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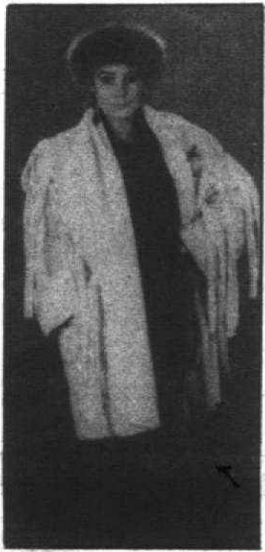
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Parents seek return to basics



A growing number of parents are voicing their opposition to the developmental approach being used in Plymouth-Canton elementary schools. They say students aren't learning the basics.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Parents upset about the developmental approach being used in their children's elementary schools addressed their concerns to Plymouth-Canton school board members and a packed board room Monday.

Parent Jim Mills presented a petition requesting that the board investigate and schedule a workshop on developmental education. Signatures totaled 124 "with more coming."

Mills, who has a fourth-grader and a first-grader at Bird Elementary, says the developmental approach, which emphasizes learning at individual rates, isn't working. Students aren't getting the basic math and reading skills they need, he said.

"Phonics is verboten. This system teaches children words by rote. The current approach of this administration emphasizes the social, emotional and physical growth of my children," added Mills. "Excuse me, but that's my job."

"I have sent my children to the Plymouth-Canton schools to learn how to read to write, do arithmetic and learn how to think."

"We've been told that this program boasts of the wonderful sense of self-esteem children feel. If you could see what the first part of our daughter's fourth-grade year has done to her confidence, you would know that is now a failure."

Mills says administration has advised him to have his child tested. "I do not have a problem with any of my children," he said. "None of them are learning disabled. They are teaching disabled."

SCHOOLS

Given the developmental philosophy, class sizes well over 30 and the associated behavioral problems, it's difficult to track students' progress, parents say.

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A sweet hug



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday cheer: Marisa Bradley, a Gallimore Elementary fifth-grader, gets a hug from Canton Place resident Julia Lenander, after students presented gift of candy to the senior residents. Students who participated in the sweet presentation were from Joann Bogard's fourth- and fifth-graders, Joyce Silber's third-graders and Bonnie Miller's kindergartners at Gallimore.

Trustees take a look at '93 'wish lists'

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Canton department heads announced their New Year's goals for Canton Tuesday.

Trustees reviewed their wish lists at a study session. And if they come true, Canton residents will see a lot of changes in 1993.

For instance, the public safety director wants to "study" joint police and fire services among area communities.

Director John Santomauro said he also wants to study the consolidation of services, like the jail and central records, as well as the creation of an investigations bureau and/or major crimes unit.

Water meter replacement is top on the list for Financial Services Manager Susan Kopinski and Administra-

'They put the smart gun outside the house and it reads the inside meter, and you get an accurate reading all the time.'

Susan Kopinski
financial manager

tive Services Director Daniel Durack.

The board has already approved the purchase of new meter-reading equipment in new subdivisions. The next step is to decide if, when and how to replace meters for the entire township.

Currently the water meter readers walk from house to house and write readings in their books. Sometime early next year readers will use handheld computers to punch in readings.

Earlier this year the board ap-

proved buying new meters with a touch pad that provides accurate readings from the outside of houses. In the past, there were discrepancies between some outside readings and inside readings.

"They put the smart gun outside the house and it reads the inside meter, and you get an accurate reading all the time," Kopinski said. "You don't have to worry about slow downs and weather conditions."

"Right now it's going in new subdi-

visions and we're asking for a replacement program for the rest of the meters," Kopinski said.

The department has already spent \$28,400 on computer software and new meter equipment.

Community involvement was the focus of Supervisor Thomas Yack's broad goals.

Yack said he hopes to "review, add, delete and realign" committees, boards and commissions; increase citizen involvement; and create diversity in volunteer efforts.

Yack also said he hopes to develop a volunteer center and initiate a strategy to enhance Ford Road as Canton's shopping district.

The supervisor said he also wants to increase Canton's recreational facilities and identify ways to improve Canton's image.

Students get lesson about life as a judge

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of Close Up students gained insight into what it's like to wear a robe for a living at Plymouth Canton High School last week.

Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court visited the hands-on government classes, fielding questions, and describing his job and activities common to district court.

The 35th District Court serves five communities extending from

south of Michigan Avenue to north of Eight Mile into Oakland County. Its yearly caseload of 43,000 files makes it the third busiest court in Wayne County behind 36th District Court and 19th District Court in Dearborn.

"We handle 11,000 drunk driving cases a year," said Garber, elected to the bench 14 years ago. "OUIL (operating while under the influence of liquor) is what we see most of, with the possible excep-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Job talk: Judge James Garber of the 35th District Court tells Plymouth Canton High School students about his job, including some of the more bizarre cases he's presided over.

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tion of DWLS (driving while license is suspended). There are days I sit there and I think, 'I'm the only person in the state of Michigan who has a valid driver's license. Am I really doing any good?'

Formerly chief trial lawyer for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Garber also worked as staff attorney for the county road commission, ran the Detroit Police Academy, practiced law, and served as a lobbyist in Lansing.

Garber graduated from Detroit public schools, Albion College and University of Michigan Law School. He's been a Plymouth resident since 1953 and is working on a master's law degree from the University of Nevada-Reno. The judge recently completed his thesis, choosing assisted suicide for his topic.

Most bizarre case

Garber is asked so often to sign search warrants that he installed a fax machine in his bedroom. He said one of the most memorable warrants he ever signed gave Canton police authority to open a freezer in the home of Leonard Tyburski.

They made the gruesome discovery of the body of Tyburski's wife.

Garber, who handled Tyburski's preliminary exam, called the case the most bizarre he's ever handled. Tyburski was convicted of murdering his wife but recently was granted a new trial.

Asked whether he ever receives death threats, Garber said, "Yes, as recently as 48 hours ago; against me and my court reporter. The woman told her lawyer she was getting frustrated and maybe what she should do is go shoot the judge and court reporter."

Garber said he can't count the number of threats he's received. "I don't think about them; I don't worry about them. People who voice a death threat aren't going to do it."

It's the people who don't announce their intentions who need to worry about, said Garber. "But if I worried about it, I'd end up at Northville hospital with one of those funny jackets on."

Students asked Garber about his work in the field of assisted suicide. The judge said he traced the law to ancient Rome, looking at the state's compelling interest

to preserve human life.

The question, he said, boils down to, "When does the state's right to refuse treatment?"

Garber said he's discussed the issue with Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the local pathologist who's helped six women commit suicide. "I've talked with him on the phone several times. He's not a very charismatic person; he's rather a disasteful person."

Garber said the law prohibiting assisted suicide recently passed by the Michigan Legislature is faulty. "It's very bad law. We have to discuss it in further detail," said the judge. A predominant problem with the law is that it lumps into one category cases like Kevorkian's, where a terminally ill person has been assisted in death — and situations in which people are alive only because they are hooked up to life-sustaining machines.

"Under this bill, it's conceivable that a person who turned that switch off could be charged with first degree murder because it covers both scenarios," said Garber. "I hope the Legislature doesn't think they solved the problem with that law."

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"We as parents need evidence of the accountability of the developmental philosophy and the curriculum that's been based on this approach," said Mills, adding that it would be helpful to survey teachers anonymously to get their opinions.

Michael Janz of Plymouth Township told the board he applauds the basic tools his eighth-grader was given "to achieve her success today as an honor student. However, I am greatly concerned that my fourth-grade daughter, whose entire elementary education has been under the current developmental philosophy, has not enjoyed those same advantages."

"I do not pretend to know why this system does not work, nor how to fix it, anymore than I know how an engineer has designed my car, but I know when it doesn't work. Therefore I urge you to support the proposal we bring before you tonight," he said.

Ray Tobin is the parent of two students at Field Elementary. He said he's angry that the schools are "recognizing and emphasizing the cognitive, emotional, social and physical growth of students" at the expense of teaching basics.

"When my fourth-grader was in third grade, he wasn't even getting spelling tests. The teacher said, 'We aren't allowed to give them.' My child spells the word

'what' w-h-t; without a single vowel. 'I have a fourth-grader who can't multiply,' Tobin said. "How is he going to get a job when he can't even pass a skills exam?"

Tobin said his sons are smart, but aren't learning anything. "They're being baby-sat. This program doesn't work. Let's go back to what does."

Several citizens and teachers supported the developmental philosophy, including Joanne Lamar, who volunteers at Bird School.

"My fourth grader knows the basics, including math, backwards and forwards," she said.

Canton man hurt in cherry picker mishap

A Canton Township man was seriously injured in a 1 p.m. traffic mishap Monday when he was knocked from the bucket of a cherry picker about 17 feet above the intersection of Northland Drive and Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

Richard Kneiding, 46, of Canton, and co-worker Maynard Myers, 44, of Ohio were in the bucket installing a traffic light when a semi tractor-trailer truck tried to pass under it.

"The semi hit the bottom of the bucket and both men were knocked out," according to Southfield police spokesman L.A. Moore.

Kneiding fell to the pavement, sustaining broken ribs and a collapsed lung, said Moore. He remained in the intensive care unit at Providence Hospital Wednesday. His condition was listed as serious.

Myers landed on the top of the trailer and sustained less

serious injuries. He was treated at Providence and released. Moore said police are still investigating the accident.

Kneiding and Myers were working for Motor City Electric, which was contracted by the Oakland County Road Commission to install the new traffic signals.

Police said the tractor-trailer was going west on Northland Drive and struck the bucket at the intersection.

