacny.

"The image of downtown, in effect, is the image of the city. It's the downtown that makes an impact on us. It's a representative physical element that says something about the people of the city."

In today's second installment of a three-part series examining downtown historic architecture in Observerland, the spotlight is on downtown Farmington.

The DDA's \$1.4 million in public streetscape improvements aptly accentuate the private redevelopment that's bringing restoration of many older buildings.

Clearly, rejuvenating a smaller central business district is only as limited as the enterprise of the landlords, shopkeepers and city leaders.

Chances are, upbeat downtowns in Plymouth, Farmington and Garden City will spread to the neighborhoods beyond, strengthening community vigor and property values along the way.

There's still much to do to revitalize downtown Farmington. Lack of central ownership will always be a problem.

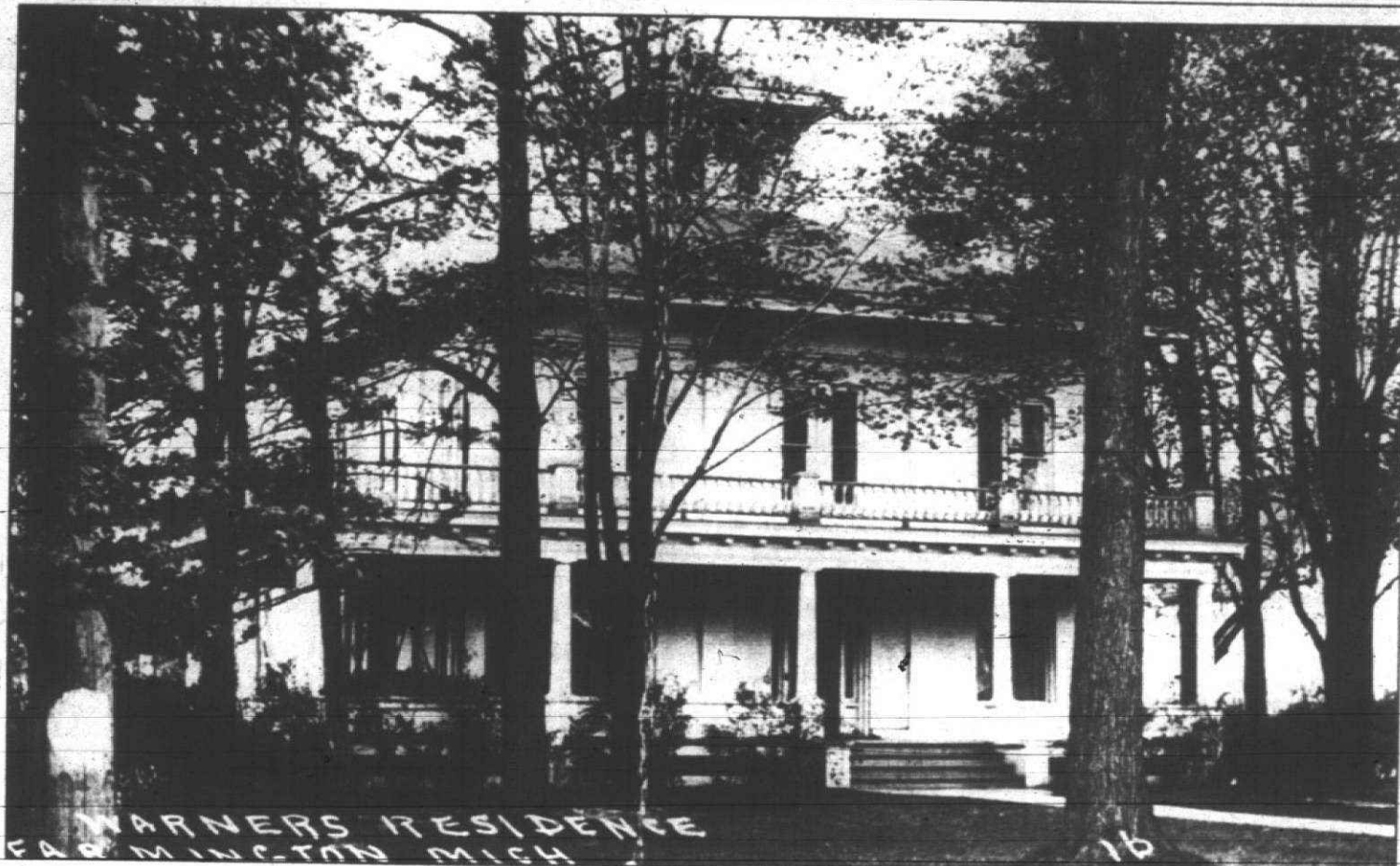
But individual owner efforts to restore century-old buildings, in turn, highlighting the city's heritage, underscore that vitality has replaced despair.

