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Schools look to replace Hoben



BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in public session, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education will discuss replacing Superintendent John Hoben.

At a workshop set for 8:30 p.m.,

Superintendent John Hoben has headed the Plymouth-Canton schools since 1972 and is expected to retire in the near future. School board members will start talking about a replacement for the first time in public on Monday.

Monday in the board office at 454 S. Harvey, trustees will talk about the process they'll use to find a successor for Hoben, who turned 69 last month.

Hoben hasn't said whether he'd like to serve beyond the 1993-94 school year when his contract expires.

Trustee Dave Artley, who chairs the board's superintendent committee, said he'll present "general parameters and methods of searching, and some of the things the committee feels should be included in the search process."

A representative from the Michigan Association of School Boards will then "show how they can help facilitate the process," he said. Artley says it's unlikely the MASB would be entrusted with the selection.

"The people vote for us, and voters should know the people making the choice. We're kind of excited about the process, and John Hoben has been supportive. He's helped us identify some potential candidates across the country, and there are some good people out there," said Artley.

Hoben joined the district in 1955 and served as a secondary teacher until 1964 when he became assistant principal at Plymouth High School.

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STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

On the job: Elaine Kirchgatter began a four-year term as Canton treasurer late last month.

New treasurer takes over smack in the middle of tax preparation

On Elaine Kirchgatter's first day as treasurer she had a staff meeting and invited co-workers to take advantage of an open door policy. She's extending the same offer to residents.

"Anytime they (residents) would like to talk to me, they should feel free to," Kirchgatter said. "I would like to visit with them as long as I have time available."

Kirchgatter said, she hopes to learn every office worker's function. "It will help me understand the workings of the treasurer's department. They are very capable people and they have helped me understand their responsibilities."

Kirchgatter went to work Nov. 5 to finish treasurer Gerald Brown's term. Her four-year term began Nov. 20 during one of the busiest times of year in the office. Tax bills to property owners, who pay their taxes directly to the township, were sent out last week.

And one of the first new policies she established affects tax bills. Traditionally, township offices are closed the day before Christmas and New Year's Eve. However, this

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year the treasurer's office will be open on Dec. 31 between 8:30 a.m. and noon to give property owners more time to pay their taxes before the year's end.

During the campaign, Kirchgatter said one of her goals would be to establish a township investment policy.

"I still plan to bring something to board members probably in January," she said. "My feeling right now is that it will be more of an informal policy. Basically it will be a very conservative policy with no major changes."

She added, however, that she's looking at depositing township money in at least two additional local institutions. The change is ne-

cessitated for insurance purposes.

Currently the township has \$35 million in investments, \$18 million in treasury bonds and the remaining in certificate of deposits and savings.

She learned, also, that the office receives a tremendous number of calls. The most common request is from people interested to buy property and asking about taxes.

One surprise of the office, she said, was the number of people who come to pay taxes on property when taxes have already been paid.

"And we can only accept one payment," she said. "Usually those are divorce cases where both are trying to prove they paid the taxes so they can take possession of property."

Canton to break ground

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

It looks like 1993 is going to be the year of change in Canton.

Last week the Canton board announced that construction would begin on Canton's downtown area. This

RECREATION AREA

week trustees are looking at ground breaking dates for a community center, golf course and residential area, at the Pheasant Run subdivision, south of Proctor between Canton Center and Beck roads.

"We're hoping to break ground in 1993," said Canton Supervisor Thomas Yack referring to the community center. "A lot will depend on when we can get the best price."

Costs for the community center are estimated between \$12.5 million and \$13 million. Royalties from landfill tipping fees are expected to pay off much of the bill. Other sources of revenue include a state grant estimated at between \$350,000 and \$750,000 and about \$750,000 over five years from federal grant money.

Selling services at the center, like physical therapy sessions, banquet facilities and employee training, like those provided to police officers is another funding option trustees are considering.

Also, user fees will go toward the operation of the building. Plans are to charge residents between \$300 and \$400 annually. Fees also would be charged on a drop-in basis. Non-resident fees, at a much higher rate, have not yet been determined.

At best, Yack said, is the center will break even. Extra funds from other recreational activities like the golf course, will be used to pay for the center. Trustees said there will be no money taken from the general fund above the \$700,000 annually that is already being spent.

Plans call for a conference/professional development center; senior activities area; banquet facilities; indoor water activities area; active and passive recreation opportunities; golf clubhouse, and golf driving range. Racquetball courts also have been considered.

The second phase of construction will include an outdoor swimming pool and a golf and park maintenance facility.

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P-C Schools ponder millage vote for April

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board members took a glimpse at the district's 1993-94 budget Monday night, and it doesn't look pretty.

While the subject didn't come up at the workshop, indications are the "potential special school election" seeking new millage will materialize April 6.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, projects the district's revenues at \$80.6 million, and expenditures at \$80.7 million in 1993-94. This year's expenditures are \$77.8 million.

Because the financial picture is in flux, particularly at the state level, Superintendent John Hoben likens budgeting for next year to handling a bowl of Jello. But based on current figures, expenditures will surpass revenues by \$107,000. The fund balance, or rainy day fund, has shrunk from \$2.8 million to \$329,000.

It's expected that voters will be asked in 1993

to renew 17.74 mills. "The renewal is our number-one concern," said Hoedel. "We will suggest the renewal for two years." The 17.74-mill levy "represents half the revenue the district has," he added.

Hoben had good and bad news for trustees. He said it appears property assessment freeze will be lifted, creating a substantial increase in local tax revenues. The increase is projected at 8 percent for residential property and 3 percent for commercial and industrial property next year.

The bad news is "there will probably be an executive order cutback from the governor's office that will impact the budget this year," Hoben said. Hoedel estimates the executive order cutback could total \$400,000 this year and \$1 million next year, and said the action "may put the district in the red, given our fund balance."

"When this will happen and the amount is not known. However, it would be recommended that we consider this when determining the amount

of a potential cutback in 1993-94 and in discussing a potential millage request."

Despite last year's layoffs, the budget is still "89 percent salary- and insurance-driven," said Trustee Dean Swartzwelder. Fringe benefit costs in 1993-94 are projected to increase to 15 percent from 11.4 percent. Fringes will increase to 20 percent if projections hold for 1994-95. Costs in that area "started to pick up last year," said Hoedel. "Our claims are way up," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations.

There are 56 fewer staffers this year, due to pink-slipping. "In some ways, that has caused us some misery," said Hoben. It's made class size go up. Para-professionals, or classroom aides, are contractually mandated for classes larger than 32 students. Budgeted for para-professionals was \$120,000. The line item will total \$340,000 this year.

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In 1968, Hoben, who also served as the high school's football coach, was named acting coordinator for secondary education. He became assistant superintendent for secondary education in 1969 and was named superintendent in 1972.

Artley said the board doesn't expect a decision from Hoben until his evaluation this spring. "That's when we presume we will have that discussion. If he gives the indication that 1993-94 is it, then this thing will be up and running," he said.

Artley, who's consulted with superintendent search firms in individuals who do searches and the MASH, said the board has considered "doing this ourselves."

"There are a variety of ways the superintendent search can be run, ranging from hiring a major headhunter firm at a cost of \$55,000 to \$40,000, down to doing it ourselves, which might cost \$8,000 to \$10,000."

The search could take from six months to a year, he said.

A critical priority will be "involving the community. Whatever the vehicle is, we must include as

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Thomas Yack
former school board member

many of the public the district serves as possible, including staff, students, parents, retirees, the business community and citizens in general who may not have kids in school," Artley said.

"What we need to find out, and it's something characteristic of all superintendent searches, is what the community's perception is as far as what skills they think the superintendent should have."

Canton Township Supervisor Thomas Yack served on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education from 1974-85. School board president from 1979-83, Yack commended the board for "starting at this time. It should be a long process and it should be an involved process, and as much an opportunity to share governance

with people of the community as anything."

Chances of finding the best individual available will be enhanced if the various groups within the community are able to help profile the kind of superintendent they need and want, Yack said.

The township has benefited in hiring by using a consultant, he added. Bartell & Bartell of Pennsylvania has supplied for Canton testing instruments that identify strengths and weaknesses of candidates. The consultant has also helped the township align available candidates with the profiles of desired candidates. "It would be immodest for me to suggest characteristics in a successor," said Yack. "But being a good communicator is important because school business has become so complicated. To be successful these days, it seems like you need to be able to communicate your message to all those audiences to build support for what it is you want to accomplish as an educational agency."

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The gymnasium would provide volleyball, indoor hockey, tumbling, gymnastics, badminton and other sports. The fitness area would have equipment like stairmasters, life cycle machines and treadmills. A separate area would be designated for free weights. An indoor track also is included in the plans.

Some of the rooms would have interchangeable capacities. For instance, by day the senior citizen room could be used for dance classes.

Currently Canton's senior groups are housed in a building on Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Roads.

Greens sale



Christmas trimmings: The Plymouth Branch of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association will be selling greens for decorations and baked goods on Friday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. Above, Helen Hopkins, right, weighs the holly as Doris Richard (left) Eileen Wittenberg and Shirley Connors assist.

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Presenting an unknown is the teachers' contract, which expires Aug. 30. Negotiations are slated to begin in April or shortly before. Other budget highlights include:

■ \$900,000 in 1993-94 and \$950,000 in 1994-95 to open two new elementary schools.

■ State equalized valuation is expected to increase to \$2.2 million in 1993-94 from \$2 million. ■ Total revenue is expected to increase 6 percent. Revenue increased 3 percent this year. Total expenditures are estimated to increase 3.8 percent in 1993-94, up from an increase of 2.5 percent

■ Employee insurance and benefits totaled \$13.4 million this year. The figure is projected at \$14.3 million next year and \$15.7 million the following year. ■ State revenue, \$3.5 million this year, is expected to drop to \$3 million next year and \$2.5 million in 1994-95.

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Once again this year, The Observer is asking children to send us their letters to Santa Claus, along with their school picture. The deadline is Dec. 7. We'll print those letters and photographs in our Dec. 17 issue, having forwarded the letters to Santa Claus in plenty of time to be ready for Christmas morning.

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Ask-the-archbishop show to air on cable TV

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Cable TV viewers throughout metropolitan Detroit will notice a new half-hour show in their program guides beginning this week.

Entitled "Dialogue," it's produced by the Archdiocese of Detroit and features Archbishop Adam Maida fielding questions from journalists and parishioners-at-large in a town meeting format. Thus far, 28 cable systems have picked up the show, the brainchild of Ned McGrath, director of communications for the diocese and a former TV reporter.

"I looked at what we were doing on our channel here and what I'd seen come through from other Catholic programs and suppliers," said McGrath. "Most of what I saw were interview programs where people in the church interviewed other people in the church. I felt perhaps there were enough of those out there and we should try to do something a little bit different and appealing to a wider audience, and not necessarily a Catholic audience."

Timely issues

Because of his position as a spiritual leader in a metropolitan area, the archbishop's interests and concerns cross denominational lines, McGrath said.

"The archbishop feels it's part of his mission as a teacher and bishop to teach and instruct on the deeper issues that are involved. We are into deep questions — where does life come from, who is the author of life, and who really has the ultimate say with respect to someone's life?"

Maida said the church "will be working throughout the state, lobbying, teaching, and doing everything we can to have our voice heard."

The pilot, airing this week, featured McGrath, and questioners from the media as well as parishioners from Detroit-area churches.

Maida addressed issues ranging from the role of women in the church to Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicides and the ever-increasing cost of Catholic education.

'The archbishop feels it's part of his mission as a teacher and bishop to teach and instruct on important and timely issues and answer questions regarding faith and the operation of the diocese.'

Ned McGrath
communications director

On the role of women, discussed at a bishops' conference in Washington that Maida attended, the archbishop said, "To the extent we can raise the consciousness of the role of women and the dignity of women in our church, we need to do everything we can. We know ordination is not permissible, yet within the government and liturgy of the church, so much needs to be done. I think women need to be affirmed for the good things that they do."

Suicide question

Maida's comments on Dr. Kevorkian were picked up by wire services and aired across the country. The archbishop said he senses a "great ignorance on the part of our people with respect to the deeper issues that are involved. We are into deep questions — where does life come from, who is the author of life, and who really has the ultimate say with respect to someone's life?"

Maida said the church "will be working throughout the state, lobbying, teaching, and doing everything we can to have our voice heard."

Detroit has image problems enough. Michigan doesn't need to be known as the suicide state, he said.

Maida said he's a big believer



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Dialogue: A new cable TV show entitled "Dialogue" features Detroit Archbishop Adam Maida fielding questions from journalists and parishioners-at-large. Producer Suzanne Ganzak says the archbishop is excited about the program, and has a warm, outgoing personality that lends itself to the tube. "Detroit is lucky to have him," she said.

in "engaging the people who are involved in making decisions," one reason he's made it a priority to consult with clergy and Catholics throughout the archdiocese. "That's my style. I really work at it, and I work at it pretty hard," Maida said.

The lack of Catholic schools serving newer churches in the suburbs is a huge concern, Maida said. "I hope somehow to address that. I would like to make a commitment that every child

who would like to go to a Catholic school would have that opportunity. It's not something I can solve in a minute — it's long range — but it has a very high priority in my life and in my ministry."

In future shows, the archbishop will be interviewed by student journalists, representatives from religious and suburban papers, and members of parishes throughout the nation's fifth-

largest archdiocese, which encompasses six counties and includes 1.5 million people.

Holiday season

"In this Christmas season, I would encourage you to reflect on the deeper meaning of life," Maida said. "Listen to the message of Jesus. Hear how he instructs us to love one another and to accept suffering. In the end, there is life, there is peace, there is joy,

and there will even be angels."

For a yearly subscription to the Catholic Television Network of Detroit guide, send \$6 with your name and address to the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office of Telecommunications, 305 Michigan Ave., Detroit, 48226.

"Dialogue" will air at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 6; 3 p.m. Dec. 11; 1:30 p.m. Dec. 15; at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 23, at 9 p.m. Dec. 26 and at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 28.

Hunting novice on target

Hunters from Plymouth and Canton are still coming out of the woods to report their success during the deer season.

Shannon Werner, 20, of Plymouth killed her first deer on Saturday while hunting for the first time with her father David Werner in Dickinson County in the western Upper Peninsula. It was a six point buck.

Chuck Bruning of Canton reported that he killed a 140 pound doe with a bow on Oct. 20 in Presque Isle County.

Steven Kwiatkowski, 14, bagged a buck and a doe with a rifle in Presque Isle County. He shot the 100 pound doe on Nov. 21 and a 140 pound spike horn buck on Nov. 20.

Jim Payne and his son, Alan, 9, of Canton only traveled to nearby Washtenaw County to bag his Alan's first buck, a 16 point, 160 pounder on Nov. 16.

Another successful hunter in Washtenaw County was Dave Gerke of Plymouth who bagged a buck with a bow on Nov. 14. It weighed 195 pounds.

The Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers feature the names of successful hunters in the Community Buck Pole.

The buck pole is based on a tradition in northern Michigan. Each year during deer season successful hunters bring their buck to town and hang them on a pole for all to see.

To report a kill, call Jeff Counts, the editor, or Kevin Brown, a staff writer at 459-2700 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The feature will continue through the archery and muzzle-loader seasons.

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Cheer club needs members

Compared to last year, donations to the Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club are down a bit.

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We're hearing that traffic is up at stores and shopping malls this Christmas season over last year.

So while you're out there, why not pick up a toy or canned good or two, and bring them by our office at 744 Wing.

Most recent contributors to the Cheer Club are the Baranski family, Ed Andrysiak and Joann and

Harold Rocholl.

Last year marked the first ever food and toy drive we'd done at our office on Wing Street.

And our readers made it a whopping success. That's because by the time some Salvation Army folks came by to pick up donations, our office was nearly filled with toys and canned goods.

The idea behind the club is that no child should be without a gift on Christmas, and no family should go hungry.

Joining is easy. Membership is open to anyone who can take the time to stop by our office and

drop off a canned good or new, unwrapped toy for a needy child.

Then, we'll continue to collect them through mid-December. That's when we'll turn them over to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy kids and families in our area.

When you drop by our office, we'd like to take your name and list it in The Observer with others who give to the Christmas Cheer Club.

Last year, we counted just over 200 donors.

Our office hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays.

Family yule sing-along set for Kellogg

A Christmas carol sing-along is scheduled for downtown Plymouth on Sunday as Santa arrives in Kellogg Park for Plymouth Christmas Family Day.

The sing-along is scheduled for 12:45 p.m. at the park fountain. Santa is scheduled to arrive in horse-drawn carriage at 1 p.m. and will throw the switch to light a large Christmas tree.

Families attending the event are encouraged to vote for their favorite among the 60 Christmas trees that will line the park walkways. Ballots are available at the Chamber of Commerce, Box Bar and Mayflower Hotel.

Starting next week, kids can visit Santa in his

temporary house — Fred Hill's former Main Street store — from 4-9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Pictures will be available. — Santa's visit Sunday is hosted by the Community Federal Credit Union.

Saturday is decorating day for the 8-foot pine trees to line the park walkways. Each tree is sponsored and decorated by a service club, family, local business or scout troop.

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Robbers strike 2 area businesses, no ties suspected

Two, apparently unrelated, robberies were reported Nov. 25 at Dad's Corner Store on Warren and Bunker Hill and Builder's Square on Ford Road.

At Dad's Corner Store employees reportedly told police that a man between 25 and 30 years old, about 5-foot-9 inches tall, 160 pounds and blue eyes walked into the store with a sweat shirt around his head and pulled a light-colored bag over his head and took a single bottle of beer before walking to a checkout counter. He pulled out a gun and ordered the clerk to open the cash register drawer. Clerks reported \$800 cash, a bottle of beer and a pack of cigarettes stolen.

In a separate case, a man reportedly went to a cashier at Builder's Square with an item valued at less than one dollar. The cashier opened while the man's change, he grabbed a stack of 20 dollar bills and ran out of the business.

CRIME

Tools stolen

A stereo and various tools, valued by the owner at \$1,700, were reportedly stolen last week from a garage on Boston Hill. In another case, more than \$3,000 worth of tools were reportedly stolen from a 1985 Dodge parked in the driveway of a Willow Creek Drive resident.

Marital woes

Canton police were called out to break up an argument between a 40-year-old Canton woman and her 31-year-old husband last week. The woman told police her husband took the check book and his money into the bathroom and refused to give her money. The man said his wife threatened to "scratch his eyes out" if he didn't give her the money.

Canton chamber sponsors auction

The Canton Chamber of Commerce will hold its fifth annual Dinner/Auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

This year's theme is "Get Lucky," which will accompany the casino decor of the event. The dinner/auction is the chamber's biggest fund-raiser of the year, and proceeds are used to finance operating expenses, scholarships, building fund and community events such as "Santa Comes to Canton."

The Canton Chamber of Commerce is looking for items to auction. The donation of merchandise gift certificates or cash to purchase larger items is needed.

All donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged before and during the event. Cash donations of \$200 or more will receive special recognition, two free dinner/auction reservations and will be included in a sponsorship drawing.

Some of the donations to be auctioned off are trips, a fishing boat, \$500 worth of cable advertising, children's train set, romance packages and a grand door prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas including air, transportation, hotel and taxes.

To donate, or to attend, call the Canton Chamber of Commerce at 453-4040.

11-year-old undaunted by epilepsy

BY DIANE GALE
SPECIAL WRITER

When James Sholtz talks about one day canoeing the Amazon, you just know that the determined 11-year-old isn't going to be slowed down.

Nothing will get in his way, not even the epilepsy he was diagnosed as having last year.

In fact, when the Westland boy was told he had epilepsy his reaction surprised his mother, Dawn Sholtz.

"He said he could be a good example to people with epilepsy," said Sholtz, a registered nurse at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

With a matter of fact tone he uses in daily conversation, Sholtz explained that even as a young boy he knew what epilepsy was and what it could do.

He saw it first hand with his younger brother, Justin, who is also mentally retarded.

"I was 5 and my brother was 2, and we were in a car not far from St. Mary (Hospital)," James said. "My grandparents were in the front seat. He put his hands up and he started shaking."

"I told my grandparents that something was wrong. They took him to the hospital and it turned out he was having a seizure that lasted an hour."

James' epilepsy is different. He was much older when he was first diagnosed. When James has a seizure he hears echoes, talks rapidly, gets weak and dizzy and experiences flashbacks.

Although medication has controlled the seizures it hasn't eliminated them altogether.

"I know when I get older if the seizures aren't under control I won't be able to drive or drink alcohol," James said.

In the meantime, James is more active than most boys his age. He plays chess on the Wayne-Westland school district chess team, plays soccer for the "Vipers" of the Great Lakes Soccer League, enjoys singing in the choir at school, plays cello, and is teaching himself piano.

Chemistry experiments and anything to do with social studies are top on his list of things to do, too. Name the sport and James is involved. Name the country and James can tell you where it is. Name the food, and

James can probably prepare it to your liking.

And despite the busy schedule, James gets all A's and B's as a sixth grade student at Patchin Elementary School, on Newburgh between Ford and Warren Road.

"I do the regular things an 11-year-old would do," James said. "It just doesn't stop me from doing anything."

James has learned compassion as a byproduct of the stress that goes with living with Justin.

"He always had so much love for his brother," Dawn Sholtz said. "He'll get mad at him, too, when Justin tears up his things. He knows the kids at school who have disabilities and he helps them, but without being arrogant."

Doctors haven't been able to tell Dawn Sholtz what has caused epilepsy in both cases.

Since both her sons have epilepsy heredity would be the first guess. However, Dawn Sholtz said that's not necessarily true.

"We don't know anyone who has it in the family," she said. Although James has had several

blows to his head while playing jungle games and roughhousing, doctors aren't sure exactly why he has epilepsy.

"For some reason out of the blue, he showed up," Dawn Sholtz said.

"He had flashbacks and he was talking real fast. I thought it was a psychiatric problem at first, and I took him to a psychiatric hospital and they diagnosed him as having seizures."

Fourteen months later, James rattles off medical procedures that are performed on epileptic patients with the accuracy of a professional.

His advice for other people with the disorder is simple.

"If they take their medication it will be under control," James said. "And when they get their blood drawn they shouldn't worry. It's not that painful. It's a needle and it goes in you, but it doesn't hurt."

Enough about needles, the young man has other things on his mind. When James gets older, he said, he wants to visit all seven continents. His tone is convincing.

'O/K' education reform proposal entering fray

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Michigan will see a third entry in the 1994 school tax reform sweepstakes.

Educators are expected to meet soon in Redford Union School District to launch a petition drive for the so-called "O/K proposal." It's aimed at increasing state funding for public schools and bringing some equity between rich and poor districts.

"O/K" is named for Detroit attorney David Olmstead, one of the HOPE team recently defeated for re-election to the school board, and C. Philip Kearney, professor of education at the University of Michigan.

Also likely to face voters are: ■ The "KIDS" proposal, to amend the state constitution by guaranteeing "equity" — and thereby allowing a lawsuit under which a court could order massive funding changes.

■ The Group of 12 plan, a bipartisan legislative proposal to eliminate all \$5 billion in local school property taxes for operations and replace them with higher state income and single business taxes.

The Legislature could implement it without voter approval, but voters in 1994 would be offered a chance to substitute a higher sales tax for the other state taxes.

The O/K plan has support from both in-formula districts (which receive state aid) and out-of-formula districts (which rely entirely on local property taxes). So far, there is no organized opposition.

Supporters will seek 295,000 valid signatures to bring it to the Legislature. Lawmakers would have 40 days to adopt it. If they don't, O/K is automatically on the ballot.

Kearney said the plan would force both the state and local boards to fund schools properly and cut property taxes. As he outlined his principles:

■ The state would be required to fund 50 percent of all K-12 public schools, with the lottery proceeds as a bonus. "This would bring the approximate percentage of state funding back to the levels of the early 1970s," said Kearney. Currently, state school aid is \$3 billion, and local taxes are \$5 billion.

■ Voters would not be asked to approve a tax increase. The Legislature would be forced to deal with it.

■ "All new state money" would be earmarked for schools and tax relief.

■ Property assessment increases would be limited to the rate of consumer price inflation.

■ Out-of-formula districts, which get no general state aid, would be "held harmless" — they could not lose what they have. State aid for categorical — such as special education — would be frozen at current levels.

■ The plan was developed in secrecy in Lansing and so far has had no public hearing. Gov. John Engler is cool to the call for increased state taxes.

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■ **WILLIAM R. GRIFFIN**, son of Wanda Griffin of Canton, enlisted in the Air Force. He will train for six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Griffin, a 1992 graduate of Osterholz American High School in Germany, will earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

■ **NAVY SEAMAN RECRUIT JAMES B. HELTON**, son of Glen T. Helton of Canton,

completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is a 1992 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School in Wayne.

■ **NAVY SEAMAN APPRENTICE ANDREW M. TALLIAN**, son of Francis F. and Loretta J. Tallian of Canton, graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine Course. He is a 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

■ **MARINE PVT. TIMOTHY P. HOBLEY**, 1992 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, completed recruit training. He is the son of James A. Hobley of Plymouth.

■ **MARINE PFC. JEFFREY S. ALSOBROOKS**, son of Ronald D. and Phyllis M. Alsobrooks of Canton, reported for duty with 7th Communication Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan. The 1989 graduate of John Glenn High School, Westland, joined the Marine Corps in February 1992.

Elks sponsor charity free throw competition

The 21st annual Elks National Free Throw Contest sponsored by Livonia Elks Lodge 2246, will be Saturday, Dec. 5.

The competition is open to youth in Westland, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, and Livonia. The contest will begin at 1 p.m. on Dec. 5 at Livonia Churchill High, Newburgh south of Ann Arbor Trail.

More than 150,000 youngsters statewide entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13. The contestant's age is deter-

mined by their age as of April 1, 1993.

Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop and the boy and girl in each age category with the best scores advance through district, state, and regional contests to qualify for the national final to be held in April 1993 in the Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.

National finalists average 90 percent successful shooting. The Elks "Hoop Shoot" is the largest of the many youth activities sponsored by the Elks. This year more than three million guys

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Schools ponder April millage vote

Plymouth-Canton school board members took a glimpse at the district's 1993-94 budget Monday night, and it doesn't look pretty.

While the subject didn't come up at the workshop, indications are the "potential special school election" seeking new millage will materialize April 6.

Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business, projects the district's revenues at \$80.6 million, and expenditures at \$80.7 million in 1993-94. This year's expenditures are \$77.8 million.

Because the financial picture is in flux, particularly at the state level, Superintendent John Hoben likens budgeting for next year to handling a bowl of Jello. But based on current figures, expenditures will surpass revenues by \$107,000. The final balance, or rainy day fund, has shrunk from \$2.8 million to \$329,000.

It's expected that voters will be asked in 1993 to renew 17.74 mills. "The renewal is our number-one concern," said Hoedel.

"We will suggest the renewal for two years." The 17.74-mill levy "represents half the revenue the district has," he added.

Hoben had good and bad news for trustees.

He said it appears property assessment freeze will be lifted, creating a substantial increase in local tax revenues. The increase is projected at 8 percent for residential property and 3 percent for commercial and industrial property next year.

The bad news is "there will probably be an executive order cutback from the governor's office that will impact the budget this year," Hoben said. Hoedel estimates the executive order cutback could total \$400,000 this year and \$1 million next year, and said the action "may put the district in the red, given our fund balance."

"When this will happen and the amount is not known. However, it would be recommended that we consider this when determining the amount of a potential cutback in 1993-94 and in discussing a potential millage request."

Despite last year's lay-offs, the budget is still "89 percent salary and insurance-driven," said Trustee Dean Swartzwelder. Fringe benefit costs in 1993-94 are projected to increase to 15 percent from 11.4 percent. Fringes will increase to 20 percent if projections hold for 1994-95. Costs in that area "started to pick up last year," said Hoedel. "Our claims are way up," said Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations.

There are 56 fewer staffers this year, due to pink-slipping. "In some ways, that has caused us some misery," said Hoben. It's made class size go up. "Para-professionals, or classroom aides, are contractually mandated for classes larger than 32 students. Budgeted for para-professionals was \$120,000. The line item will total \$340,000 this year."

Presenting an unknown is the teachers' contract, which expires Aug. 30. Negotiations are slated to begin in April or shortly before.

Other budget highlights include:

- \$900,000 in 1993-94 and

\$950,000 in 1994-95 to open two new elementary schools.

■ State equalized valuation is expected to increase to \$2.2 million in 1993-94 from \$2 million.

■ Total revenue is expected to increase 6 percent. Revenue increased 3 percent this year. Total expenditures are estimated to increase 3.8 percent in 1993-94, up from an increase of 2.5 percent this year.

■ Revenue from property taxes is projected at \$73.1 million for 1993-94, up from \$68.2 million.

■ Employee insurance and benefits totaled \$13.4 million this year. The figure is projected at \$14.3 million next year and \$15.7 million the following year.

■ State revenue, \$3.5 million this year, is expected to drop to \$3 million next year and \$2.5 million in 1994-95.

A special board workshop on the budget is set for Saturday, Jan. 23. On the agenda will be a detailed 1993-94 budget, a potential millage request, and a confirmation of the special millage election date.

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Madonna prof studies attitudes toward science

Why are some of us drawn to computers and physics and others fascinated or bored with talk of space exploration? Are we more likely to be interested in astronomy if we are male or female? Older or younger? A high school dropout or a postgraduate student? A blue collar worker or electrical engineer?

Dwight Lang, associate professor of sociology at Madonna University and recipient of a \$48,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), has long been interested in these kinds of questions and will now spend the next two years analyzing data on national attitudes toward science and technology.

As a sociologist, Lang is con-

cerned with the changes in the economy, education, politics and science as well as how these areas are interrelated. He has devoted many years of professional effort to examining issues in higher education relating to gender race and social class stratification. Lang also has ongoing interest in the rapidly expanding area of science and technology.

"We already know that various segments of the population display different levels of interest in science and technology," explained the sociologist.

"The key is how have these interests changed over time," he added.

To explore this fluctuation in recent years, Lang will be analyzing

data taken from nationwide survey collected bi-annually since 1979. The surveys, funded by the NSF, were completed at the Public Opinion Laboratory at Northern Illinois University. Lang will, in part, examine how attitudes differ between men and women, various racial groups, those with varying levels of formal education and people with different science groups and occupational backgrounds. He will also study interest in specific fields of science and technology. For example, space, nuclear and medical technology, as well as human genetics and evolution.