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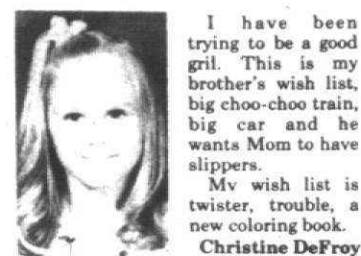
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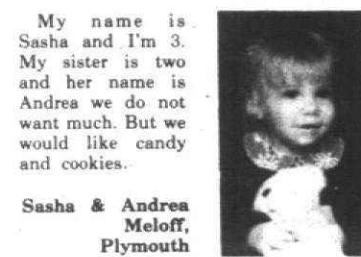
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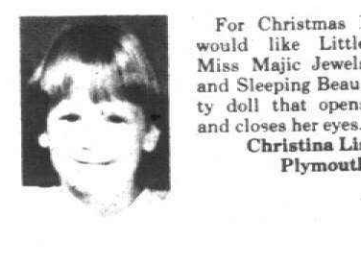
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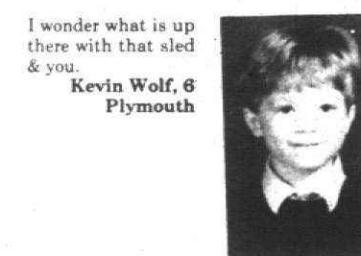
I have been trying to be a good girl. This is my brother's wish list, big car and he wants Mom to have slippers. My wish list is a twisty, trouble, a new coloring book.
Christine DeFroy
Plymouth



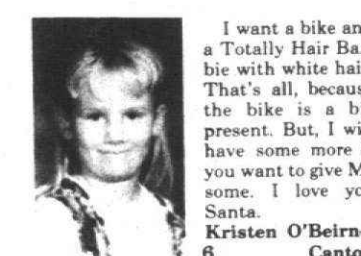
My name is Sasha and I'm 3. My sister is two and her name is Andrea. We do not want much. But we would like candy and cookies.
Sasha & Andrea
Meloff, Plymouth



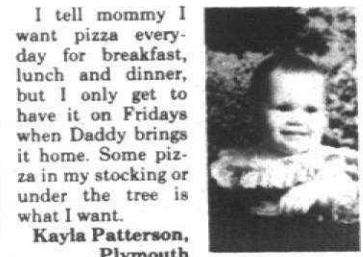
For Christmas I would like Little Miss Muffet, Little Miss Muffet, and Sleeping Beauty doll that opens and closes her eyes.
Christina Lis
Plymouth



I wonder what is up there with that sled & you.
Kevin Wolf, 6
Plymouth



I want a bike and a Totally Hair Barbie with white hair. That's all, because the bike is a big present. But, I will have some more if you want to give me some. I love you.
Kristin O'Beirne, 6
Canton



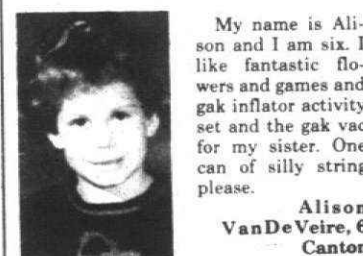
I tell mommy I want pizza every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but I only get to have it on Fridays when Daddy brings it home. Some pizza in my stocking or under the tree is what I want.
Kayla Patterson, Plymouth



Dear Santa, I would like a bike. I would also like the California Roller Blade Baby. I would like the Game Escape Game and Nick-aladdin Color Writer.
Love,
Kimberly Lis, Plymouth



I have been a good girl this year. I would like you to bring my baby sister and me some presents. Merry Christmas!
Kristin Keahl, 6
Plymouth

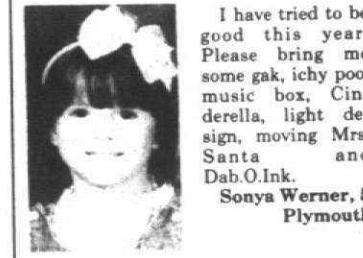


My name is Allison and I am six. I like fantastic flowers and games and gag inflator activity set and the gag vac for my sister. One can of silly string please.
Allison
VanDeVere, 6
Canton

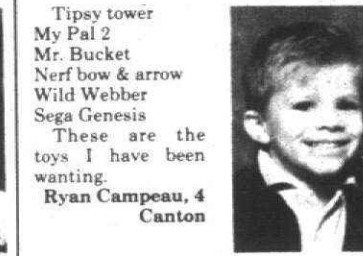
Dear Santa

All the girls and boys who have been good this year are expecting holiday gifts and surprises from Santa Claus on Christmas morning. We asked local youngsters to send the Observer the letters they had written to the jolly elf so we could share them with our readers.

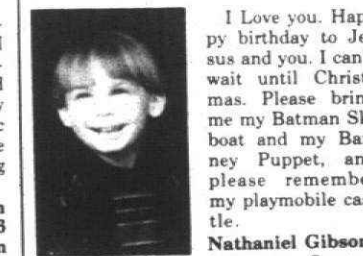
Here are some of the letters with photographs of the writers. We've already forwarded the letters to the North Pole in plenty of time before Christmas. Merry Christmas and here's hoping your wishes come true.



I have tried to be good this year. Please bring me some gag, ichy poo, music box, Cinderella, light sewing kit, a 15 speed mountain bike, a 5 day old kitten, and a key-board.
Sonya Werner, 5
Plymouth



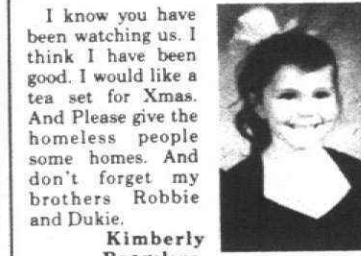
Topsy tower My Pal 2 Mr. Bucket Nerf bow & arrow Wild Webber Sega Genesis These are the toys I have been wanting.
Ryan Campeau, 4
Canton



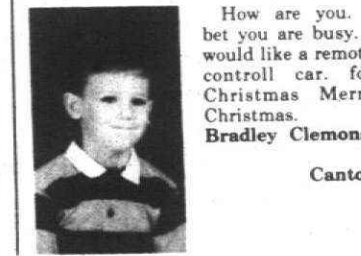
I Love you. Happy birthday to Jesus and you. I can't wait until Christmas. Please bring me my Batman Xmas boat and my Barney Puppet, and please remember my playmobile castle.
Nathaniel Gibson, 4
Canton



I've been good this year. For Christmas I want a computer, a TV with a VCR, trols, a Samantha doll, a sewing kit, a 15 speed mountain bike, a 5 day old kitten, and a key-board.
Alexandra Marie
Derian-Toth, 7
Plymouth



I know you have been watching us. I think I have been good. I would like a tea set for Xmas. And Please give the homeless people some homes. And don't forget my brothers Robbie and Duke.
Kimberly
Bragalone, 5
Canton



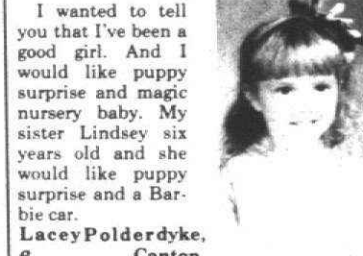
How are you. I bet you are busy. I would like a remote control car. For Christmas Merry Christmas.
Bradley Clemons, 5
Canton



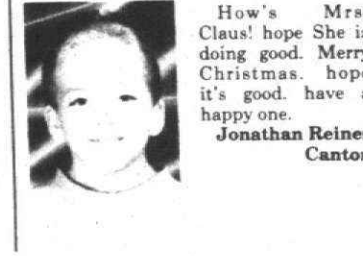
I have been very good this year. Please bring me Kitty Surprise and Ya-Hoo Buckaroo! I will have two Christmas trees. One in my family room, and one in my living room.
Janine Korovesis
Plymouth Township



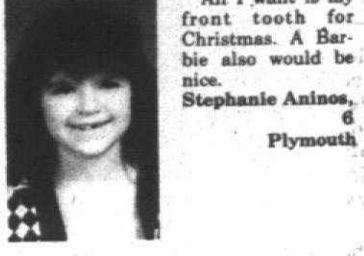
This Christmas I would like a Big Bird sewing machine, a train that really moves, Lincoln logs, a black and white puppy surprise, a Mr. Potato Head.
Maureen Bohr, 4
Plymouth



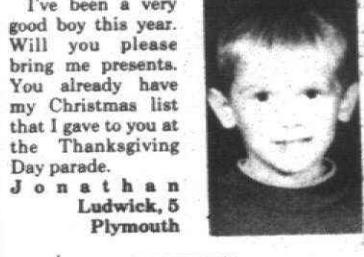
I wanted to tell you that I've been a good girl. And I would like puppy surprise and magic nursery baby. My sister Lindsey six years old and she would like puppy surprise and a Barbie car.
Lacey Polderdyke, 6
Canton



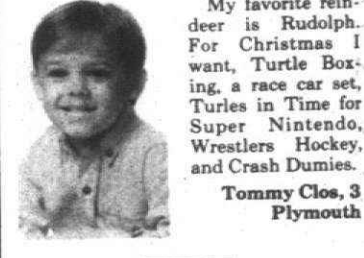
How's Mrs. Claus? She's doing good. Merry Christmas. hope it's good. have a happy one.
Jonathan Reiner
Canton



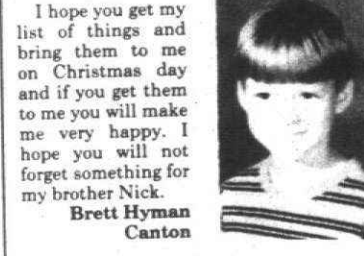
All I want is my front teeth for Christmas. A Barbie also would be nice.
Stephanie Aninos, 6
Plymouth



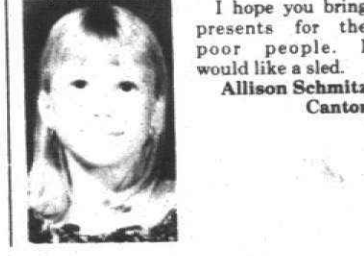
I've been a very good boy this year. Will you please bring me presents. You already have my Christmas list that I gave to you at the Thanksgiving Day parade.
Jonathan Reiner, 5
Plymouth



My favorite reindeer is Rudolph. For Christmas I want, Turtle Bowling, a race car set, Turtles in Time for Super Nintendo, Wrestlers Hockey, and Crash Dummies.
Tommy Closs, 3
Plymouth



I hope you get my list of things and bring them to me on Christmas day and if you get them to me you will make me very happy. I hope you will not forget something for my brother Nick.
Brett Hyman
Canton



I hope you bring presents for the poor people. I would like a sled.
Allison Schmitz
Canton

Teachers' union leadership says no strike is planned

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Education Association leadership says there is no truth to the rumor that teachers are considering a strike.

The teachers' contract expires at summer's end. Bargaining is scheduled to begin in April, but informal talks have already begun.

"The leadership and the bargaining team have made no plans for a strike," said Chuck Portelli, president of the PCEA. "We haven't discussed it. I don't know where it's coming from, but it's not coming from the leadership."

"People think the worst sometimes. I haven't had anyone come to me and say we're going on strike."

thing else happens, that's what I plan on."

Plymouth Salem High School teacher Bill Gretzinger says that in light of the fact the district likely will seek new millage in April, "it doesn't seem reasonable that we wouldn't have a contract. I don't think either side wants a strike."

"A reasonable person would conclude successful passage of a millage would equate to having the contract settled," he added. "They want us to help them."

Portelli and Cotner are hopeful there will be an early settlement. "I think it would benefit all of us if we could resolve this early," said Portelli. "We plan to bargain with the district, and bargain in good faith."

Said Cotner: "For the last 10 years, we've been getting things done early. Ideally, things will happen early again. It's a little bit tougher than it has been for a while, with all the things going on at the state level."

Being discussed now are preliminary problem-solving issues, Cotner said.

As for salaries, "We haven't gotten that far yet," said Portelli. "I don't know what teachers would settle for."

An important issue will be treatment of teachers, added Portelli. It's a difficult issue to bargain, but teachers want to be treated fairly and with dignity, he said.

The union is grieving the re-assignment of an elementary teacher a parent says was involved in an altercation with her son. "This teacher has a spotless 22-year record. We don't want to see someone go through this. That's what people are going to remember, not money, but what happened to him."