Former Farmington DDA board member Frank Clappison is right.

"The downtowns we have today are the only downtowns we will ever have. No one is building downtowns anymore and it is up to us to make sure that downtowns like Farmington's will endure."

Historic architecture in downtown Plymouth was profiled Nov. 8. Garden City will command the spotlight in January.

— Bob Sklar



Built in 1867, the Governor's Mansion architecture contains "Victorian influence, and is traditional, colonial-looking, with round columns," said Farmington architect Carl Gaiser. There is eyelid brickwork over the windows and a balustrade running

along the first floor's roof line. This view dates back to about 1911, at the end of Farmington resident Fred M. Warner's term as governor.

photo courtesy Farmington Historical Commission

Site a key element in shaping town's architectural style

Bank history, 3E

By Linda Ann Chomin
special writer

AERICAN ARCHITECT Frank Lloyd Wright said, "In any and every case, the site is the beginning of the building that aspires to architecture."

In February 1824, Arthur Power and sons Jared and John left their home in Farmington, N.Y., to pioneer a settlement in the wilds of Michigan. Traveling by horse-drawn sleigh, they journeyed two long weeks. Finally, they reached their destination.

On March 8, they felled the first tree to build a shelter from the cold, the wolves and the panthers. A log house arose in the midst of the wilderness, created from the only material available: Michigan trees.

Building after building sprang from the barren landscape in what was soon to become the township of Farmington, in the county of Oakland.

Arthur Power was the first builder-architect in the village of Farmington.

He built a shop for shoemaker Ebenezer G. Stevens; a store for Henry Miller; the first sawmill and dam; a grist mill and dam; a potash works for making soft soap; a log house and buildings for his son, Nathan; a large log house on high ground on the northeasterly side of the creek for himself; and two years later, another large, long log house.

Arthur Power was at the forefront in the "encouragement of all enterprises" and promoted growth in the village. He built the first frame mill in 1826.

IN SPRING 1827, the township of Farmington was formed by an act of legislative council. Then came the first frame house built by Timothy Tolman in 1828. Two years later, Arthur Power built a frame dwelling.



Downtown HERITAGE

In summer 1837, Sergius P. Lyon emigrated to Michigan from East Bloomfield, N.Y.

Lyon and his wife, Lucinda, settled

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Today, the Governor's Mansion marks the home of the Farmington Historical Museum. The original balustrade was removed sometime during the past 20 years. But a new wood railing will soon adorn the front-porch overhang, thanks to a major grant from the Quakertown Questers.

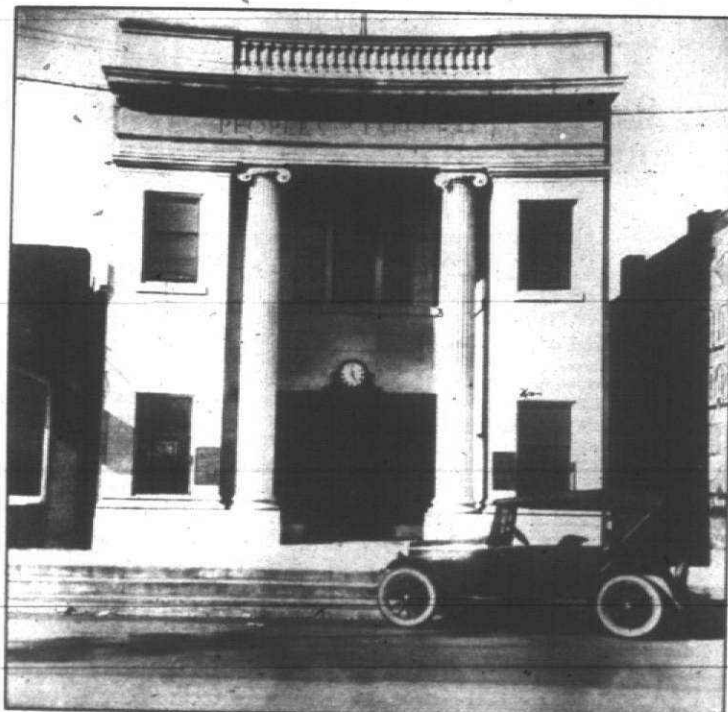


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Left: Ionic columns adorn the facade of the People's State Bank. The Roman influence is evident in the architecture of this cut stone building dating to the early 1920s. "It is very much like the Parthenon with the fluted columns," said Farmington architect Carl Gaiser.