"Nobody has systematically looked at the shifts in opinion

since the surveys were started 33 years ago," explained Lang. "We know there are changes, computers in the home for instance have made technology accessible to all different types of people and have affected public concern with technological issues."

Science and technology is something that we cannot take for granted, according to Lang, because it is supported by society. At times it is based on social issues like the space race of the 1960s, other times it is based on economic competition between nations. The National Science Foundation, a public-supported agency, is concerned with how the

public views and supports its activities.

"Sputnik prompted America's interest in space travel," said Lang. "International economic competitiveness is definitely an issue, but so is the overall public concern with tangible return on investments in technological arenas."

Lang and his wife, Sylvia, also a sociologist, earned their doctorates from the University of Oregon in 1983. He came to Madonna University from the University of California at Berkeley in 1989 and she is employed at the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. They live in Ann Arbor and have two children.



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KATHERINE R. DUNCAN
Services for Katherine R. Duncan, 90, of Wayne were Sunday, Nov. 29, at Vermeulen Funeral Home. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

She was born Feb. 8, 1902, in Hohenwald, Tenn. She died Wednesday, Nov. 25, in Garden City. She was a homemaker and a member of Plymouth Church of Christ.

She is survived by one daughter, Willean Spraggins of Gadsden, Ala.; six grandchildren, including Judith D. Hinoite of Plymouth and Dale Love of Plymouth; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ida Supon of Detroit.

The Rev. David Thomas officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Plymouth Church of Christ.

ADA M. FROELICH
Services for Ada M. Froelich, 94, of San Dimas, Calif., previously of Plymouth, were Saturday, Nov. 28, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Oakland Cemetery in Novi.

She was born June 17, 1898, in Duluth, Minn. She died Monday, Nov. 23, in Glendora, Calif. She moved to San Dimas two months ago from Plymouth. She retired from AT&T where she worked as a telephone operator for 25 years in Detroit. She was an active member of the Berean Baptist Church in Plymouth for 28 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Lois C. Lanier-Andre of San Dimas; one son, A. J. Forelich of

Plainwell, Mich.; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Stan Lightfoot officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Awana Clubs International, One East Bode Road, Streamwood, Ill. 60107.

HOWARD J. GLASS
Services for Howard J. Glass, 71, of Canton were Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Village Presbyterian Church in Redford.

He was born Jan. 14, 1921, in Wheeling, W. Va. He died Friday, Nov. 27, in Livonia. He moved to the Plymouth-Canton community from Detroit in 1986. He retired in 1982 from Burroughs-Unisys after 30 years of service. He was a member of The Village Presbyterian Church in Redford, the Pioneers — Canton Senior Recreation Group, The Moose Lodge — Skidway Lake, Prescott, Mich., and the VFW Post No. 171. He served in the army in World War II, Battle of the Bulge and was a first class rifleman.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Florence E. Glass of Canton; three daughters, Crystal Boyd of Canton, Sandra Withrow of Big Rapids and Laura Flick of Goldsboro, N.C.; one son, Howard D. Glass of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jerry Glass of Ferndale and Jim Glass of Las Vegas, Nev. and one sister, Ann La Voie of St. Clair Shores.

The Rev. Paul S. Bosquette officiated the service. Memorial con-

tributions may be given to Michigan Red Cross Disaster Fund. Arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home.

ANDREW W. HRUSKA
Services for Andrew W. Hruska, 68, of Canton Township were Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Schrader Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 4, 1924, in Owosso. He died Friday, Nov. 27, in Canton Township. He lived in Canton Township from 1989 to the present; in Plymouth, 1948-1973; and in Bangor, Mich. 1973-1989. He was employed as a machinist at Ford Motor Company, Livonia Transmission Plant. He worked there 1953-1981, became a journeyman in 1958, and was a member of Local 182. He was the founding scoutmaster of Our Lady of Good Counsel Troop No. 781, was a lifetime member of the Plymouth Theatre Guild, and had been a musician since 1943. He was an artist and has some of his work displayed at Arbor Hospice.

He served in World War II as an E-5 sergeant, stationed in Germany, Sicily and N. Africa. He graduated from Cooley High School in 1943 and served an apprenticeship at Henry Ford Community College from 1955-1959. He is survived by his wife, Katherine L. Hruska of Canton; one daughter, Andrea K. Horan of Melvindale; two sons, Christopher W. Hruska of Westland and Phillip W. Hruska of Canton; four grandchildren; two sisters and

three brothers.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Diabetes Foundation or to Arbor Hospice.

MYRLENE F. SCHULTZ
Services for Myrleene F. Schultz, 63, of Brighton, previously of Plymouth were Saturday, Nov. 28, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

She was born March 3, 1929, in Brighton and died Wednesday, Nov. 25, in Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth and Novi all her life. She was a homemaker and formerly worked at Daisy Manufacturing. She was a member of the Plymouth Garden Club and St. Peter Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Schultz of Plymouth; one daughter, Caryn L. Williams of Plymouth; one son, Curt Randall of Ann Arbor; three grandchildren; and was preceded in death by son, Craig R. Schultz in 1971.

The Rev. Peter M. Berg officiated the service. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army or to the McAuley Cancer Care Fund, Catherine McAuley Health Center, Advancement Department, PO Box 992, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48106.

ARTHUR R. TOLLEFSON
Services for Arthur R. Tollefson, 78, of Westland, formerly of Plymouth were Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 30, 1914, in Granville, N.D. He died Saturday, Nov. 28, in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1982 from St. Clair Shores, then moved to Westland. He worked 32 years at Equitable Life Assurance Co. in New York City, before coming to Michigan where he worked at Johnson & Higgins Insurance Co. in Detroit, retiring in 1979 as assistant vice president of the Pension and Benefits Department. He was a member of the Actuarial Society of America and American Dancers Association. He received dance trophies over the past 11 years. He served in the Army in World War II. He received a master's degree in actuarial science.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Tollefson of Westland; one stepson, Arthur Rhonda Biegajski of Temperance; five stepdaughters, Christine Duda of Livonia, Lynne Suraski of Dearborn, Karen Watts of Jupiter, Fla., Alison Holmes of Holly and Teresa Aquilina of Plymouth; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers, Leo Tollefson of Iowa and Henry Tollefson of Iowa and two sisters, Clara Fretheim of Iowa and Alida Evenmoe of Iowa.

Memorial contributions may be given to Michigan Parkinson Foundation.

ALICE M. SHARLAND
Services for Alice M. Sharland, 73, of Plymouth were Monday, Nov. 30, at Schrader Funeral

Home. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 26, 1919, in Plymouth. She died Friday, Nov. 27, in Ann Arbor. She was lived her entire life in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1937. She and her husband, Lloyd owned and operated the Gottschalk Turkey Farm since 1958. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Eastern Star, the Ladies Extension Group and Wayne County Farm Bureau.

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Senate education plan assailed by lawmaker

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

A member of the state Senate committee on the Michigan Model for health education disagreed with every conclusion drawn by chairman Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County.

"For the last 18 months, I have been witness to a senseless and systematic attack on the freedom to learn," said Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian.

The Lenawee County freshman, a former mayor, blamed "vocal and well-organized extremist organizations" for the attack on the Michigan Model.

Berryman said DiNello's report used only critical material, much of it repetitious and undocumented.

"Anti-family"

DiNello, a maverick Democrat during much of his 18-year legislative career, recently switched to the Republican column. He had been the only Democrat to chair

any committee in the GOP-run Senate.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, another member of the panel is siding with DiNello.

"I've read both reports," he said Tuesday. "We're revising the DiNello draft, but it's not a significant revision. The general tone will be as you've seen in the original draft. I plan to sign it."

Geake said he could identify three groups attacking the Michigan Model: the DADS Foundation of Kalamazoo, Kraft Bell's study group in Northville, and Bible-based churches. Geake said there were probably "several groups of concerned parents who probably had communication and read each other's newsletters."

Geake, a child psychologist who spent much of the summer and fall campaigning for Congress, represents Livonia, Plymouth, Redford Township, Plymouth Township and Canton Township in the state Senate.

Another member of the panel is

Sen. Doug Carl, R-Macomb County, who also is expected to side with DiNello.

Using the catch phrase "concerned parents," many attackers of the Michigan Model have called it anti-family and asked for its abolition.

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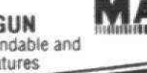


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S'craft chefs plan '92 tour of Europe

Schoolcraft College will host its first culinary education trip to France and Switzerland March 5-14 to visit fine restaurants, cooking schools and bakeries. The trip is limited to 25 people.

Highlights of the trip include visits to Paris and Lyon, France and Lausanne, Switzerland. Certified master chefs Jeff Gabriel and Leopold Schaeli of the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department, will host the tour.

Cost is \$2,000 per person and includes airfare, hotels (based on double occupancy), continental breakfast, ground transfers and some meals. To reserve a place, a \$50 refundable deposit can be given to the Schoolcraft College cashier's office.

Swiss-born Schaeli held apprenticeships in Switzerland and management position in many Swiss gourmet restaurants. He became a certified executive chef in 1976 and continued to hold executive chef and manager positions for restaurants in Massachusetts, New York and Michigan.

He received master chef certification in 1982 — the highest achievement attainable by the American Culinary Federation. Schaeli was master chef at the Machus Red Fox Restaurant and has served as the president of the Michigan Chef de Cuisine Association for the last three years.

Schaeli has won numerous awards including a gold medal and silver cup for exhibition platters at the Hotel and Restaurant Exhibition in Holland and first and second prize for his classical exhibit at the United Nations Dinner Exhibit in Ro-

chester, New York.

He was inducted into the American Academy of Chef's Honor Society in 1981. Only 10 candidates are selected worldwide to be inducted each year.

Gabriel, director/coordinator of the Schoolcraft Culinary Arts program and a chef instructor, started his culinary career in 1971 in the United States Navy. He was pastry chef and galley watch captain aboard the USS Bryce Canyon.

From 1974-75, Gabriel attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. In 1976, he joined the Detroit Athletic Club as sous chef and chef garde manager. From 1980-1989, he held executive chef positions at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Sugarloaf Resort, Odle Club on Harsens Island and LaBecasse in Glen Arbor. In the summers, Gabriel serves as culinary partner to Keith Famie, manager of Les Auteurs Restaurant in Royal Oak.

Gabriel's achievements include being a certified master chef with the American Culinary Federation, membership in the Michigan Chef D'Cuisine Association and founder of the Michigan Chefs Against Hunger Association.

He was captain of the United States 1988 regional culinary team that competed in Germany winning a gold medal with distinction in hot foods, displayed cold. As a member of the 1984 U.S. Culinary Team, he won two more gold medals, one with distinction.

Overall Gabriel has won more than 10 medals in international and local competitions.

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The Schoolcraft College Foundation is accepting applications for the following scholarships available to Schoolcraft students.

Walter Greer Memorial Scholarship. The award was created in memory of Northville resident Walter Greer, who was an active college volunteer and advocate of lifelong learning. The scholarship

is available to Schoolcraft students in the culinary arts or electronics curriculums.

Harward/Malinowski Endowment Scholarship. The scholarship is designated for liberal arts students. To be eligible, students must submit their Schoolcraft transcripts, hold a 2.5 grade point average or above, write a 600-word

essay and submit a letter of recommendation from their English instructor.

Asher and Sarah Smith Scholarship Loan Fund. Sarah Smith established the fund because she believes in education provided by community colleges. Two of the Smith grandchildren attended Schoolcraft. The loan is interest

free while the student is enrolled in school. Repayment is required within one year after the student completes his/her formal education.

The application deadline for all scholarships is Sunday, Dec. 20. Students interested in applying should contact the college's financial aid office at 462-4433.

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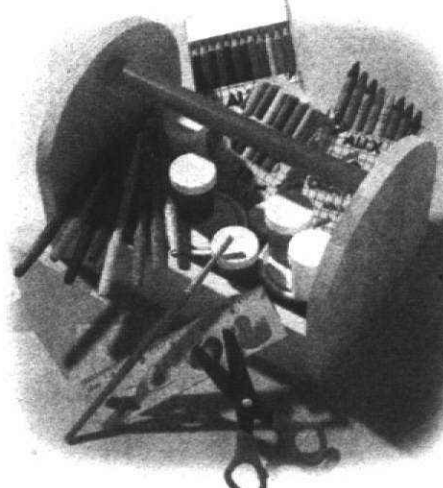
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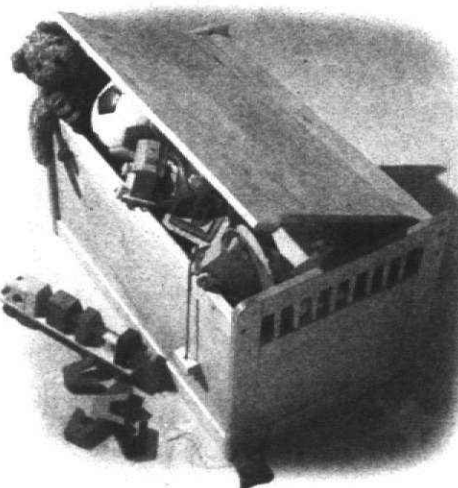


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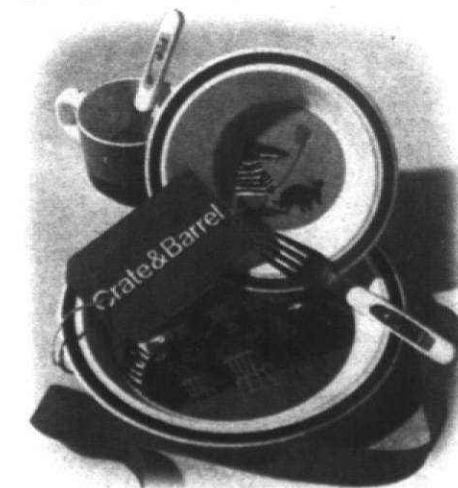
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For more information, call 397-8975 or 397-5421.

No child without a Christmas

The Canton Goodfellows' 1992 Christmas project has started. Look for Goodfellow newscasters selling papers 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at various locations throughout the community.

The paper sale is the major source of money for the Christmas project. Many helpers are needed to make this a successful effort. Anyone interested in collecting donations by selling papers Saturday, Dec. 5, should go to Canton Township hall 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call 397-8975. A small investment of time can help to make a needy family's holiday brighter.

Also, the Canton Goodfellows Doll Dressing contest is under way. Dolls, dressed in handmade outfits by Canton residents, will be on display in township hall starting Dec. 11 during regular business hours. Judging of the dolls will take place 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14. The public is welcome to attend.

Disaster relief

The American Red Cross announced that the 8,800 McDonald's U.S. restaurants and their customers raised more than \$1.5 million for American Red Cross disaster relief this year. That includes a \$200,000 grant from Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. The grassroots donations helped families affected by hurricanes Andrew and Iniki, as well as other disasters.

Woman has designs on Christmas

Lorraine Justice comes alive at Christmas. The Canton woman takes to the holiday season, creating craft items for the home.

BY NANCY H. JARVIS
SPECIAL WRITER



This time of year, Lorraine Justice's home overflows with Christmas decorations she designs and makes herself.

"I like to make things as non-commercial as possible," the artist and crafts woman says. "I use fresh green arrangements in every room so that everything smells like pine."

The wife and mother of three decorates her Canton home extensively with garlands on the bannister, a natural tree with white lights and her handmade ornaments. Each room is filled with many of the decorations she has designed and made over the years.

Justice's decorations have found their way into many homes in this area by way of sales at arts and crafts shows and by the classes she teaches to all age groups.

She has sold thousands of decorations at the annual arts and crafts shows at the Plymouth Cultural Center, a show she has participated in for the last 15 years.

Twenty years ago, while working as a school secretary, she proposed the idea of adult craft classes for the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Program. At that time, Justice recalls, "They didn't know if the craft classes would go," but her courses have persevered. More recently she began the popular one night mini-sessions where participants complete a decoration in one evening.

Justice also teaches senior citizens in Canton and Plymouth during the week and children on the weekends.



Decorations: Lorraine Justice's home overflows with Christmas decorations she designs and makes herself.

Her classes and her decorations are quite popular. She usually sells everything by the third day of the craft shows and her classes fill to the limit, she said.

"When you make something yourself, you get higher quality for a better price and you have the satisfaction of making your own," Justice said. "The kids really like the classes, too, because they feel good about the things they make."

Many people come back year after year to add to their Christmas collections.

Among the many decorations Justice makes for Christmas are her ever

popular wreaths; french horns embellished with pine boughs and ribbons; a large and mini version of a wooden sled lavishly decorated with a teddy bear and a pack holding a decorated tree or candle and natural looking embellishments; red baskets filled with pine, cones, berries and ribbons; and old-fashioned decorated rocking horses.

Justice has always had an interest in arts and crafts and she took a lot of art classes when she was in school. She received some design experience when she worked for a florist and then she began inventing her own designs.

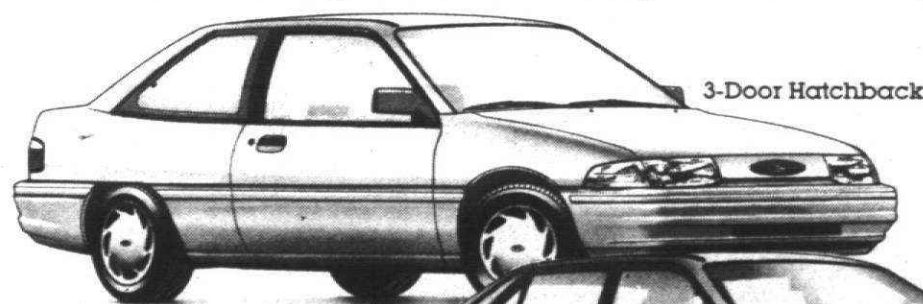
Her oldest daughter, Jessica, age 12, has become involved in creating decorations as well and seems to be following in her mother's footsteps. Jessica funds her summer sessions at horse camp by making and selling craft necklaces.

Justice has taken Jessica to many craft classes while she teaches. Her daughter has made the mini version of the teddy bear sled, a winter decoration consisting of a straw shovel with a terry cloth snowman. Santa Claus necklaces, and angels made from fabric, lace and wooden spools and thimbles. All of these decorations were designed by her mother and are taught in the children's classes.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

AUDITIONS
The Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of the Northville Regional Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of I-275, between Hagerty and Northville Roads. Cast includes male and female singers of all ages. Some dancing required. Performance dates are Feb. 16-March 13, 349-7110.

SING-ALONG
Gemin, Ann Arbor-based twins Sander and Laszlo Slomovitz, bring a family-oriented performance to the Plymouth District Library at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 453-0750.

LECTURE SERIES
First in three-part series, "Wives of the Presidents" will be featured at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main Street. Lecture includes "Martha Washington to President," and includes a Christmas Open House 1-5 p.m. Information, 455-8940.

FUNDRAISERS

HOLIDAY PLANTS
Community Literacy Council will sell poinsettias and cyclamens 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 5 and 12. The plants will be sold in the Fred Hill's store space on 336 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. 451-6555.

GREENS/BAKE SALE
The Women's National Farm & Garden Association Plymouth Branch will present its Annual Greens Mart and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel. Proceeds will provide for the beautification of Plymouth's Downtown through a spring planting program.

FRUIT SALE
The Plymouth Salem Wreathers and Swimmers are having their 15th annual Florida Orange and Grapefruit Sale. Fruit delivered the week of Dec. 15. Orders must be placed by Dec. 11 by calling Ron Krueger, 451-6600, ext. 247 or Dan Chrenko, 451-6600, ext. 332.

CANTON GOODFELLOWS
Newspaper sale is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday to raise money to provide for a bountiful holiday for less fortunate families. Help is needed with donations, to sell papers on Saturday or deliver baskets and gifts on Dec. 19. Call Art Winkel, 397-5348.

BAKE SALE
The Plymouth Pizzazz Pre-

cision Ice Skating Team's annual Christmas bake sale is 4-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Proceeds used for travel expenses to regional competitions this winter. Team consists of girls ages 7-10. Information, call Janice Bach, 459-9856.

ELVIS
The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Elvis At The Penn Theatre," on Saturday, Dec. 12. Doors open at 12:15 p.m.; show begins at 12:30 p.m. Dave King brings his Las Vegas Elvis act, featuring his ten-piece band, "Motion," to benefit the PCA Arts Awards Program. Tickets at Repeat the Beat and Little Professor on the Park in Plymouth, and at Giffidier in Northville. 455-5260.

HOLIDAY CHEER

EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
Bands present Winter Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m. to night at the East Middle School gymnasium in Plymouth, on Mill Street between Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road.

LUMINARY SALE
The Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club will sell luminary kits to be sold 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at three locations: Danny's, 250 North Main; Kroger's, Ann Arbor Road; and Westchester Mall, downtown Plymouth. For information call Barb Turner, 453-7875 or Mary O'Connell, 459-1999.

TOY DRIVE
Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest Street in Plymouth is accepting new or used toys in good condition for needy, handicapped and abused children through Dec. 19. 455-9057.

NEEDY FAMILIES
The Salvation Army is seeking needy families and senior citizens in Plymouth, Canton or Northville to participate in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program. Proof of financial need is required. Call 453-5487 through Friday.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Presentation by the Plymouth Community Chorus is 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road in Plymouth. The Friday performance is dedicated to, and will benefit, the Plymouth Salvation Army. Tickets at Sideways in Plymouth, Dearborn Music in Canton, from chorus members, or by phone, 455-4080.

HOLIDAY BAKE
Tickets for the annual Plymouth Symphony League Holiday Ball and Dinner are on sale at Me

and Mrs. Jones, 926 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Gala is Saturday at the Mayflower Meeting House. 459-3795.

HOLIDAY CONCERT
Plymouth Centennial Education Park Combined Choir will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, in the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

FOR KIDS

CHRISTMAS PARTY
Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its annual party for Canton children on Saturday, Dec. 12, (ages 3-7 — 9:30-10:30 a.m.; ages 12-under, 10:45-11:45 a.m.) at the Recreation Center on Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road. Party reservations, 397-5110.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
Canton Parks and Recreation Services will have a kids (1st grade and up) art workshop 9-11 a.m. Saturday at Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon Road. Register, 397-5110.

"NUTCRACKER"
The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, in conjunction with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, will present this holiday classic as a 100th anniversary celebration at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, in Canton. Tickets available in Plymouth at Beimer Jewelry, Evola Music and Joannes Dance; in Canton, Dearborn Music Co. To order by phone, 451-2112.

CRAFT SHOWS

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
Canton Historical Society's annual sale is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Canton Historical Museum, corner of Proctor and Canton Center Roads, south of Cherry Hill. Proceeds benefit the Society. No strollers. 397-0088.

CHRISTMAS SHOW
St. Thomas a Becket, on

Lilley Road south of Cherry Hill Road in Canton, will have a craft show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Information, 397-5886 or 397-0878.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will hold its 19th annual arts and crafts show at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. 455-6620.

ARTS & CRAFTS
Classic Creations will have a show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Hoben Elementary School, 4480 Seltz, between Sheldon and Canton Center Roads in Canton. Hot lunches available.

SPORTS

EQUIPMENT SALE
Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring its 8th annual used sports equipment sale 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Coventry Commons Shopping Center, at Joy Road and Morton Taylor Road. Sellers can bring their equipment 6-9 p.m. tonight to be priced and tagged. 397-5110.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
The City of Plymouth Parks & Recreation Department needs one more team to fill its Adult League. Games will be played on Monday nights at Central Middle School. Call Tom Willette, 455-6620.

GIRLS SOCCER
The Canton Crusiers team, which plays in the Under 14 Division of the Little Caesars Soccer League, needs good players for the Spring 1993 season. If interested, and if birth date is on or after Aug. 1, 1978, call Coach Carl Brey, 453-5547.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE
Open house for a basketball league being formed for grades 3-9 will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at Pioneer Middle School. Sponsored by the Plymouth YMCA. League plays Jan. 11-April. 453-2904.

CLASS TIME

BIRDS
"Take Care of Your Bird" class is 1-3 p.m. Saturday at Canton Recreation Center at Michigan Avenue and Sheldon Roads. Proceeds to Huron Valley Humane Society and Bird Rescue. Call Linda Whiteaker, 397-8167.

CANTON LIBRARY
Monthly book discussion is 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Canton Library meeting room, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Youth programs include study time for 3½-6 year olds, 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7; holiday stories for grades 2-3, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7; and holiday crafts for grades 4-6, 4:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Canton Kids Club, fourth-sixth graders, meet every six weeks to talk and discuss good books. Next meeting is 3 p.m. Dec. 12. 397-0999.

ADULT CARE
Foster care is needed for adults with mental retardation. Call 455-8880 in Wayne County.

WALKERS
Group walks are 10 a.m. Monday-Friday and 6:30 p.m. Thursday at St. John Neumann Church parking lot, 44800 Warren in Canton, 455-9042.

STORYTIME
Register with Plymouth District Library for story time for toddlers or preschoolers. 453-0750.

CHILD BIRTH
The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association offers classes, 459-7477. Livonia Childbirth, call 937-0665.

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ALZHEIMER'S
Volunteers are needed to assist with Adult Day Care Program for people with memory impairment, 557-8277.

MEAL DELIVERY
Volunteers needed to pack or deliver meals to homebound seniors living in the Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Focus:HOPE provides food to eligible Canton senior citizens at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000 Ext. 278.

HEALTH CARE
Volunteers needed at the Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Volunteers needed, 453-2904.

Road in Plymouth. Call Richard Rasmussen, 420-3131.

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1343 Pennina Trapp, 697-7591.

1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Call Jan Macleod, 981-4583.

BLOOD PRESSURE
Family Home Care will offer free screening the first Monday of each month. Next screening is 1-5 p.m. Dec. 7 at Beyer Drugs, 480 N. Main Street.

VISUALLY IMPAIRED
Radio reading/information service is available, free of charge, for blind and visually-impaired listeners. Call Detroit Radio Information Service (DRIS), WDET-FM at (313) 577-4146.

WOMAN'S CLUB
Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, in Plymouth for program by Get Larry James on holiday hors d'oeuvres.

A.A.U.W.
The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will have a December Branch Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Includes a tour of a display of 14 presidential inaugural gowns. 455-3197.

GARDEN CLUB
Lake Pointe Village and Trailwood branches of WNPCH will have a silent auction and canned good collection to benefit the Salvation Army at 7:30 p.m. to night at Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street. Tour of Museum's "Christmas At the White House" exhibit is included. Call Sarah Overs, 420-2912.

60 PLUS CLUB
December meeting will be at noon Monday, Dec. 7, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road. Includes Christmas program with catered lunch and singing of Christmas carols. For tickets, call Merle Minehart at 455-4345.

THREE CITIES
Art Club will hold its monthly meeting, which is a supper and gift exchange, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the home of President Susan Argiroff, 34143 Coventry Drive, Livonia, 422-8106.

MON
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street in Plymouth. Call Barbara Pearson, 421-6745 or Toni Shepherd, 453-6134.

BRIAN C. SHU, son of Rei and Chyi Shu of Canton, was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He is a junior at University of Michigan and expects to graduate in electrical engineering in May 1994. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

CHARLES LEFURGY of Plymouth was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He is a junior at University of Michigan and expects to graduate with a degree in computer engineering in May 1994. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the son of Clark and Sarah Lefurgy.

VALERIE D. WESTLUND enrolled as a first semester freshman at David Lipscomb University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Westlund of Canton and is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS achieved academic excellence as part-time students at Washtenaw Community College, earning a grade point average of 3.7 or better, and having accumulated at least 15 credit hours, while attending WCC for less than 12 credit hours per semester. The Honors Convocation will be Thursday, Dec. 10. Honor students are E. Davis, Kimberly Dittlinger, Glen Matulevich, Jennifer Petersen-Price, Marlene Smith and Candace Venka.

FIVE RESIDENTS attended Albion College's high school visitation day on Nov. 14. They are Owen Crosby and Michelle Marchewka, seniors at Plymouth Canton High School; Rebecca McBe, senior at Plymouth Salem High School; Kara Sobieski, junior at Mercy High School in Livonia; and Kent Wattleworth, senior at Lutheran Westland High School in Canton.

NAOMI A. PACK of Canton was named to the honors list at Ferris State University.

TWO PLYMOUTH residents were named to the honors list at Ferris State University. They are Jeffrey A. Brown and Janet L. Kolb.

DUSTIN WYMAN of Plymouth will display his artwork Dec. 15-17 in the University Art Gallery at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. His exhibit is one of several student exhibitions

SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR ALLIANCE
Seniors needing help with outdoor chores may call the Senior Chore Referral Program at 722-2830.

HEALTH CARE
Speakers on long-term health care and Medicare are available. 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, 522-4244.

CLASSES
Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

CLUB CALL

NEWCOMERS CLUB
Plymouth club will meet at The Gathering in Plymouth at 10 a.m. Saturday for the "Hanging of the Greens." 459-5328 or 451-0847.

WOMAN'S CLUB
Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, in Plymouth for program by Get Larry James on holiday hors d'oeuvres.

A.A.U.W.
The Plymouth Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) will have a December Branch Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Includes a tour of a display of 14 presidential inaugural gowns. 455-3197.

GARDEN CLUB
Lake Pointe Village and Trailwood branches of WNPCH will have a silent auction and canned good collection to benefit the Salvation Army at 7:30 p.m. to night at Plymouth Historical Museum on Main Street. Tour of Museum's "Christmas At the White House" exhibit is included. Call Sarah Overs, 420-2912.

60 PLUS CLUB
December meeting will be at noon Monday, Dec. 7, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 North Territorial Road. Includes Christmas program with catered lunch and singing of Christmas carols. For tickets, call Merle Minehart at 455-4345.

THREE CITIES
Art Club will hold its monthly meeting, which is a supper and gift exchange, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the home of President Susan Argiroff, 34143 Coventry Drive, Livonia, 422-8106.

MON
Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) group meets 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at First Presbyterian Church, 701 Church Street in Plymouth. Call Barbara Pearson, 421-6745 or Toni Shepherd, 453-6134.

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CHARLES LEFURGY of Plymouth was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. He is a junior at University of Michigan and expects to graduate with a degree in computer engineering in May 1994. He is a 1990 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School. He is the son of Clark and Sarah Lefurgy.

VALERIE D. WESTLUND enrolled as a first semester freshman at David Lipscomb University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Westlund of Canton and is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS achieved academic excellence as part-time students at Washtenaw Community College, earning a grade point average of 3.7 or better, and having accumulated at least 15 credit hours, while attending WCC for less than 12 credit hours per semester. The Honors Convocation will be Thursday, Dec. 10. Honor students are E. Davis, Kimberly Dittlinger, Glen Matulevich, Jennifer Petersen-Price, Marlene Smith and Candace Venka.