Teachers realize the same thing could happen to them, any day, any time, said Portelli.

Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations, said the district does not make any presumption of guilt. "In fact, the presumption is the opposite."

"We do have an obligation, depending on the nature of the issue, to protect not only teachers, but students," he said. "That doesn't mean we are determining guilt or innocence."

"We take a look on a case-by-case basis, and make a decision on what's best for all parties involved. There is also the matter of, depending on the allegation, the education of students."

School district to test students for talented and gifted program

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District will screen students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) for the 1993-94 school year in late January and February 1993.

All third-grade students in the District will take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January and February. Parents of second-graders and fourth-graders who believe their children may be academically gifted may nominate them for

screening. Nomination forms are available in each school office, along with the information on characteristics of gifted children. All nominations should be completed by Jan. 13 and returned to the school office.

The TAG office will use results from the January/February testing as a first step of screening. In March, the TAG office will notify parents of students who qualify for further TAG screening. Further information about the

screening and the TAG Magnet Program may be obtained by attending the TAG Information Night at the Tanger Center gym 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

The TAG program is located at Allen Elementary School and East Middle School. Students in the program are transported from their "home" schools to the TAG location.

For more information on the TAG program, call the TAG office at 420-5357 between noon and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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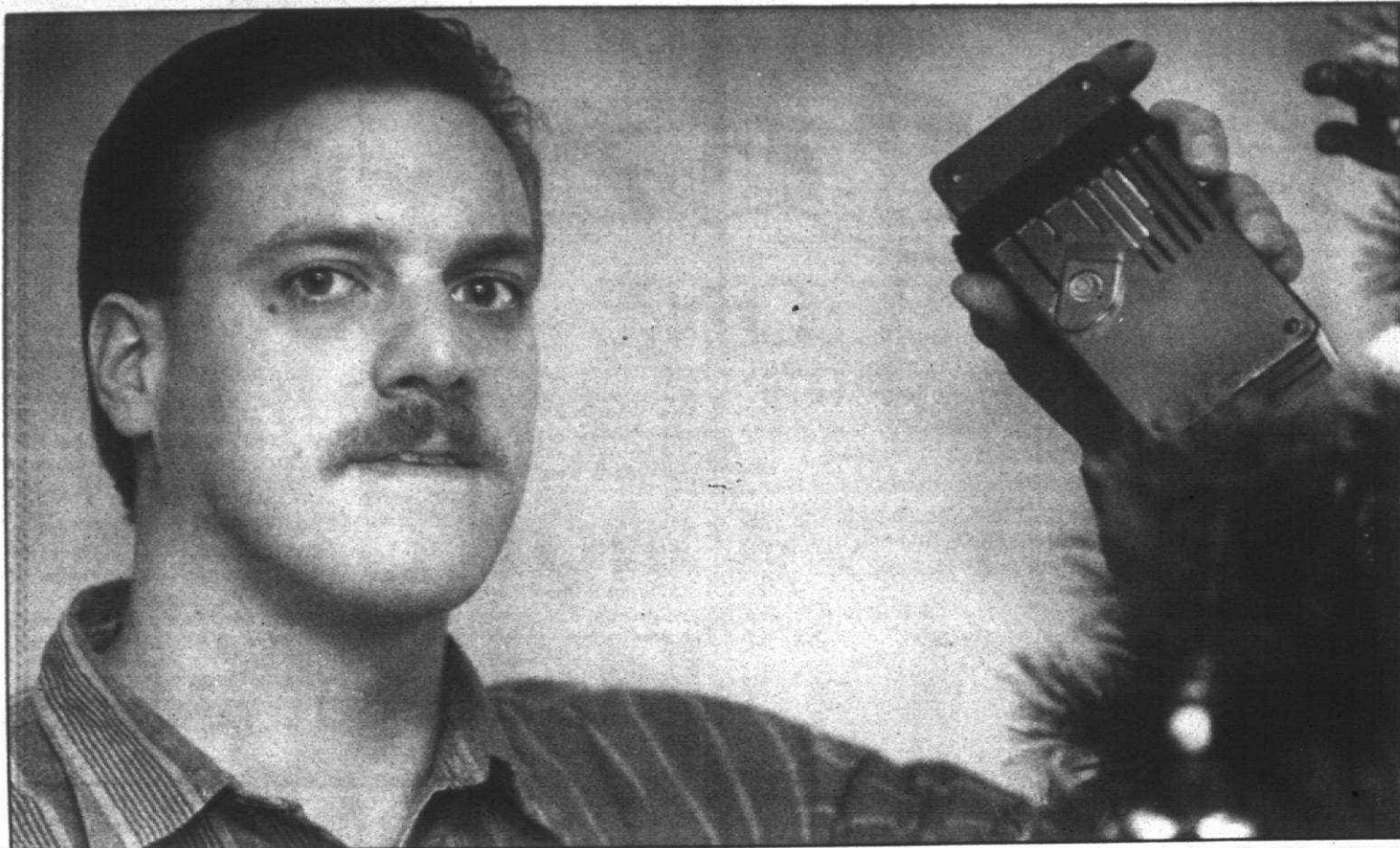
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Firefighters offer tips on holiday safety

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Area firefighters have simple tips to keep safe during the holidays.

Plymouth Fire Chief Al Matthews snapped his fingers to illustrate how long it takes for a Christmas tree to burn.

"A tree goes up in seconds — especially a tree that is near the dryness stage," Matthews said. "It's like a torch."

"Fake trees are usually safer than real ones, according to Canton fire marshal Al Winkler. And make sure there's Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) markings on trees and lights."

"Fake trees burn, but not quite as fast as a live tree, because they have some fire resistance built into them," Winkler said, adding that if you use a live tree make sure it's fresh.

The tree is dry if the branches crack easily, or the needles fall off.

Here are few tips provided by Winkler and Matthews.

■ After you get the tree home cut an inch or so diagonally off the bottom and place it in water before you put it up. Place the tree in a stand with water and make sure you keep the stand filled. Evaporation can be slowed by adding beer to the water.

■ Dispose of the tree within 10 days after Christmas.

■ Do not plug more than five strings of lights into an electrical outlet.

■ Keep trees and lights away from curtains and other flammable objects.

■ Make sure there are no bare wires in lighting fixtures. For existing or older lighting sets make sure sockets aren't cracked and light bulbs fit securely.

■ If you use an extension cord, make sure it's approved for the wattage allowed in the plug; or use two plugs.

■ Make sure tree lights are on only when someone is present.

■ Have a fire extinguisher available.

■ Make sure smoke detectors are placed throughout the house. Two detectors are recommended for ranch-style houses, and they're usually placed outside bedrooms and in the basement stairway. Three detectors are recommended for colonials — one on the second floor, one at the bottom of the stairway leading to the second floor, and one in the basement.

■ Keep all bedroom doors closed at night. This won't stop the fire or keep smoke out permanently.

■ It does give you an extra few minutes.

■ Plan a fire escape. "People don't do that, because they think it will never happen to me," Winkler said. "And you just don't know."

■ Careless smoking is the leading cause of residential fire deaths.

■ Electric space heaters should be plugged directly into the wall sockets and not into extension cords. Unplug heaters when they're not in use.

■ Both devices transmit signals to a larger white box plugged into a wall socket and the Christmas lights are plugged into the box.

The pair developed the devices last year for a senior project. "We also came up with a market sur-

Residents invent shut-off, alarm

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Two local engineers have come up with a Christmas tree shut-off and alarm device they're trying to market.

Paul Schepp and Pat Stark got the idea for the device after the Christmas tree fire two years ago that killed seven members of a Canton family.

"We heard about it when we were both Lawrence Tech students," Stark said.

Now, Schepp, of Canton, works for AEG Automated Systems of Troy. Stark, of Plymouth, works for GMF Robotics in Auburn Hills.

They've actually invented two devices.

One is a green box which attaches to a Christmas tree with a Velcro strap. It detects smoke from a possible tree fire.

Once smoke is detected, an alarm sounds and the tree lights shut off.

The other is a cube of sorts with a sensing device on the bottom.

It fits in the water reservoir of a Christmas tree stand. If the water gets too low, the alarm sounds and the lights shut off.

Both devices transmit signals to a larger white box plugged into a wall socket and the Christmas lights are plugged into the box.

The pair developed the devices last year for a senior project. "We also came up with a market sur-

vey and did a presentation," Schepp said.

Their work won them the university's 1991 engineering award.

Since then, thanks in part to the prodding of Schepp's wife Teresa, they've applied for a patent and are "trying to find a manufacturer who wants to buy the patent from us, or we could get royalties," Schepp said.

"We're hoping to sell it for around \$29."

Schepp said that after hearing about the fire, the first thing they thought of "was a device to extinguish a fire," Schepp said.

"But there were only a couple of ways to do that, they're both quite expensive," he said.

In researching the project, they found that there was a patented ornamental smoke detector, but no such device when water gets low.

On the importance of a device that indicates the level of water in a tree stand, Schepp said, "We found that most tree fires are caused by dry trees."

"We filed the patent just a couple of weeks ago," Schepp said.

"We're in the process of contacting manufacturers."

To name the product, "We were thinking of 'Safe-Tree,' like 'safety,'" he said.

He added that the smoke detector could be sold separately from the water-level detector, for people with artificial trees.

Toys for Tots Shortage worries Marines

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Donations to the Toys for Tots holiday charity are so far behind last year's pace in the Wayne/Oakland area that officials have all but given up hope that their goal of 80,000 toys will be reached.

"We're all just busting our butts to collect as many toys as possible," said Kathy Schweitzer of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, one of the sponsors.

"We're doing more than we ever have. (But) it's kind of disappointing."

The chief sponsor of the Toys for Tots program is the U.S. Marine Corps. Soldiers traditionally collect donated toys from drop-off points and distribute them to agencies that give them to needy children.

This year's goal of 80,000 toys will likely not be reached, said Lt. Col. Rich Scott of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, headquartered in Detroit.

In fact, Scott reports that collections lag behind last year's by 20,000 toys so far.

"A toy really isn't a frivolous thing," Scott said. "It plays an important role in a child's development."

Noting that the Marines, who landed in Somalia recently, were

met by a horde of reporters, Scott said, "I'd give anything to have that much media coverage (for this program). It's only the public that can make this happen."

Other local charities, however, seem to be doing well, if not quite as well as last year.

State Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, is part of a program called Coats For The Cold, whereby charity-minded individuals donate old winter coats for the needy.

"I just had to make two pick-ups because the boxes were overflowing," said Bouchard aide Gayle Murphy. "I need a truck, not a four-door car."

Murphy added that there are so many coats in Bouchard's district office that "I can't see out the window anymore. Gauging from last year, I would say (our collection) is right on the same level."

Ditto for the Salvation Army's Plymouth office, where holiday collections are "perhaps a tad ahead of last year," said Lt. Jeffrey Beachum.

Beachum's area also includes Northville and Canton Township. His goal this year is \$230,000, and he's about 60 percent of the way there so far. Traditionally, Beachum said, November and December fundraising accounts

for 50-60 percent of the money raised by the Salvation Army each year.