Right: Today, the caps are gone from the columns because of crumbling. People's State Bank has been sandblasted off the facade of the limestone building and the Century 21 sign has been added. The balustrade is gone from the roof line. The double-hung windows have been replaced with fixed windows.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer



From the Observer files

"Primarily a combination of turn-of-the-century architecture," said Farmington architect Carl Gaiser about the Warner Block, built in 1873 by P. Dean Warner to replace a building

lost in the fire of 1872. From 1873-76, the second floor of the building served as the Farmington Masonic Temple.



SHARON LAMIEUX/staff photographer

Today, the Warner Block is known as the Cook Building because it housed the dry goods business of Fred L. Cook at the turn of the century. A palladian window was added around 1910,

along with revisions that included the addition of the early art deco look, terra cotta brickwork and a single row of dentils.

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AT GREENMEAD

For a trip into Livonia's past, visit the Hill House at Greenmead Historical Village this month.

Tours are 1-4 p.m. every Sunday in December. The house, built in 1841, sports a patriotic theme. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for seniors and students.

The village will be closed January-April.

DSO STATUS

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra increased ticket sales by 28 percent and revenue by 48 percent in 1989-90.

"An excellent artistic product and improvements in programming and the appearance of the hall had a dramatic impact on ticket sales," said Robert Miller Jr., Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall board chairman.

An audited summary of the year-end financial statement showed the DSO met or exceeded goals of the five-year business plan in all financial categories, Miller said.

The annual fund raised almost \$5 million, thanks in part to a Skillman Foundation grant. A fund-raising appeal to corporations and government sources raised \$9.2 million with \$3 million from a supplemental state allocation. The volunteer council raised \$200,000.

The educational concert series reached 33,000 young people. The DSO performed free concerts for such groups as the American Red Cross, the NAACP, Detroit Aglow and the International Freedom Fest.

The first African-American Composers Forum was a big success.

"The hall restoration is complete, one of the finest conductors in the world today, Neeme Jarvi, is on board as music director, and we can now turn our thoughts towards recordings and a major endorsement campaign, two of the most important building blocks for today's orchestras."

ART AWARDS
The Arts Foundation of Michigan

POETRY CONTEST

"When we choose the \$1,000 grand prize winner, we always look for a new, undiscovered poet," says Robert Miller Jr., Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall board chairman.

"We're always happiest to recognize ordinary people who write extraordinary poetry. Anyone can write."

The grand prize is \$1,000 and the first prize is \$500 in the APA contest. The 152 prizes total \$11,000. There is no entry fee.

Poets should send no more original poems, no more than 20 lines, along with their name and address on the top of the page to American Poetry Association, Dept. CO-95, 250-A Potrero St., P.O. Box 1803, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. The deadline for postmarks is Dec. 31.

All submitted poems are considered for publication in the American Poetry Anthology, a collection of current verse.

As a bonus, entrants receive the Poet's Guide to Getting Published, a four-page booklet.

The APA has sponsored poetry contests for nine years. It has awarded \$200,000 in prizes to 3,500 winning poets.

CRAFT FAIR
Henry Ruff School PTA in Garden City is taking applications for its spring craft fair on March 16. Table cost is \$15. Call Debra Skypala at 427-0999 or contact the school.

GOOD CHEAR
The holidays will be happier for abused and neglected children in metro Detroit, thanks to Operation

Retrospective a homecoming for artist

A major retrospective exhibit of the work of Gari Melchers (1866-1932), a Detroit-born artist celebrated for his paintings done in France, Holland, Germany and the United States, will be featured at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Sunday, Feb. 17.

Melcher's career was marked by several important shifts. At the beginning, he realistically painted the peasants of Brittany and Holland.

In the late 1880s and 1890s, his art was influenced by symbolism. And in the early 20th century, he turned to impressionism for inspiration.

Underlying his diverse subjects—genre scenes, religious themes, portraits, landscapes, nudes, still-lives—there is always a direct honesty, a basis of sound academic principles and a commitment to

solid images that convey spiritual strength.

Christened Julius Garibaldi Melchers, Melchers spent his childhood in Detroit's German immigrant community near Eastern Market. He received early art instruction from his father, Julius Melchers, who was a sculptor.

Academic training took him to Dusseldorf, Germany, then on to the Academie Julian and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts in Paris.

In 1889, Melchers and John Singer Sargent were the only two painters to receive grand prize medals in American painting at the Paris Universal Exposition.

His monumental early paintings used the townfolk of Egmond, Holland, as models and established him as a painter of Dutch scenes celebrating the virtues of a life of hard work.

His major commissions included murals for the Chicago Exposition (1893), the Library of Congress (1895) and the Detroit Public Library (1921).

Despite his many years abroad, Melchers maintained his ties to the Detroit area. His work was featured in the Detroit Art Association Exhibition (1878) and in the Detroit Art Loan Exhibition of 1883, which was the genesis of the DIA.