FIVE RESIDENTS attended Albion College's high school visitation day on Nov. 14. They are Owen Crosby and Michelle Marchewka, seniors at Plymouth Canton High School; Rebecca McBe, senior at Plymouth Salem High School; Kara Sobieski, junior at Mercy High School in Livonia; and Kent Wattleworth, senior at Lutheran Westland High School in Canton.

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TWO PLYMOUTH residents were named to the honors list at Ferris State University. They are Jeffrey A. Brown and Janet L. Kolb.

DUSTIN WYMAN of Plymouth will display his artwork Dec. 15-17 in the University Art Gallery at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant. His exhibit is one of several student exhibitions

Plymouth family readies for Russian 'adventure'

What started out as a Fulbright lectureship award for Prof. William E. Herman of Plymouth has now turned into a family adventure.

In preparation for a two-month stay in Moscow this coming spring, Herman, his wife, Judy, and children Bryan and Jennifer, are trying to learn as much as possible about Russian language and culture.

A lot has happened since the summer of 1991 when Herman, a professor of education and psychology at Livonia's Madonna University first applied for the lectureship.

Herman, who earned his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Michigan, will lecture at Moscow State Pedagogical University during April and May 1993. Afterwards the family hopes to take a sidetrip to Europe.

"After spending portions of the past four summers teaching grad-

uate courses in educational leadership to students in Taiwan in a unique Madonna University international program and living in Germany for 11 months in the Army in the 1970s, I feel prepared to teach and live overseas," Herman said.

Ever since his wife and children accompanied him to Taiwan the summer of 1990, the family has been looking forward to another international adventure.

The Hermans believe it's an exciting and important time to visit parts of the former Soviet Union. Judy Herman also has roots in the area. Her grandfather was born outside of Kiev in the Ukraine.

"We will be unofficial diplomats," said Herman. "What we say and do overseas as representatives of our country can make a difference in the reform movement." Preparing for the trip has been

fun and has created a healthy nervousness for the Herman clan.

"I'm a little worried about the availability of food and the everyday necessities," said Judy Herman.

Another concern is being able to communicate. So, the Hermans are rehearsing daily for their excursion.

"Hopefully, between the Russian word labels on nearly everything in the house from the soap to the mailbox and our skits where we practice calling things by their Russian names, we will not get lost or be misunderstood," Judy Herman added.

The Hermans will rent an apartment in Moscow and try to learn the Russian language. American, British, and Canadian diplomats send their children.

"I have found that the experience of teaching overseas broadens the mind, touches the heart and renews the spirit."



Language lessons: The Herman family — Prof. William, Jennifer, Judy and Bryan — are trying to learn as much as possible about Russian language and culture in preparation for their spring trip.

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CAMPUS NOTES

To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

TOM HONE of Plymouth completed his studies in Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua, and received a bachelor of arts degree in international relations from Michigan State University, James Madison College. He graduated with honors. He is a 1988 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

PATRICK G. MEYER of Canton was one of 50 students at Kalamazoo College recognized for outstanding achievement. He is a sophomore and was awarded the department of chemistry prize for excellence in the first year's work in chemistry. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Meyer. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

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Club gives grade schools early start on computers

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes kids turn out to be the best teachers. That certainly can be true with computer skills, something even very young children often are able to help adults learn. Students in the Computer Club at Fiegel Elementary School in Plymouth Township fit that description just perfectly.

"It's amazing what they can do," said teacher Nancy Weycker. "By the time these 7-year-olds get to fifth grade, it's unbelievable what they're going to be able to do."

The club includes 66 Fiegel second graders in Weycker's class and in teacher Diane Montagna's class. The two teachers work with aide Dona Siero on a variety of computer skills.

"They have to know the keyboard," said Weycker, a Canton resident. Students were required to learn computer language; they already do some word processing on the computer, including writing stories and reports.

Lots to learn

Students needed to demonstrate an ability to load disks and take care of the computer properly, even doing minor repairs such as replacing ribbons and paper. They also were required to learn how computers are used in the real world, by stores, hospitals and even by disabled people.

The club, which meets every Friday morning for 45 minutes to an hour, began at the start of the school year. Each time students meet, they learn about three different programs, and the goal is for them to learn 100 programs by the end of the school year.

"It's fun," said Scott Lytle, 8, a student in Weycker's class. "We have learned spelling, and math."

A variety of computer programs exist to help students with such basics as learning how to tell

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Nancy Weycker
Fiegel teacher

time. Students are learning to use the "Printshop" program to create banners, report covers, cards and signs.

"These kids are amazing. I just expect it of them and they do it," said Weycker, who does some computer training for her fellow educators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. On Wednesday, Nov. 18, Fiegel second graders received their Computer Club licenses.

"You're going to get all kinds of special privileges when you get your license," Weycker told the students. The license, issued by the club, allows students access to some 100 computer programs, and they have the rest of the school year to work on learning those.

"You can see that they're already really excited about it," she said.

Parental support

She's also heard positive comments from parents, although some have jokingly complained about Santa Claus receiving requests for rather expensive computers. One boy's dad works for the Ford Motor Co., and his son has been able to help him learn the ins and outs of the IBM computer at work.

Fiegel School's also piloting a "Windows in Science" program for the Plymouth-Canton district this year, and educators know how important it is for students

to learn about new technology.

"We didn't grow up with computers like our children do now," said Weycker, who admits to having learned much about the computer from her daughter, a senior at Centennial Educational Park. "It's a different world."

Knowing computer basics is a life skill all students will need, and it's often easier for them to learn at an early age, just as is true with a foreign language, she said.

"They (parents) know this is one skill they're going to need and, of course, the sooner they learn it the better. I'm really, really proud of them and how hard they've worked."

Students are highly motivated, and that's been the key to their success, the teachers have found. Students, who keep folders holding their computer work, were eager to demonstrate their proficiency.

"Nobody wanted to be left out," Weycker said. "They all wanted to be a part of it."



At work: Grace Reyes types on the computer keyboard as Joseph Lysakowski watches.



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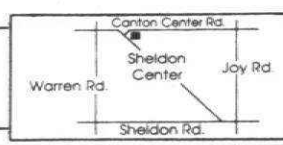
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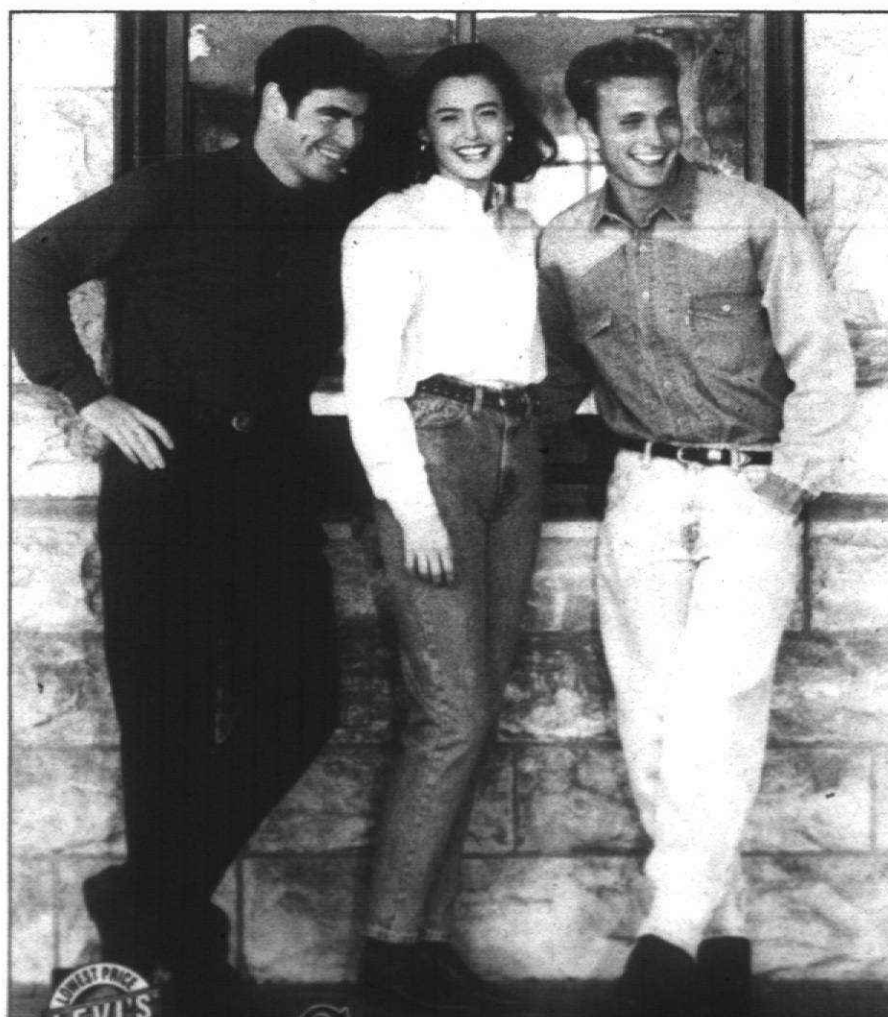
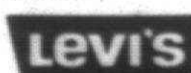
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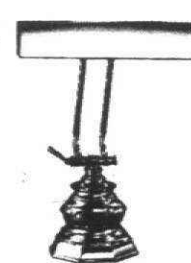
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Gleaners Community Food Bank, for instance, is continuing its holiday food drive, allowing contributors to earmark their contributions for items ranging from canned goods to juice to peanut butter. Call 923-3535.

Forgotten Harvest seeks support to expand its food program. The Southfield-based agency picks up food from restaurants and wholesalers for distribution to homeless shelters. Money is needed to add a second delivery truck and driver. 557-4483.

Though homelessness, sadly, has faded as a pressing social issue, the homeless still need help. The Salvation Army, Detroit Rescue Mission (993-4700) and Pontiac Rescue Mission are but three area charities that help the homeless.

Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots are two other worthy organizations accepting donations.

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at shopping areas throughout the metropolitan area.

This year, with layoffs both real and looming, we know it's harder than ever to come up with a charitable contribution.

Still, there are many local agencies that could use your help.

Here's a community-by-community list for Wayne County:

Canton
The Canton Community Foundation, an umbrella agency for various community charities, is looking for help this holiday season, 454-5427.

Garden City
The area's Needy Family Fund, run through a local church, is looking for support, 525-8830. Garden City Goodfellows are also looking for contributions, 525-8830.

Livonia
Livonia Goodfellows has a special need this year for volunteers, especially those to help screen applications for help, 421-5660.

Livonia Heart Fund, though better known for its summer golf outing, raises contributions all

year long, 522-2378.

Plymouth

The Plymouth Salvation Army office is making a special plea for help this holiday season, especially for its Adopt-a-Family Program, 453-5487.

Redford

FISH of Redford is in need of volunteer drivers to spend an hour or two per week to take people shopping or to medical appointments, 722-2830.

Redford Goodfellows depleted its cash reserves a few years back and will have to cut back on its food program this year unless contributors are generous, 937-9347.

Westland

Westland Goodfellows are looking for help with their holiday programs, 467-3185. The Salvation Army Community Center is also looking for donations, 722-3660.

This list is by no means inclusive. There are plenty of other groups that could also use your help.

Remember, there's no price on kindness. Especially this time of year.

Oakland County residents are encouraged to support these hometown charities:

Birmingham/Bloomfield

Christ Church Cranbrook is looking for people to donate clothes to its Clothes Closet, winter coats, hats and boots are especially appreciated, 644-5210.

All area churches are also participating in the South Oakland Shelter's food bank program. Canned goods can be dropped off at any church throughout the Birmingham/Bloomfield area.

Farmington

Farmington Area Goodfellows are continuing their holiday drive under the motto: "No child or senior citizen without a Christmas." To find out how you can help, call 474-3440.

The Salvation Army office at 27500 Shiwawassee helps people throughout southwestern Oakland County, distributing food, clothing and other essentials, 477-1153.

Rochester

Rochester Clothes Closet provides coats, bedding and other items to needy area residents, 656-0230.

Rochester Neighborhood House provides help to needy area residents throughout the year, but especially during the holidays through its food basket program, 651-5836.

Southfield

Southfield Goodfellows are collecting canned goods at various sites throughout Southfield and Lathrup Village, 354-7426.

Salvation Army regional headquarters are also in Southfield, 443-5500.

Troy

Troy People Concerned, a clearing house and referral agency, prepares food baskets and pays gas bills among other services, 589-9199.

Foodline



PAUL HURCHMANN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Serving: Members of St. Leo's Church in Livonia serve food to the hungry during the holiday season last year. Area charities say the need is still great this year. Take time to fill that need by reading the editorial on the left side of this page and help create some real holiday cheer.

LETTERS

Media disservice

It does not matter what party has won the election: We must set those differences aside and face the reality of the problem facing our country.

These words so stated by some Democrats are now being voiced after the election, where were they before? Where were they when the president tried to get some bills through that would help the situations but voted down by Congress because they had President Bush's name on them.

Gordon Bredeben, Redford

Bear wrestling

The Observer's recent story on bear wrestling in a local bar implied that human and animal rights are at odds. I fail to see how wrestling a bear in a bar while alcohol-consuming patrons cheer has anything to do with

human rights.

Any compassionate person should look at our existing use of animals and question the appropriateness. The particular case of bar-bear-wrestling is absolutely laughable for appropriateness. Also, animal rights is a philosophy of expanding rights; that is, to give more rights to other-than-human animals. Giving non-human animals moral considerations does not take away from human animals. The supply of rights is plentiful.

Finally, to claim that bar-bear-wrestling adds something to human rights is absurd. Wrestling a bear in a bar only adds to the bank accounts of the bear and bar owner.

Michael Chiado, Plymouth

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Test marks revolution in '94

A time bomb is ticking in every high school in Michigan. It will explode in May 1994. That's when graduating high school seniors won't get a state-endorsed diploma unless they show "mastery" in the reading portion and score 50 percent or better on the math and science parts of the Michigan Education Assessment Program test.

It will start the biggest revolution in Michigan education in this century. The squealing will be wondrous to hear.

Why? For years a Michigan high school diploma has had no more meaning than a 12-year attendance certificate. It signified no academic achievement, no job readiness — not even the ability to read and write.

But beginning with the high school class of 1994, those kids who don't score well enough on their MEAP exam will not get their diploma endorsed by the state. And that, presumably, will have a real impact on employers interviewing for jobs or colleges looking at admissions applications.

Motivated readers of this column might find it interesting to call their local school and ask what percent of kids taking the MEAP test locally last fall scored above the 50 percent cutoff. I can assure you the figure is nowhere near 100 percent.

Readers might even wish to inquire of their local schools what they are doing to make sure their students understand just how important MEAP results are going to become by 1994 and how they propose to prepare students for success in taking the test.

For the squealers, the first move will be to attack the MEAP test itself.

As any parent of a kid in school knows, MEAP tests in reading and math are administered in fourth, seventh and 10th grades; those in science, in the fifth, eighth and 11th grades.

These tests measure children against an absolute standard of knowledge (the educationists call it "criterion referenced") rather than simply showing how students did in comparison with each other ("norm referenced").

MEAP has been around for a long while and



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has been used by other states as a model for their own testing. It was originally sold to the school community as a way to diagnose problems with teaching and course structure by showing how kids performed in various districts.

However, now that the Legislature has written an arbitrary 50 percent cutoff into the law, MEAP assumes big time importance.

I wouldn't be surprised to see somebody sue over MEAP results in 1994. Courts in other states have held that the key issue is "have students had the chance to learn what is being tested?" I wouldn't be surprised if the suit won. A parent in Detroit, for example, might be able to argue convincingly the answer was "no."

Watch out now! Do not conclude, because the specific MEAP test may be vulnerable to a legal challenge, that any test is wrong, biased or unfair. If MEAP proves vulnerable, the thing to do is to fix MEAP, not quit testing.

America is unique among advanced countries in stubbornly refusing to assess the learning performance of its high school students. If we conclude that testing achievement is inherently unfair or biased, we will condemn our children to uncompetitive careers and a sliding standard of living.

I wouldn't want to bequeath that to my son. Philip Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His voice mail telephone number is 313-953-2047, Ext. 1880.

POINTS OF VIEW

Poor timing cuts Engler's try to cap property tax

Gov. John Engler's Proposal C might have been on the ballot two years too soon.

Economic conditions and consumer confidence couldn't have been worse for Engler's Cut & Cap property tax proposal when voters rejected it last Nov. 3.

I base this second-guessing on the prognostications of University of Michigan economists in their 40th annual conference on the economic outlook.

The conference was held three weeks after the election, and the governor began his petition drive a year earlier.

First, take the base — assessments. Through the 1980s, many of us saw our homes' soar in value on the assessors' books in city or township hall. Annual increases in double digits were the order of the decade. The situations were worst in the Detroit suburbs, most of the Lake Michigan shoreline and popular spots on the Lake Huron shoreline.

Second, consider state revenues. Engler was calling for a 30 percent cut in school property taxes with state government reimbursing our school districts. He said rising state revenues could pay for the local tax cuts without an increase in state taxes. Michigan State University economists said no way. Many interest groups doubted it. My colleagues and I on this newspaper were absolutely emphatic the state treasury couldn't stand such a hit.

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Engler's proposal to cap annual assessment increases at 3 percent seemed like the thing to do at the time.

That changed in 1992, said Richard Curtin, director of U-M surveys. Consumers began worrying about declining home values. "Overall, one in five home owners reported that the dollar value of their home had declined," Curtin told the conference.

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1.3 percent — less than a recovery — in fiscal 1992, according to the U-M economists.

State treasurer Doug Roberts began the campaign by saying growing state revenues could pay for Cut & Cap. By September 1992, however, Roberts backed away — correctly — from that rosy forecast.

That was 1992. What's ahead? U-M forecasters say Michigan's economy will yield revenue hikes of 5.3

percent in fiscal 1993 and 5.8 percent for fiscal 1994.

If Engler had waited two years to advance Cut & Cap, it would certainly have done better and might even have passed.

Myself, I still would oppose it. Engler assumes half the growth in state revenues could compensate the school districts. That's 2.65 to 2.9 percent per year. But what about the other demands on state government?

Our legislators continued to pass "tough new laws" to deal with crime, drugs, spouse abuse, stalking, assisted suicide and other anti-social activities. We'll need more prison beds even though we can't operate all the prisons we've built.

The welfare caseload continues to rise. I've shown in past columns that welfare dependency is unaffected by an improving economy. More jobs don't cut the welfare caseload, which has a life of its own.

What about the courts? The judicial lobby insists we need to add a dozen more appellate judges here, a dozen there, because of their caseload. The Detroit Institute of Arts and its Republican supporters will be battering at Engler's door to put this world-class cultural attraction back on full days.

And so on. But I digress.

Should Engler try for another tax cut in 1994? Politically, he doesn't have to. He has kept his 1990 campaign promise and given it the ol' college try.

Besides, by 1994 we may have other ballot proposals to cut property taxes. We always have tax plans on the ballot. You don't need a U-M economic forecaster to tell you that.

Tim Richard reports regularly on the local implications of state and national events. His office number is 313-349-1700.

New wind may bring cooperation to city, suburbs

I first felt the prevailing winds shift as I drove south on Woodward, looking for the Gem Theatre. The Gem, a jewel of a restored playhouse, was the latest theater to be returned to past magnificence by the foresight and the dollars of committed metro Detroiters. Located across from the Fox, somehow isolated by one-way streets, the Gem sits quietly aloof amidst the revitalization of Detroit's theater district.

Normally, Woodward Avenue on a midmorning work day is devoid of people. Normally on a Thursday morning, the only thing to impede traffic is the frustratingly mistimed traffic lights.

That's when the changing winds first blew gentle on my face. Locating the Gem, then searching for a parking place, I noticed people all heading in the same direction. Their step was quick, their mood upbeat, almost as if they were going to a concert.

I saw smiles on faces, and people talking to each other. I was, I thought, going to a press conference. Before I had become aware of

what was happening around me, my mind had been occupied with the job at hand.

I was prepared. I knew that Dennis Archer's announcement of his candidacy for mayor of Detroit would be big news.

Packed with people

What I wasn't prepared for as I rounded the building was the strong gust of changing winds, taking my breath away. The Gem was packed from the broad steps of the theater's entrance to the mezzanine! The first floor was filled to overflowing with men and women, young and old, black and white. Cameras were everywhere and conversation levels were at fever pitch. Making my way to the balcony, I gazed with amazement at the sight.

Every seat was filled. People in suits pressed knee-to-thigh with those in blue-collar dress. Men were standing in the aisles, women sitting on the steps. Some waited in quiet anticipation, others talked to their neighbors, excitement in their voices.

"This is a press conference?" I won-



JEFFREY MILLER

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dered in disbelief. "It looks more like a revival meeting."

I turned to shoulder my way downstairs, excusing myself every other step for bumping into folks or stepping on toes. Where once my "excuse me's" may have been greeted with hostile glances, this time they were met with smiles.

"What's going on here?" I thought. Dennis Archer was what was going on, and those hungry for a change in the way the wind blows around here were waiting to hear the man speak.

Archer, born in Detroit, raised in rural Cassopolis, Michigan, had come back to lay claim to the mantle of leadership. This man, a former Detroit teacher who went to law school by night and ultimately rose to become a Michigan Supreme Court justice, now stood before a packed house flanked by his wife and two sons.

The audience wanted desperately to like him and, before his remarks were finished, were convinced that they did. They were convinced that the winds of change were beginning to blow, signaling the end to a city in despair.

Center of hope

Archer told the adoring crowd what it wanted to hear. He said Detroit could be a "center of energy, a center of hope," he vowed to cooperate with but never capitulate to the suburbs. He declared, in a thinly veiled reference to

Mayor Coleman Young, that it was important to know when to step aside. At the end, as a green and white banner descended from the rafters proclaiming: "Let the Future Begin," Archer thundered, "On this rock we will build our city and claim our future."

The crowd went nuts, leaping as one to its feet, applauding, whistling, shouting, stomping.

With 10 months to go before the primary election, it remains to be seen if Archer will successfully unseat the man who has had his way with Detroit for a generation.

If not Archer, if he trips on a misstatement or is overcome by a closeted skeleton, then it will be one of the other challengers. Change is coming. The wind I felt as a faint stirring on my cheek as I drove toward the Gem tells me that this time the people are reading to blow out the candle and wish Mayor Young a good night.

Jeffrey Miller, a Southfield resident, is executive producer/host of "Transition," seen locally at 8:30 a.m. Saturdays on WXON-TV 20.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Will you spend more or less this Christmas season?

We asked this question in the Canton hair salon, City Looks Salon.



"I would spend less and try to make ends meet. Yet, I want to make sure everyone in my family has a Christmas. I'll spend less than last year."

Kim Mizzi, Westland



"I have a lot of people to buy for and I'll try to distribute what little I have. I'll be looking for bargains and I'll probably shop at the dollar store."

Dana Buhl, Westland



"Probably more, because I have a new grandson this year. I have a lot more employees."

Carol Beale, Canton



"I would say probably more, because of the prices. You get caught up in the Christmas spirit."

Linda Szovinsky, Northville

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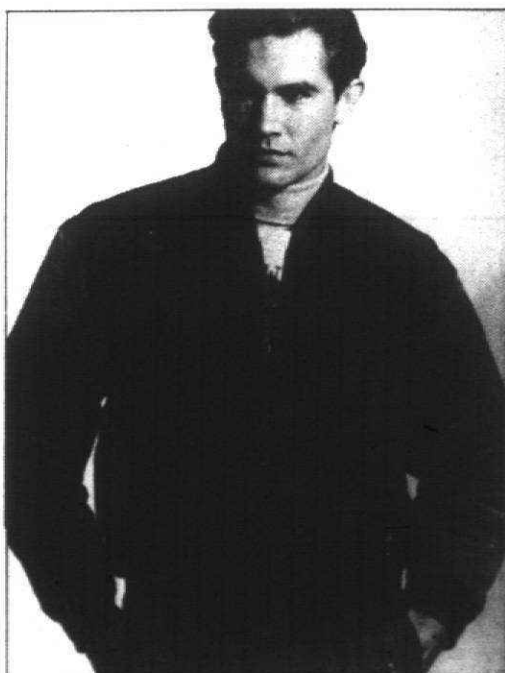
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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

McKelvey paces Agape

Junior forward Brandon McKelvey proved one thing for certain Monday night. He doesn't belong in the Metro Christian Athletic Association. The 6-foot-3 forward is too good. McKelvey scored 43 points and grabbed 44 rebounds to lead Plymouth Agape Christian Academy to an 89-63 victory against Cornerstone Christian Academy.

"Those stats are pretty accurate," said first-year Agape coach Eric Steinorth. "It was run and gun the whole game and he dominated everything. He really is too good to be playing at this level."

Junior Peter Munch contributed 16 points for Agape (1-0), freshman Matt Major 12 and senior Robert Shipman 10.

Sellers helps Buckeyes

Ohio State's hockey team entered last weekend's two-game set with Miami (Ohio) University threatening the .500 mark in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

Two reasons for their improved play: Bryan Riedel, a junior from Livonia who was OSU's defensive player of the week for a third time; and Joe Sellers, a freshman from Plymouth who scored his fourth goal of the season in an 11-2 loss to Bowling Green.

Sellers was tied for second on the team in goals with four and was tied for fifth in points with seven in nine games.

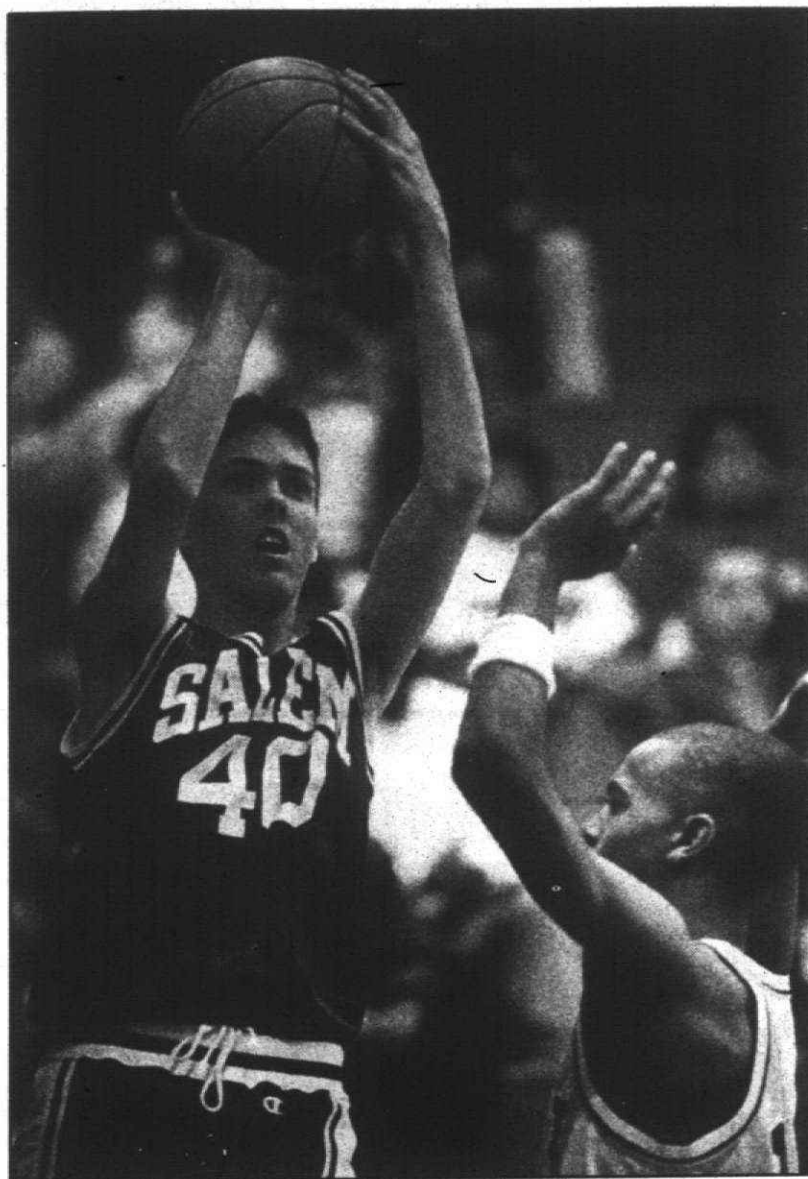
Heaton earns MSU honors

Mill Coleman did it all for Michigan State's football team, and Toby Heaton wasn't too shabby, either.

Coleman, a redshirt sophomore from Farmington Hills (Harrison), was named the most valuable player. Heaton, a senior from Plymouth (Redford Catholic Central), was second-team All-Big Ten at offensive guard.

But their accomplishments don't end there. Hardly. Both were named to the Big Ten's all-academic team. Heaton has a 3.26 grade point in advertising.

Head, Slone brothers lead Salem



Shooter Slone: Salem senior swingman Mike Slone presents a scoring threat with his perimeter shot.



Plymouth Salem hopes to have another successful season in boys basketball since it returns a number of key players, including all-state candidate James Head. The Rocks were second in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem was runner-up in Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball last season and figures to be a contender again with the return of James Head.

The 6-foot-6, 200-pound junior begins his third year on the varsity and is arguably one of the state's best high school players. Head averaged 13 points and 11½ rebounds.

"He already has a couple years of experience, and I've definitely seen an improvement in his game," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "His ball handling and court awareness are better than last year. He'll be an impact player for us."

Head is being pursued by the major colleges already and, while Brodie emphasizes the Rocks are not a one-player team, will have the biggest say as to how successful Salem is.

"If he's on, we're going to be pretty tough," Brodie said. "If he's not, we're going to have to work for something."

The Rocks, who were 14-8 last season, won't be rendered helpless in that situation, however. Head might be the best player, but there are others who can be effective as well.

Salem has a solid cast of post players with the return of 6-4 senior twins Mike and Brandon Slone and 6-3 senior Brian Jensen.

"I think we stack up with anybody in the league with that front line," Brodie said. "We're not tremendously big, but we have some experienced players who have played the game at the varsity level."

Mike Slone, who made a three-pointer in overtime to beat Plymouth

Canton in the WLAA semifinals, is an excellent outside shooter and averaged 10 points on the perimeter but will move inside.

"He had key baskets for us at the off guard last year. He has a license to shoot," Brodie said. "The critical thing is knowing when he has to shoot and when he doesn't have to shoot."

Brandon Slone, a tireless player around the basket, averaged six points and six rebounds. He will be assigned to guard the opponent's best offensive player.