All is not quite so well at the local United Way offices, where the 1992 fund-raising goals were missed, but more than \$60 million was raised nevertheless in Macomb, Wayne and Oakland counties.

Jan Hubbard, spokeswoman for the northern Oakland County United Way, said she raised \$5.105 million by Nov. 12, the end of the fund-raising drive. The goal, however, was \$5.225 million.

"It doesn't seem like much, but it makes a difference," she said. "It's really the economy. People are afraid even if they have good jobs."

The other local United Way office covers Wayne, Macomb and most of Oakland counties. It's 1992 goal was \$63.5 million, but collections totaled \$57 million.

"There's just not a lot of consumer confidence out there," spokeswoman Lynn Anderson said. "It's been a difficult year. (The problem is) a combination of unemployment and cuts in employee benefits."

As far as Toys for Tots are concerned, folks interested in donating a new toy may call the Marines at 824-1653 to find the nearest collection center.

Seminar discusses God's identity

The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research Inc. will offer a free, one-day seminar discussing God as a unity rather than a trinity.

The seminar will be offered beginning at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 16 at the Management Education Center in Troy, 811 W. Square Lake Road.

The lecture will feature graphic charts and illustrations explaining the operation of God's eternal purpose and plan down through the ages and dispensations until the present as revealed by a divine vision and revelation, according to planners.

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Aide sought by school

New Morning School is looking for a Senior Aide Receptionist beginning in January. This is a volunteer position; however, for a senior who qualifies, it could be a paid position through Life Work, a Senior Aides Program. The hours are 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. four to five mornings a week. Among the responsibilities are answering the phone, operating the duplicating machine, reading to children and typing. For further information call 420-3331.

Marines collect toys for children

The annual U.S. Marine Corps drive to collect toys for children has a drop off spot in Plymouth.

The Toys for Tots program collects toys during the Christmas season for needy children.

People with toys can drop them off at the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate office at 218 S. Main in Plymouth.

This year, the real estate firm is hosting free Santa photo parties. The event is Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Plymouth office.

Children will receive free photo with Santa, stockings and refreshments.

People with toys can drop them off at the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate office at 218 S. Main in Plymouth.

"We are confident the caring people in our local communities will support this very worthwhile campaign," said Kathy Schweitzer, of Coldwell Banker. "With the holidays quickly approaching, we are really encourag-

ing local communities to part take in this special cause."

Members of the local Marine Corps Reserve will collect the toys donated before Christmas and deliver them to charitable organizations and social welfare agencies in the area. The toys will be distributed to underprivileged children in the Detroit area.

Friends, co-workers miss accident victim

Jenny Julian's co-workers describe the 25-year-old woman as a friend to all.

"She will be missed by everyone that worked with, or knew her," friends and co-workers wrote to the Observer. "The loss of our friend and co-worker is heartfelt, and leaves an emptiness that can never be filled."

Julian, an electrical engineer, was killed Dec. 8, when her 1990 Ford struck a semi-truck head-on on Ford Road, just east of Godfredson, about 6:12 p.m., according to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

Julian, a 1982 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, worked at Ford Motor Co. Body & Assembly Division, in the electrical-vacuum assembly systems department for the past four years.

She began her career with Ford as an electrical process engineer and later developed and managed programmable speedometer-odometer module tooling for the 1992 F-series Econoline and Aerostar. Julian was recently the body and assembly lead electrical systems engineer for the 1993 Ranger program.

"She was very vivacious, energetic and a friend to all. She always had time for others and was willing to go the extra mile for the team," her co-workers said.

Co-workers also quoted Julian as describing herself "as a spur-of-the-moment" and "people-

person who loved a challenge. "It's with that attitude she drew in the co-workers, colleagues and friends around her. She loved to dance and swim and had a penchant for basketball," her friends said.

Julian was born in the Philippines and moved to America with her family. Following high school graduation, Julian entered the University of Michigan for one year before transferring to Lawrence Institute of Technology in 1984.

At Lawrence Tech, Julian was active in the Delta Tau Sigma Sorority, the Intrafraternal Council, student government and three honor societies. She also was one of eight finalists for the Outstanding Student Engineer of the Year award sponsored by the Engineering Society of Detroit in 1987.

Before she graduated in 1987, Julian was one of three students chosen to represent Lawrence Tech as a "Woman of Tomorrow," sponsored by the Michigan Women's magazine and was also one of the cover girls on the July/August issue. While completing her education, Julian worked at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren.

Julian was involved in the Filipino American Family Association and was third runner-up for Miss Philippines of Michigan, 1985.

Area residents aim to aid Bosnia's war refugees

BY MARY RODRIGUE
STAFF WRITER

U.S. troops are in Somalia and so the world's attention is focused on the famine and strife in that African nation. But another horrid war is raging in eastern Europe, an "ethnic cleansing" in what was formerly Yugoslavia.

More than 900,000 children have been affected by this conflict, according to the United Nations. According to reports from relief agencies, more than 1,500 children are dead. Another 30,000 have been maimed. Half the children in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina have seen the corpses of people they knew. Two thirds of

them think they will die themselves.

In this war, 75 percent of the casualties are civilians.

"Regardless of how shocking the news has become, when viewed repeatedly we become desensitized and assume action has been taken," said Stjepan (Steve) Balog, a local Croatian man involved in helping relief efforts.

"Any non-perishable food, winter clothing and first aid supplies would be greatly appreciated. We have established channels for the transport of collected items into these war-torn lands."

Throughout Bosnia, an estimated 2 million will need assistance with heating and food before year's end. Without an immediate improvement, the effects on health will be disastrous.

Romana Habekovich lives in Livonia and teaches Italian at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, but her heart is in her war-torn homeland.

"I've been here since 1974 but my whole family is in Croatia," she said. "They live in Zagreb. They haven't been bombed. We keep in touch."

She is active in the local relief effort drive.

"The children are left with no parents. They are terribly affected. They will carry the psycholog-

ical scars for the rest of their lives.

"Croatia is facing over 700,000 refugees from Bosnia. They don't have the resources to keep up with demand. Warm clothing, food and money is needed."

One current fund-raising drive under way is an art exhibit featuring works by renowned Croatian artist Ivan Lackovic Croatia. At the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave. in Dearborn through Jan. 4, the show features works of a dozen Croatian artists. Oils, drawings and graphics are represented among the 72 works on exhibit. Prices range from \$100 to \$1,500.

"Ivan Lackovic Croatia is one of

the best known artists who has never had formal art training. His works are well known. And we have many other fine contemporary artists represented here."

The show is sponsored by the alumni association of the University of Zagreb. Proceeds from the exhibit and sale will go to Croatian orphans, students of the Academy of Fine Arts, and the institution for the Protection of Cultural Monuments and Churches in Croatia.

Earlier this month, Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies sponsored a free symposium to make the public aware of ramifications

of war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.

"We are trying to help the victims of this war and also acquaint our fellow Americans with the different relief efforts. We need and appreciate all the help and support they can give us," Balog said.

The art exhibit in Dearborn is open during regular library hours, Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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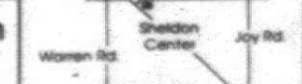
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Can we talk? County commissioner Bryan Amann, D-Wayne (at left), has a chat with deputy airport director Lester Robinson (center) and commissioner William O'Neil, D-Allen Park.

Amann strives to improve system by butting heads

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Listening to Bryan Amann talk is like watching someone fire an Uzi submachine gun.

The words sally forth from his mouth like a squadron of F-16s scrambling off an airfield as his tongue endeavors fruitlessly to keep pace with his thoughts.

"He was always very enthusiastic," said Amann's mother, Dorothy, recalling a frightening episode when little Bryan was 6 years old.

Running around a laundromat with his brother, Amann "hit a washer and tore his face open," Dorothy said. "He healed really well, but it sure did scare us. We had to make a trip to the hospital instead of home."

Amann recalls the incident as well: "I ended up with my mouth lodged on the coin slot. I remember being held in the parking lot and there was blood everywhere."

After the doctors repaired his face, Amann had a nice little scar, which made him kind of proud, actually. "No kid messed with me for a while," he said.

Since then Amann has been giving at least as good as he gets, lately as the Democrat county commissioner representing Canton, Romulus, Wayne and a few townships.

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from within the system," he said. "Usually by kicking the system in the butt."

A former church youth group president, member of the Westland youth advisory committee, sophomore class vice president, John Glenn band president and tuba player, Amann grew up the third of Chester and Dorothy Amann's five children, living at one time or another in Garden City, Romulus and Westland.

"(But) in my heart of hearts I still consider Westland home," said the Wayne resident.

Another childhood episode turned out to be a lesson Amann later found valuable in the world of work and politics.

With older brother Dan, Amann endeavored for two days with saws and axes to fell a willow tree in his yard. Frustratedly attempting to pull the tree down with a rope, the boys realized they were pulling in the wrong direction when sister Cheryl "came and gave a pat the other way and it fell," Amann said. "It was akin to the sword and stone thing."

Always an active little tyke, Amann worked several paper

routes, sold seeds door to door, mowed grass and generally toiled tirelessly at one job or another from his 13th year to this day. "If anyone had any money in the bank it was Bryan," his mother said.

Amann's ultimate ambition in life turned out to be politics, but he realized the prudence of having a career to fall back on. "If I got involved in politics and things go to hell, I'd better be prepared to make a living," he thought at the time. "Unfortunately, you have to go to college to go to law school. I never wanted to go to college."

But he did, to the University of Michigan on a state scholarship, yet still working every weekend at the Ford truck plant in Wayne.

Ford's team

As a college student, Amann fought his way into an internship with U.S. Rep. William Ford, D-Canton, by writing a letter to Ford after finding out his application wasn't to be considered.

Impressed with the letter, former Ford aide Helen Wainio interviewed Amann in 1978 and recommended him to Ford.

seen," Amann said.

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Amann got so tight with Fishman, who died in 1986, that while cleaning out the latter's desk that year he found a wad of government bonds made out to his daughter, Lindsay. "Sam always got the last word," he said.

Wainio remembers Fishman's relationship with Amann, too. "He loved Sam like a father, and Sam loved him like a son," she said.

Said Amann, "Half my political clout died with Sam Fishman."

Fishman's influence also led to

Amann being Robert Ficano's campaign manager in 1986 when Ficano, now Wayne County sheriff, ran for county executive.

That segued into a two-year job with former county clerk James Killen, then in 1988 Amann went to work for Executive Edward McNamara as assistant county executive for criminal justice.

"My priorities are: my kids, my family. Then there's the commission. Then there's the rest of my life."

Grant to aid 8 Mile improvement plan

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State government gave a boost to a plan to transform Eight Mile Road from an unsightly boundary to a "Main Street" boulevard serving 13 communities.

Patrick Nowak, state transportation director, passed on a \$50,000 federal study grant which will be matched by \$12,600 from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"Instead of a boundary dividing us, Eight Mile could be an adhesive holding us together," said Debbie Schutt, Oakland County planning staff member. Schutt outlined the work city and township planners had done before SEMCOG's executive committee last week.