When the museum's current building opened in 1927, he created a retrospective of his work there. Melchers also has descendants in

the Detroit area, and was the great-uncle of Peter Stroth, chairman of Stroth Brewery.

During World War I, Melchers and his wife left Germany and returned to the United States. They lived in an 18th century house in Falmouth, Va., where Melchers painted impressionistic landscapes.

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These gift ideas are aimed at gardeners

A few last-minute gift suggestions for the gardener might be in order at this time. Perhaps I can be of some help.

Most everyone enjoys a plant to brighten up the house, and even though the traditional "Christmas" plants are welcome, many other houseplants will delight the receiver. Perhaps an exotic one such as an orchid, with directions for its care.

Just be sure to protect any plant well from the cold winds when making the delivery.

A selection of self-watering planters to match the decor of a home, garden gloves or hat, tools, basket, rain gauge, soil or compost thermometer, fertilizer, kneeling bench or a gift certificate from a garden center are always appreciated.

BOOKS ARE always welcome. "Masters of the Victory Garden" by Jim Wilson (Little, Brown, \$19.95, soft) will provide some quiet reading from the bustle and bustle of the festivities and is sure to please those

interested in a particular phase of gardening.

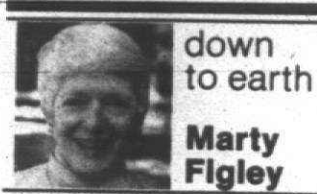
For this book, Wilson, a host of the TV show, "The Victory Garden," selected 11 specialists from across the country. Each one specializes in a particular plant. They explain how they achieved success with their chosen plants, how they hybridize, nurture and love them.

A history of each subject is included. Rhododendrons, hostas, daylilies, roses, antique fruit trees, herbs, dwarf conifers, peonies, wildflowers, lilies and peppers are featured.

What a stocking-stuffer this would be.

I have an address book that inspires me every time I use it. From Abrams Inc., it is a handy 7 1/2 by 9 1/2 inches, beautifully illustrated with 18th and 19th century flower and fruit prints. A commentary accompanies each illustration. It is titled "Nature Illustrated." (\$17.95) and would be a useful gift for anyone who loves plants and art.

ONE FRAGRANCE that brings



down to earth
Marty Figley

custom began in 16th century Germany and found its way to this country during the Revolutionary War.

I FIND it interesting that apples are still used on our "modern" Christmas trees. They're made of glass, plastic and other materials, as pomanders, or dried and fashioned into wreaths.

Now just about anything is used as tree ornaments, some quite traditional and some very creative and unusual.

No matter what is used to decorate this symbol of good will and peace, may these Christmas trees convey that message throughout the world.

Happy Holidays!

FROM THE garden bookshelf:

• "A Patchwork Garden," Sydney Eddison (Harper & Row, \$19.95), is the account of Eddison's experiences of making a garden on New England

soil. The book tells of her trials and tribulations, successes and failures. We are introduced to the many people who inspired and helped her reach her goal. She compares these people to a patchwork quilt, with their idiosyncrasies and advice all woven into the creation of her garden. Practical tips are interspersed throughout.

• "The Scented Garden," David Squire with Jane Newdick (Roda, \$24.95), covers the fundamentals of growing and using fragrant plants to create this special type of garden and how to use the "harvest." A craft section completes the book. Scents such as almond, musk, mint and honey and many degrees of sweetness can be found in plants and it's easy to find your favorite using the attractive charts. The illustrations are water colors and the authors include romantic stories, which involve scented plants.

• "Tips for Carefree Landscapers," Marianne Binetti

(Garden Way, \$7.95, paper), is written for lazy gardeners who want time to enjoy their gardens. Ideas abound from how to get the kids involved, planning for easy maintenance, choosing carefree plants, and growing, the easy way, from seed. Some of the ideas aren't new, but we can always learn. This handy book contains more than 400 Sure-Fire Ways to Beautify your Yard and Garden.

• "The Garden Trees Handbook," Alan Toogood (Facts on File, \$19.95), is a nitty-gritty guide to choosing, planting and caring for garden and trees. Chapter titles include: Why Grow Trees? Buying and Planting, Caring, Problems and Remedies and Propagating Trees. More than half of the book is an encyclopedia of trees, which includes complete information about each plant with very descriptive illustrations. If you need a tree book, you might like his one.

Marty Figley is a Birmingham-based garden writer.

Holiday time provides special opportunities

Holiday time is the best opportunity of the year to record treasured family memories.

Christmas and children go hand in hand so it's best to begin with them. Most importantly, move in close, get down on their level and fill the frame for impact. A short telephoto will work fine.