"He has a sense for the ball inside," Brodie said. "He goes after the garbage and secures the defensive rebound. He gets a lot of loose balls off the board and puts it back for a layup."

Jensen is another hard-nosed player, according to Brodie, who gave Salem an average of three points and three rebounds in a reserve role.

"He mixes it up well and has good quickness for his size," Brodie said. "It's difficult to keep a guy who plays hard out of the lineup."

The Rocks are not as experienced at guard, however. Bobby Schneider, who was a starter in the second semester after transferring from Redford Catholic Central, is academically ineligible and won't play this year.

Senior Todd Forbes is the only guard with experience, but the Rocks also return 6-0 senior Eddie Webb. The 5-10 Forbes will begin this season as the starting point guard.

"He's a strong, hard-nosed guard who plays defense real well," Brodie said. "He's a good passer and smart

See ROCKS, 3B

Charlotte sinks Ladywood

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood got a spoonful of its own medicine Wednesday in the state Class A girls basketball quarterfinals, and the taste was all too bitter.

The Blazers fell victim to their own style of play — run, press and shoot — as the Charlotte Orioles claimed a wild 75-71 triumph before a crowd of 1,800 in Don F. Johnson Fieldhouse at Lansing Eastern High School.

Charlotte, sporting a 25-1 overall record, advances to the state semifinals Friday in a rematch against Birmingham Marian. The Orioles will try and avenge their only defeat of the season in a 5 p.m. start at Battle Creek Central High School.

Ladywood, meanwhile, bowed out of the tournament with an 18-6 overall record.

The Blazers, who buckled under Charlotte's full-court pressure, could not recover from an 8-0 deficit during the opening minutes of play.

Charlotte led from start to finish, but had to hang on for the victory after nearly blowing a 16-point third-quarter advantage and a 12-point lead entering the final quarter.

"I had heard some people say we were not used to the kind of pressure they (Ladywood) were going to put on us," Charlotte coach Jerry Ernst said. "But I think it was reversed. They were not used to the kind of pressure we were going to put on them."

The Orioles, however, couldn't contain Ladywood sophomore forward Tara Overaitis, who led all scorers with a game-high 33 points. She scored 11 points during the final quarter as the Blazers nearly pulled off a miraculous comeback.

They were also sparked by the play off the bench of 6-foot-3 sophomore center Anne Poglits and 5-7 senior guard Andrea Putti.

The pair helped the Blazers chip away at Charlotte's huge lead.

And with 1:08 left, Putti's basket made it a 70-69 deficit.

But four straight free throws by Charlotte guard Erika Ernst, the daughter of the coach, secured the victory. That came, ironically, after Ladywood muffed a chance to take the lead by missing a pair of short baseline shots with just under a minute remaining.

Ernst finished with a team-high 28 points, while forward Christie Brooks and guard Lindsey McLeod added 21 and 16, respectively.

Both Ernst and McLeod also hit key three-point shots down the stretch to sink Ladywood's rally.

"We had seen this team play before, and we knew they would be an aggressive, free-spirited team," Ladywood coach Ed Kavanaugh said. "We just didn't deal with it (the pressure) at the beginning."

"We played too much defense tonight with our hands instead of our feet."

The Blazers were also gunned down at the free-throw line, shooting only nine-for-21 for 42.8 percent. That was in contrast to Charlotte's 19-for-26 accuracy from the stripe (73 percent).

And although the Orioles were on the short end of total field goals (31-25), they more than made up for that deficit by hitting six 3-pointers, four by Ernst and two from McLeod.

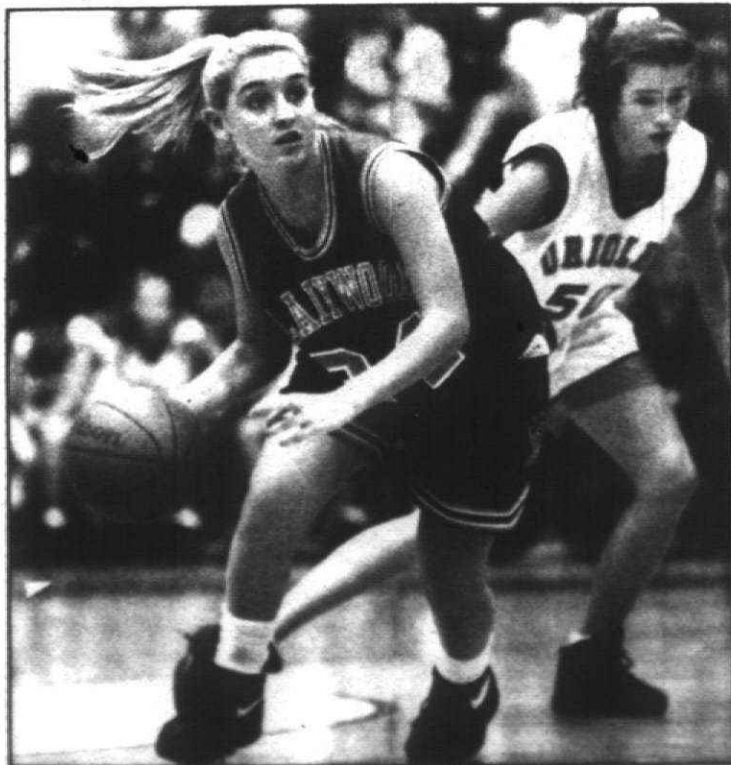
Ladywood, meanwhile, did not have a three-pointer.

"We knew that was their game, and we knew we had to check up on their shooters defensively," Kavanaugh said. "But at the critical times we just didn't to it. To know it, and to react to it, are two different things."

Sophomore Melissa Campeau added 12 points in a losing cause, while Putti contributed 11.

Despite the tourney loss, Ladywood should be a factor again next season with the return of Overaitis, Campeau and Poglits.

"The future depends on the young kids," Kavanaugh said. "They've already done a great deal to bring Ladywood basketball back. I think we have a bright future with those kids coming back."



Against the press: Ladywood senior point guard Tracy Prybylski works her way upcourt against Charlotte's Kristie Andrews.

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Game plan

Glieberman has blueprint for CFL success

By CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITER

He's a builder. It's what he does. He's built more than 5,000 homes, 1,200 condominiums, several businesses and an impressive collection of antique Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

Now, at age 53, Bernie Gieberman is in the process of rebuilding one professional football franchise, laying the ground work for another and, at the same time, preserving and rejuvenating a 116-year-old league.

Glieberman, who still lives in West Bloomfield, bought the moribund Ottawa Rough Riders in October of 1991 and, with the help of his son and team president Lonie, built it into one of the healthiest franchises in the Canadian Football League.

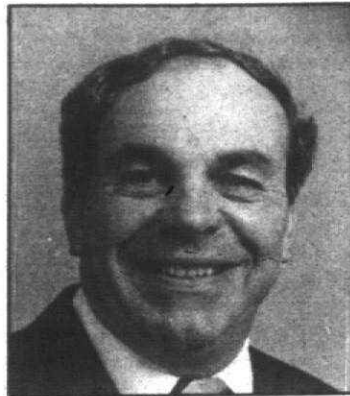
"The Giebermans have brought stability and structure to the entire organization," said Saul DeMeo, who was general manager for the Rough Riders before and after the Giebermans. "He has been successful in implementing a (Rough Riders) Hall of Fame, which we had been trying to build for years. Season ticket sales were up, attendance went up by an average of 1,000 per game, he's put money into promotion and marketing and merchandising. He's turned everything around."

Including the team's performance on the field. The Rough Riders finished with a 9-9 record, 7-2 at home, their best since 1985.

"Nobody wanted to buy the team," said Jo-Anne Polak, the team's general manager for three years prior to the sale. "The league was running the franchise and there were so many problems I couldn't even begin to tell you. But the day Bernie walked in, those problems were alleviated."

Glieberman's blue print for success was the same for a football team as it was for houses and condos: build a strong foundation first, use the best materials available, don't take any short cuts and build it to last.

"All I did was buy the team and hire the best people," Gieberman said. "The only guts I had was the guts to pay the kind of money it takes to hire the best people."



Bernie Gieberman

Building a future

It had more to do with vision than guts. Somehow he looked at a dying franchise that was \$800,000 over its salary cap and \$1 million in debt playing in a dying league and saw a winner.

"Bernie Gieberman is part of a major transformation taking place in the CFL," said league commissioner Larry Smith. "Bernie Gieberman, (Toronto Argonauts owner) Bruce McNall and (Calgary Stampeders owner) Larry Rykman are leading an emergence of a more progressive management style in our league."

At the center of this new management style is the belief that the eight-team CFL needs to grow to survive.

"We can exist as an eight-team league," Smith said. "But do we want to exist in a state where we are chasing our tails all the time?"

To grow means that the CFL needs to build new markets. And since the viable Canadian markets are either in use or uninterested in the CFL, new markets must be built in the United States.

"Canadian football is one of the best kept secrets in sports," Gieberman said. "But there is an attitude among Canadians that their game will never sell in the U.S. They point to the failures of the World League of American Football and the United States Football League. But Canadian football offers an alternative game to the NFL. It's a faster, more entertainment-oriented game and it offers a professional franchise to

cities that can't support NFL football. In the CFL, we can exist in a city of just 650,000 people. This is a whole different situation."

The goal for the CFL, according to Smith and Gieberman, is to eventually form three 12-team divisions. There is even talk of annexing the European division of the WFLA.

CFL in Motown?

One of those eventual new teams, Gieberman hopes, will be located in Detroit, with Tiger Stadium as its home field.

"When I bought the Ottawa franchise, I gained the rights to the franchise in Detroit, irrespective of Ottawa," Gieberman said. "But I don't really want to activate those rights yet. It will take some time to develop Detroit, but I would love to bring the CFL here."

Glieberman, angry over a proposed 10-year lease agreement with the city of Ottawa, threatened to move the Rough Riders to Detroit this year.

"No way was I going to sign a lease for the right to lose money every year for 10 years," he said. "I wanted a lease agreement comparable to what the other seven teams have. I wanted more concession rights, I wanted a more reasonable rent. I mean, I had the worst lease agreement in the league."

After some spirited debate — one councilman wrote an editorial in the Ottawa Citizen calling Gieberman greedy and incompetent — the city council made the necessary adjustments to appease Gieberman. The council was expected to officially approve a new lease agreement on Wednesday.

"You have to understand that Ottawa is a very political town, like Washington, D.C., in the states," said sports writer Dave Campbell, who covers the Rough Riders for the Citizen. "And for four or five years, the city ran the team and couldn't make it work. So, there is a group of very myopic citizens that dumped on Bernie and painted him as a villain. But the true fan and the fans that Bernie will bring back to the team, accept him and view him as the answer to the team's problems. He's put his money into the team and he hasn't asked for a cent from the taxpayers."

CFL: expand or disband

As for immediate expansion, Gieberman believes that franchises in San Antonio and Sacramento will be admitted by next year. Soon to follow, Gieberman said, will be Portland and St. Petersburg.

League governors met in Toronto to last week for the Grey Cup ceremonies, but nothing official was worked out. San Antonio and Sacramento must be approved by Jan. 1 to compete in the 1993 season.

Those opposed to expansion, which includes owners in Winnipeg and Vancouver as well as former players and staunch Canadian nationalists, are concerned that opening up the game to Americans will limit the opportunities for Canadian players. They worry about the added travel. They wonder how the game will sell in the United States when there is so much apathy and so many dying franchises in Canada.

"There is this Canadian psyche that, for some reason, they are not as good as Americans," Gieberman said. "I'm consistently hearing from my Canadian colleagues, 'You know us Canadians, we have this complex? Why? It's beyond me. There is nothing wrong with the quality of our game. The game itself is fine. Why worry that we won't make it in the United States when it's lasted 116 years here in Canada?'"

"John Candy (comedian and co-owner of the Argonauts) told me, 'Bernie, when you take this game to America and it goes, then the Canadian fans will say what a great game this is.' It's like it has to succeed in the U.S. before the Canadians will accept it."

Glieberman admits that there are several issues, like Canadian content, a draft and travel, that need to be worked out. But those issues shouldn't block progress.

"It's very simple: The CFL cannot make it with eight teams. The problems we have now won't go away unless we expand and broaden our reach," he said. "As it is now, when one team gets into financial trouble, the rest of us hold our breath because we can't play with seven teams."

But Gieberman is optimistic and patient. The foundation has been laid both for the Rough Riders and the future of the CFL. And, as any builder will tell you, you take it brick by brick, one step at a time.

Vigna retires from post as Franklin grid coach

By BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

A huge void has been left in the Livonia Franklin High football program.

Armand Vigna, who guided the Patriots to the Class A championship during his first season in 1975, is stepping down in 18 seasons as varsity coach.

The 57-year-old Vigna is trading the hectic sidelines for the peace and quiet of retirement in Rogers City, a small community in northern Michigan.

Vigna and his wife, Ruthie, will become full-time campers in the small cottage they purchased in 1970.

"It's going to be a different pace of life, a lot slower," said Vigna, who also retired as Franklin's department chair of guidance counseling last June.

"We've gotten to know a lot of people up there over the years. We're about eight miles outside of Rogers City. We're in the woods. It's more leisurely, an informal kind of life."

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Vigna, a graduate of Dearborn Fordson High School (1953) and the University of Michigan, came to Franklin in 1965 after stints at Ravenna and Inkster Cherry Hill.

He served as the JV football

coach until 1972 at Franklin before joining George Lovich on the varsity staff along with Gerry Cullin.

Following the unexpected death of then athletic director Walt Cosens in 1975, Lovich was named head coach. Vigna, who took over a senior-laden varsity team that was 9-0 in 1974.

Franklin, despite an early season loss to Livonia Stevenson, regrouped to make the post-season playoffs, upsetting top-ranked Detroit Southwestern and Traverse City to win the first Class A championship sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"We were really in uncharted waters then," Vigna recalled. "It was only a two-game tourney. But bingo, after we beat Southwestern, it was a shock. We were going to Kalamazoo."

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OUTDOORS CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ AUDUBON EVENTS

Annual Detroit Christmas Bird Count will be held Dec. 20, 525-8630 or 545-2929.

■ ARCHERY SHOOT

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 3D shoot Sunday on its walk-through range in Plymouth Twp., 453-9843.

■ BOW HUNTER LEAGUE

A bow hunter league begins Dec. 2 at the Detroit Archers clubhouse in West Bloomfield, 661-3610.

■ ROYAL OAK ARCHERS

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, 693-9799 or 693-1369.

■ DATES/DEADLINES

Ruffed Grouse season reopens Dec. 1.

Archery deer season reopens Dec. 1.

Muzzelloading deer season begins Dec. 4 in Zone I.

Elk season begins Dec. 8 in designated areas.

Muzzelloading deer season begins Dec. 11 in Zones II and III.

Bass season ends Dec. 31.

■ FISHING CLUB MEETINGS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

■ ROMEO B.A.S.S. BUSTERS

Meet 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Romeo Community

Youth and Civic Center, 286-6469.

■ FOR THE DOGS

A dog weight pull begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Lakeview Mall in Whitmore Lake (exit 53 on US 23). Admission is free, 231-2259 after 5 p.m.

■ METROPARKS

■ SNACKS WITH SANTA

A program in which participants will have a snack with Santa and sing Christmas songs while enjoying a hayride, begins

LIBRARY WATCH

Holiday Closing
Dec. 24-25 for Christmas; Dec. 31, New Year's Eve, and Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

Youth Department
December Family Program is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. "Gemini" will present a musical program at sponsored by the Friends of the Library the cultural Center Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 5. Call 453-0750.

Holiday Cards
A large number of cards are on display at the Library. Many local and national organizations have provided samples. Some order blanks will need to be copied.

Library Gift Programs
The Gift Book Program adds a personal touch to your giving. A bookplate designates your thoughtfulness and a letter of acknowledgement is sent.

Contributions to the Library are tax deductible and the State of Michigan allows a partial credit on tax returns.

Attention Seniors
If you think you might enjoy campus life on a short-term basis, maybe you should come in and browse the Library's new 1993 Elderhostel Catalog. Elderhostel is a non-profit educational organization. Programs are one or more weeks in duration and hostels live on campus and take non-credit courses.

Contemporary books
This adult book discussion group will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 22, to discuss "The Color Purple" by Alice Walker. Call Darlene Urael at 453-0750.

New Year's Resolutions
Donate used eyeglasses and hearing aids at the Library for the

Plymouth Lion's Club.
Donate clean used books at the Library for the American Association of University Women.

Bring in Campbell soup labels for the "Labels for Education Program" at the Library.

Rent an original art work for your home or office from the Plymouth Community Arts Council on Wednesdays at the Library.

Best Sellers on Reserve
The following best sellers are available by placing a reserve by calling 453-0750: "The Stars Shine Down," by Sidney Sheldon; "Leaving Cold Sassy," by Olive Ann Burns; "Gerald's Game," by Stephen King; "The Pelican Brief," by John Grisham; "Waiting to Exhale," by Terry McMillan; "The Volcano Lover," by Susan Sontag; "Sweet Liar," by Jude Deveraux; "Earth in the Balance," by Al Gore; and "Every Living Thing," by James Herriot.

Winter hours
Visit the Plymouth Library this winter on Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

Board Meeting
The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its regular scheduled monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Library.

Trimming time



Window shopping: Part of the fun of Christmas is just looking in the window. And in Plymouth there's plenty to see. Above, Danni Englehart, owner of Camelot Galleries, reads the holiday window display in her store with some help from store manager Nancy Tilly.

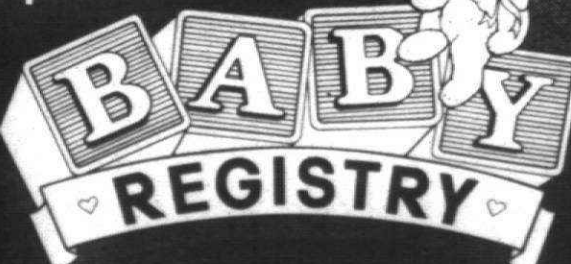
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TIMOTHY NOWICKI

Identification: It's easier to identify a tree by its leaves than by its bark and twigs, but with a little practice leafless tree identification can be challenging and rewarding.



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Fall and spring are indeed transitional times in the world. This is particularly evident when it comes to trees. In fall, trees go from green to colorful to a naked outline. When spring arrives there is a reverse transition in trees.

Because trees are not colorful in late fall or winter, and because they do not have their leaves on, they tend to be overlooked. It is easier to identify a tree by its leaves than by its bark and twigs, but with a little practice leafless tree identification can be challenging and rewarding.

One tree to start off learning about in winter is the sassafras. From the outside the sassafras has reddish brown bark with prominent ridges that interlace into a network. Actually the name sassafras came from the Spanish who mistook the tree for a cinnamon tree when they first saw it.

Open sunny spaces along the edge of a fence row are common

areas to find sassafras growing. A large tree may have many small trees growing around it. These small trees are actually growing from the root system of the large tree. Small trees will allow you to see the bright green growth at the end of the branches.

If you are in doubt about the green branches being sassafras, just scrape some of the green coating away and smell it. Sassafras has a lemon citrus fragrance to it. It smells like lemon-scented Pledge, if you can make the association.

Different parts of the tree have different fragrances. Wood from the tree has a medicinal odor. People in the 1500s and 1600s believed the wood had medicinal qualities because it smelled like medicine. They used it for bedsteads with the thought that it would drive away bedbugs.

Many people are aware of sassafras tea which is made from the roots of the tree. It was once

thought to be a panacea for various ailments. Recent studies of sassafras tea are carcinogenic.

Roots of sassafras also smell like root beer. Extract from sassafras was used to flavor candy and add fragrance to soaps and perfumes. During the 19th century sassafras roots were second only to tobacco as a national export.

In spring, when the leaves emerge from their buds, go back to the trees you discovered and note the three different types of leaves. All three types have smooth edges. One type is a lobesless entire leaf, another looks like a mitten, or Michigan's lower peninsula, and the third type has three lobes.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. Callers from a Touchtone telephone can reach him at 953-2047, Ext. 1874.

Naming leafless trees is big fun

Santa visits Detroit Zoo

Visitors to the Detroit Zoo on Dec. 19 and 20 can ride the "Santa Express" to visit Santa from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The "Santa Express" will transport visitors to and from the Woodward entrance to the pavilion refreshment stand where Santa and his elves will be waiting with bags full of holiday treats for children.

In addition to handcraft activities, children may have their picture taken with Santa for a charge. Volunteer chorale groups also invite visitors join a holiday sing-along. Groups wishing to volunteer to sing may call the zoo at 398-0903, Ext. 18.

Parking is free for this event. Admission is \$6 for visitors 13 and older, \$4 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 2-12. Children under 2 are admitted free.

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Safety office urges parents to check child safety seats

The Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning urges consumers to be alert to recalls of child safety seats.

Fisher-Price, Century and Guardian manufactured by Takata-Gerco (Gerry) have announced recalls.

Fisher-Price is conducting three recalls of its child safety seats.

The first involves model 9100 and 9101 seats made between February and November 1989. These seats must be modified because a plastic part on the buckle shield can break, making the shield difficult to latch.

Fisher-Price will provide a new shield at no charge.

The same models, produced between May 1987 and January 1989, were the subject of a No. 1 recall of child safety seats.

Other recalls include: Fisher-Price Model 9101 child seats produced between February 1991 and January 1992. Shoulder belts on these seats can move out of the proper position. The company will provide a new part to prevent the problem.

Model 9104 deluxe booster seats manufactured between April 24 and Sept. 4, 1992, are being modified because the red button on the seat buckle can become dislodged, preventing the buckle from latching. The company will provide a

full refund, a new booster seat, or repair parts for the assembly.

No reports of injury have been reported as a result of the problems. The company and the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning urge consumers to continue to use the seats until new parts arrive. Two toll-free numbers are provided. Owners of safety seat models 9100 and 9101 should call 1-800-332-3457. Owners of booster seats model 9104 should call 1-800-432-5437.

Century is conducting the recall of Century 3000 STE and Century 5000 STE series car seats - lot numbers 8909 through 9203. (The

lot number is the last four digits of the model number located on the side of the car seat.) Tests showed that the push-button latch release (red button release) can jam during a crash, making it difficult to release the harness and shield that restrain the child.

The latch mechanism problem does not affect the seats' crash protection performance.

Although the mechanism problem has never been reported during an actual crash, if it occurs, the child can be removed from the white plastic release plunger or by releasing the automobile safety belt and removing the child and

the car seat together from the vehicle. Century has developed a Retrofit Kit that can modify the seat. Call 1-800-231-2755.

Guardian seats manufactured by Gerry between Jan. 31 and May 1990 also are being recalled. The date of manufacture is stamped in ink on a label on the side of the seat. The seats failed to meet a federal safety standard that requires a force of at least nine pounds to depress a push-button that releases that buckle

on the seat's belt assembly. The provision is intended to deter children from releasing the buckle. Owners should call Gerry at 1-800-845-8813 to receive a repair kit.

If a car seat company does not respond promptly to a request, consumers may submit a complaint to the administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393.

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Sunday, December 6

Saint Michael's School Choir from Toronto will perform a holiday concert to benefit Detroit area Cornerstone Schools. The choir performs throughout the world and consists of 137 boys from grades six through thirteen. Since 1937, they have held a Charter of Affiliation to the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome, Italy.

The concert will be performed at 2 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, located across from the Fox Theatre. Tickets are \$12.00 for children and \$25.00 for adults. We encourage you to pick-up your tickets early, as seating is limited. For more information, phone (313) 962-7358.

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ON THE MARQUEE

Musical auditions

The Plymouth Theatre Guild will be holding auditions for the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," now playing at the Meadow Brook Theatre, Stage 1, 41001 W. Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Hagerty and Northville roads. The cast includes male and female singers of all ages. Some dancing required. Performance dates are weekends, Feb. 26 through March 13. Call 349-7110 for information.

T.S. Martin's

Bring a toy for a needy child to T.S. Martin's Restaurant and Tavern 27189 Grand River, Redford Dec. 7 to Dec. 10 and receive 10 percent off your food bill. Toys will be donated to the Redford Goodfellows. Shoppers will find plenty of gift ideas at a craft show to be held at the restaurant, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Proceeds from the \$1 admission charge will be used buy food for needy area families.

Folk singer

Folk and blues singer Josh White, Jr. will perform with Ron Caden at Schoolcraft College 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Waterman Campus Center. The concert will raise funds for athletic scholarships. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12. Call 462-4417. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Hagerty Road in Livonia.

Christmas concert

Wayne State University Choral Union and Concert Chorus will perform 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 at St. Aidan's Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. They will be joined by the WSU Women's Chorus, and St. Aidan Church Choir. Traditional Christmas music and singing-a-long are on the program. Donation \$7.50 for adults, \$6.50 seniors and students. A wine and cheese reception will follow concert.

Plymouth chorus

The Plymouth Community Chorus will perform 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road in Plymouth. For tickets, call 455-4080.

Redford Symphony

Redford Symphony will present a Christmas concert with the Ford Motor Company Chorus, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch. There is no charge for the concert, and an afterglow will follow.

Polish Christmas carols

Polish Christmas carols sung by the Polish Chorus, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, north of Six Mile Road. Free admission. For information, call 863-6209 or 365-8949.

'Christmas Carol' is a joy to watch

Get reacquainted with Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol," now playing at the Meadow Brook Theatre. Stage wizardry enhances fine performances of an exuberant cast.



The Meadowbrook Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" continues through Jan. 3 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. For ticket information, call 377-3300.

BY HUGH GALLAGHER

It's a tradition. The Meadowbrook Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol" has become as much a part of the metro Detroit Christmas scene as the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Veteran actor Booth Coleman returns for his 11th year as Ebenezer Scrooge, that heartless embodiment of raw capitalism gone berserk. Coleman's performance is the rich jewel in the middle of a lavish and brilliant setting.

Charles Nolte's adaptation has all the magic, charm and vigor to faithfully capture Dickens' great story in the small frame of the Meadowbrook stage. We journey with the ghosts through time and space, believing every minute that we are with Scrooge through all his Christmases - past, present and yet to come.

Nolte's staging has some fine spe-

cial effects even for our special effects satiated times.

Peter Hicks set is a marvel of efficiency. A turning center moves us inside and outside a beautifully detailed Victorian business district in chilly December. Other small side sets suggest a variety of well defined locations.

And all of this stage wizardry is only to enhance the fine performances of an exuberant cast.

At the heart is Coleman, at first a very wounded heart. Coleman's Scrooge is not a ranting, but rather a grumbler, a snapper, a man too mean for hysterics. Watching Coleman rifle through a pile of money with his back hunched and his breathing slightly constricted is to see Scrooge as Dickens must have seen him.

Coleman's Scrooge changes slowly as each ghost reminds him of his humanity. His final delight in reclaiming his heart is a joy to watch, all light giggles and feather-like steps.

Coleman is well supported by a uniformly fine cast. Phil Hopper's Peter Cratchit is as warm and outgoing as his boss is cold, and Hopper's joy over simple pleasures is contagious.

Joseph Reed's robust Christmas Present has a godlike presence. Likewise, Adrienne Kriewall's ethereal Christmas Past seems to glide across the stage and her precisely spoken admonitions seem just right.

Also notable are Mary Benson's righteous Mrs. Cratchit, Richard Schrodt's jovial Fred, Philip Locker's giddy Mr. Fezziwig and Maureen



Christmas tale: Kenneth Joseph Gauci (Tiny Tim) and Paul Hopper (Bob Cratchit) star in the Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol" through Jan. 3.

McDevitt's sweet Belle.

This is a fine way to introduce children to live theater with its familiar

story and all stops out effects. It is also a good way to reacquaint yourself with Dickens' wonderful classic.

Wonderful singing, dancing in 'Snoopy'

Performances of the Paper Bag Productions production of "Snoopy" continue through Dec. 20 at the Players Club, in Detroit. For ticket information call 468-2727.



MARY JANE DOERR

Just under the shadow of the Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit at the Players Club, a group of very talented young thespians are also dancing and singing their way to stardom and full houses.

"Snoopy," a musical by Larry Grossman and Hal Hackard, under the direction of C.J. Nodus and choreography by Ernest Noland

IV of Paper Bag Productions, Ltd., is the venue for these 30 actors and singers to delight and entertain their young and very young audience.

The size of those audiences in the last two months has grown beyond that of friends and relatives.

This unusual version of the comic strip "Peanuts" has been playing since September, and is scheduled through the middle of December. And, it is not the hot dog lunch and bag of potato chips that is enticing the children into silent, spellbinding attention for the cabaret styled hour show, a mini version of a long running one down the street.

The simply staged, brightly costumed, well cast show where the words and lyrics can be clearly under-

stood in the canvas tapestry covered halls of the atmospheric theater is a block buster, especially if you ask the children watching the show.

The Sunday cast is headed up by six Oakland County children. Anna Harris, a nine year old from Oak Park, who happens to currently hold the Little Miss Michigan, U.S.A. title, is cast as the obstinate beagle Snoopy, because of her limber tap dancing and singing in the number "The Big Bow-Wow".

Adorable, but then so is Kathryn Cavalieri, an eight year old from Walled Lake, who, as Sally, shows off an already nicely developed voice in "I Know Now" and the show's many ensemble numbers.

Mary Denawetz, a fifth-grader from

West Bloomfield, follows Harris' lead in the tap dance as the silent Woodstock. Catherine Bergmann, an eleven year old from Troy, is an animated baseball hat wearing tomboy, Peppermint Patty. David Langham, a sixth-grader from Novi, looks and acts just like any one would expect the blank-et-carrying Linus to be.

Laura Nanes, a nine year old from Southfield, in a wonderful red dress as Marcie by customer Diane Paul, delivers some very funny lines.

How does this show rank next the big people shows at the Fox and other surrounding theaters? An authoritative four year old told me this is better.

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Exceptional 'Damien' holds the audience's attention

Performances of the Trinity House Theatre production of "Damien" continue through Dec. 27 at Trinity House in Livonia. For ticket information call 464-6302.

By Roy Goodman
Special Writer

The story of Father Damien DeVeuster is familiar, yet it seems an unlikely source for a play. This is the story that Trinity House Theatre has chosen to

present, with Jeffrey Hedeon as the sole actor in Aldyth Morris's script. A play with only one actor must be difficult enough to construct, and Morris chose a most unusual framework for hers. It is 1936, and DeVeuster's body has just been disinterred from the cemetery in the leper colony on Molokai. As the body is transported back to his homeland of Belgium for a hero's burial, DeVeuster reminisces from beyond the grave.