The \$63,000 will fund recommendations to improve pedestrian use of the corridor in the area from Farmington Road (on the Farmington-Livonia border) to I-94 on the east side, some 22 miles away.

SEMCOG delegates applauded Schutt's slide show but offered no

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comments on the Eight Mile "vision."

SEMCOG executive director John Amberger said he put no supporting resolution before the executive committee because "we can't keep jamming things on the agenda." But it was clear delegates were enthused. Some formal action is likely by the end of January.

Schutt said the planners recommend first a Community Development Corporation with all 13 cities and townships as members followed by a private development company to help redevelop businesses.

Eight Mile's key asset, Schutt said, is that it is less trafficked with the opening of the parallel I-696 freeway two miles to the north. Other assets:

"It has easy access to the entire region — I-94, I-75, the Lodge and I-275."

"Greenfield and Eight Mile is the population center of southeastern Michigan."

"There is a supply of affordable housing, high density, many shoppers and employees."

Eight Mile's bad points, she said, are cluttered signs, poor streetlighting, unsightly dumpsters, "adult" businesses, the lack of any one government being in charge, and a perception that it's a high crime area.

Among planners serving on the task force with Schutt were Ed Bayer of Wayne County, Nick Banda of Southfield, Sidney Blitz of Redford Township, John Nagy of Livonia and Dan Lewis of Detroit, as well as Southfield Downtown Development Authority director Wendy Strip-Sittsamer.

"The image of Eight Mile is really important," Strip-Sittsamer said. "For too long, it's been a boundary."

The task force was called together by Southfield.

Eight Mile forms the northern border of Wayne County and the southern border of Macomb and Oakland. For about 19 miles from Eastland to Inkster Road — it is divided. In the 1920s, an inter-county highway commission visualized it as a major traffic artery.

Schutt said the task force visualized a thin operating budget of \$90,000 for the governmental corporation with dues ranging from \$20,000 to \$500,000. Other funds could come from capturing assessments for public improvements and the new federal ISTEA program of inter-modal transportation money.

Among improvements could be access improvements, parking areas, a major entertainment center at the State Fair Grounds, an industrial park in Oak Park, lighting, walkways, signage and better bus service, as well as coordinated police patrolling.

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"Landlord-Tenant" reviews the basic laws affecting the landlord-tenant relationship including the security deposit and anti-discrimination laws. The class meets Feb. 2.

"Employment Law" examines the basic laws that regulate the workplace including the Workers Compensation Act,

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"Buying and Selling a Home" discusses the basic steps in buying or selling a home, what you should do to protect your rights and how to be sure your purchase or sale coincides with your intent. The class meets Feb. 16.

"Basic Legal Considerations or Starting Your Own Business" analyzes the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation and the legal considerations of going into business with a partner. The class meets Feb. 23.

The cost per seminar is \$10 for 0.2 continuing education units. Participants enrolling in all five seminars pay \$45.

For more information, call 591-5188.

First Night still needs volunteers

The clock to midnight New Year's Eve is ticking, and preparations for the First Night/Birmingham celebration are nearly complete. But there is still a need for volunteers.

Volunteers will work for two to three hours doing such jobs as directing lines of people at doors and providing directions to events, said Zina Kramer, of Events Marketing, which is coordinating the event.

"It's very exciting," said Kramer. She added, persons can call her at 540-6688 to volunteer. "This is really a festival of the arts," she said.

This is the third-annual First Night/Birmingham party, which is designed as a community-wide, alcohol-free family festivity beginning at 4 p.m., Dec. 31, ending

with a celebration in Shain Park at midnight.

Last year's midnight celebration featured a laser light show. Details are still being worked out for this year's midnight celebration.

First Night will feature a number of innovations including a wider variety of food and a new ticket sales system at certain performance sites. Tickets can be ordered in person to the events to reserve a seat.

For example, tickets will be available at Seaholm High School, where internationally known jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic will perform at 7, 8, 9 and 10 p.m.

Popular jazz, gospel and Motown singer Orthea Barnes also will perform at Seaholm at 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m.

Tickets will be issued one and two hours before performances. There is no extra charge for the tickets beyond the \$7 charge for the admission buttons.

Entertainment also will be held at The Community House; Baldwin library; St. James Episcopal Church; First Church of Christ, Scientist; First Baptist Church; First Presbyterian Church; Village Players Theatre; the YMCA; Jax Kar Wash and the Birmingham Ice Arena, which was added to the entertainment site schedule for this year's event.

Featured there will be open skating (no tickets required) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. world-ranked skater Todd Eldredge and the Detroit Skating Club will stage a performance.

A complete schedule of events

will be printed in a booklet that will be available throughout the community, and also will be listed in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Eccentric.

So many events are being planned, said Kramer, that she recommends persons planning to attend should work out a schedule in advance.

Admission buttons now are on sale at The Community House, Birmingham City Hall, the Birmingham Ice Arena, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, Crowley's, Michigan National Bank's Maple and Hunter branches, Fidelity Bank's Maple/Adama, Maple/Lahser and Maple/Woodward branches and at Kroger stores in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills and Madison Heights.

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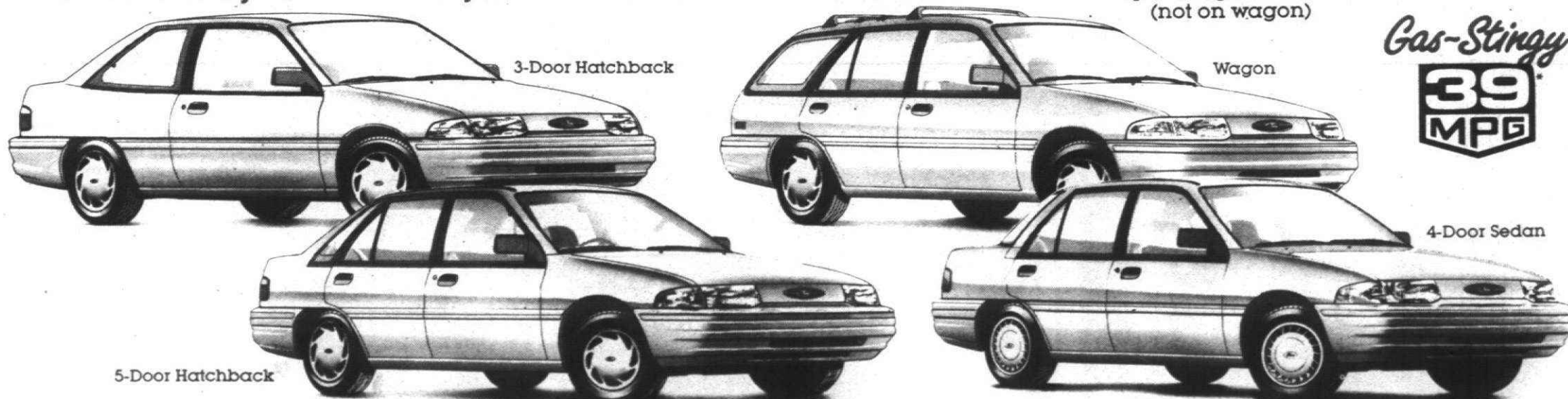
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Township office hours

The Canton Administration Building will be closed for business during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24 and Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1. The treasurer's office, however, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, to accept 1992 property tax payments only.

Grant awarded

Canton's community center project has been recommended for a \$450,000 recreation bond grant.

The center has been placed on the Michigan DNR's final list recommended for "Protecting Michigan's Future" recreation bond projects.

The list of state projects will be submitted to the Michigan Legislature in the near future. When the bill is approved, DNR officials said a project agreement may be available for the 1993 construction season. The grant funds will be used for some of the construction costs of the \$12-\$13 million community center.

New officers

The Canton Department of Public Safety has added three officers to the township police department. They are Randolph Rankin, Derek Toroloski and Scott Hilden.

Rankin holds an associate's degree from Henry Ford College and is a police academy graduate. Rankin previously worked for the Van Buren Township Police Department.

Toroloski has an associate's degree in law enforcement administration from Henry Ford and is a graduate of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Hilden holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University. He is a graduate of the Oakland Police Academy.

Hoben speaks on state of schools

Superintendent John Hoben spoke to Wednesday's Canton Economic Club luncheon, attended by a large audience that included students and teachers from Plymouth-Canton's Close Up classes.



BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus wasn't the only one to make a special appearance at yesterday's Canton Economic Club luncheon. Plymouth-Canton school Superintendent John Hoben addressed the gathering at Geneva Presbyterian Church, speaking about demographics, school finance, high technology and student achievement.

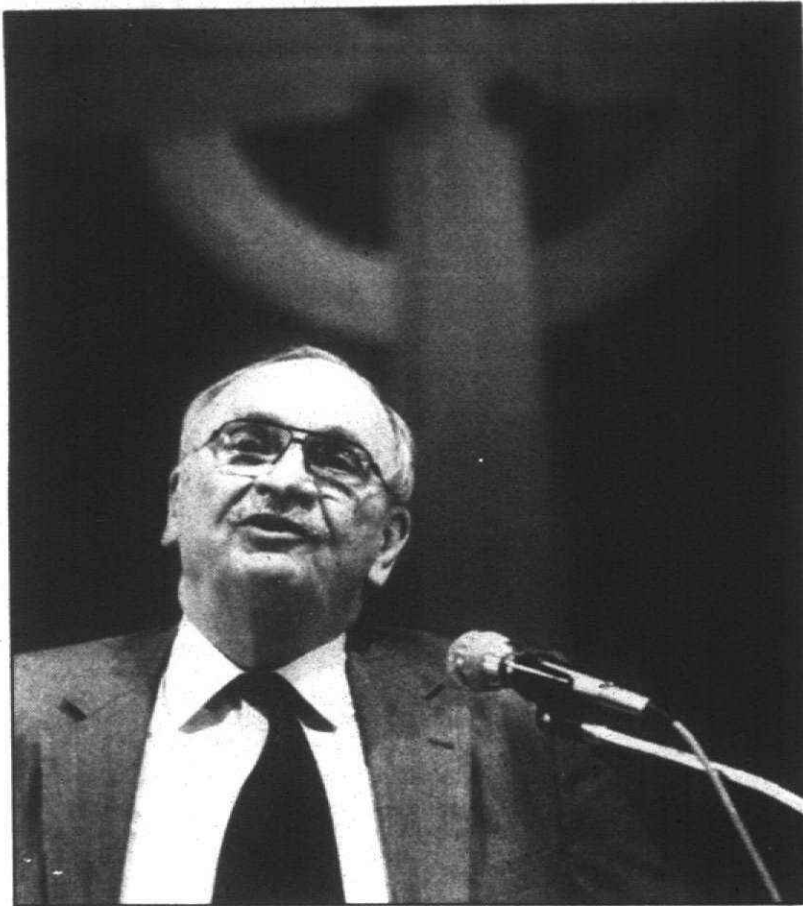
Hoben also fielded questions from members of the audience, among them State Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, and government students.