Concentrate on candid as the kids unwrap their presents and begin to play with their new toys. Your pictures will appear natural and spontaneous because in all the excitement, the children won't even know you're there.

Don't exclude other family members and friends. For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around casually rather than pose in a stiff-looking composition. Include yourself in the picture by using the camera's self-timer and placing the cam-



photography
Monte Nagler

era on a tripod or tabletop.

Flash pictures will work fine but try using some of the new, improved faster films such as Fujicolor 1600 or Kodak Ektar 1000 under natural indoor lighting. You'll be pleased with the results.

KEEP YOUR eyes open for other Christmas subjects that will add variety and interest to your holiday photos.

An unusually wrapped gift, a col-

orfully filled stocking or a sparkling tree ornament will all reward you with a fine yuletide shot. A star filter used with those sparkling ornaments or overall Christmas tree shots will add a dramatic touch you'll be proud of.

Need some last-minute stocking stuffer ideas? How about a supply of film or a set of fresh batteries? A good photography book will always be received with gratitude.

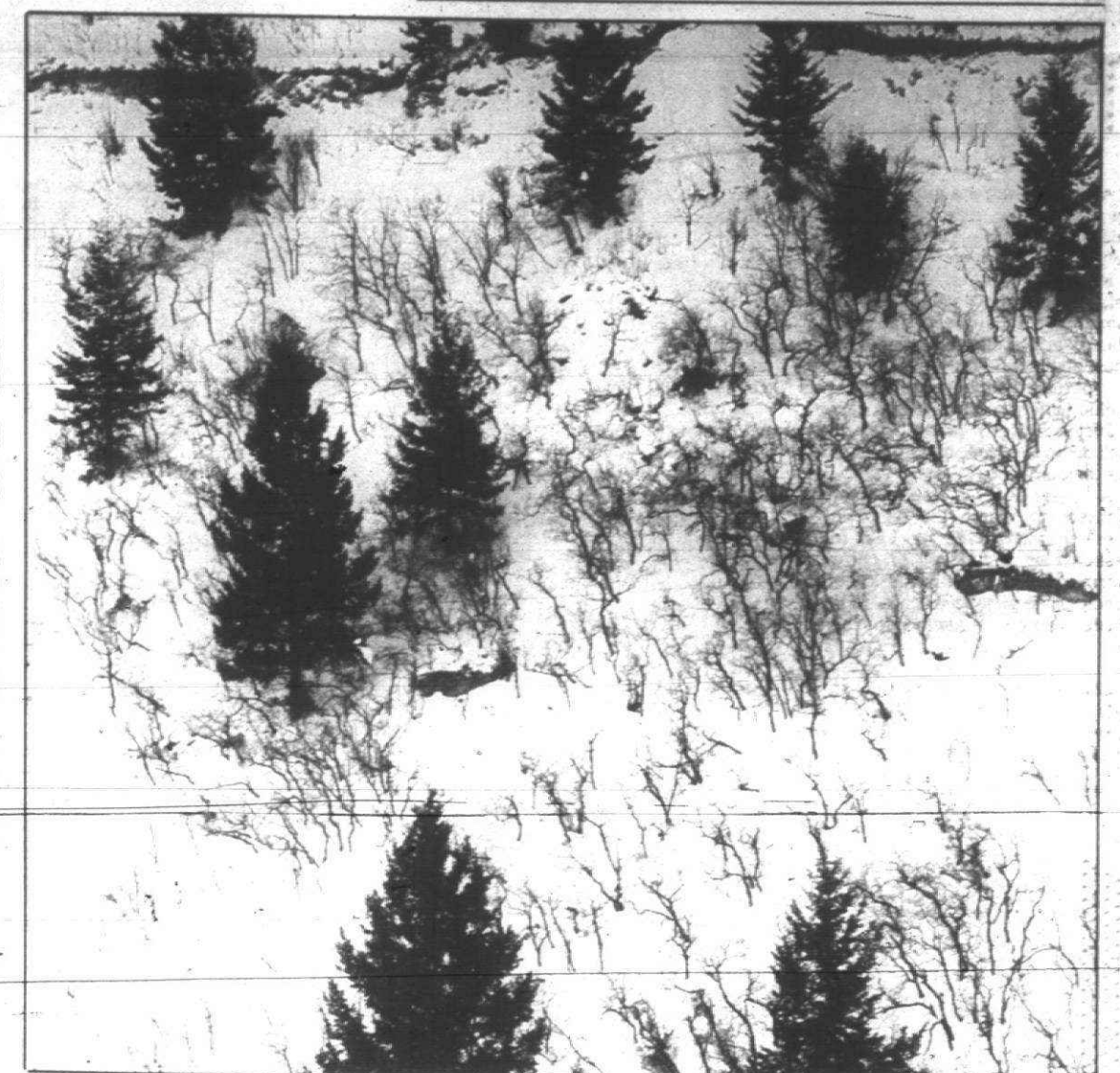
Jerry Bradley of Dunn's Camera says panorama pictures are "in" this year. So stuff the stockings with an inexpensive, disposable Kodak stretch camera... the results will surprise you. Or for the Minolta lover in your family, a panorama adapter set can make regular shots into stretched vistas.