The playwright, the actor, and director Sarah Hedeon have all made their material work. At first a bit skeptical and confused, the audience is quickly drawn into the story of Damien DeVeuster's life and work.

Since he gave up many of his rights, much of his contact with the outside world, and eventually his health, and his life work was a colony of lepers — all of them diseased and dying, many horribly disfigured — it's easy to think of DeVeuster as an almost impossible saint.

But in Jeffrey Hedeon's hands, DeVeuster becomes a fully dimensional human being heeding "a call within a call."

He struggles with his temper, and with his vows of chastity. The latter successfully. We see DeVeuster taking up the cause of the lepers without any specific plans, and without any real idea of what

to expect. Through the narration, he grows into the task which he has accepted. When he refers to the quarantined exiles as "my lepers," he is paternal, but not paternalistic or patronizing.

And what of the lepers? There are specific instructions for the handling of victims of leprosy, but little or no information on what becomes of the victims.

Although "Damien" is mainly the story of DeVeuster, it is also the story of the leper colony and the lepers.

Just as LeVitus would exile the afflicted into death-in-life, Hawaii's negatively and unsympathetic Board of Health seems to have exiled its lepers to ramshackle huts on the one element part of the islands. Almost in passing, but very effectively, "Damien" recounts the human cost of this policy.

I have to wonder what DeVe-

ter would have thought if he had waited another 56 years to step outside his koe wood casket and look at the world.

The Father Damien of the play never questions the necessity for the draconian public-health measures of his day, although he lived through the discovery of Hansen's bacillus and he might have learned posthumously that leprosy is not a highly contagious disease.

Would he have seen AIDS as a modern day leprosy? What would he have thought of our haphazard, media-driven public health efforts? "Damien," does not address these issues, but it manages

to hold the audience's interest. Trinity House is a tiny, intimate auditorium, and this is obviously not a slick, high-budget production. Yet "Damien," makes the most of the minimal stage furniture, and the intimate setting.

Hedeon's professionally trained voice was at times too loud for the confined space, and on the first weekend of the play's run, he briefly forgot a few lines.

Much more important, however, he managed to convince me that this is how Father Damien DeVeuster would have looked, sounded and thought. Seeing "Damien" was like reading a well-written work of non-fiction.

Recall the good times at 'Is There Life After High School'

By KEELY WYGONIK
Staff Writer

You can never go back to high school, but you can relive the memories at "Is There Life After High School," presented by a talented cast of high school students 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12, at the Theatre Guild playhouse, 15138 Beech Dale, one block south of Five Mile. For ticket information, call 538-5678.

The students who attend Livonia's Creative and Performing Arts High School, Churchill, teamed up with the Theatre

Guild of Livonia-Redford in the spring. They formed a sort of joint venture that's worked out well for both groups. "We thought it would be good for students to put on shows in other theaters," said CAPA program director Steven Kosinski.

Then there was the matter of space. The students, ages 14 to 18, have to audition to get into the CAPA program. They take their work very seriously. They take their work very seriously. They take their work very seriously. They take their work very seriously.

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At Churchill, they compete with other groups for use of the auditorium. In May, they will present "A Walt Disney Songbook," a vocal music presentation of songs from Walt Disney productions at the guild playhouse. Without the support of the Theatre Guild, Kosinski said it would have been difficult for them to

stage the show because the auditorium is used for graduation and other events at this time of the year.

"It's a great experience for the kids to get to work with adults who are used to putting on shows all the time," said Kosinski.

The show "Is There Life After High School," by Jeffrey Kindley presents a challenge since it's

being performed by kids who are living the show.

"I saw the show on Broadway in 1982," said Kosinski. "There are nine people cast. It's a totally delightful show geared for the 30 to 40 something crowd. It takes a reflective look at things that were important in high school — being popular, getting a A's. It's amusing and anecdotal. It triggers memo-

ries." CAPA students staged the show two years ago at Churchill High School, and it was a success.

On Jan. 29, 30, Feb. 4 and 5 they'll stage "West Side Story" at Churchill. The next Theatre Guild presentation will be Leo Blesing's "Two Rooms," which opens Feb. 5.

Ballet companies stage 'The Nutcracker'

The holiday spirit comes alive with the music, gaiety and dance of the timeless classic, "The Nutcracker," presented by the Michi-

gan Classic Ballet Company, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at Novi's Puerst Auditorium, 24062 Taft Road. For tickets, call Ticketmaster 645-6666. For group information, call 661-2430.

A special event, The Sugarplum Tea, will be offered 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12. The tea follows the 2 p.m. Saturday performance. Tickets are \$5 and includes tasty refreshments. Children will be given special attention with such activities as face painting, meeting the dancers, and having their picture taken with some of their favorite characters.

Michigan Ballet Theatre, based in the Farmington/Novi area, is presenting "The Nutcracker" 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 at South Lyon High School, 1000 North Pontiac Trail. Tickets are available at the door, and by calling 437-8105. Performances at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, are 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. All seats are reserved, call 788-1185 or 471-4180.

The Livonia Civic Ballet Company will present a 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. performance of "The Nutcracker" Saturday, Dec. 19, at Stevenson High School Auditorium, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. For tickets, call 421-8264.

Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will present "The Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. For tickets, call 451-2112. Over 150 musicians and dancers will stage the childhood fantasy of Clara, her prince and the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The title roles will be performed by Dawnell Dryja, 1991 Junior Miss Dance America; and Michael Finegan, theater and television dancer and performer. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$8 students in grades K-12.

Dance concert for kids

Kids of all ages will enjoy the dance concert for children in the Adray Auditorium of the Mackenzie Fine Arts Center on the campus of Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn Dec. 2-5. Performances 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 4 and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Dec. 5. General admission is \$2. For tickets, call 845-6314. The school is at 5101 Evergreen.

Under the direction of HFCC dance instructor Mancinelli, the dancers will bring to life the classic Christmas poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Santa Claus will make a special appearance with a treat for each audi-

ence member. The concert will feature 10 dance routines including "Christmas Stocking Dance," "The Best Present," "Jazzy Santa," and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Area dancers in the cast include Susan Cavender of Westland. Celebrate the "Sounds of Christmas" at the college 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. HFCC vocal groups will sing seasonal tunes, accompanied by a holiday brass ensemble. A Christmas sing-along will be the grand finale. Admission to the concert is free. For information, call 845-6471.

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AUDITIONS

■ ST. BEDE PLAYERS

St. Bede Players are holding auditions for leads and chorus for their spring production of "Naughty Marietta," 7 p.m. Dec. 17 and 18 and 2 p.m. Dec. 20 in the St. Bede Social Hall at 12 Mile and Southfield. For information, call 557-6527 or 557-7245.

■ TROY PLAYERS

Auditions for "South Pacific," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at the Troy Community Center, 520 W. Big Beaver Road, off of I-75. For information, call the Troy Players, 879-1285.

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"South Pacific" continues through Dec. 5 at the Birmingham Village Players playhouse on the corner of Chestnut and Hunter. Call 644-2075 for tickets.

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VOCAL MUSIC

■ "MESSIAH"

Fort Street Presbyterian Church Chorale member Jim Graves of Farmington Hills will perform Handel's "Messiah" with the choir 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the church in 631 West Fort in Detroit. For tickets, call 961-4533.

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St. Bede Players present 'Messiah'

BY CATHEEN BREIDENBACH
SPECIAL WRITER

And He shall feed his flocks," is a line in Handel's majestic oratorio, "The Messiah." To the 34 St. Bede singers rehearsing the work, that line resonates with particular relevance this year because many people are suffering from difficult economic times.

The Players decided to make their performances of "The Messiah" not only musical celebrations of the season, but literally a chance for people to "feed the flocks," by donating food for the hungry and homeless as the admission price to the concert.

At 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 13, the St. Bede Players will present the Christmas selections of Handel's "Messiah" in St. Bede's Catholic Church on Southfield Road at 12 Mile. The admission price will be three items of non-perishable food or \$3.

"The church is constantly getting calls or having people knock on the door asking for food," said Pat Kimberly, program co-producer. "We keep hearing it over and over. It's been a bad year."

St. Bede's will distribute food donated to those in need throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. The church also hopes to build a stockpile of canned goods and boxes of non-perishable food to meet daily requests.

For the past 27 years, the St. Bede Players have sung under the direction of Joseph Gamache of Southfield, and this is the first time they've done "The Messiah," Kimberly said.

"Joe wanted to have at least 50 singers to do it," she said. This year, on the 250th anniversary of "The Messiah," which was first sung in a church in Dublin, Ireland, Gamache decided the group had waited long enough to perform one of the most uplifting and

challenging choral pieces of all time.

With 34 strong voices, and 20 musicians in the orchestra, "we sound like 100," said Kimberly. This year the modern Southfield church with the soaring roof line will be filled with Handel's powerful music.

Featured performers include Jacqueline Bacus, lead soprano; Mary Sullivan, soprano; Ruth Ann Zaroff, alto; Marianne Bloomfield, alto; David Reynolds, tenor; and John Raleeh, bass.

After "The Messiah," Gamache will invite the audience to sing a few Christmas carols, and then to join the St. Bede Players in a repeat of the exhilarating "Alleluia Chorus," a perennial favorite. After the performance, the musicians and singers will invite the audience to Christmas cookie refreshments at an afterglow reception.

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SUBURBAN BUSINESS LEADERS

Ronald L. Curcuro was named national sales manager with Centri-Spray in Livonia, which is a part of Ingersoll-Rand. Curcuro will be responsible for revitalizing and increasing the sales staff and establish new distribution channels for standard product lines in North America. He had been with Sharnoa Corp. of Plymouth. Curcuro received his business and engineering training at Wayne State University, with additional course work in general management and finance.



Ronald L.
Curcuro

Thomas G. Weir was named manager of public relations with United Technologies Automotive in Dearborn. Weir will be responsible for such public relations activities as international media relations, customer communications, marketing communications and product publicity. He had been an account supervisor with Anthony M. Franco Inc.



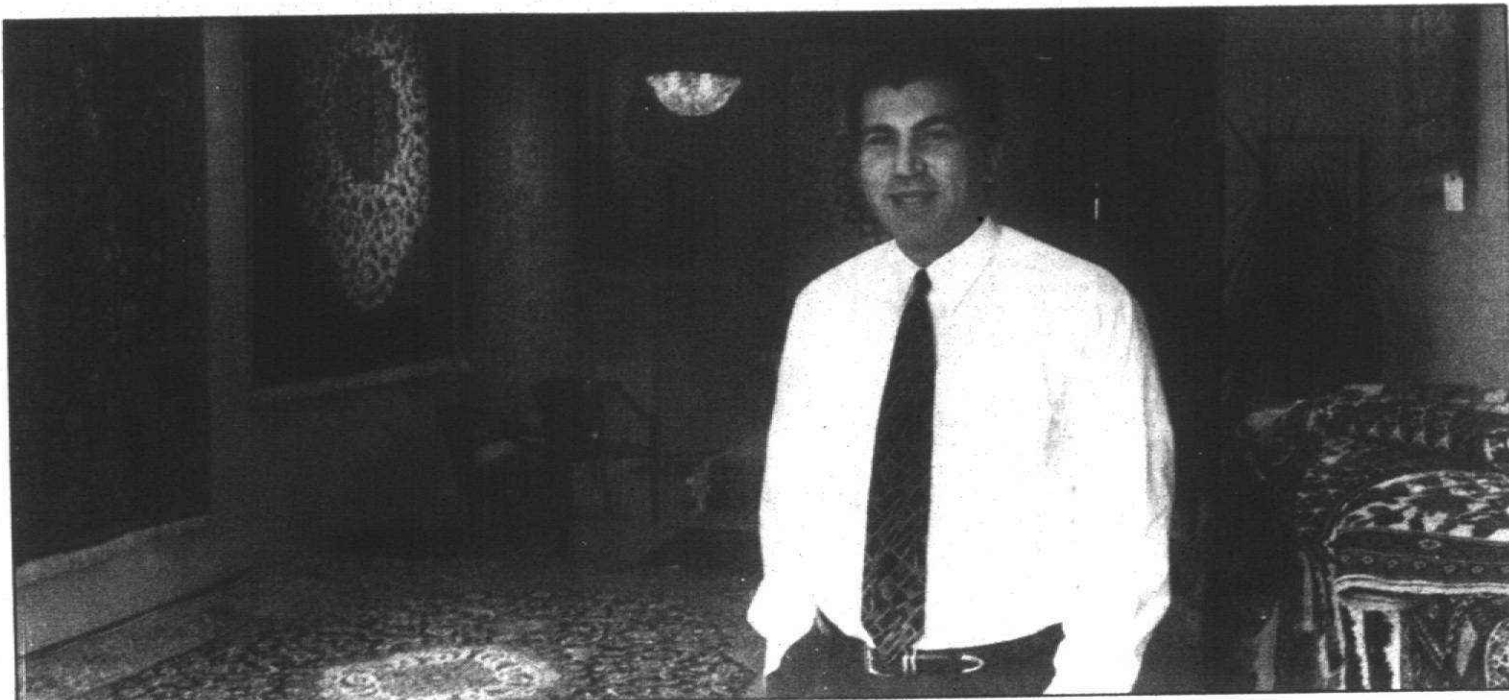
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Ed Freysinger of Wayne was named director of the Oakwood Canton Health Center and the Oakwood Westland Health Center. Freysinger will be responsible for the two centers' day-to-day operations, including the delivery of family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics-gynecology services. Freysinger most recently served as vice president of clinical services at McPherson Hospital in Howell, Mich.



Ed
Freysinger

To submit materials to this column, please send a brief biographical summary along with a black-and-white photo, if possible, to: Business Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



STEPHEN CANTRELL/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rug merchant: Kamran Karimpour, owner of Woven Treasures, has built his business by educating customers as well as selling to them.

Rugs acquired for art, investment

■ Decorative rugs are attractive for a variety of reasons. But retailers who specialize in the business say you can get burned if you don't know what you're doing.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Kamran Karimpour is a businessman who sees himself as a teacher.

Karimpour, 30, owner of Woven Treasures in Birmingham, specializes in selling one-of-a-kind Persian rugs.

"My philosophy is to educate customers," he said. "I try to teach them about rugs. I ask what they want,

what their purpose is — investment or pure decoration — what kind of money they want to spend. I'm not pushy. Rugs is art. That's the way I look at it."

Karimpour, who lives in Orchard Lake, said he makes his living by dealing with a core group of knowledgeable customers. He figures that he sells fewer than 100 rugs per year.

"I don't work on volume. I work on quality," he said. "I'm on the phone all the time. The best way to buy at a really good price is to be on the move. There's always a dealer or private party. I go to conventions."

"Most of the time I buy a piece be-

cause I have someone in mind for it," the soft-spoken Karimpour said. "People who have been into rugs, who know something about it, come to me rather than the first-time buyer."

Karimpour first acquired a taste for decorative rugs while a youth in Iran. "I was exposed to them all my life," he said. "My father bought them not for business but for a hobby. I have an eye for art. I've always had a passion for it."

Catalogs from auction houses like Sotheby's also provide updates on availabilities and prices.

Even when he worked as a standards and cost analyst for First of America, Karimpour was involved

buying and selling rugs for dealers as a sideline. "I couldn't get away," he said.

His older siblings helped finance his business start.

"I don't get overwhelmed by size," he said of his small shop. "Stacks of rugs mean more insurance, more rent, more overhead and more mark-up. People deal directly with me. I don't have salesmen here."

About half of his customers say they buy primarily for an investment, the other half for decoration, Karimpour said.

"Most people put it on the floor,"

See RUGS, 3C

Product availability sparks computer supplier's growth

BY R.J. KING
SPECIAL WRITER

When Steven Bartley of Bloomfield Township needed to buy computer cables for his advertising firm, he didn't do much shopping. He ordered several from a supplier in Troy and waited for them to arrive by mail.

Bartley purchased the cables, floppy disks and printer ribbons, from Lyben Computer Systems, a direct marketer of software, supplies and related components, without the aid of a toll-free telephone line.

"We spend \$10,000 a year on average on both hardware and software, and I'm pretty familiar with computer systems that I don't need a lot of assistance," said Bartley, who owns Advertising That Works.

Erik Lyben, 45, president of Lyben Computer Systems, said the recent proliferation of computer-orientated magazines like Home Office Computing and PC World have provided his customers with the education necessary to make thousand-dollar decisions by phone.

"The reason we don't have a toll-free number is two-fold: If a customer needs help on installa-

tion, the manufacturer has its own support staff. And we don't want to encourage people who call 20 different outlets to find the cheapest price on a box of diskettes," he said.

First opened in 1982, when Lyben and his father, Raymond, invested \$150,000, the firm has recently seen a tremendous increase in its sales. Last year the firm had revenues of \$12 million, up 35 percent from the year before.

"We sell things that people can't find anywhere else," said Lyben. "We have 300 different kinds of dust covers, 100 different computer cables and things like colored diskettes. That kind of selection is non-existent in computer stores."

Mail-order sales have been growing slowly over the last three years and now account for about 19 percent of the computer supply market, according to Mary Hand, an analyst with Dataquest, a market-research firm in San Jose, Calif.

Alan Bush, president of Computer City Supercenters in Fort Worth, Texas, which last November opened a store in Troy, said computer users who buy supplies by mail are being shortsighted if

they make their purchases purely on the basis of initial asking price.

"Mail-order is a very successful and viable distribution network, but if you look at a map on the wall with pins marking their customers, you won't find a lot of pins where large computer centers are located," said Bush. "For the most part, our prices are very competitive with mail-order, plus we provide on-the-spot expertise on the products we sell."

Lyben said he hasn't noticed any drop-off in his local business from recent competitors like Computer City and CompUSA, which operates a store in Madison Heights. All three outlets are within a two-mile radius of one another.

"Basically we're a niche company. We sell no IBM or Apple products and we don't have a lot of overhead," said Lyben. "We also don't have a large marketing staff. We let our catalog do the selling."

Renting mailing lists from computer magazines, Lyben produces four seasonal catalogs a year, which he sends out to 210,000

See SUPPLIER, 3C

Temps available through bank

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Franklin Bank and Manpower of Detroit, an employment agency, have forged a joint venture they say will make it easier for small businesses to pay for temporary workers.

Franklin's business checking customers now can arrange to hire temps supplied by Manpower through the bank, then take up to 180 days to pay for the service.

Franklin will pay Manpower quicker than the normal industry turnaround, then charge business clients who order the temps 2 percent interest on however long it takes them to reimburse up to six months.

"We're trying to aggressively expand our activities with small

corporations," said Read P. Dunn, president and CEO at Franklin. "This came up as something no one else was doing."

"We're going to serve as a referral for Manpower," he added.

"We think timing is important, coming out of a recession, tough times. Companies are probably running lean, business is better, but they probably don't want to make a long-term commitment to additional (permanent) staff," Read said.

"Now you can hire (temporary) help and we'll give you 180 days to pay the bill. If cash is light, we think we can help with that."

"We'll make a little money off the service itself, but, more important, it's another reason for people to do business with us," Read said.

"From Manpower's standpoint, we may get some additional customers," said Jack M. Bourget, franchise-owner for southeastern Michigan. "The credit analysis the bank does will take care of that process we normally go through. Finally, they will pay us faster than customers normally could."

"We are looking at it as a great business opportunity," Bourget said. "Having Franklin market our service... that's a great advantage."

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Funds needed to buy special dog for quadriplegic

BY DIANE GALE

STAFF WRITER

Four years ago, Darryl Kotcher thought he had the flu. He was dizzy, nauseated and had headaches. Doctors told him he had an ear infection.

"I kept thinking it was just the flu, but it wouldn't go away," Kotcher, a Canton resident, said. A neurologist found a brain tumor and Kotcher wondered how long he had to live. A malignant

tumor was removed from his brain in 1985 and radiation treatments immediately followed.

"It all happened so fast," he said. "I had loss of strength, but it was all building up with no problem. I was walking and pretty much normal again."

Kotcher started limping one year after the surgery. His doctor thought the tumor had returned, but learned, however, that radiation caused his spinal cord to

shrink. Kotcher continued to regress and by the end of the year he was using a wheelchair.

Currently Kotcher is trying to raise money to buy a dog trained to fetch things he can't get. The dog would help him with the telephone, get books off shelves, carry papers, and respond to alarm clocks, smoke alarms and intruders.

People that Darryl and Karen work with at R.L. Polk and Co. in Taylor recently designated \$2,487 of United Way contributions to Paws with a Cause, a non-profit organization. If the dog is purchased before Dec. 31, it will cost \$6,000. After Jan. 1 the price increases \$1,200.

"The quicker he can get a dog, the more independence he would have," Kotcher said. "I'd feel a little more safe leaving him by himself. And the dog would be good companionship for him." Donations can be made to Paws with a Cause, 1235 - 100th Street SE, Byron Center, Mich. 49315. Indicate the money is for Darryl Kotcher.



ANN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Help needed: Darryl and Karen Kotcher hope they can raise enough money to buy a dog trained to do things that Darryl can't do alone.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the Plymouth Township Treasurer's Office, in the Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, will be open during the following schedule of hours to collect Winter Taxes during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. Taxpayers with Summer Deferrals need separate checks for summer and winter tax payments.

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MARY A. BROOKS,
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Guardian finds natural fit in optial imaging firm

Notes and comments from the on-going business scene.

Optical Imaging Systems of Troy this month has signed two production agreements to manufacture and deliver advanced active matrix liquid crystal displays valued at \$10.7 million.

The displays will be integrated into instruments used in commercial applications.

OIS, founded in 1984, is the only American producer of active matrix liquid crystal displays. The firm manufactures for military, aviation and commercial applications.

OIS says that its products offer exceptional image quality while weighing less and occupying far less space than conventional cathode ray and electro-mechanical displays.

Guardian Industries' decision to invest \$10.5 million in OIS a year ago to become the largest single stockholder seems more and more like an excellent business move.

The relationship seems to be a natural fit with Guardian's status of global man-

ufacturer of flat glass and glass products. Several Guardian executives now are running the show at OIS, a publicly owned company.

An investment of \$10.5 million for potential profits of a developing technology seems almost like a piddling price.

OIS continues to lose money, but the trend is encouraging. Sales are rising, losses shrinking.

For the budget year ending June 30, 1992, OIS lost \$5.7 million on sales of \$5.8 million. A year earlier, OIS lost \$8.5 million on sales of \$5 million.

For the first quarter of the current budget year ending Sept. 30, the company reported a loss of \$907,000 on sales of \$1.8 million.

"Management in place at OIS is not satisfied with losses," said Charles C. Wilson, executive vice president. "Are we making progress? Yes. We expect to continue to improve." Employment is close to 100 now, Wilson said, compared to about 85 last May.

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How healthy is your bank?



DOUG FUNKE

Bauer Financial Reports, a research firm that specializes in evaluating the financial performance of banks, thrifts and credit unions, will provide free information on any U.S. bank or savings and loan.

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"If we educate the public which are the strong institutions or weak institutions

(and) if they're with the weak, maybe that would encourage them to switch," said Brienne Jorgenson, spokeswoman for Bauer.

"If enough people take an interest, maybe we won't have so many taxpayer bailouts," she added.

Bauer's toll free number, often busy, is 1-800-388-6686 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays. Try 1-800-888-1800 with a push button phone if you have trouble making connections.

Consumers shop around when it comes to deciding where to live, choosing a col-

lege and buying major appliances. Doesn't it make sense to do the same when it comes to parking your money?

It does matter, Jorgenson said, even though individual accounts are insured up to \$100,000.

"If people have Social Security directly deposited, there's no guarantee when they can get to the money in the event of a failure," she said. "And a lot of people, believe it or not, have more than \$100,000 in an account."

Information is power, especially in the financial field.

Music fest benefits Focus: Hope

A holiday music festival is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Focus: HOPE Center for Children, 1550 Oakman, Detroit.

The annual holiday festival will feature a variety of folk, blues, pop and jazz musicians from throughout the metro area.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Proceeds benefit the many programs offered by

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Sky gazers discover heavenly delights in December



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There are a remarkable number of astronomical events this month. In addition to the two annual meteor showers and the winter solstice, there will be a very good appearance of Mercury in the morning sky, and a total eclipse of the moon! (A partial eclipse of the sun will not be visible from our area.)

All five of the naked-eye planets can be seen during December. Mercury and Jupiter will be visible before dawn; Venus and Saturn will be seen after dusk, and Mars, which rises three hours after sunset at the beginning of the month, will be visible all night.

Mercury will be very well-placed for spotting in the pre-dawn sky for most of the month. That planet will be nine degrees above the east-southeast horizon around 7 a.m. on the 4th. Although Mercury is fairly high in the sky, it is not an exceptionally

bright object; binoculars will be helpful in locating it.

Mars, the fifth brightest object, will be easy to spot on the morning of the 5th. Look for a reddish star high in the west around 7 a.m. Mars is in the constellation of Gemini the twins. The star Pollux (PAWL lux), to the right of Mars, represents a head. To its right is Castor, the "twin" of Pollux.

Because Mars rises nearly three and one-half hours before midnight, it can be seen in the evening sky as well. Face east north-east around 8:30 p.m., and you'll see Mars rising. In the evening orientation, Pollux and Castor will be above Mars, instead of along side of it.

Mercury is at its maximum elongation (greatest apparent angle from the sun) on the morning of the 9th. The planet will be 21 degrees to the west (left) of the sun. After today it will begin to draw closer to the sun each morning.

Full moon is at 6:41 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. The moon is opposite the sun, as seen from the earth, and is fully lighted. In fact,

the moon is EXACTLY opposite the sun, and it will be totally eclipsed as it passes through the earth's shadow.

This is a lunar eclipse, an eclipse (covering) of the moon by the earth. The earth always casts a shadow which always points away from the sun and out into space. When the moon is opposite the sun, as the moon is during its full phase, it usually passes above or below our shadow and remains lighted. But should things line up precisely, the moon will pass through the shadow and the light of the sun, streaming past the earth, is blocked.

Many eclipses are partial; the alignment is close, but not exact. The moon will pass through a part of the shadow and only a portion of the moon will darken, which is what happened in June this year. This month, however, the alignment happens to be quite precise. This will produce a total eclipse; the moon will be totally covered and should darken considerably. In fact, it might completely disappear from view! The eclipse officially begins at 3:55 p.m. when the moon enters

the penumbra (pen UM bra), the faint outer shadow of the earth. This is of little consequence to us for two reasons: first, because this part of the shadow is very faint, no change in the moon would be noticed to the casual observer; second, the casual observer would be hard-pressed to see ANYTHING because the moon doesn't even rise until 4:39 p.m.!

At 4:59 p.m. the moon begins to enter the umbra, the darker part of the shadow. The moon will be just a few degrees above the east-northeast horizon. During the next hour and eight minutes the moon will darken from left to right as it moves farther into the shadow; the half-way point will be at 5:31 p.m.

Totally will begin at 6:07 p.m. The moon will be totally within our shadow for the next one hour and 14 minutes. The darkest "phase" of the eclipse will be at 6:44 p.m., when the moon is near the center point of the eclipse. Because of the amount of volcanic pollution spewed into the earth's atmosphere by the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines on June 15, 1991, an unusual

amount of sunlight could be blocked. If this is the case, the moon, which often takes on a dull copper color during totality, could completely disappear from view! It will still be there, you just won't see it.

By the way, the bright red star 10 degrees to the right of the moon is Aldebaran (al DEE bar an), the "eye" of Taurus. Fourteen degrees above Aldebaran is the Pleiades (PLEE a DEES) star cluster. The Pleiades will be easy to see during the eclipse, but difficult to spot when the eclipse is over. That's because the light scattered by the non-eclipsed moon will wash-out the faint star cluster.

Totally ends at 7:21 p.m. as the orbit of the moon begins to carry it out of our shadow. The moon will remain partially eclipsed, slowly brightening from left to right, until 8:29 p.m. when it completely leaves the umbra. It's still in eclipse; the moon will be eclipsed by the fainter penumbra until 9:33 p.m., but for all intents and purposes the show is over with the end of totality.

An eclipse of the moon is TOTALLY SAFE to observe. Best views of the eclipse will be through binoculars or with a telescope at low power, although there will be plenty to enjoy if you just go out and watch with the naked-eye.

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Unemployment drops while business activity purrs

Two economic indicators revealed good news for the area.

Joblessness in southeastern Michigan dropped in October due to shrinkage of the work force, the Michigan Employment Security Commission reported. And a business activity index rose to its highest level since 1988.

Statewide unemployment rates fell in 10 of Michigan's 12 major labor market areas in October, according to F. Robert Edwards, MESC director.

October job growth was due mostly to gains in local government, retail trade and among eating and drinking establishments.

The government increase occurred largely with several local school districts, which were delayed in opening because of labor disputes and, consequently, were not included in the September employment report.

The Detroit MSA includes Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Livingston, Lapeer and St. Clair counties. Its jobless rate fell to 8.5 percent in October compared to 8.9 in September and 8.8 in October 1991.

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Total October employment in the Detroit MSA was 1,936,000, up only 1,000 from September. Unemployment fell by 9,000 to 179,000, from 188,000 the previous month, due largely to shrinkage of the work force.

"Only the Battle Creek and Lansing areas had increases in their jobless rates from September to October," Edwards said.

Among the 12 labor markets, the Ann Arbor area had the low-

est October jobless rate at 4.5 percent.

The Flint area still has the state's highest unemployment rate at 11.5 percent, but it was down from September's 12.4 percent. "The Flint area had a substantial rate decline because of worker callbacks in the local automotive and auto-related industries," Edwards said.

Job losses among seasonal employers and local manufacturers

resulted in a higher unemployment rate in the Battle Creek area. Auto-related layoffs and an increase in the number of workers entering the job market pushed up the Lansing area rate.

The Detroit area's Business Activity Index in October climbed to its highest level since the end of 1988, Comerica Bank economists reported.

The BAI climbed 3 points to

152, compared with 149 in September.

"The metropolitan Detroit economy has shown rather steady improvement since reaching a recession trough at the 128 level in March 1991," said David L. Littmann, first vice president and senior economist, Comerica Bank in Detroit.

"At this pace, the local economy will be up between 7 and 8 percent for the year, after ac-

counting for inflation. This is especially encouraging when compared with the 1.5 to 2.0 real GDP (gross domestic product) growth expected for the national economy in 1992.

"During October, six of the eight components that comprise the index rose, including the automotive, the sales, and the production indicators. Employment and financial indicators were mixed."