The superintendent traced some history. Before 1933, all high school students who lived west of Outer Drive came to Plymouth to school, he said. Bentley High School didn't open until 1950. "Our western boundary was Frains Lake and Potters Corners where Ann Arbor Road, M-14 and Ford Road come together," Hoben said.

The district includes 15,000 students from Plymouth, and the townships of Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Salem and Superior.

Despite development, "We are at zero growth currently," said Hoben. "This year we're down 40 students from fourth Friday to now." The average number of students per household has gone from 2.54 in the 1950s to .8 (eight-tenths).

A significant demographic change has seen an increase in the student population from Canton. "More than 50 percent of our students come from Canton, and more than 50 percent of our SEV (local tax revenue) comes from Canton," he said.



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Report card: John Hoben, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, spoke about the state of the district to the Canton Economic Club Wednesday.

School finance

Hoben said if he paints a bleak financial picture, it's with good reason.

The superintendent said Proposals A and C, tax-cutting measures turned down by voters in November, likely "will be back in a different wrapper soon." Hoben predicted Gov. John Engler will propose a measure limiting property taxes in the near future.

Hoben called A and C "knee-jerk reactions to serious problems" not unlike Proposal 13 adopted by California. "Hopefully we've seen the effects of that," he said.

The financing of local schools "is a crazy business to begin with. By law we are mandated to pass a budget by July 1, before we know the SEV rate, the tax rate, the number of students,

and before the state aid act is passed." Nor does the district know where it is relative to contract negotiations when it adopts its budget, which this year is about \$80 million.

Two months after last year's budget was adopted, the state aid package came down and recaptured \$1.6 million, reducing the fund balance to \$800,000, he said.

The fund balance, now down to \$325,000, is enough to operate the district for two-thirds of one day, added Hoben.

Nearly 89 percent of the budget "is people; salaries and fringes. The discretionary portion of the budget is 5 percent, or 3.7 million."

Six contracts are up for re-negotiation this year. Opening two new elementaries will cost \$900,000. Up for renewal this year are 17.74 mills, representing about 50 percent of the budget.

High technology, academics

The district is spending \$12 million in bond money to "bring media centers right to the fingertips of teachers," said Hoben. Members of the community are welcome to view a high tech demonstration unit at the administration building, he said.

Hoben said Plymouth-Canton students are doing well, but schools can always fine-tune their programs. Hoben said he noted on a recent trip to Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland that "expectations are higher. Less attention is paid to algebra and geography, but emphasized are probability and statistics. It's something we should take a look at."

Local activist Cathy Johnson asked why the term "Plymouth-Canton" is used in referring to schools and not "Canton-Plymouth" when more than 50 percent of students come from Canton.

Hoben said it's a valid point, and that perhaps "C" varsity letters could replace the "P" letters at Plymouth Canton High School.

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

SPORTS

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, 455-8620.

GIRLS SOCCER
The Canton Cruisers 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.

CLASS TIME

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

PLYMOUTH YMCA
Winter programs include Stop Smoking/Weight Control Clinic, 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 8; Bridge for Beginners, 6 weeks, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 12; Driver's Education, Jan. 12-28; and "Y" Super Sitters, Jan. 12 to March 2, 4:30-2904.

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

FOR YOUR HEALTH

BLOOD DRIVES
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman in Plymouth. Call Donna 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.

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.

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 in the Community Room at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren in Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

READING ASSISTANCE
Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assessment. Community Literacy Council, 451-6555.

FREE CLASSES
IBM training and GED training. Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

PLYMOUTH CHAMBER
Volunteers are needed for typing and stuffing of envelopes, labeling and sorting of mailings, telephoning and photo copying. 453-1540.

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

MEAL DELIVERY
Volunteers needed to package 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS

SENIOR ALLIANCE
Seniors needing help with outdoor chores may call the Senior Chore Referral Program at 722-2890.

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

WOMEN'S CLUB
Christmas party for the Business and Professional Women's Club is 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth. For reservations, call Liz Johnson, 455-9000 or Marcia Rapnicki, 437-7408.

DAR MEETING
Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter DAR meets at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at 237 Sunset, Plymouth, for a tea. Program is "Christmas Herbs."

WOMAN'S CLUB
Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, at Plymouth Historical Museum. "The Changing Role of Women in the Nineteenth Century" will be presented by Museum Director Beth Stewart. Includes tour of museum.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB
Oral Majority meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's Restaurant, 39550 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

PLYMOUTH PIECEMAKERS
Meetings are 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church. Call 455-3838.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB
Canton Club meets 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday each month at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. 397-0545.

WOOLGATHERERS
Knitting Guild meets 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month in the Salvation Army building at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumpitz at 420-4022.

STAMP CLUB
West Suburban Stamp Club meets 8 p.m. the first and third Friday of the month at Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer.

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IN SUPPORT

HEART PATIENTS
Group meets 7:30-9 p.m. every third Friday at Arbor Health Building Community Room, corner of Harvey and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Jack Bologna, 459-8787 (days only).

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SELF HELP

Never Say Never obsessive-compulsive group meets bi-weekly at 7 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Call Audrey Harrison, 453-0384, or Lois Turpel, 522-3022.

JOB SERVICE
MESO can provide businesses or homeowners with temporary workers for fix-up and cleanup projects. (313) 576-5627.

KIDNEY PATIENTS
Group is forming for polycystic kidney patients and family members. Call Carol Pauli, 981-5192.

ALZHEIMER'S
Group for caregivers meets 7:30-8:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren in Canton. Call Rosemarie Shim, 697-8051, or Anne Lilla, 557-8277.

ADULT RECOVERY
Chemical Dependency Outpatient Program provides therapy for adults at Straight Inc., 42320 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Call 453-2610.

SELF-HELP
Families Anonymous meets 7-9 p.m. Sundays at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton. 397-8595.

TOUGH LOVE
Meets 7 p.m. Mondays. Parent group meets at Faith Community Church, 46001 Warren, Canton. 981-5967.

ALZHEIMER'S GROUP
Meets 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in Leisure Village, 31720 Van Born in Wayne. 326-8030.

WALSH COLLEGE
"Master Motivator," Harold J. Card, will give a lecture at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the cafeteria at Walsh College. Tickets, 689-6178, ext. 251.

TENNIS CLASSES
Free classes are offered at Livonia Family YMCA on Dec. 28 and Jan. 5. Register, 261-2161.

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Gourmet buffet — Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts department will prepare holiday buffet at two seatings, noon and 12:45 p.m. Friday. Harpist Nadia Marks will perform noon to 2 p.m. Tickets, 462-4423.

Detroit Zoo — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, "Santa Express" transports visitors to and from Woodward entrance to the Pavilion refreshment stand to see Santa and elves with bags of treats. Also, adopt a polar bear and receive free stuffed polar bear, 398-0903.

Prostate Cancer — Support group information, 572-5555.

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STOP SMOKING
St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a course designed by American Cancer Society. Day or evening sessions begin Jan. 25. 591-2922.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
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Breast cancer — Discussion group meets 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in the Radiation Oncology Waiting Room, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. (313) 572-3521.

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

CHRISTMAS TOURS, CONCERTS
Christmas tours will be 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 at Greenmead Historical Village, Newburgh at Eight Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for senior citizens, children free. Concerts will be 3 p.m. St. Genevieve Children's Choir.

CANTATA
Bethel Baptist Temple's Choir will be performing a Christmas Cantata, "The Glory Of The Lord," 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the church, 29475 Six Mile, one block west of Middlebelt. Nursery and toddler service provided. 525-3664 or 261-9276.

SING WE NOEL
The Livonia Civic Chorus, directed by Kevin Bylsma, presents "Sing We Noel," songs of the season, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road. Featuring John Rutter's Christmas Fable and Brother Heinrich's Christmas. Admission is free.

CLUBS IN ACTION
Franklin High School Alumni Day will be 12:15-2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 22, in Franklin High Library, 31000 Joy.

WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS
The Women's Army Corps Veterans Association, Great Lakes Chapter 15, meets the third Saturday of each month at noon in the North-west Detroit YMCA, Grand River at Beach Daly, Dearborn. 593-5590.

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The Livonia Snowmobile Club meets at 8 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month, in the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road south of Five Mile. Lee 937-0608.

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The "Weekenders" family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Livonia Franklin High, Livonia. 531-2993.

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The Saturday Morning Sunrises meet at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings in Unity Church, 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt.

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ESTHER H. PRESTON

Services for Esther H. Preston, 84, of South Lyon, previously of Plymouth, were Tuesday, Dec. 15, at the Church of the Holy Cross in Novi.

She was born Feb. 7, 1908 in Plymouth. She died Thursday, Dec. 10, in Howell. She came to the South Lyon community in 1967 from Plymouth. She lived in Plymouth 60 years. She was a member of the Church of the Holy Cross in Novi and was formerly a longtime member of St. John Episcopal Church in Plymouth. She graduated from Plymouth High School and received her teaching certificate in 1929 from Michigan Normal. She taught kindergarten a short time at Wise Elementary School in Flint.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Buie of Plymouth and Shirley Cargal of Riverside, Calif.; one son, Thomas Preston of Plymouth; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. Leslie F. Harding officiated the service.

BEULAH SZPAK

Services for Beulah Szpak, 76, of Canton were Saturday, Dec. 5, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She was born May 1, 1916, in Detroit. She died Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Westland. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan K. Gondoly of Canton, and two grandchildren.

The Rev. George Charnley officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of Mass offerings. Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

JOHN F. CALDWELL

Services for John F. Caldwell, 82, of Livonia were Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Ward Presbyterian Church.

BURIAL was in Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

He was born Aug. 13, 1910 in Detroit. He died Saturday, Dec. 12, in Southfield. He grew up in Plymouth and came to Livonia in 1982 from Detroit. He retired in 1980 as a social worker for the State of Michigan after 23 years of service. He worked at Great Lakes Steel from 1930-1956 in Ecorse. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1928 and attended the Detroit Business College 1928-1930.

Area man casts vote for president that really counts

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Aldo Vagnozzi's job Monday was pretty clearly spelled out by the U.S. Constitution.

"The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate."

So Vagnozzi went to Lansing with wife Lois and son Paul, a Farmington Hills computer businessman. Along came daughter Nancy Pantaleo, a Farmington Alternate Academy teacher accompanied by a pupil, Son Steve, a state Commerce Department employee, met them in the Capitol.

As one of Michigan's 18 presidential electors, Vagnozzi's job was to help officially to elect the president and vice president of the U.S.

The Democratic team of Clinton-Gore won a plurality, 49 percent, of Michigan's popular vote Nov. 3 and was entitled to all 18 Michigan electors.

No initials

"Your ballot has your name on it," said Vagnozzi. "We have to write in their names — Bill Clinton and Al Gore. We're not using middle initials."

He joked that the Farmington Democratic Club sent along

someone to make sure he voted for the right pair. But it really wasn't necessary.