As holiday time, we're usually deep in nature's blanket of winter snow. So bundle up yourself and your camera and head outdoors to capture exciting winter scenes.

Happy holiday to all my readers and friends.

Monte Nagler is a Farmington Hills-based photographer.

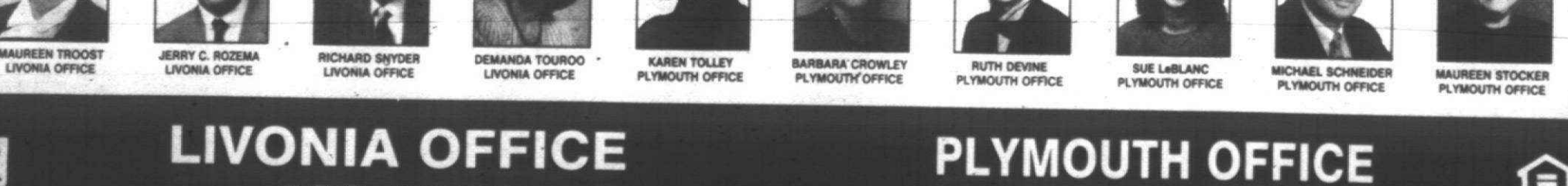
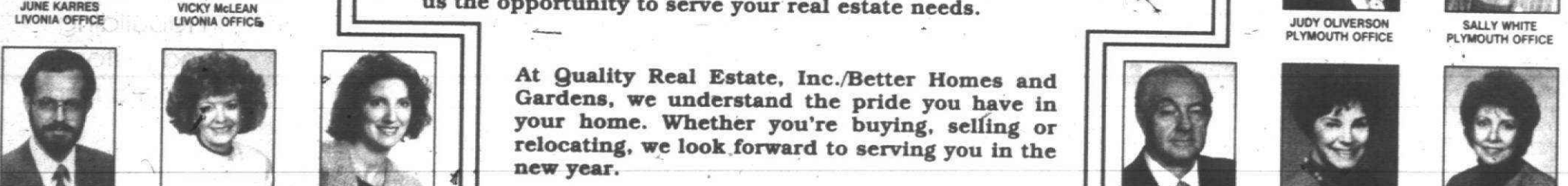
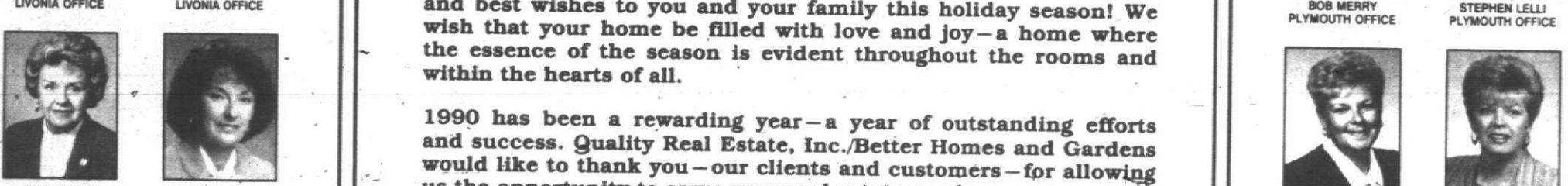
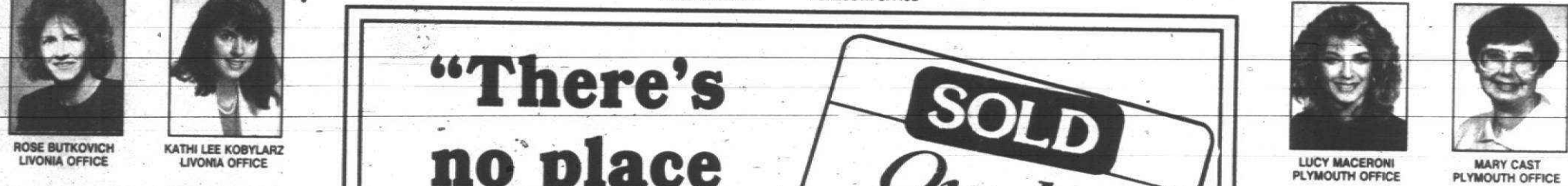
Holidays offer many opportunities to head outdoors and capture dramatic winter scenes on film.