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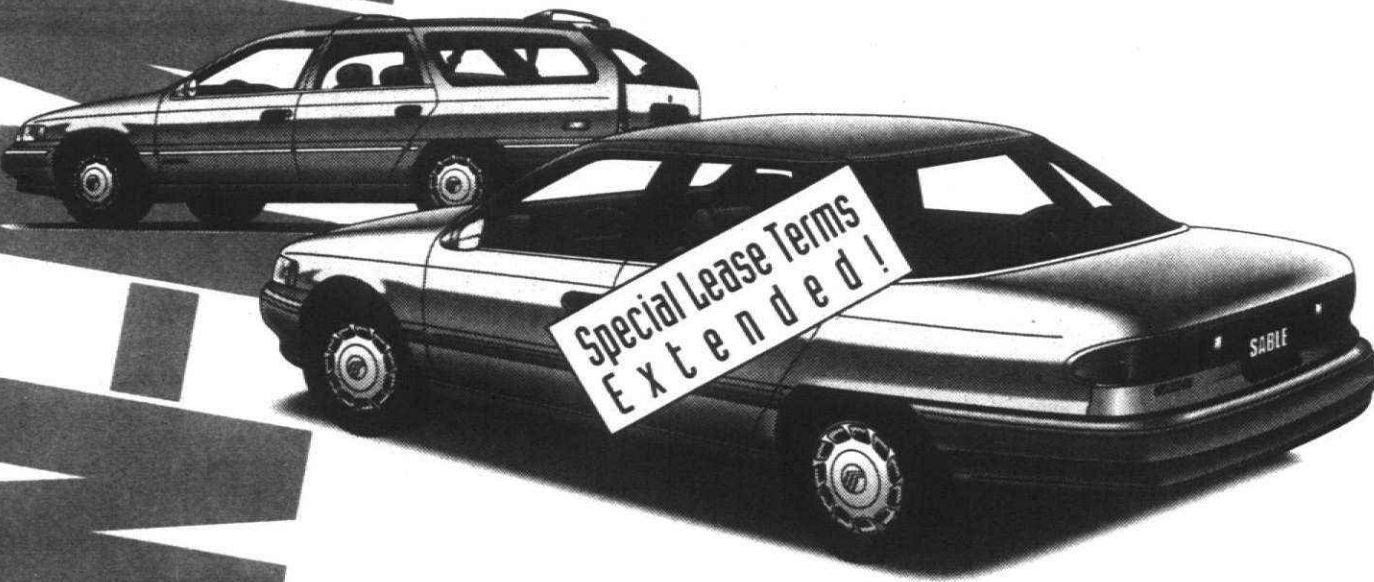
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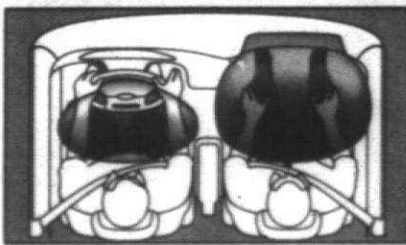
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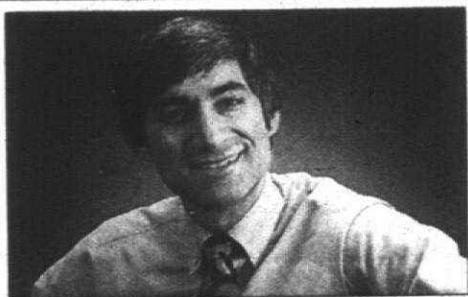
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Today, five years later, a conceptual design to restore the exterior of the Alexander Blue House, once home to a Livonia Township civic leader, is under review by the city's historical groups.

Funding is still in limbo but there's a good chance the 142-year-old house will be open to the public, with period furnishings from 1880 Livonia Township, by 1997.

Sue Daniel, the Livonia Historical Commission's irrepressible leader and Blue House restoration committee chairwoman, won't commit to that timetable. But she acknowledges it's a worthy goal. Complete restoration will cost upwards of \$300,000.

Daniel scoffs at hints a funding shortfall might doom turning the white clapboard house into a conference and meeting center as well as a reception hall for Newburg Church at Greenmead.

"We have to find a way to do it," she says. "As long as we've gone this far, we've got to finish it. And I'm sure we'll find a way."

So far, saving the house, Greenmead's only example of Italianate architecture, has cost \$125,000. Fund-raising has topped \$65,000. Contributors include the Livonia Historical Society, the city, the Friends for Development of Greenmead and the Sauk Trail Questers.

A \$25,000 donation from Livonia's 16th District Court covered a big part of the cost to move the house from the historic Elm Station area of Livonia, on Middlebelt north of Schoolcraft, to Greenmead.

Alexander Blue was a New Yorker who came to Michigan with his parents at age 15 in 1832, five years before statehood. He bought 80 acres to farm and later built the house now at Greenmead. A former township supervisor and county auditor, he served as a Livonia justice of the peace from 1846 to 1874.

Thinking positive

"We've managed to do lots of other things that people thought we'd never get done. This project has cost more than what we bargained for," said Daniel, bitten by the historical preservation bug during a 1965 visit to Historic Williamsburg and again at a 1971 Livonia Historical Society tour led by Jessie Mae Sanderson.

"We just have to think bigger and better fund-raisers," she said. "If we don't look at it positively, we won't get it done. If we sit down and make a list of all the things that can go or have gone wrong, we'll never get it done."

The next fund-raiser is the fourth annual Friends for Development of Greenmead Christmas Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Premier Designs, Hearts and Roses, Market Street Florists, Flowers from Joe's, Livonia Florist and Elegant Accents — all Livonia florists — will donate their services to decorate seven houses in the city for the holidays.

Folks who question Livonia's community spirit need only look to those residents who graciously open their homes to strangers each year to benefit historical preservation at Greenmead.

The walk has become a major boon for the Blue House, raising \$20,515 the first three years.

The hope is for the two-story, 11-room house to be self-supporting. Catering will be available.

"The Blue House is in the imagination of a lot of historically minded people who remember it before its dramatic move from Middlebelt to Greenmead," said Jan Bennett, Friends president.

"It not only has the potential to be a revenue generator, but also a conduit for bringing people to Greenmead who might funnel out into the rest of the village," she added. "It will help put the village on a better financial footing."

Walk tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 the day of the walk. Call the Greenmead offices for ticket information: 477-7375.

Meticulous restoration

As drawn by South Lyon architect Bob Seymour, a former Livonia resident and charter member of the Livonia Historic Preservation Commission, exterior restoration plans call for putting back what used to be part of the Blue House.

"We're working from a photo that dates to 1860 and an etching done in 1876," Daniel said. "These have been our two main sources of what to do with the building."

Next year will bring an elevator shaft, Daniel said.

Would the city have been better off if the house had never been moved and instead had fallen to the wrecker's ball?

Not by her reckoning, nor Daniel's. As she put it: "If we can save the ambience and showcase the history of this very special house while using it in such a way that makes it an income producer, I don't see how you could argue the effort and expense were wasted."

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Electronic music: Pete Mulka of Redford Township gets help from instructor Bradley Bloom using the MIDI interface computer. Mulka is working on an original composition.

Computers help musicians hone skills

■ At Schoolcraft College in Livonia, PCs are becoming as much a part of a musician's regiment as instruments.

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER



Technology and the arts have probably always had an uneasy relationship, but a blend of computers and musical instruments

at Schoolcraft College in Livonia has helped some musicians bridge that gap.

Bradley Bloom, a professor of music, incorporates music "workstations" that combine keyboards with personal computers in his classes. Schoolcraft's pioneering effort is making computer converts of some serious musicians.

The versatile system allows a music student to program music scores into a program and hear what it will sound like on the system, which plays back as horns, trumpets, violins and other instruments with remarkable fidelity.

See **COMPUTERS**, 2D



Plugged in: William Bowman of Livonia works on a J.S. Bach piece, "Tocatta and Fugue in D minor."

Winning young artists earn cash prizes

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

The 15th annual Livonia Symphony Orchestra Young Artist Competition is seeking promising vocalists and instrumentalists to compete Jan. 16-17 for \$3,000 in prizes and a chance to perform with the orchestra Feb. 6, 1993.

Judges for the 1993 competition at Madonna University in Livonia include LSO music director/conductor Francesco DiBlasi of Livonia, LSO concertmistress Julia Kurtyka of De-

troit and Madonna music department chairman John Redmon of Howell.

According to contest rules, young artists will be judged on musicianship, technique and overall stature as a possible performing artist.

When asked what he was looking for, DiBlasi replied, "Talent. There's a lot of it around. They've got to be ready to walk out and play as though it were Carnegie Hall."

Two first prizes of \$1,000 and two second prizes of \$500 will be awarded to winners in two categories: orches-

tral instruments and voice. Instrumental and piano contestants must be younger than 25 as of Jan. 17, 1993; vocalists, younger than 30.

Deadline for applications is Dec. 30. "It takes so many years to form stage presence. Anyone that has aspirations to become a professional should play as many competitions as they can," DiBlasi said.

He speaks from experience. A graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a master's degree in performance, DiBlasi furthered his music

studies at The Juilliard School, Detroit Institute of Musical Art and L'Ecole de Pierre Monteaux.

DiBlasi performed eight years as assistant first trumpet with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, filling in for pianist Mischa Kottler on occasion.

In 1973, he was appointed music director and conductor of the Oakway Symphony, now known as the Livonia Symphony. He serves on the fac-

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Artbeat features vignettes from the suburban arts scene. Write: Artbeat, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

For details and reviews of musical performances, please turn to the Entertainment section.

SWEEPS HONORS

Frank Pettis of Redford Township won a People's Choice Award for his embellished color photograph of the "Heidelberg Project" by Detroit artist Tyree Guyton.

Guyton's controversial assemblages consisted of found objects incorporated into abandoned houses on Detroit's lower eastside. He received nationwide recognition for these innovative works of art.

Pettis won best of show and first place in the 1992 Michigan State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit Am-

Art Beat

ateur Division in September. The People's Choice Award was announced after the show closed.

GIFT IDEAS

Canton artist Sherrie Moore will personalize storybooks for your child in time for Christmas. There are eight different stories, starring your child, from which to choose: "My Special Christmas Eve," "This is My Birthday," "One Wish," "I Like Me," "Welcome Home," "Look to the Son" (a religious story), "I Can Fly" and "My Balloon Ride."

The stories are in full color and hardbound with a plastic protective coating that can be wiped clean. Call Moore at 397-1089.

MUSEUM SPOTLIGHT

A Christmas craft sale will take place this weekend at the Canton Historical Museum, Canton Center Road and Proctor, south of Cherry Hill.

Hours for the Canton Historical Society event will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

BRIGHTER BLUE

Livonia Historical Society's seventh annual progressive dinner Oct. 24 raised about \$1,500 toward converting the historic Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Village into a conference, meeting and reception hall.

Computers from page 1D

"There's really no special training," said Bloom, a University of Michigan graduate with a doctorate in music from Iowa. "It's user friendly. And it also has educational applications."

Although a student with almost no musical background can use the system, even accomplished musicians can benefit from the "MIDI interface," as it's called.

John Feliks, a classical guitarist, said his efforts to compose for chamber ensembles and orchestras were limited because he could not be sure what those compositions would sound like when actually played.

"Someone like myself does not have access to a symphony or chamber ensemble, so I can't know if what I'm doing works. But with this, I can hear what each instrument would sound like and what the composition actually sounds like. I can hear where I've made a mistake."

For Bloom, whose specialty is vocal ensembles, there is also a teaching benefit.

"I become an intermediary rather than an instructor or lecturer," Bloom said. "It's a more exciting way to teach."

Schoolcraft's music "laboratory" includes six workstations, each with a personal computer equipped with an interface and software packages that allow for scoring, sequencing, editing and library managing.

Although most are equipped with a keyboard, other instruments can be used with the computer.

"At first, I was a little intimidated by it," said Marsha Hall of Plymouth. "But I found it easy to use and it's exciting."

Hall, a mother of three, has been a piano instructor and choral performer for many years, but has found the MIDI a valuable tool for her own improvement.

"It's helping with my rhythm and I'm building on my skills," she said.

The technology to marry computers to music has been around for years, but both Bloom and Schoolcraft's vice president for instruction, Conway Jeffress, have not seen this application as a full-fledged music lab anywhere before.

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"I don't know of anybody else statewide who's used it," said Jeffress. "We're on relatively new ground."

After Bloom saw the application and made a proposal three years ago to implement the lab at SC, Jeffress took up the charge.

"We thought it would make a dramatic difference in our ability to recruit and hold students in that program," he said.

Schoolcraft's particular circumstance is also an advantage to having such a program, Jeffress said. The school attracts a number of non-traditional, older students, like Hall and Feliks, who are often interested in enrichment, or personal fulfillment rather than a degree. And the school is more apt to use more experimental methods and techniques than a more traditional, four-year institution might.

And because of a wealth of computer expertise at the school, and its ability to buy at a lower price because of its size, Schoolcraft put the lab into operation for about half of what it might have cost.

"A musician still has to have discipline," said Bloom. "This will not replace artistic talent. It's only as good as the user. But it may expedite our ability to learn music."

Art Day

Ann Arbor to spotlight creativity

Ann Arbor will host Art Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

The day began as a way to showcase Ann Arbor's artists and galleries.

Many artists will open their homes and studios: photographer Philip Borkowski; jeweler Bandel Bell; fiber/fabric artist Carol Furtado; contemporary dollmaker Marian Draugalis; artist Kay Yurist; art jeweler Vicki Schwager; violin makers Curtin and Alf; glass specialist Tim Osius; potter Sharon Fry-St. Mary; handmade paper artist Esther Kirshenbaum; and the pottery studio of Stan H. Baker.

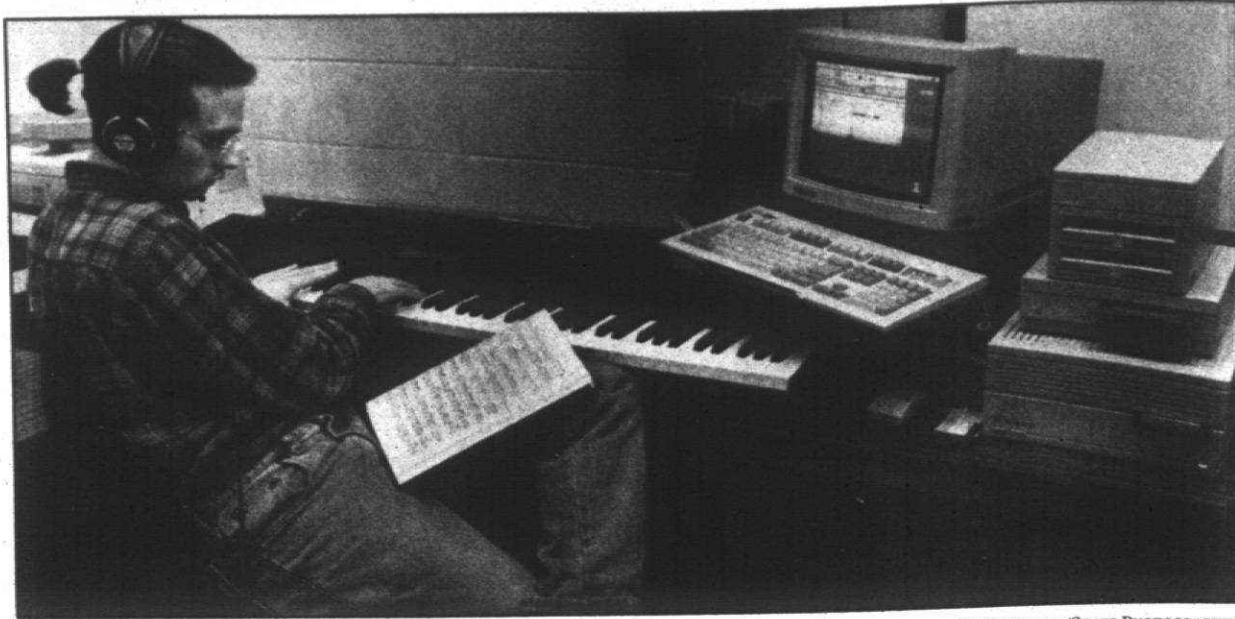
Art Day events include some longtime favorites: the Ann Arbor Potters Guild sale (corner of Fifth and Hill), the Fiber Arts Guild Show/Sale (Matthaei Botanical Gardens), the Ann Arbor Women Painters Show (119 W. Washington) and the Ann Arbor Art Association holiday gift show.

Representing experimental contemporary art, mixed media constructions, 19th and 20th

Century masters, antique prints and fine American crafts, area galleries are joining in the excitement of Art Day in Ann Arbor: Ann Arbor Art Association, Ann Arbor Artists Co-op Gallery, Art Deco Design, Artful Exchange Gallery, Barclay Gallery, Barrett's Antiques and Fine Arts, Rockwood Pottery, the Clay Gallery, DeBoer Gallery, Gallery Von Glahn, Hardwood Designs, Lotus Gallery, Selo-Shevel Gallery, Signed Designs, 16 Hands, Clare Spiller Works of Art, Tamarra Gallery, Matthew C. Hoffman, Hoffman Studio, Peaceable Kingdom, Art Rage, Origins, and Gifts of Art-U-M Hospitals.

Participating galleries, studios and events will be clearly signed and marked; watch for the magenta balloons!

Art Day is a cooperative effort of the involved galleries, studios, art organizations, the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans and the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Keyboard to computer: Erik Erdman of Livonia works on transferring his selection, "Jesus Christ Superstar" by Andrew Lloyd Weber and Tim Rice.

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Symphony

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ulty of Madonna University in Livonia.

Kurtka, who graduated from the University of Michigan with bachelor of music and master in performance degrees, agrees with DiBlasi on the importance of performing experience.

"We have so many wonderful young artists. The training is extremely important for future artists. We must have technique, poise and stage presence," Kurtka said.

"With the state of the arts today, students don't have the opportunity to exhibit their talents to get into the field. Unfortunately, the music program along with the rest of the arts is always the first to go."

Kurtka is first violinist with the Dearborn Symphony as well as a violinist with the Northwood Orchestra, Music at Gretna Festival, Village Bach Festival and Fox Theatre Orchestra. She has been concertmistress for the Traverse City Symphony, Midland Sym-

phony and Lyric Opera of Michigan.

Redmon, for the second year, will judge contestants based on "stable technique, some sign of artistic development and a well-polished kind of presentation."

"I've thought about what I've told my students before an audition. I told them to go in for the opportunity, a learning experience, that I'm going to do my best and not with the idea I have to win."

"Just because the person didn't win first place doesn't mean he or she isn't every bit as good as the one who did," said the professor, now in his 18th year at the university.

"Try to learn something from the experience. We all have bad days."

Redmon earned bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees in voice at California State University, Northridge and a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Foundation, where he did advanced work in ecumenical studies and church



Julia Kurtyka: LSO concert-mistress



John Redmon: Madonna University music chairman



Francesco DiBlasi: LSO music director/conductor

■ **Talent. There's a lot of it around. They've got to be ready to walk out and play as though it were Carnegie Hall.**

Francesco DiBlasi

There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$25. Contestants must be residents of, or students in Michigan.

When asked what advice she would give future performing artists, Kurtka said, "Be persistent. It's not an easy field."

For more information and an application call the Livonia Symphony office noon to 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at 421-1111 or write 30499 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Magazines a readable source of holiday cheer



VICTORIA DIAZ

If the Christmas rush has already taken hold at your house, make it a point to sit down for a quiet time each day (even 15 minutes) to read. It can make a difference and relax, maybe with some current issues of your favorite magazines.

Below is a list of a few that will provide some extra cheer for the holidays, plus some food for thought:

■ **"Chocolatier"** (December). Don't let the holidays get by without delving into this luscious magazine. Read it, and learn how to create such memories as the Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup, served each year to happy guests at the famed Beekman Tavern in upstate New York — not to mention the Black Forest Brownies, Double Chocolate Sweetheart Cake (studded with red raspberries), and mmuch mmmore.

Chocolatiers everywhere will be delighted to learn of a Chocolate Lovers' Cruise, planned for April aboard the S.S. Norway. Ports of call will include St. Martin, St. John and St. Thomas. Even better news: Readers can win a free trip as a guest of "Chocolatier."

■ **"Metropolitan Home"** (December). Visit top model Connie Cook's 1827 New York farmhouse ("A Home Made For Celebrating"), a glitter with not one but dozens of candle-lit Christmas trees. From the blueberry-stained front door to the slate-floored back entrance, to the artificial lake bordered by 3,000 dailies, the willow, a Michigan native, did much of the refurbishing herself.

Also, author Joyce Maynard takes readers on a tour of the

large, Victorian house she shares in New England with two sons, a daughter and a college student live-in.

"We wanted to make this a house where children would feel both welcome and entertained," says the single mom, who furnished the home with such lush, market finds as an early 1900s wheelchair with footrests, a papier-mache moose head and a panoramic portrait of the 1931 graduating class of Western Junior High School. Read all about it in "She Calls It, 'Early Fun House.'"

■ **"Yankee"** (December). In the Christmas issue of this grand — but always unpretentious — New England periodical, don't miss "The Man in the Red Flannel Suit," a revealing expose of what it's really like to play Santa, written by former University of Michigan professor Donald Hall. He now lives in New Hampshire, where he posed as the world's

most notable jolly old elf for seven unforgettable seasons.

■ **"Premiere"** (December). Just for the fun of it, go behind the scenes of "Bram Stoker's Dracula," Francis Ford Coppola's colorful, now-playing film. The aptly titled "Neck Romance," lets us all in on a juicy secret: Leading lady Winona Ryder and leading man Gary Oldman were apparently at each other's throats during most of the filming. You may find some of Coppola's motivational strategies rather by the way.

Also for the fun of it, check out how some of the craziest of stunts were performed in Twentieth Century Fox's new hit comedy, "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York."

■ **"Discover"** (December). Read all about slithery survivors in "The Evolution of Dragons." Beginning with a gripping little vignette starring the giant Komodo monitor lizard (alias the Komodo

dragon), this story goes on to delve into some fascinating reptile riddles. Why does the planet still support many more species of reptiles than of mammals? Why does the carnivorous Komodo monitor (the world's largest lizard, it may grow to 10 feet) exist only on the small Indonesian island of Komodo? How have such supposedly primitive animals managed to survive the eons? Arresting photos.

■ **"Redbook"** (December). Highlights include the highly publicized article, "The Dream That Died," by Peggy Say. Say is the sister of Terry Anderson, held captive in Lebanon for 2,455 days, longer than any other American hostage. According to Say, whose face became a familiar image in newspapers and TV during Anderson's captivity as she worked for his release, her brother has gone his own way since his return, with no gratefulness ever expressed for her efforts. "I never

imagined that his return would nearly destroy my life," she said.

Especially apropos of the holiday season, "Angels All Around Us" tells of a strange phenomenon reportedly occurring with increasing frequency in recent years. According to this article, more and more of us are experiencing close encounters with the celestial messengers that have long been an essential part of Christian, Judaic and Islamic beliefs.

Finally, make yourself and those around you merrier this season by taking a look at "The Guilt That Stole Christmas," a brief feature for all of us who break our necks "to cram an old-fashioned, 'perfect' holiday into a 1990s schedule."

Victoria Diaz of Livonia tracks the books and literary industry. You can leave a message for her on a touch-tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number, 1854.

Festival marks Armenian art museum's opening

A Festival of Armenian Arts, a series of special events running through Monday, Dec. 7, honors the opening of the Alex and Marie Manogian Museum of Armenian Art at St. John's Armenian Church of Greater Detroit, 22001 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

Dignitaries from around the world will attend the opening of the museum, which will house the largest collection of Armenian art-

tifacts in North America. Call 569-3405 for more information.

Scheduled events include:

■ **Friday, Dec. 4** — Symposium, "Armenian Museums and Collections Throughout the World," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., continued 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 5** — An evening of cocktails, dinner buffet and dancing, 7:30 p.m.

■ **Sunday, Dec. 6** — Solemn di-

vine liturgy, 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony with champagne dinner reception, 5 p.m.

■ **Monday, Dec. 7** — Earthquake memorial concert, 8 p.m.

The museum will exhibit Armenian artifacts dating back almost 3,000 years.

Rare manuscripts, the first printed Armenian Bibles, ancient relics from the pre-Christian era will be featured, along with delicate, handcrafted silver and gold works of art, embroideries, rugs, paintings and textiles to reveal the rich history of the Armenian people.

Alex and Marie Manogian contributed the resources to make the museum a reality. The very Rev. Paren Avedikian collected each of the artifacts and antiquities.

Fiber artist's focus — dyeing fabric

Fabric dyeing will be the focus of the Tuesday, Dec. 8, meeting of the Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan.

Local fiber artist Rosemary Gratch and three Nigerian artists from the Niki Center for Art and Culture in Oshogbo, Nigeria, will bring samples of their work. They also will discuss color and design and explain the various methods they use for applying dye to cloth, including batik, tie dye, shibori and African adire resist.

The meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the First Methodist Church of Birmingham.

Guests are welcome, fee \$5. For more information, call 642-3842 or 689-4478.

Gratch dyes silks and other natural fabrics that she stitches into one-of-a-kind garments. She exhibits her work at local shows and galleries, and also teaches at the Village Club and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Most recently, she taught at the fall sewing and needlework seminar at Schoolcraft College.

The Nigerian artists have come to Detroit as part of a cultural exchange at the invitation of the Wayne County Council for the Arts.

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PLYMOUTH! "WOODLORE NORTH" just East of Beck! A premium setting within a distinguished neighborhood. A showcase interior, 4 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a dramatic foyer, open staircase, formal dining room, a study, family room with a fireplace, wonderful views, beautiful wood flooring, island kitchen, 3 1/2 car garage, etc. \$344,900 (453-8200)

10182 NORMANDY DR., PLYMOUTH! "RIDGEWOOD HILLS".... North of Arbor Road just West of Beck. Backing into an 8 1/2 Acre corner lot. This extravagant developed brick ranch boasts 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, family room with a fireplace, finished walk-out lower level, Pella windows, extra rear yard storage building, newer dense plush carpeting, attached 2 1/2 car garage. \$115,000 (453-8200)

PLYMOUTH! NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPROVE UPON! Meticulously maintained with 3 bedrooms, formal improvement, new kitchen, 4 new Pella windows, finished lower level, updated electrical, newer roof. Three bedrooms, 2 full baths (a master), formal dining room, finished basement and garage. VERY WELL DONE! \$132,500 (453-8200)

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PLYMOUTH! ESPECIALLY WELL CARED-FOR home on a quiet court. There are 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, new premium carpeting, formal dining room, a study, family room with a fireplace, 1st floor laundry, sprinklers, Central Air and side entrance 2 1/2 car garage. AN EASY WALK TO DOWNTOWN. \$189,900 (453-8200)

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PLYMOUTH! A quiet and gently curving street in BEACON TRAIL presents a handsome brick ranch boasting 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, separate formal dining room, family room with a fireplace, 1st floor laundry, circular drive, finished basement, new Central Air, parquet foyer and side entrance 2 1/2 car garage. \$189,900 (453-8200)

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A Weekly Survey of Detroit Area Lenders

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15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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OAKLAND MORTGAGE CORP. 333-2333					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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OMEGA MORTGAGE CORP. 471-4000/347-6000					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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PACIFIC WORLD MORTGAGE 642-1030					
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PARK AVENUE MORTG. 335-0300/589-2255					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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PRUDENTIAL MORTGAGE INC. 851-6410					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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SECURITY HOME LOAN 668-4334					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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ST. JAMES SERVING CORPORATION 338-8800					
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TEMPLE INLAND MORTGAGE CO. 442-6505					
15 yr	7.25	0.00	30 day	\$295	8.12%
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TOWER FINANCIAL WEST 338-1100					
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TRIAD MORTGAGE CORP. 477-6800					
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WORLD WIDE FINANCIAL 647-1199					
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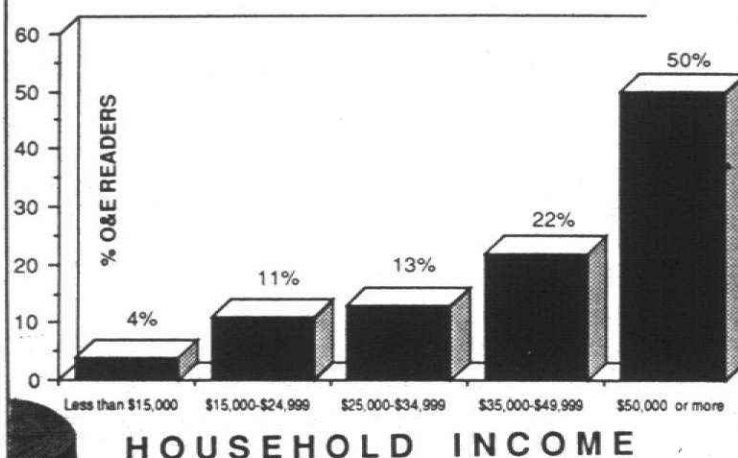
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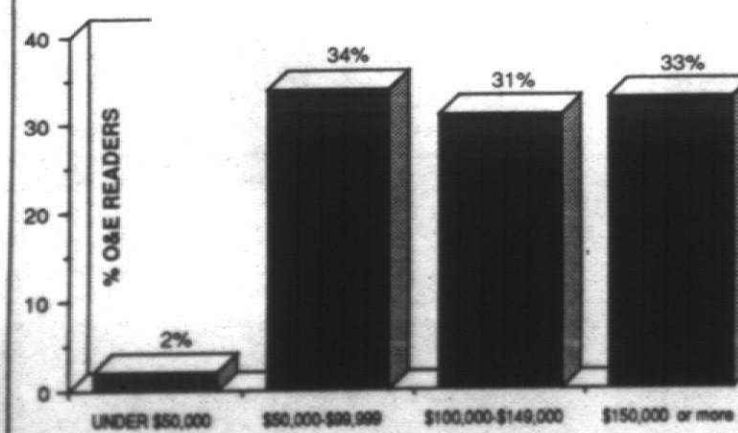


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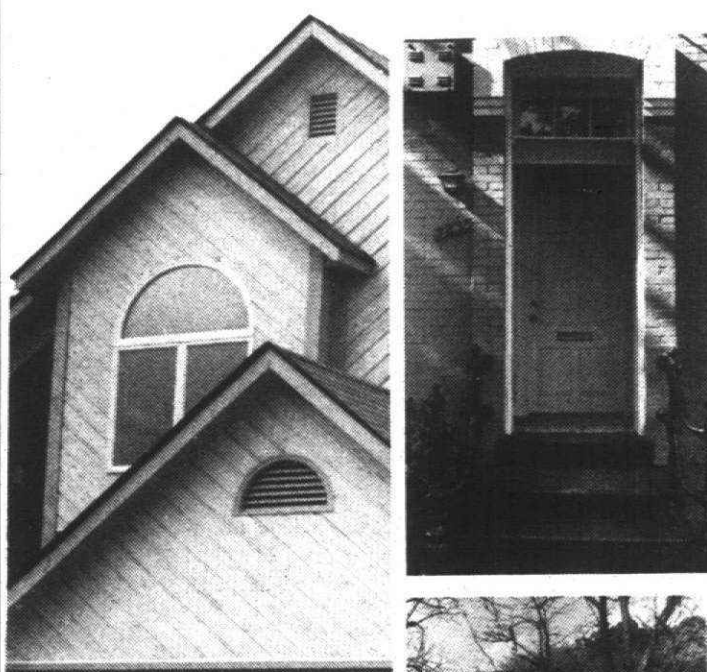


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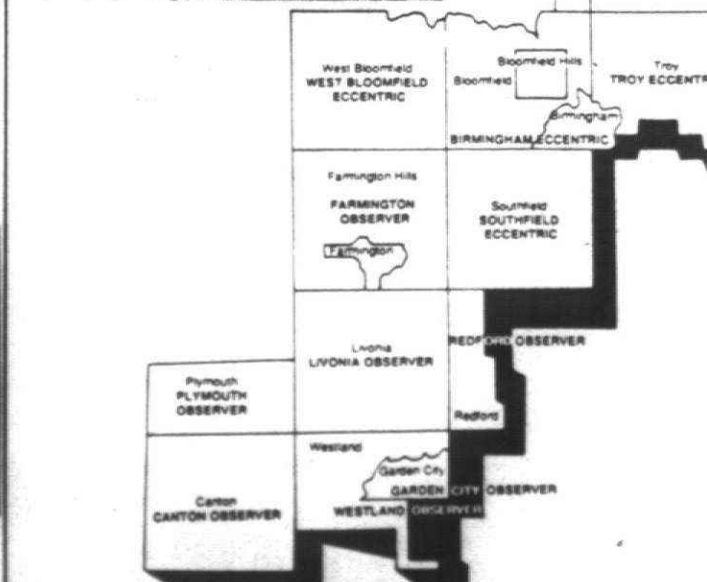
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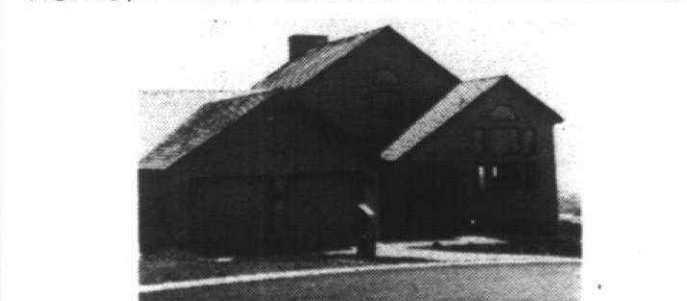
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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Bar association pamphlet offers home-buying tips

It stands to reason that the first piece of advice from the American Bar Association on residential real estate transactions would be to choose an attorney.