"After Zolton Ferency in 1968, Michigan passed a law that if you vote for someone other than the party nominee, you automatically resign your position," Vagnozzi said.

A five-minute job was turned into an hour-long ceremony in the newly restored State Senate chamber. Vagnozzi was one of two tellers, distributing a white ballot for the presidential candidate, a green one for vice president.

Secretary of State Richard Austin got to make the official announcement: "Bill Clinton received every vote from Michigan."

Al Gore received all 18. Then the electors signed six certificates. "The state archives get two. The president of the Senate (Dan Quayle) gets one. The results go to Congress to certify in January," Vagnozzi said.

Young missing

Most of Michigan's presidential electors had two things in common.

Like Vagnozzi, 67, they were longtime party members (except for 21-year-old Paul Giegleham Jr. of Macomb County). Like Vagnozzi, former editor of the AFL-CIO News and a dues paying member of the Newspaper Guild, the majority were from organized labor.

There was one no-show: Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. That raised some eyebrows but surprised no one. Young has been a city delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Government for 19 years but has never attended a meeting, and he rarely sits with the Michigan delegates at national conventions.

State party chair Gary Corbin nominated Larry Simmons to take Young's place, and the other 16 electors duly voted yes.

'How sweet it is'

Vagnozzi and the others had been nominated by a mid-year Democratic State Convention.

"A number who wanted to be considered put their names in," he said. "The district officers made the recommendations. We haven't met as the new district yet."

"It was a recognition of those who delivered the vote," said Vagnozzi, who managed a telephone bank that made 5,000 election day voter contacts.

It was the first time Democrat Vagnozzi had held a partisan public office. He moved to Farmington Hills in 1960, when it was still a township, and it has always voted Republican. On non-partisan ballots, he has been elected to the school board and city council, serving the latter as mayor.

After Republican Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld opened the session, electors picked Corbin as chair

and seven honorary chairs, including state AFL-CIO president Frank Garrison, Young, former Gov. James Blanchard of Beverly Hills, and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara of Livonia. Blanchard and McNamara were no-shows.

"How sweet it is!" said Garrison. It was a far cry from his remarks last March, when he considered Clinton unelectable and wondered when the other slipper would drop.

Three other honorary chairs delivered similar marks with a political convention flavor. But Corbin, a former minister, added "one sobering thought. Power is transitory. We must adhere to the principle of putting people first."

The job was done by 3 p.m., but Vagnozzi had more to do. That evening he had a meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council.

For being a presidential elector, Vagnozzi got no pay and no reimbursement for the 140-mile round



Aldo Vagnozzi trip. "I even lost a day's pay at work," said the editorial consultant for Inland Press in Detroit, adding: "But in four years, I'd like the chance to do it again."

Madonna will offer 2 music workshops

The continuing education department at Madonna University offers two music workshops during the winter term which begins in January.

"Chorale" participants will study and perform sacred secular choral literature. Two of four concerts are performed each year. The main requirements for members are a love of singing and ability to attend rehearsals. The workshops meet 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 12 through April 27. Cost is \$90 for 1.5 continuing education units or \$145 for 1.0 academic credit hour plus a \$10 fee.

"Introduction to Hammer Dulcimer" is taught by Charlene Berry, a scholar-performer and church musician who performs traditional music (from folk to Baroque to modern) on the hammer dulcimer. She teaches performance practice, repertoire and uses of hammer dulcimer in concert, church, classroom and social settings as well as its place in music history. The workshop meets 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays, Jan. 23 through April 3. Cost is \$75 for 2.0 continuing education units.

For more information, call 591-5188.

Health care seminar set

Madonna University will offer a healthcare seminar for consumers 7-10 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 11 through April 26.

"Healthcare Organization" will give an overview of the legislative, judicial and political decisions which influence the workings of the healthcare industry. Participants will learn about issues fac-

ing their medical provider and their rights and responsibilities as consumers.

Cost is \$170 for three continuing education units or \$290 for two academic credit hours. The class meets in Room E206 on the Livonia campus.

For more information, call 591-5188.

SEMCOG expands clean air plan

By TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Livingston and Monroe counties will be included in a regional plan to reduce dirt in the air 15 percent by 1996.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments executive committee Friday decided to gear the plan to all seven counties rather than leave out the two small ones.

"Data at this point indicate those two counties contribute 6 to 8 percent of the total mobile source emissions," said Milton Mack, a Wayne County probate judge who chairs SEMCOG's air quality task force.

"Further, approximately two-thirds of the travel originating in those counties passes through the other counties in the region. A

■ **'Final action needs to be taken in January.'**

Milton Mack

seven-county program appears appropriate based on currently available data."

Deleting any counties, Mack said, would mean even more cleanup in the remaining counties — Oakland, Wayne, Macomb, St. Clair and Washtenaw.

Livingston County officials, such as deputy commissioner Richard Rudnicki, made no comment on the plan.

There was no argument as officials from the region approved

outlines for complying with the federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990. The region's goal is to reduce air emissions 15 percent from the 1990 level by 1996.

Failure to meet the federal goal could mean the region would lose transportation money, industrial building permits and control over designing its own compliance plan. In extreme cases, local officials could be held personally liable for failing to clean up dirty air.

"Final action needs to be taken in January," Mack told the SEMCOG panel. "The plan must be submitted to the federal government by November of 1993."

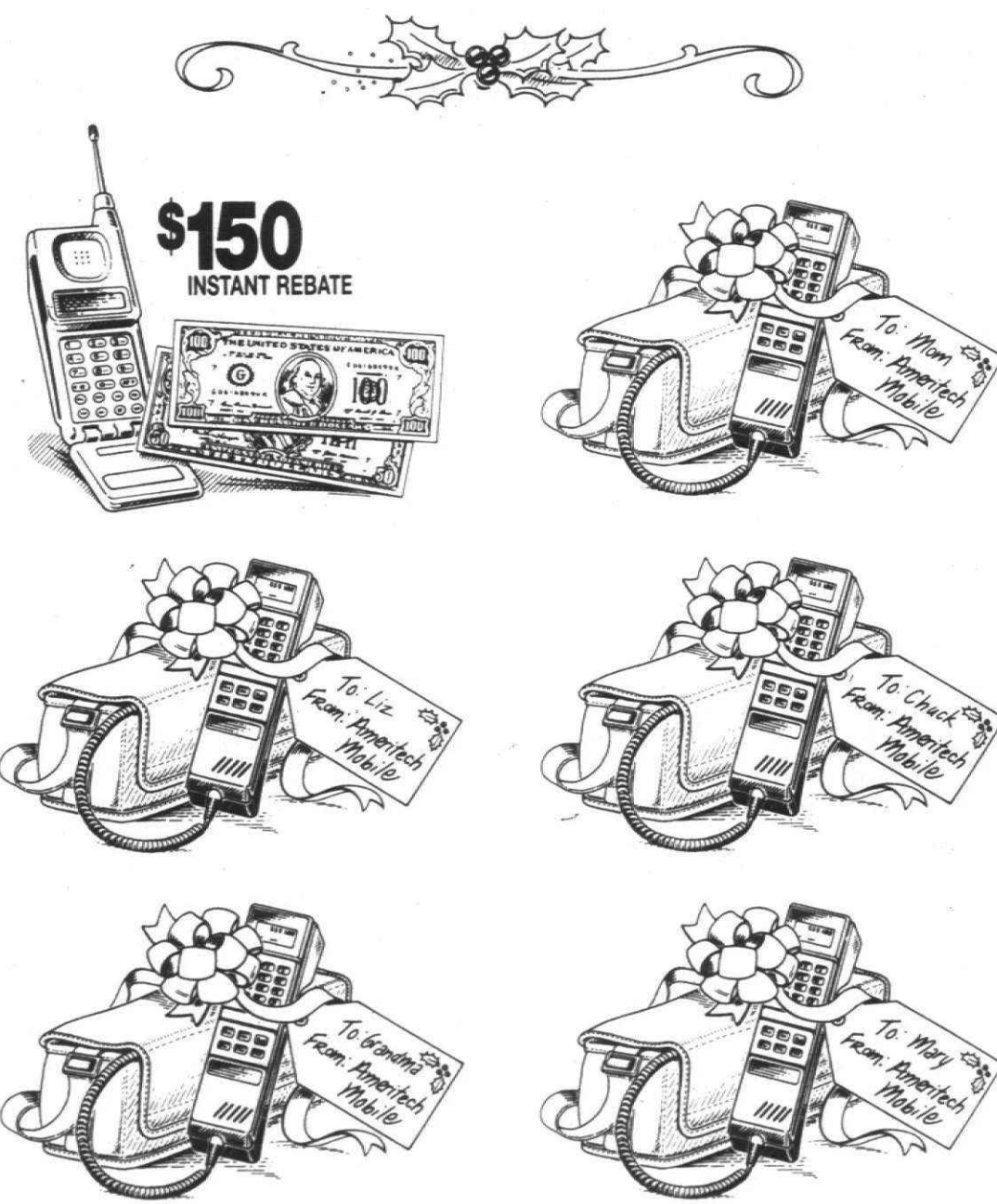
First cleanup plan drivers could see would be vapor recovery devices on fuel pumps. They would reduce volatile organic compounds (VOCs) by 4 percent.

Second would be more stringent vehicle emissions tests administered by a central agency rather than the local service station.

Third likelihood is "reformulated" fuel that would be a few cents per gallon more costly than present rates.

Mack chaired a task force with members from the oil industry, auto makers, utilities, county governments, road commissions, universities and environmental groups.

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Replace Hoben

Action urged on school chief

The replacement of school Superintendent John Hoben should come quicker than July 1994, a date that's only speculative.

Hoben's contract runs through that date, but he hasn't said he will retire at that time.

The uncertainty of his retirement date adds another burden to the Plymouth Canton schools, which also face contract talks with the district's teachers and a millage renewal and probable millage increase election this year.

That's a lot with which to deal. That's why we think it would be better to replace Hoben by April 1993. Having a new superintendent on board before a millage campaign and before negotiations with the teachers get into full swing would be both a benefit to the district and the new superintendent.

The new school chief is the person who will have to live with the millage rate and the new teacher contract. Getting him or her in place early would enable the new person to have some control over school financing.

Otherwise, the new school chief will be locked into a teacher contract and millage rate put forward by the current administration. That, in a sense, handcuffs a new superintendent.

And we don't want to see that happen. Hoben has been a fine superintendent, but has lost touch with the parents in the district

who are concerned about how their children will function in the 21st century.

The \$12 million to be spent on high-tech computer systems for classrooms is a wonderful teaching tool. But the trouble is that there aren't enough teachers in the classrooms. The reason is the administration fumbled the ball last spring and couldn't convince voters to approve a millage increase to stop the layoff of about 50 teachers.

There's also the irony of spending \$12 million on computers when laying off teachers. The reason is that voters approved a bond issue for the computers, but that money can't be used for school operations.