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Happy Holidays

and best wishes to you and your family this holiday season! We wish that your home be filled with love and joy—a home where the essence of the season is evident throughout the rooms and within the hearts of all.

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Antique show boasts local flair

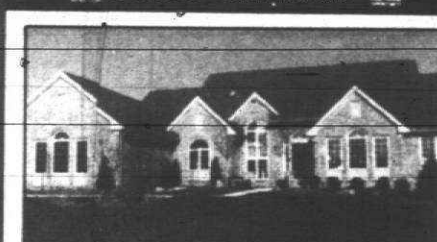
Three Wayne County residents will display their wares in a winter antique show at Macomb Mall, Gratiot at Masonic, Roseville, Jan. 10-13.

They are Gloria Siegert of Livonia and Lois Scaphin of Redford Township, furniture and accessories; Ruth Hellmann of Livonia, china; and Mary Haggerty of Livonia, Royal Doulton figurines and Toby jugs.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge.

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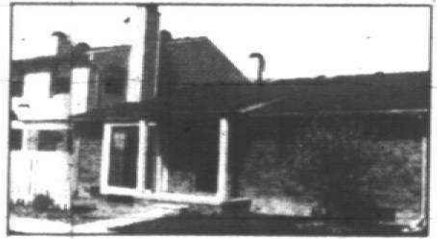
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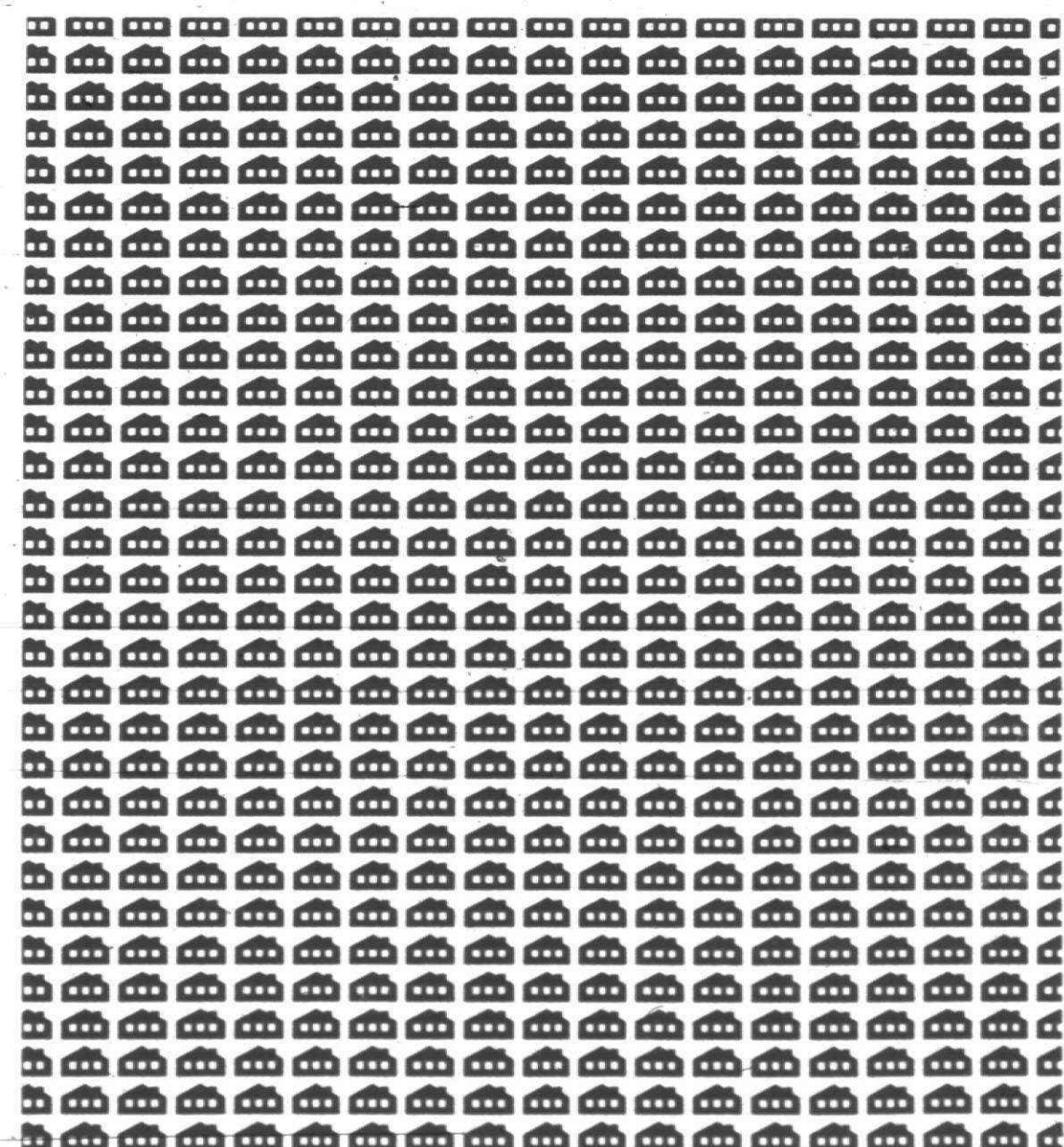
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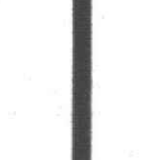
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2 Bedroom
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- 18 Contemporary floor plans
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2 Bedrooms
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• Master suite with bath.
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You don't see many spec houses with a listing price in the area of \$2 million, even in Bloomfield Hills. Harold Koss and Richard McCoppin have teamed up to bring two to the market. This old-South style mansion and a French manor look next door were designed by David Sellards.