And so it is in a 32-page pamphlet, *Buying or Selling Your Home*, prepared by the professional association.

But beyond that, the brochure touches on many issues at both ends of the spectrum ranging from kinds of mortgages available to tax ramifications. It's geared to the first-time buyer and people who haven't been in the market for a while.

Among the major points:

■ Keep in mind that real estate agents almost always represent the seller.

■ Make sure the purchase offer — a binding contract — includes contingency clauses for financing, inspection, warranties of title, proration of taxes and a firm date for possession.

■ Learn about the different kinds of mortgages available and which one best meets your financial circumstances.

■ Understand the tax consequences of a transaction, especially if you're a senior citizen seller.

■ We're interested in having an informed public out there and once the closing happens, there's no problem down the line," said Brian Mahon, a lawyer who chaired the committee that put the pamphlet together.

'Buyers should remember that even though the broker may be helping them, the broker will draft provisions in favor of the seller when possible because the broker's first duty is to the seller.'

"It's not an extremely detailed pamphlet. We try to put in layman's terms pitfalls a homebuyer may encounter," he said.

No real estate transaction is a simple one, the pamphlet states. "All parties to a transaction have their own needs and goals, and need the advice and protection of their own attorney."

The brochure suggests that a buyer consult with a lawyer before

submitting a purchase offer. Sellers should seek legal counsel before signing a listing agreement with an agent and a purchase agreement.

Both contracts have far-reaching impacts. The listing agreement indicates who will be paid what commission at sale. Commissions are negotiable. The purchase agreement is the blueprint for the entire transaction.

"Buyers should remember that even though the broker may be helping them, the broker will draft provisions in favor of the seller when possible because the broker's first duty is to the seller," the brochure said.

Spill it out. Itemize all fixtures and furnishings to be included in the sale. Inspection and financing clauses also have become popular in recent years, the pamphlet noted.

Financing takes up the several pages in the brochure. Discussion focuses on fixed rate versus adjustable rate mortgages.

How much loan can you afford? Most lenders don't allow housing-related payments to exceed 32 percent of family income and all

installment debt including mortgage payments to exceed 38 percent of family income.

Tax considerations affect both buyers and sellers. Buyers can take advantage of deductions at purchase and over the years. Buyers were advised to keep receipts of improvements made to the property over the years to pay less capital gains tax on sale.

Sellers over 55 years of age should be aware of the once-in-a-lifetime gain exclusion.

"We feel people need to be informed," Mahon emphasized. The pamphlet is available for \$2 plus a \$1 handling charge from ABA Order Fulfillment, 750 North Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60611.

Revelation of group home in neighborhood narrowly defined



CONDO QUERIES
I am a real estate agent and am wondering whether I have a responsibility to disclose to a potential buyer of real estate the presence of a group home for the handicapped in close proximity to the property I

am listing. Or am I precluded from doing so by the Handicapper's Statute? In a recent Michigan Attorney General's opinion, it was held that the Michigan Handicapper's Civil Rights Act does not prohibit a real estate seller or agent from making a truthful disclosure of the existence of a group home in the neighborhood, provided that the disclosure is not made for the purpose of inducing additional real estate transactions from which the agent or seller may benefit and is not accompanied by any representation that the presence of the group home will negatively affect the neighborhood.

The decision of the attorney general is binding until contradicted by a court decision. Since there are relatively narrow parameters under which you can operate in this context, I would suggest that you be very careful in terms of what you say.

Our municipality is not providing garbage removal services to our condominium, but it does so for other residents except for apartments and condominium units. Is there anything wrong with that?

As such, denial of garbage collection to certain owners violated the due process and equal protection rights afforded to all residents by the state and federal constitution. There should be at least a basis to pursue municipalities for depriving condominium associations and apartment owners of the same rights that it provides to its other residents.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics you would like to see discussed in this column by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 407, Birmingham, Forms 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

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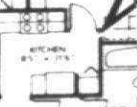
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Officers are: David Sheffield of Onslow-Sheffield, Brighton, president; Robert Johnson, Johnson Building Co., Livonia, vice president; Dan Flanders, Daniel Electric Co., Troy, secretary; Ken Wallace, Hickson-Costigan, Farmington Hills, treasurer.

Other directors include: Ralph Bourdeau, R.B. & Sons, Troy, and Al Wunderlich, Edward-Alan & Co., Southfield.

Great sports

The joint venture team of J.S. Alberici/Barton Malow/M. Steel Enterprises/CLG Enterprises was awarded the construction management contract to build the Kiel Center Arena in St. Louis, Mo. It will serve as the home of the St. Louis Blues hockey team.

The program consists of demolishing the existing Kiel Auditorium and parking garage, build an 18,500-seat hockey arena on that site and renovate the adjoining Kiel Opera House. It is a \$135 million project.

Barton Malow also will join Beers Construction Co., H.J. Russell Construction, and C.D. Moody Construction Co. as the construction management team to construct the new Olympic Stadium in Atlanta, GA.

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President's Award

The Michigan chapter of the Society of Marketing Professional Services has won the President's Award from the national headquarters. The award recognizes the 1991-92 chapter board of directors for exemplary management.

Board members are: Craig Rutherford of Ellis/Naeyart/Genheimer Associates; Diann Ohman of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls; Kevin Martin of NTH Consultants; Gerald Belian of Testing Engineers and Consultants; Kathleen Hudson of Albert Kahn Associates; Joseph Melnick of Butzel Long; Trude Noble of Wade-Trim; Betty Orintas of Johnson, Johnson & Roy; Pat Sullivan of R.E. Dailey and John Williams of Peterson, Williams and Bizer.

SMPS is the only national society devoted to the support of marketing professionals in the building industry. Members include the marketing staff and senior management of firms practicing architecture, engineering, planning, interior design, landscape architecture, construction and allied professions.

'Tis the season for builders to reduce inventory

■ Transferees, those with vacation time to shop, and those spending holiday bonuses are among the serious buyers visiting models.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY
STAFF WRITER



Norman Rockwell had the right idea.

What is more synonymous with the holidays than a home? (Well, there's turkey and gifts, but you've got to have someplace to put those things, eh?)

While the time leading up to Thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas is hardly a boom time for builders — most home sales occur in spring and summer months — there is something to be said for the holiday home buyer.

Ellen Whitefield, marketing director for the Selective Group in Farmington Hills, said holidays can put people in the mood to buy, despite conventional builder wisdom which sees many builders lowering expectations.

"We used to think that it wasn't a good time for home buying," she said. But experience has indicated otherwise.

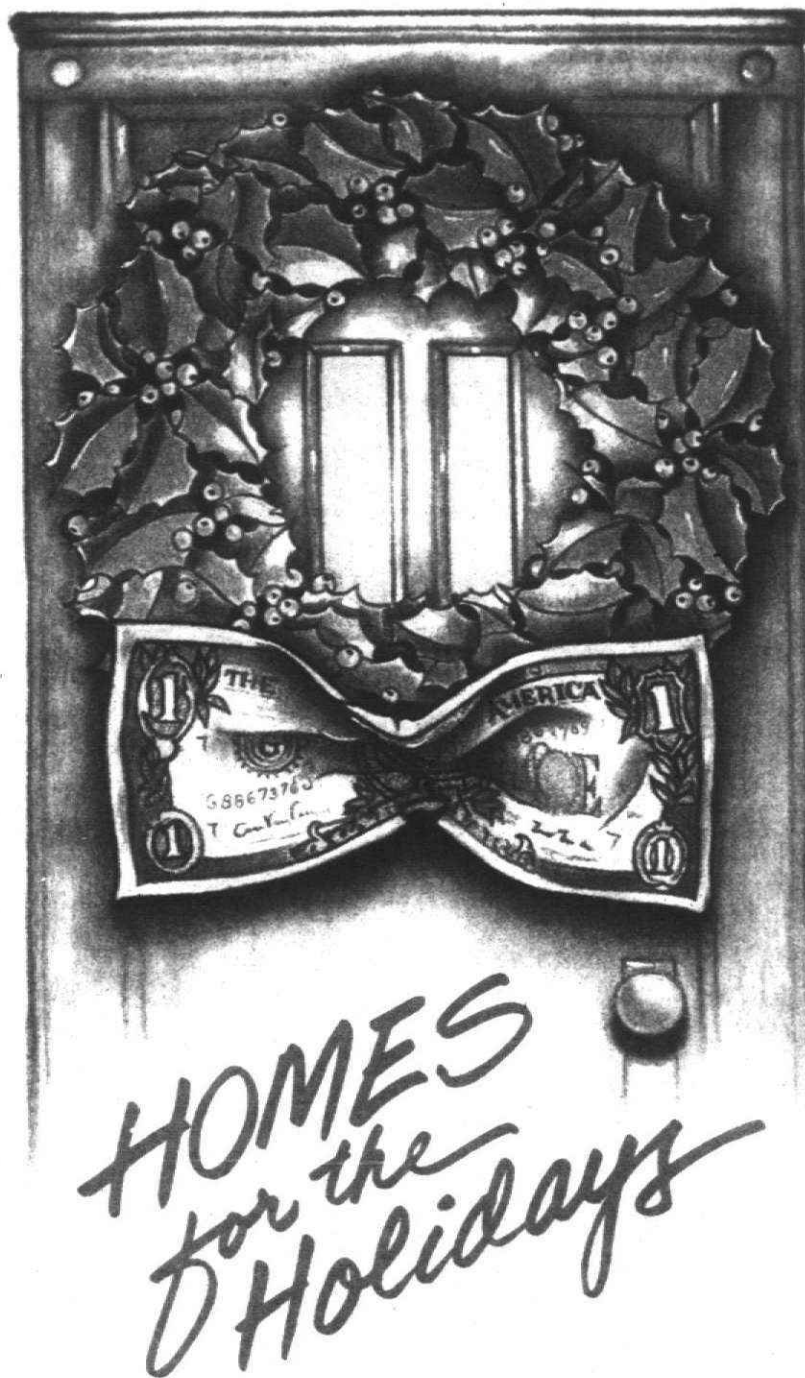
"We've had very strong traffic (leading up to the holidays) in our models," she said.

Whitefield said the Selective Group makes a special point to have several homes in each development almost ready for occupancy to handle the holiday season buyer.

Whitefield said there are several reasons people buy homes in the weeks leading up to the holidays. "For one, it's a great time to make an offer to a builder who has unsold inventory," she said.

Builders may be more willing to make a deal as the year is drawing to a close, and savvy buyers see it as a time to save some money.

Both the builder and the buyer can



benefit by selling the house because of tax purposes — the buyer because he can writing off a mortgage and some finance charges, and the builder can reduce inventory.

Whitefield also said that many people receive their holiday bonus and use it to make part of the downpayment.

Also, families often go through changes during the holidays, she said. While it's true that changes occur at all times of the year, she said many reasons seem to coalesce near the holidays and point to the purchase of a new house.

"People are getting married, or they've been married and are ready to

move from an apartment to a home, a child is on the way and it's time to move on, or grown children have left home or went to school and people realize their needs have changed," she said.

A smaller percentage of holiday buyers are people who begin to realize it is time to move as the holiday season arrives. Be it because a present house is becoming too small, or the holiday season really is inducing the person to buy.

Dean Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes of Michigan in Bloomfield Hills, said holiday homebuyers are different from spring and summer buyers.

"For most years, we've always had strong traffic from Christmas Eve to New Years," she said.

The holiday season affords these buyers with a valuable commodity — time. They intended to move anyway and use the time off to more effectively shop for a home.

"The holidays are also a time when they have significant others who are important to them that are available to help make decisions," Hyde said.

Traffic during spring and summer months is usually very heavy, but the ratio of lookers to buyers is very low, she said.

Holiday buyers are ready to move, not just people who are thinking of moving, Hyde said.

Hyde said the holiday season itself is really not the motivation factor. "It's not, 'Let's go shopping for Christmas presents and let's buy mom a new house.'"

Hyde said a large percentage of home buyers during the holiday season are transferees.

Year-end transferees are common because companies like to start the new year fresh with new employees. Not surprisingly, these people need a home and they need it quickly.

They are out there because they need to be out there, she said. Pulte's holiday advertising themes have been successful because as a larger builder, Pulte has homes that are available immediately. "That underscores the availability."

Dennis Dickstein, president of the real estate brokerage firm Ralph Manual Associates in Birmingham,

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Downsizing stalls leasing activity in office sector

Downsizing and consolidation have been the rule that has guided the slowdown of leasing in the metropolitan Detroit office market, according to a third quarter report by Cushman & Wakefield of Michigan, based in Southfield.

The outlook for the rest of the year is for flat to slightly decreased leasing into the winter months with rental rates remaining constant. Absorption will end the year close to the 1991 level.

Here are the trends as outlined by the report:
■ The majority of the space available throughout the region is second-generation, Class B space. Tenants were enticed to Class A buildings by attractive rates and incentive packages.
■ Asking rents have escalated slightly with the addition of new construction and as demand for prime office escalates. The overall weighted average rent for 1992 of \$16.28 per square foot was eight cents greater than a year ago.

■ The only new construction for this quarter was Southfield's Oakland Towne Square, a speculative development of approximately 420,000 square feet with 3 percent preleasing. Year-to-date new construction in the suburbs was 22 percent less than 1991.

■ Demand for space in the third quarter remained constant in the suburbs and declined in the Detroit central business district. Sub-market absorption in the suburbs was strongest in Troy and Dearborn and sluggish in Livonia/Novi and Auburn Hills.

■ A concern among most tenants and brokers has been the financial stability of the landlord. Lender take-backs have complicated the marketplace with below-market rents in an effort to lease up and sell their troubled buildings.

Here's a look at individual markets.

■ Troy: The third quarter marks two consecutive quarters of positive performance this year for the Troy market. Competition among developers struggling to hold onto buildings and lenders managing buildings continued to provide opportunities to tenants.

Troy's vacancy is 18.8 percent for 1992 compared to 19.1 percent for 1991. There is no office space under construction. The weighted average rental for \$16.94 per square foot for 1992, down from \$17.41 per square foot.

The Robbins Executive Park was the focus of most activity for this quarter. It witnessed the

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occupancy of three free-standing office buildings: 29,000 square feet was leased to Automotive Industries; 48,200 square feet was leased to Hawtel Whiting; and a third building of 25,000 square feet was sold to Intraco.

■ I-275 Corridor (Livonia/Novi). Third-quarter activity tapered off from historical levels. A reduced amount of leasing and declining absorption slowly chipped away at the glut of new space added to the market in 1991.

Leasing activity this quarter was prompted by lease expirations, tenant reconfigurations and downsizing. First Michigan Title took 6,200 square feet at the Cambridge Centre. At the Crystal Glen Office Center, Manufacturers Bank leased 7,300 square feet.

Vacancy rate dropped to 17.5 percent in 1992 from 19.3 percent in 1991. There is no office space under construction. The weighted average rental rate increased to \$17.08 per square foot in 1992 from \$16.84 in 1991.

■ Farmington Hills. This market showed healthy activity through the third quarter. Net absorption reflected the positive effect of no new construction and an increased amount of tenants moving. Prime motivation for movement this quarter was downsizing to meet pared company sizes.

Transactions for the quarter were under 10,000 square feet. The largest was 9,800 square feet by Nestle at the Farmington Hills Corporate Center II. Michigan Bell leased 7,000 square feet at Westhills Office Building II, and Childtime Childcare leased 6,000 square feet at

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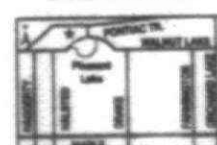
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Farmington Office Center. The vacancy rate of 20 percent for 1992 better than the 20.6 percent rate of 1991. There is no new construction under way. Weighted average rental was \$18.27 per square foot, up 18 cents from 1991. The weighted average asking rate for Farmington Hills has been steadily inching upward as prime space becomes more scarce and valuable.

Southfield was the only market to welcome new construction this quarter, and it is the last new construction for metro Detroit in 1992. Oakland Town Square, a 421,216-square-foot, 19-story building, was 97 percent under completion. This caused a short-term jump in the market's overall vacancy to 23.8 percent.

Tenant renewals were strong as landlords sought to hold onto tenants at lower rates. Absorption remained down at 53,514 square feet, an 86-percent decrease from 1991.

Large leases this quarter included 11,600

square feet by Barton Malow at American Center. Franklin Savings Bank leased 27,000 square feet in the Lockdale Building. Mortgage Corp. of America signed for 11,400 square feet at Metro Center, and Mitsubishi will occupy 10,000 square feet in Prudential Tower 2000.

Southfield's vacancy rate climbed to 23.8 percent in 1992 from 22.1 percent last year. New construction accounted for 421,216 square feet, and the weighted average rental rose from \$15.67 in 1991 to \$16.83 in 1992.

Birmingham. The most notable activity of the quarter was First of America Bank's acquisition and occupancy of the 67,911-square-foot J. West Hutner building. The purchase helped reduce vacancy and improve absorption but had no effect on leasing.

Leasing activity revealed only one transaction greater than 10,000 square feet. At Winthrop Park Office Plaza, Value RX leased 17,000 square feet of space.

Lending practices seem unchanged

AP — Despite complaints of discrimination against black and Hispanic mortgage applicants, the nation's lenders have made no discernible improvement in their record over the past year, according to federal data.

The Federal Reserve said that lenders rejected black and Hispanic loan applicants roughly twice as often as white applicants in 1991. The pattern was the same as a year earlier, it said.

The report was the second issued by the agency under requirements of the 1989 savings and loan bailout law. Last year's report, based on 1990 data, caused an uproar in Congress and among community groups that said lenders were discriminating.

Because of rising delinquency rates linked to the recession, lenders in 1991 denied a greater percentage of mortgage applications for all racial and ethnic groups than in 1990. But the difference in rejection rates across groups appeared roughly the same.

In 1991, lenders rejected 37.6 percent of the applications for conventional mortgages from blacks, 26.6 percent from Hispanics, 15 percent from Asian-Americans and 17.3 percent from whites.

A year earlier, the

rejection rates were 33.6 percent for blacks, 21.4 percent for Hispanics, 12.8 percent for Asians and 14.2 percent for whites.

The agency said that some of the discrepancy can be explained by income differences among the groups. However, disparities still were present when the applications were grouped by income.

For instance, among high-income applicants, the rejection rates were 9.7 percent for whites, 13.6 percent for Asians, 9.8 percent for Hispanics and 23.2 percent for blacks.

Among low-income people, the rejection rate was 31.5 percent for whites, 20.2 percent for Asians, 37.1

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said it would be difficult to gauge whether the holiday season has a positive impact.

Dickstein, the chairman of the Fall '91 Homearama committee in Novi said that Homearama's theme, "Home for the Holidays," didn't seem to increase home buyer interest.

"It's not that it wasn't a good Homearama for the builders, but the number of lookers wasn't as high as we expected."

But that said, the holiday season doesn't have a negative impact. People might expect that potential home buyers would be reluctant to uproot and buy a new home during the holiday season.

"We haven't found that to be true," he said. There is a modest increase in home purchases — mainly in existing housing stock — because people who began building homes in the summer months are ready to sell to get into their new homes in time for the holidays, Dickstein said.

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Apartments slumping, but housing making a comeback

AP — Housing starts fell an unexpected 1.1 percent in October to their lowest level in three months.

Single-family construction rose for the third straight month but was offset by a big drop in apartment building.

Building activity declined in all regions except for the Midwest, where it took a double-digit jump.

The Commerce Department said construction of new single-family homes and apartments totaled 1.23 million at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, down from 1.24 million a month earlier. The economic consensus predicted a 1.28 million rate for October.

The department also revised September's increase to an even weaker 0.8 percent, from 1.4 percent in its original estimate last month. The October rate was the lowest since 1.10 million last July.

Following the July mark, housing starts began to rise, boosted in part by falling mortgage rates. A 12.1-percent surge in August was the largest increase since a 19-percent gain in February 1991.

Analysts had said size of the

August advance could not be sustained and that building activity would improve at a more moderate pace for the rest of the year.

In addition, mortgage rates averaged 8.13 percent in October, up from 7.84 percent in mid-September, which had been the lowest since they dropped to 7.76 percent in June 1975.

Rates have continued to rise,

averaging 8.32 percent last week, the highest since they hit 8.48 percent during the week ended last June 26.

Single-family starts increased 0.7 percent in October, to a 1.07 million rate. This sector has grown each month since July.

But the often-overbuilt multifamily sector plunged 11.8 percent to a 157,000 rate. It was the second straight decline.

For the first 10 months of the year, overall starts still were 19.1 percent above the same period of 1991, when the housing industry was emerging from the recession.

The October drop followed two consecutive declines in new home sales, which often depress builder incentive.

Don't forget '5th wall' decor

AP — The curtains are poufed, tied and hung, the furniture is finessed into place, and yet your room seems to be missing that extra decorative spark. Rather than be downcast, Window & Wall Ideas magazine says try looking up. Ceilings offer an untapped canvas for your creativity.

The "fifth wall" in a house is often simply masked in white paint to make it disappear. Although this technique enhances the sense of space, it does nothing for appeal.

"Ceilings are really ignored because they aren't a focal point," says Chicago interior designer Shirley Fischer. "You just don't automatically look up. It's after a while that you notice a decorated ceiling, and it works best if it's unexpected."

Here are some decorating tips:

- Paint. A ceiling simply painted a soft, light color rather than white will still seem to float away, but will also hold an extra gallon or two of pizzazz. The opposite effect can be achieved in a too-large room. A darker color will appear to pull the ceiling closer.

Beyond these basics, you can create more smiles per gallon with imaginative painting techniques. Use soft pastels for a summery multicolor look. Try painting wide bands of color that spill into stripes on the walls, or thread dark pinstripes through a mellow background for added attractiveness.

Fischer created a circus scene on the ceiling of a baby's room, and she painted a library ceiling to look like worn leather. Other creative painting techniques imitate marble or crackle like an antique. Sponge-painting with two or three soft colors can make the ceiling seem powdery soft. Rolling a rag or dragging a comb through paint, exposing an underlayer of another color, can create subtle but powerful patterns.


■ Stencils. Whether you prefer a twining ivy or a basic geometric pattern, an easy-to-use stencil can create an accent where you need it most. Fischer has used paint, stencils, and even snippets of wallpaper to accentuate the base of light fixtures that lack luster.

Stencils can curl in the corner, cover a soffit, highlight the ceiling's center, or climb from the wall onto the ceiling. Often, just a stencil in a corner of the ceiling can have whole-room impact.

■ Fabrics. Just as a threadbare sofa draws new energy from a slipcover, a weary ceiling can use a facelift, too. You can continue a wallpaper onto the ceiling, or leave the walls bare and put the paper overhead. Light, small-print designs will keep the paper from becoming oppressively heavy.

"You can use some fun wallpaper, like with stars, to accent the ceiling and draw attention up," says Baltimore interior designer Stephen O'Brien. He says that a ceiling treatment can invigorate even a small room without overpowering it. Another option is a swath of fabric, such as a sheet, that swoops into a dramatic canopy. It can work over a bed, or simply hang it as decoration in a mundane room. In rooms with a too-high ceiling, you can visually drop the ceiling by installing a molding about one foot from the top of the wall, then cover the ceiling and the wall above the molding with fabric or wallpaper.

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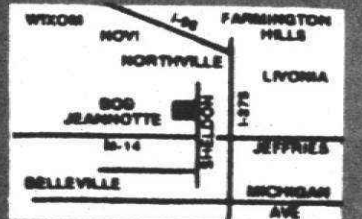


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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1992

FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Eating right is the way to good health

A national survey suggests that obesity in American children has risen more than 50 percent over the past 20 years. In 1988, Steven Gortmaker, sociologist at Boston's Harvard University School of Public Health, reported that obesity in children ages 6-11 was increasingly high, while rising 39 percent over the past 20 years among teenagers 12-17.

In children ages 6-11, obesity was higher among the boys. Among adolescents, however, girls were the great gainers.

Even though children, adolescents, teenagers and adults are exposed to eye catching commercial advertising 40 lean shapely individuals pumping iron and flexing tight muscles, for whatever reasons more and more children as well as adults carry those extra unhealthy pounds.

We've heard it over and over again, read it, visualized and/or experienced its uncomfortable feeling. What do we do? Reduce the fat intake! Cut-back on starchy foods high in cholesterol and saturated fats. Potato chips, cookies, candy and soda pop are tasty, yummy on the lips, but unfavorable to the good health of the body.

Fast foods are convenient and children love these special foods. However, careful choices should be made meeting basic food groups — dairy, fruits and juices, vegetables, bread and meat or bread and meat alternatives. Foods high in calories, sodium and fats contribute to chronic heart disease, hypertension which can develop in the early years.

Why we're fat

Two contributing factors to obesity are said to be genetic and environmental. Although the exact role genetics play in obesity is still being studied, there is strong evidence that fatness is familial. Obese parents tend to have obese children, lean parents tend to have lean children. This tends to make good sense to me since the same meals are usually consumed by all family members.

Environmental factors, such as too much TV watching and less time taken for exercise and other activities influence body weight. Children should be encouraged more to play, jump, run, ride bikes and participate in supervised sports versus spending long hours planted in front of the TV, wolfing down donuts and cheese doodles.

Parents also be aware of readily giving young children treats to pacify them or keep them from crying or acting out. You know the old "sucker in the mouth" or the "big chocolate chip cookie in one hand" remedy. Sugary sweets contribute to tooth decay and hyperactive children. You may be adding fuel to a small flame that have potential in developing into a blazing fire.

In other words, quick remedies, such as offering unhealthy snacks to an irritable child can calm a child down. However, over a period of time, your child may develop toothaches, stomach aches and pains that are common when too many sweets are consumed, not to mention unnecessary visits to the doctor's office, and loss of days in school or day care, time at work.

Think fresh

Children who snack often should be given fresh fruit or vegetables, such as cucumbers, carrots, apples, oranges, celery sticks, raisins or cheddar and cream cheese applied moderately to celery sticks. (Use caution when adding foods, such as raisins, sliced almonds, etc., to encourage children to try new ways of eating familiar foods when they're two years and under.)

Good eating habits are learned. Bad eating habits are also learned. The old saying "You are what you eat" is true. Feed yourself good foods as well as your family provides the vital nutrients the body needs to operate and refuel itself.

Teach children how to make healthy choices. Explain how certain foods help their bodies inside (heart, liver, blood) as well as the outside (skin, hair) and the way they will grow. Take your child to the library and introduce them to books that promote good nutrition for better health. Encourage the older children to take care of themselves and be kind to their bodies by not taking drugs, smoking and consuming alcoholic beverages.

Just this week, my youngest son Brandon discussed with me an incident that touched my heart and caused a cold sad feeling to surface. It was evident that my son was affected or empathic to what had occurred.

One of his friends tried out for the wrestling team at the junior high. The young friend is 12

See FAMILY ISSUES, 2H

Granny's here

Filling in the gaps in a child's life

When Alvina Roberson shows up at Susan Tanner's front door she's welcomed with open arms. She's "Granny," a welcome addition to the Garden City family. She's welcome because, as a foster grandparent, she provides an important piece to puzzle of growing up for their foster child, LaToya.

BY JOANNE SOBCHAK
SPECIAL WRITER



Little 4-year-old LaToya doesn't respond to the wonders of her world the way children that age normally do. At birth social service professionals deemed the black infant deaf and blind with a short life expectancy.

But through the compassion and dedication of her foster parents, LaToya at age two awakened from a dream state and began to develop sensory responses, slowly growing into a loveable, curious tot. For now, she can only mutter "mama."