Speculative thinking: building big houses

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Spec houses today in excess of 7,500 square feet and priced at more than \$1.5 million?

Yes, believe it or not.

Georgian Properties of Birmingham, a corporation formed by mortgage bankers Harold Koss and Richard McCoppin, has completed one such house and nearly finished another in Bloomfield Hills with nary a buyer in sight.

But then the two have successfully operated a building sideline that way for eight years, said Robert Reason, development coordinator for Georgian.

"Most people in this price range are capable of paying cash," Reason said. "In good times and bad, people who buy houses in this range aren't affected by the economy."

"They (Koss and McCoppin) emphasize going for the higher end, the Bloomfield Hills area," Reason said. "They know when they're putting their money there, they will get a fair return on it."

"From the ordinary builder, I don't think you'll find spec homes like this."

GEORGIAN HAS turned away from a traditional Tudor look



Several touches of Old South architecture — a striking staircase, accentuated by oak flooring and sconce lighting — can be found in a spec house built by Koss and McCoppin in Bloomfield Hills.

for its two offerings on Brady Lane.

A house with an old South-style elevation surrounded by porches and a series of columns has a floor plan of 7,885 square feet. It's been on the market since late September with a listing price of \$1.8 million.

Oak wood floors can be found in all major rooms on the lower level — living room, den, keeping (family) room/kitchen and dining room. The den is oak from top to bottom.

Brass fixtures and top-of-the-line appliances abound.

An imposing staircase rises from the foyer in the middle of the house. Four bedrooms — to be carpeted to the buyer's specifications — are upstairs.

The bath portion of the master suite contains a marble floor, marble wall covering and a marble shower. A two-person Jacuzzi is mounted on a platform.

A THIRD LEVEL, originally designed for storage, can be used as a media room, exercise room or playroom for children.

Fireplaces are located in the living room, den, keeping room and master suite.

Other touches include double 2-by-12 floor joists, a modern butler's pantry and sconce lighting fixtures on the second floor. David Sellards, a Birmingham architect, designed the house.

"I'm from the South. I can relate to it, traditional value, neo-Classical. I think everyone can identify with nooks and crannies of Grandma's house. It's comforting, nostalgia," he said.

While Georgian executives liked Sellards' floor plan, they thought the initial exterior elevation was a little too contemporary, Reason said.

"We worked with him. He put together some sketches," Reason said. "We took a very modern floor plan and incorporated an older-style home, which many people aren't building now."

"EVERY ROOM, every living area in the house on the first floor you can get outside to a porch," he added.

Kathy Billig, a Realtor associate, is marketing the house for Hall & Hunter. "The thing that sets this house apart is large, functional rooms," she said. "It's not chopped up."

"The immediate buyer would be an auto executive transferred to the area and needs immediate housing or someone who saw it and liked it," Sellards said.

"It's going to sell," Billig said. "We've had financial planners, an independent wealthy person, a doctor interested, entrepreneurs. There's been a lot of interest."

"We (Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors) have almost 40 listings over \$1 million, new and old," she said. "But we're in a community where per capita income is in the top 5 percent in the country."

GEORGIAN'S second house on Brady, also designed by Sellards and still under construction, has a French manor exterior.

The interior, 9,000 square feet, will contain six bedrooms, five full baths and two half baths, five fireplaces, two stairways and first- and second-floor laundries.

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Sellards conceded that the magnitude of the two houses most recently built by Georgian as speculative ventures are "very rare even in Bloomfield Hills."

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