In her newly founded cognition, she explores activities with the only family she has known since five weeks old. But in the past year, she becomes amazingly excited by a new family addition — "Granny."

"It's so neat. Since grandma has been here, she runs straight to that door when I say, 'granny's coming,'" said Susan Tanner of Garden City, LaToya's foster mom, about the child's foster grandmother, Alvina Roberson.

The Tanner family — Susan, husband Mike and daughters Amy and Michelle — waited two years for a black foster grandmother through the Wayne/Macomb Foster Grandparent Program, sponsored by the Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

Roberson, 73, applied to the program in 1980 and spent four years at the Plymouth State Home, a former state institution that provided special care for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped. When the institution closed some 30 children later for Roberson, her background as live-in domestic help made her an ideal candidate for private home visits.

From its inception in 1965, the national Foster Grandparent Program (FGP), has paired up more than 23,000 low-income seniors and more than 75,000 children everyday in projects and activities throughout all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands.

In Michigan, there are more than 1,250 senior volunteers assisting children in hospitals, institutions, schools, juvenile detention facilities, domestic violence shelters, day care centers and private homes. The Wayne/Macomb County program (also initiated in 1965) currently offers one-to-one, consistent personal relationships between 300 seniors and more than 1,000 children at some 45 host sites and more than 30 foster and private homes.



PHOTOS BY GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fostering: Alvina Roberson, 73, has added a new dimension to the life of 4-year-old LaToya, a foster child living with Susan Tanner in Garden City.

Grants for the project are through the Michigan State Office of Services to the Aging, ACTION, a federal volunteer agency, the Department of Mental Health and the Skillman Foundation.

With love

With the experience and wisdom of age and the main ingredient called love, the grandparent fosters a relationship with child during school and play hours. Through the interaction many children for the first time experience unconditional love and often speak their first words or take their first steps.

The senior's tactful attention — which only a grandparent knows how to give — seems to encourage a higher level of learning in the child.

"I wanted to give to the program life as I understood it and reach out to children," said Roberson, a widow who has 12 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. "I learned that they know when they meet somebody good. They come into my arms and I fall in love with them and they fall in love with me."

As romantic as this sounds, it took a couple of days for LaToya to become acquainted with her new grand-

ma. She does see the Tanner's parents on occasion.

Tanner feels Roberson has been "their grandma forever."

"I wanted a black grandma," said the 38-year-old nursing agency employee who has fostered some 20 children since 1983. "I wanted LaToya to understand that there is all kinds of different people in this world."

Tanner doesn't want LaToya raised in a solely white atmosphere. When on excursions, people still raise eyebrows, but the Tanners enjoy the public's curiosity. Granny goes with them to the malls or the supermarket.

Then there are the private moments just between LaToya and Roberson which occur often during long walks.

"We wanted someone who makes LaToya feel special," Tanner said.

Who benefits most

But who is giving and who is receiving cannot always be deciphered in FGP. The child becomes stimulated by their new friend and the relationship which cultivates a sense of self-confidence and self-control. The senior in turn has re-established his or her self-worth and looks forward to their foster grandchild and determined goal.

Roberson, called Big Mama by her own grandchildren, advises those alone and passed 60 to consider the benefits of FGP.

"It'll give them life," she said. "They can get up in the morning and get ready to go somewhere. That's what keeps us (seniors) going."

"It's something to do; they've lost their spouse and they want to be busy," are some of the reasons for joining the program, according to Dorothy Smith, one of three supervisors in charge of interviewing and placing some 300 grandparents in western and southern Wayne county. There is another motivating factor that attracts the seniors — non-taxable income.

Eligible seniors serve 20 hours per week after a 40-hour orientation, followed by future, four-hour monthly in-serve training sessions. Besides an annual physical and a workday meal, the foster grandparents receive a small, non-taxable stipend of \$49 a week which doesn't affect the amount of social security income or eligibility for other government aid programs.

That aspect played a key role in Sarah Torigan's decision to call after seeing a story about the group in 1971.

Torigan was tired of sitting home and was glad to go to work although she was a little apprehensive. But she was delighted about another perk most people would enjoy but rarely experience as a benefit — transportation. She doesn't drive.

Getting there

"We try to place them as close to home as possible," said Smith. "We have a couple of vans and do car pooling. Our problem is getting funds and drivers. There are very few sites that can provide transportation."

Seniors get \$1.65 per day when they transport themselves and receive an additional 20 cents per mile for taking other participants. Yet, only 10 percent can do that, according to Smith.

But because transportation hasn't been an issue for Torigan thus far, one wouldn't be able to stop her from caring for the youngsters at the Methodist Children's Village Home in Redford.

"I'm grandma for the cottage," said Torigan. She and eight other grandparents try to create some stability for the emotionally disturbed youth in the home's cottage setting. She has eight "grandchildren."

"Most of the children are there a year and then are transferred into foster homes," she said. "Some were very badly abused and now we are getting kids who are extremely delinquent or on drugs."

"They feel free to ask me anything. If I make a comment, I know it's not being ignored. They do pay attention."

"Regardless of their problems, the children's attitude toward the grandparents and their language around them is much different than when they are not on the job," Smith said. "There is very little 'bad' language

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Stars 'shine' for Angela Hospice

The stars were out even though Mother Nature served up a blast of chilly fall weather for what has become an annual gala, the recent Angela Hospice Home Care "Light Up a Life" benefit.

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, more than 600 patrons packed Jacobson's Laurel Park store for some early holiday shopping and a feast of foods fit for royalty.

"I believe we did as well as last year; everything went so smoothly," said Carolyn DiComo, who chaired the event. "All the guests stars want to come back next year."

According to DiComo, the club raised some \$20,000 for Angela Hospice, close to what was raised at last year's benefit. And the success of this year's endeavor has confirmed it as "a yearly thing," she said.

That was music to the ears of Sister Giovanni who was on hand to thank supporters and share in the revelry.

For the party goes, there was plenty to do. Restaurants like Matt Brady's Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills, D. Denison's, Olive Garden and Ponte d'Amore in Livonia and MacKinnon's in Northville provided the entrees, while sweets came from



Center stage: Wayne County Commissioner Bryan Amann was a show stopper in a black and maroon-striped bathrobe and matching boxers shorts by Christian Dior.

See HOSPICE, 2H



Good eats: Betty Erickson (from left), Linda Taylor and Jim Plakas prepare a plate of food at Plakas' restaurant, Plymouth Landing in Plymouth.

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the Pastry Palace in Novi and Lorie's Confectionery-Yours in Livonia and fresh fruits from Joe's Produce in Livonia.

And when not eating, they got hints on trimming their trees and what's hot in accessories and watched as artist Dorothy Petroff created goose egg ornaments.

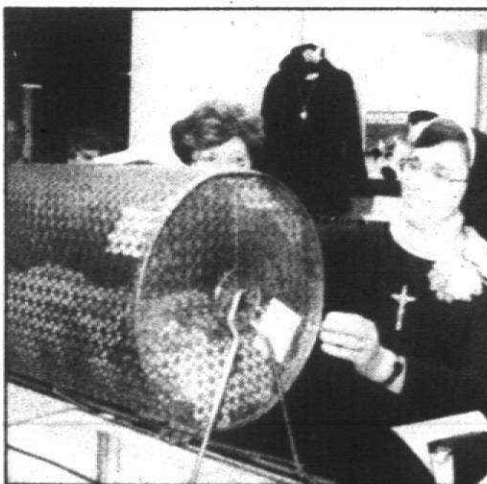
The piece de resistance was holiday fashions, featuring the likes of Miss Michigan Terri Sue Lyford who caused a stir in plaid sequined dress. Joining her on the runway was Kristi Krueger of WDIV-TV, making her second appearance at the benefit and getting oohs and aahs for her black velvet halter dress with satin collar.

But the ladies' fashion show was sedate compared to the men's portion.

Setting the tone was Detroit Tigers announcer Rick Rizzo, who during his first modeling assignment showed he had the moves of John Travolta and the moonwalking technique of Michael Jackson while on the runway.

He shared the runway with his more sedate, and soon-to-be married, microphone cohort, Bob Rathbun, Schoolcraft College president Dick McDowell and Channel 4 weatherman Paul Cross, who jokingly asked his wife if he could keep his pricey western style outfit.

Scene stealers were Livonia Mayor Robert Bennett who flashed the audience a secret message while modeling a Burberry trenchcoat — "Not paid for at government expense" — and Wayne County commissioner



Quick draw: Sr. Giovanni dug deep in the drum to come up with the first of several winning raffle tickets.

Writer takes path of least resistance



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green,
I was born in March of 1935 — am right handed and sign my name differently at various times. My handwriting varies a lot. There are times when I print exclusively and times when I mix printing and cursive writing.

It seems as if the type of pen or pencil that I would be using helps to decide which it will be. For example, I like a heavy felt tipped pen: then I would write like this: (Printed sample).

V.B., Farmington Hills

Charisma and tact quickly come into focus as I study this handwriting. The writer can accommodate herself to one person's views and then another's. She is flexible and follows a path of least resistance, never wanting to cause a ripple of discord.

She has little difficulty adapting to the prevailing conditions and is ready to take advantage of new situations. She is oppor-

tunistic in a productive sense. Clever, ambitious and flexible, she is often able to avoid regulations in general. She is a person of resourcefulness and efficient use of her time. Redundancy and routines that do not challenge her imagination are not very appealing. Details are not her favorite thing either.

This is a creative woman. Her choice of a felt tip pen suggests a sensuous nature. And printing is often an indication of art aptitude.

Our writer is people oriented and seeks a broad range of activities. Without variety in her routine, restlessness can take over. Her independent nature dislikes restrictions. She is happiest doing her own thing. When involved in things she most enjoys, her enthusiasm can quickly spread to others.

Her generosity is not entirely altruistic. Some things are done for the recognition that will return to her. Occasionally, she may use her empathy and understanding as a way of manipulating others.

Personal criticism can be hurtful to this writer. Her tactful manners, however, probably allow her to cover it very well. Few others may even be aware of this sensitivity.

Some resentment here tells us the writer has not been completely able to work through some past hurts. As a result, her guard is up with some people to prevent being taken advantage of any longer.

At the time this letter was written, there appeared to be some unhappiness. Something in her life was not as she might like it to be.

One thing which is most unusual and puzzling to me is why she feels the need to have three different signatures. I wish she would share her reasoning with

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"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."

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me for learning purposes.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are helpful. If you have different styles of handwriting please send samples of each. And objective feedback is always welcome.

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used in their presence. They seem to have a great deal of respect for their grandparents.

Torigan was a bit apprehensive of her first assignment at the Plymouth State Home which later became her inspiration. The experience required simple ingenuity that created a lasting sense of pride.

"They were retarded and I didn't know how to handle them," said the 81-year-old grandmother.

"The very first boy was 10, severely retarded and blind. He heard but would not talk. They said to me, 'Here, grandma, make him talk.'"

"If the professionals couldn't make him talk, I don't think I

can," she told them, only to be told that "your experience is different from professionals."

So Grandma Sarah brainstormed an idea using her ethnic background. She began to speak to him in her native Armenian and sang a nursery rhyme to him everyday. One day she decided she wouldn't sing the next word of one line: he did.

"That showed he was listening to me."

She is still curious about the child, now grown man in his 30s, who shortly after that incident was sent to a foster home in Troy.

"You do miss them, but on the other hand, I'm glad that they are going to something better," she

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The local program is 90 percent female and welcomes more grandfathers. Interested volunteers must be at least 60 years of age, physically able to participate 20 hours a week plus orientation and monthly training. The person

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years old and weighs more than 300 pounds. When it was his time to try out for a sport that he possibly felt he would be "just right" for, he was rejected. The coach informed him there was no one his size he could wrestle. The hurt and disappointment was immediately shown and shared by his fellow classmates.

I share this to help parents to understand and recognize that obesity in children plays a negative role in good self-esteem. Part of promoting good health physi-

cally involves feeding the mind good food thoughts. If a child's perception of himself or herself is fat, and it is confirmed when looking in the mirror, it does affect interactions with others and how they react and evaluate themselves.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mail box number 1883, on a touch tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eclectic Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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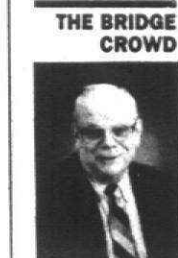
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Reibels can play with enthusiasm



WOODY BOYD

Two in our bridge midst that I have become fond of are Karl and Louise Reibel of Bloomfield Hills. Never will they match the partnership proficiency of the famous Schenken pair (Howard and Bee), but very few among the Mr. and Mrs. playing today have that talent. Their enthusiasm is certainly the Schenken's equal.

I know few people who enjoy duplicate and their bridge-playing friends as much as the Reibels do. In fact, the Reibels got so involved a few years ago they became schooled in the A.C.B.L. director lessons so they could open their own game. Today, their Friday evening game at the Troy Civic Center is without question the most-popular game east of Woodward in Oakland County.

Never are there less than 20 tables playing, and that can on occasion be many more. Louise kiddingly claims "Thank God, it's Friday" was first spoken by those who looked forward to their enjoyable Troy game. Whether this has credence, I'm not sure, but the Reibel two direct a very good game. Call Karl or Louise at 932-1737 if you would like a reservation.

I asked them recently, what next to their children was their third love? Taking friends to their Canadian bridge hideaway was one. Also, bridge cruising when Karl can get away from his legal practice long enough and traveling to two or three of the year's major tournaments. The Reibels, one must conclude, love the game and the many wonderful people who participate.

I try to make their game at least once a month, for it is always a source of great hands for this column and a chance to enjoy many wonderful participants. One Friday night last spring, Karl was holding court 40 minutes before game time when I ambled in to see what in the world he was quietly preaching. Karl had taken one of Ben Franklin's quotes in his lecture to the group around him and changed it just enough to make a very fine point about our playing judgment, which is so important. "The difficulty about bridge rules is to know when to invoke and when not to." Stated another way, as Karl concisely put it, "There are two ways to slide through your early years of bridge; to believe every rule or to doubt every rule. Either way saves one from thinking."

Someone once asked me who of the two was the best, and I deferred that by saying Louise was an excellent catcher. Since the day the curtain went up on the Reibel partnership, Karl has never been shy about bidding and Louise therefore has learned to temper her calls accordingly. Take today's magnificent 24 H.C.P. Karl was dealt and it's like putting the German's First World War 'Big Bertha' in a duck marsh loaded with cannavascks. Karl wanted at least a dozen for dinner with one shot when he fired. To do so, you've got to be a darn good shot. Watch his aim on this one.

E Karl W Louise
— 2♦ — 2♦(1)
— 2♥ — 3♦(2)
— 6♥ —

N/S vulnerable ♠ 10 7 2 ♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 5 4 3 2 ♥ 9
♦ 8 8 2 ♦ 10 5
♣ 8 6 5 ♣ K J 10 4 2

Louise ♠ A Q ♠ A Q K 10 7 6
♥ A Q ♥ K 9 6
♦ A Q ♦ A Q
Karl ♠ A Q ♠ A Q K 10 7 6
♥ A Q ♥ K 9 6
♦ A Q ♦ A Q

W. led ♠ Ace
After West's diamond ace one can see that Karl's perils exceeded Pauline's. He needed two entries to dummy for any chance to succeed, and where were they so that he could attempt with black suit finesses? East followed West's opening lead with the diamond five, and Karl saw no use for his king, so played it! Any kibitzer might have been shocked with declarer wasting a winner. At trick two, East switched to a trump and Karl won it and played five more with nothing better to do. On his sixth heart at trick (7), East, not realizing its importance, jettisoned his diamond 10. At trick (8), Karl pounced on East's misdeed and played his diamond six to dummy's eight, successfully finessing West's jack. Now the spade finesse, and at trick (11) back to dummy's diamond queen. At trick (12), the club finesse and success. West was extremely exercised and said so. "You're the luckiest player I know. Three finesses to bring home your contract." Karl agreed, and stated, "I believe in luck. The better I play, the more I have of it."

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township. To leave a message for Boyd, from a touch-tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1853.

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Getting ready: Cheryl Laubacher, Community Literacy Council executive director (left), and Mary Kay Frey, adult education coordinator, are among those looking forward to the plant sale. The sale will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

Literacy Council blooms for holidays

By JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Poinsettias are a standard Christmas gift, but that doesn't mean you can't do any good when you buy them in December. The Community Literacy Council will be selling poinsettias and carnations 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

Plants, available in a variety of colors, will be sold in the Fred Hill store space, 336 S. Main, north of Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. For information, call 451-6555.

Proceeds will support the work of the council, a non-profit organization which provides free tutoring assistance in the Plymouth-Canton community. Cheryl Laubacher, current council executive director, and others are looking forward to the plant sale.

Laubacher, who is expecting a baby in the spring, will soon be leaving the Community Literacy Council. She and her husband decided that having a second child would make it impossible for her to continue with her job duties. "I have mixed feelings," she

Plymouth Township resident said. "A lot has happened since I took the job."

She began work as executive director of the council in October 1991, and has worked 20-30 hours per week primarily in the areas of program development, administration and fund-raising.

"I think it's a great job,"

Applications for the job will be accepted until January. Laubacher intends to work through March, including spending some time working side by side with her

successor. Specific job duties change some, depending on funding and special projects, she said. The job's well-suited to someone who's familiar with the community and its resources, and teacher certification isn't required.

Plymouth-Canton Community Education staffers at Starkweather Center in Plymouth help a great deal with educational areas, Laubacher added. For more information, contact the Community Literacy Council Inc., 550 N. Holbrook, Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

Lecture series looks at presidents' wives

The Plymouth Historical Society will sponsor a lecture series on "The Presidents' Wives." Lectures will be led by area resident Dr. Martin Brosnan.

The series will include slides and lectures. Programs will complement the special exhibition of inaugural ball gowns now on display at the museum, 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth, through Jan. 24. The exhibit features 14 reproductions of inaugural gowns worn by First Ladies.

Lectures by Brosnan will feature:
■ Part I, Dec. 6, special Christmas open house 1-5 p.m., 2 p.m. lecture on "Martha Washington to President Buchanan."
■ Part II, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14, "Mary Todd Lincoln to Edith

Wilson."
■ Part III, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11, "Florence Harding to Barbara Bush."

Lectures are free and open to the public, although donations will be accepted.

Open hours for the museum exhibit are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

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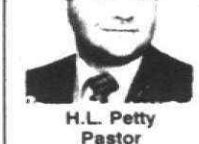
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42690 Cherry Hill in Canton, will have Advent services 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Light suppers will be served before all

Sioux storyteller brings Indian life to suburbia

BY JOANNE SOBCEK
SPECIAL WRITER

Luie Blue Coat. Is that a stage name or what?
He is sort of an entertainer. A storyteller, he says of himself. So, we all can tell a good story once in awhile. But his is a bit different. He says he's going professional and with a little help the Lord.

Luie Blue Coat is a Sioux Indian on a mission in more ways than one. Blue Coat, a 25-year-old Episcopal lay person from northwestern South Dakota, was a guest of the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia in November. He was the first of a series of representatives from different Christian cultures to serve as an ecumenical parish associate.

The program is financed partially by the parish as well as by the Synod of the Covenant (the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. regional office for Ohio and Michigan).

"He (Blue Coat) was invited to participate in any church function," said Sarah Shoemaker, chairperson of the Church and Society Committee at St. Paul's, "but he especially worked with youth groups."

The program, initially entitled the Ecumenical Pastor's Program, began in the early 1970s in Buffalo, N.Y., when a young minister participated in a British-American "pulpit exchange." Afterwards, invitations were extended to ministers from denominations such as the Church of Indonesia, Church of Scotland, Black Methodist Church of South Africa and Free Church of Sweden.

Then in 1977, the program's format changed and various church leaders were invited but only one was a pastor, thus, the title became Ecumenical Parish Program.

Each year the Synod attempts to make available to selected congregations 6-10 overseas leaders. St. Paul's was one in four churches in the Synod to host an ecumenical associate this year. Since this is the bicentennial of Columbus' arrival in the New World, native Americans from the U.S. and Canada were chosen.

Involved with youth
Blue Coat, who has been involved in several youth projects, was the former youth director for the Standing Rock reservation in South Dakota. While in Livonia area, he made presentations in the schools and helped out at a parish-supported soup kitchen and enrichment center in Detroit.

Ninety-nine point nine percent American Indian and 1 percent French, Blue Coat is part of a present 34,000 Sioux population in the northwest, about 15,000 live in the Dakotas. "Sioux," which according to Blue Coat, means "those people" or "that kind," was the white man's term for his ancestors but the tribe called itself "Lakota," meaning "human being" and "first people."

His name is very original. Indians of the past did not have first and last names.
"My great, great, great grandfather, Eagle Woman, met a man who was a Northern Civil War soldier. He was running away from the law because he set some

slaves free and came up to South Dakota," Blue Coat begins the story (and he has many to tell). "Eventually, they got married. It was a common law marriage back then because one could not make it official."

"He had to return to the east, but never came back. She wore the blue (uniform) jacket all the time and then changed her name from Eagle Woman to Blue Coat."

He lives with his parents, sister and niece on the Cheyenne River Sioux Nation Reservation, about 100 miles from Pierre, S.D.

For the kids
Blue Coat loves "working with kids" and has participated in many children's summer camps and retreats, including school activities at the Standing Rock Mission. He was quite thrilled with his recent encounter at the Bryant Junior High School in Livonia where he was "drilled" by seventh and eighth graders.

"I enjoyed their questions; I'll mention religion but I talk mostly about my native culture," he said, adding that "I don't get into politics."

The young Sioux first introduced himself to his school audience and then talked about his days on the reservation while creating a "dream catcher."

Blue Coat weaved a circle from real sinew (a brown, dental floss-like thread made from cow intestines) in a beautifully structured web-like design which maintains its excess thread. The thread is then attached to a group of feathers which hang above the dreamer's head.

The dream catcher filters out the bad dreams and catches the good dreams, transferring them down the descending string into the feathers, penetrating the subconscious fantasies of the dreamer.

The grand finale was a Blue Coat's story. His expertise and favorites, he claims, are ghost stories. He has learned many of them from his grandmother, the daughter of a medicine man.

"I tell stories that I think should be heard," Blue Coat said of the legends that capture his listeners' attention.

Blue Coat belongs to a group of Indians called the Gray Eagle Society. This organization, which collectively tries to preserve the Sioux heritage, graduates professional storytellers unique to his tribe. This is serious stuff among his people, so much so that a storyteller actually has to pass a test.

one holler into the distance. It was a long wail. He looked to see if anyone was around and saw no one. So he thought, "I'd better check this out. Somebody might be in trouble." So he turned the wagon to the south.

About a half mile or so, the snow began to fall heavier. He could see more than a couple hundred yards in front of him.

"Is anybody here? Is anyone out there?" he screamed. There was no answer. As he returned to the original path, he hears the cry again - a long wail that was shrill in pitch and became lower. Once again he turned the buckboard around.

The snow now whipping his face, he could see a horse a little harder so he could see who it was. Seeing a dark blurred figure up ahead, he chased it. Stopping abruptly, it was gone and he was lost. Trying to retrace his steps, he failed at finding the path. The sound behind him became louder. This time he hoped whoever it was could help him because he could not find his way back.

"Hey, I don't know who you are out there. Do you know which way I am going? Could you give me some help?" he shouted. He looked down and saw his buggy tracks in the snow but next to them were deer prints.

Spirits were quite common even then, so he picked up his gun and screamed, "Leave me alone. I have enough trouble as is." He

As he began to ride off, he heard some-

services. Remaining services will be Dec. 9 and Dec. 16. A hymn sing will begin each service. For more information, call 981-0286.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene will have its Christmas musical drama "The King" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, Northville Township. Created and arranged by David Clydesdale, "The King" tells the story of a Jewish leader who is asked by Herod to search the Holy Scriptures for the time and place of the Messiah's birth.

CHORAL CELEBRATION
On Friday, Dec. 4, the Ward Chamber Choir will host the annual Korean Christmas concert to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission, the soup kitchen and Focus:HOPE. The concert will start 8 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at the corner of Six Mile in Livonia.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place will present "Celebrate," a workshop on forgiveness with Ray Maloney, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. Donation



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Indian tale:
Sioux Indian Luie Blue Coat reads a story to Kyle Kmiecik, 9, (from left), Raymond Lapierre, 9½, Jason Schmeichel, 10, and parent Roberta Lapierre.

Blue Coat said.

Whip up a story
He can whip up a whole tale at the snap of a finger, "but I don't like to do that. I like to reach into my mind and grab a story."

Blue Coat concocts a host of actions and sounds to set the mood for his youthful audience. Sometimes the stories have a moral but not necessarily, "they're just to keep the kids in the teepees at night instead of them running around all over the place."

The adults who come into contact with the Indian have different questions on their minds.

One popular question is what life is like on a reservation. He describes their presuppositions: "Life on reservations is better than the city. We have no homeless nor extreme poverty. The reservation is very family-oriented. Everyone on the Cheyenne reservation in related in one way or another," he said.

While in Livonia though, Blue Coat lived with St. Paul's parishioners Roy and Barbara Birmingham who shared company with Blue Coat his first days in the metro Detroit. The last half of his visit was with Beth Stafford and her children.

The Sioux were very spiritual. "I believe in forgiving and forgetting and we can start over again," said Blue Coat. "Not very many people believe in this. My dad instilled that (philosophy) in me when I was a young boy."

"I'm sorry," grandfather sympathized as they turned around the bend. There were a group of trees ahead where there began to appear similar gray moving objects.

"Why don't you come and stay with us," he suggested. Then he inquired, "Is that where you live?"

"Yes," she replied. "And I can handle it." "We can give you extra wood. And I just got some more meat," he said motioning in the direction of the deer carcasses. She looked back at the dead animals and screamed. Quickly jumping off the wagon, she ran and disappeared into the snow.

"What are you doing out here," he shouted to her. "I'm lost," she yelled back. "Can you help me find my home?"

He put her on the buckboard and asked, "Did you see anything up there?" "No," she answered, "I haven't seen anything all day." Grandfather was skeptical. She had to have seen something.

Nearing home, she said she lived a little ways off to the right. "Where exactly do you live?" he inquired. "I've never seen any houses or teepees out this way."

"I've lived here a long time," she replied. "It's funny; I've never seen you before. Whose family are you from?" he asked. "My family was killed a year ago," she answered.

from South Africa where he preached in several churches. For more information, call 476-7933 or 476-4655.

YULE CONCERT
The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Livonia native Donald Stromberg, will present its annual holiday concert, "Gloria," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church, at Main. The concert will include works by John Rutter and will feature his "Gloria," accompanied by a brass ensemble. Other works will also be performed. Tickets are \$4 general admission, \$2 for students. For more information, call Shari Clason, choir president, at 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services, 462-4448.

NEW MEMORIES
At 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will present a panel discussion, "Ghosts of Christmas Past: Making New Memories with Laura Seal of the Samaritan Counseling Center. This program will focus on creating meaningful alternatives when life changes make old traditions impossible.

Child care is provided. For more information, call 422-0149.

VIVALDI'S "GLORIA"
On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Livonia Symphony Orchestra will accompany the Ward Chamber Choir in a program of holiday music that will highlight a performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria." The concert will also feature hand bell music by the Ward Chancel Ringers. Tickets are \$10. The concert will take place at the Livonia Church-Ill auditorium, on Newburg, between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail. For information, call 422-1150.

MUSIC MINISTRY
Dave and Barb Anderson, with Cary Dietzsch on the keyboards, will perform in concert at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, Dec. 6, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

The Andersons have enlightened the hearts of many people with their unique ministry in song and the spoken word. They have presented nearly 180 concerts a year throughout the U.S., Australia and other parts of the world.

CUMBERLAND BOYS
The Cumberland Boys Gospel Quartet from Opryland USA in

Nashville, Tenn., will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia.

The group performs at Opryland USA during the park's operating season. During the winter months, they take their performance on the road and share their

Let's light 1 candle for peace, equality

MORAL PERSPECTIVES



REV. KATE
THORESEN

There is a wise old proverb that says "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

An incidence happened in New Orleans recently that brought home this timeless truth. My husband and I were waiting at a street car stop. The African-American gentleman next to us started up a conversation. "Where are you from?" he politely asked.

"We're from Detroit."

"Dee-troit? Well, how do you like that! I was just there last August."

"Oh really? What brought you to Detroit?"

"I was there for the national meeting of the Progressive National Baptist Convention."

"Oh, over at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church?"

His eyes got big. "How do YOU know about Hartford?" he asked seemingly amazed.

My husband explained that I was on the faculty at the Hartford Institute for Biblical Studies. The staff of this dynamic 7,000-member congregation is intentionally creating significant interracial and interdenominational ties throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

The man's eyes opened even wider in apparent astonishment at the idea of a white woman working with a prominent black congregation. He broke into wide grin. "Well, praise the Lord!" he marveled.

"You know, the Rev. Dr. Charles Adams is one of the greatest preachers in the entire United States! Now you be sure to tell Dr. Adams that the Rev. Edmund Walker of New Orleans sends his greetings to him and to that fine congregation!"

The incredible connection in this coincidental meeting transformed us from just seeing each other on the outside — an African-American man and two white tourists waiting for a street car.

There was instead a warm recognition of an inner light, a light which connected us as beloved children of the Living God.

Rev. Walker lit a candle and drove away the darkness of the barriers often created by external appearances and quick assumptions that we have nothing in common. He reached out and lit the candle that can overcome the darkness of racism and segregation.

He lit a candle that still glows — all the way up here in Michigan. He reminded us, in a powerful way, that there are certain lights in the human spirit — lights of hope, peace, love and amazed joy — that transcend artificial barriers.

These lights allow us to look beyond materialism and find intrinsic worth in every human being. We can look beyond status and find basic human dignity to be esteemed and respected. We can discover the most dazzling luminescent human spirit right before our eyes.

The challenge before us this season and in this Detroit metropolitan area is to find concrete ways that we can reach across the barriers of race and segregation. Through our actions and attitudes, we can light candles of hope, love, joy, peace, equality and true goodwill.

We can learn to listen to each other and perhaps become advocates for one another. We can help sponsor economic redevelopment programs. We can engage in volunteer work together. We can refuse to condone racist, sexist or any kind of discriminatory language. We can point to the positive and invite others to experience the dynamic vitality that is present in the city.

As people keep lighting these candles, metropolitan Detroit will glow brightly, a dazzling beacon of hope. And light will overcome the darkness.

Rev. Kate Thoresen is director of Partnership Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

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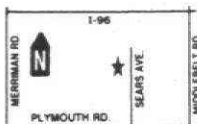


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