Also, there are some deep concerns over developmental education, which is being used in early elementary grades. Parents complain that the system of learning doesn't work.

While we don't want to see the system abandoned, it would go a long way toward selling it if school officials were more aggressive about explaining the system to parents.

Hoben has served the district long and well, but now is the time to bring in a new superintendent. There are pressing financial and educational issues that must be addressed.

Doing that will send a tone for the Plymouth Canton schools in the 1990s.

Pension veto is right move

Raise from this corner for Gov. John Engler doesn't come often. But because we believe in giving credit when it's due, the governor deserves a "right on" for his quick veto of that outrageous "early retirement" gift state legislators gave themselves before heading home for the holidays.

Engler vetoed the legislation Friday. In case you missed it, the state House and Senate Dec. 3 approved a bill that would have substantially beefed up pension benefits for retiring lawmakers and the governor. The bill — whose likely chief beneficiary would have been outgoing House speaker Lewis Dodak, D-Birch Run — sailed through both houses with nary a word of discussion on the session's final day.

Under the bill, a narrowly defeated Dodak could have begun collecting his annual \$54,000 pension in April at age 47. That's in addition to any salary the former speaker will earn in future employment.

In addition, Engler and nearly half the 119 legislators returning to Lansing stood to benefit from the early retirement bill, which would have cost taxpayers an estimated \$4.5 million annually.

Fortunately, Engler had the good political sense to kill the bill.

Engler said the governor's office received 3,200 phone calls and hundreds of letters on the bill last week from outraged residents.

Those folks wanted to know how lawmakers thought they could justify the cushy early retirement "when most people today don't have such provisions," the governor said.

His veto message indicates that the governor

appears at least to be grounded in reality when it comes to public perception of politicians in our still recession-strapped state.

Too bad we can't say the same for the Legislature's political savvy.

It's troubling to say that the state House and Senate can muster easy, bi-partisan support on such self-serving legislation while more meaningful bills on important issues die of neglect.

Although many who voted for the bill later reversed themselves and urged the veto, it's painfully clear these guys and gals just don't get it.

Area senators who mistakenly voted yes were Mat Dunakiss, R-Lake Orion, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Robert Geake, R-Northville, and George Hart, D-Deerborn.

Senators voting no were Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield. Ailing was William Faust, D-Westland.

House members voting to sweeten the pot were William Keith, D-Westland, James Kosteva, D-Canton, Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, John Jamian, R-Birmingham, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville, and Gordon Sparks, R-Troy.

Opposed was Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills. Missing the vote (and in effect voting no) were Lyn Banks, R-Livonia, Justine Barns, D-Westland, John Bennett, D-Redford, and Wilfred Webb, D-Hazel Park.

Faced by outraged voters who have already given a nod to term limitation, the pension bill was a bad move at the wrong time.



LETTERS

GM worker objects

As an employee of the Livonia GM plant which is to be closed, I felt compelled to write you in regards to the article, by Dan McCosh (Thurs., Dec. 10, P3C). The column is filled with factual mistakes and is a prime example of how little most writers actually know about what is going on in this industry. If employees in the plants performed their jobs this poorly, we would all soon be out of a job.

First of all, the plant that Mr. McCosh is referring to is not a Fisher Guide plant at all, but rather a Delco Chassis Div. plant. The Fisher Guide plant remains open.

Secondly, he states that the structural beams made in Livonia will be made at a plant in Indiana and are to be made from aluminum. We do not make structural beams at Livonia, we make face beams which is just another fancy name for bumpers. I know of no plants to use aluminum bumpers on GM vehicles.

Third, he implies that the reason for the plant's obsolescence is that GM has decided to replace steel leaf springs (another one of our

products at this location) with composites. While GM did experiment with fiberglass composite springs on its M-Van line, it has since reversed its thinking and a steel leaf spring is being developed at Livonia to replace the composite spring.

It appears to me that Mr. McCosh could have benefited from a little research on this subject before writing his article. It also appalls me that the editor of such a well known magazine would syndicate an article so erroneous. Maybe there is hope for us factory rats after all, I'm sure we know more than this about what we are doing.

Mad in Livonia, L. Bowman
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State leaders neglect economy

News item: General Motors will close two, maybe three, more auto plants in Michigan. The state will lose more than 30,000 high-paying auto jobs over the next four years just from GM's downsizing.

News item: On the last day of session, the Michigan Legislature voted overwhelmingly to sweeten its already rich pension program. Outgoing House Speaker Lewis Dodak and House Republican floor leader Donald Van Singel, both beneficiaries of the new rules, both voted for the measure. Gov. John Engler, who also stood to benefit, wisely vetoed the measure Friday.

Reasonable conclusion: Our legislative leaders are far more interested in feathering their own nests than in dealing with Michigan's economic problems.

Supporting evidence: Just a few things the Legislature failed to do this year include school finance reform, property tax relief, health care cost containment, auto insurance cost limits, unemployment compensation reform, campaign finance reform and ethics in government measures.

Hidden fact: This year's appropriation for the Michigan State Legislature is \$91 million. That doesn't include the pension program.

Obvious question: What are we getting for our money?

The big issue: Michigan's economy. It's in trouble. Best estimates are that we have lost something like 180,000 manufacturing jobs over the past 20 years. These are good jobs, paying good wages and bringing good benefits. They drove our state's prosperity. Now they are drying up. Obviously the Legislature isn't going to do anything.

What's Engler's strategy? Over all, it has been to hack away at costs of state government and hold the line on taxes during a recession.

Obvious comment: OK, but what has been the strategic vision for bringing back Michigan's economy? For the first two years of the administration, there appear to have been three elements, none implemented.



PHILIP POWER

1. Cut property taxes. "Cut & Cap" was resoundingly defeated.

2. Push exports. The guy who was supposed to run the program got fired last month.

3. Improve the business climate. Some measures are stalled in the Democratic House, but issues such as product liability reform and unemployment insurance changes are bottled up in GOP-controlled committees in the Senate.

Is this adequate? Nope. Especially not in the face of GM's downsizing and a recession ending too slowly.

What will Engler do? My guess is he'll put on a policy blitz in the State of the State and budget messages, both in January. In place of the mossbacked ideological passivism of the last two years, the governor will become an activist for the economy.

Look for stuff on job training, maybe something to reduce business taxes (yet again) and something to encourage universities in the technology transfer area.

My view: This is just fussing with the edges of the problem. We need a strategic vision of what Michigan's economy is going to become and an action plan of how to get there that deals with fundamentals.

Maybe that's the real reason our elected leaders are so preoccupied with their pension benefits once out of office.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper.

POINTS OF VIEW

Censorship not way to change moral standards

We're all guilty, not just the TV networks, when it comes to sex and violence in the media. We love to watch them, therefore it becomes easy to sell that kind of fare to advertisers. For example, witness:

■ The NFL in the newspapers and radio shows the latest in the physically abusive game is how to use a player's head to smash into and incapacitate an opponent. It's something we love to hate.

■ Gory photos in newspapers and magazines do more than tell a story: They get attention and that, too, sells.

■ The popular movies "Home Alone" one and two, considered family fare, are shockingly violent. Yet the proposition that an innocent youngster could be so cruel in defending himself brings laughter.

■ The TV show "Law & Order" bills itself as taking stories "from today's headlines." The show, once compelling, has deteriorated into sensationalism that serves only to titillate.

■ And another TV show, "Reasonable Doubts," recently featured previews of one of its stars getting shot in a "sensitive spot." That should read groin, but its more sexy to be indirect.

Censorship of the media is not the answer, no matter whether it comes from the FCC or from the recent announcement that networks would do their own policing. Yes, censorship is a violation of the first amendment, but the real issue here is the futility of trying to censor what people want. Remember that Prohibition, which lasted barely more than a decade, brought with it corruption and clandestine ef-



SANDRA ARMBRUSTER

orts to consume the forbidden elixirs.

The truth is that the public seems so dulled by decades of sex and violence, or so debased by them, that they don't react anymore. So whether it was Bloomfield Hills' Terry Rakolta's initial protests over sexual themes in "Married with Children," or the net-

works decision to limit violence, prohibition of the two won't work.

And we're paying the price, folks. Recently our newspapers reported a sexual assault without penetration at Farmington Harrison High School; a sexual assault of a Plymouth Canton high school junior on the way to school; confiscation of an unloaded gun at Orchard Lake Middle School in West Bloomfield; and a murder behind Adams Junior High in Westland in which several teens are accused.

And these are our so-called safe, secluded, suburban enclaves? Hal-

We need to open our eyes and ears to what's really going on out there. That's not what a Michigan judge did last week when he reduced the charges against some teens accused in the rape of a 13-year-old girl. She shouldn't have gotten in the car in the first place,

said the judge, as though many of us, much less the 13-year-old, are considering the consequences of what we're doing.

That judge's ruling teaches those boys that they don't have to take responsibility for their actions, and therein lies the mortal sin of which we all are guilty.

Movies like "Home Alone," violence in sports and on TV won't diminish until we all start taking responsibility for what we watch and how we conduct our lives.

This isn't an either/or situation of being a saint versus sinner. It's a matter of establishing some semblance of peace on earth, goodwill toward all.

Sandra Armbruster is editorial page coordinator for Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Huron River explorers sniff out sad discovery

I was third to see them, but first to call the Department of Natural Resources office at Island Lake. "Did you know you have — or had — a beaver in the park?" I asked.

"No, I've never heard of any here," replied Joanne Stritmatter, who has been manager there for two years.

Island Lake State Recreation Area straddles the Huron River as it flows

southwest from old Grand River Road to US 23. Deer, owl, turkey vultures, muskrat, fox — sure.

But beaver? My nature guide says they're found "as far south as Muskegon-Bay City line." But this is Livingston County, with two freeways, lots of suburban homes and, if Green Oak Township had its way, industry, too.

I've canoed the Huron uncounted times and walked hundreds of miles of trails since moving back to the area 25 years ago. But neither I nor anyone I know had ever spotted beaver there, less than an hour out of Detroit.

First to spot the beaver was the trapper who had skinned them and left the bodies on the edge of a wetland draining into a pond. Trapping is legal, if you have a license.

Second was Kirsten, my Norwegian elkhound. An elkhound is a superb tracker. Kirsten can smell frozen meat through an insulated brick wall. Now 11 and a bit arthritic, she doesn't rock around anymore, but she likes cold-weather hikes. She sticks to the trail,

except when she smells tracks or meat. Kirsten thawed some beaver meat with her hot breath and had a midday snack.

"I'd say they were there a couple of days before you found them," said DNR officer Luba Sitar when I led her back to the spot. The skeletons hadn't been disturbed at all. "The lungs are still intact," she noted.

We pondered the possibility that the trapper snared them somewhere else and left the skinned bodies at Island Lake. But why? If it was a hoax, why didn't the perpetrator plant them along a trail instead of a place where only an elkhound could find them?

The bodies were in an environment that could be home to beaver. This wasn't like finding Hemingway's frozen leopard on the snows of Mt. Kilimanjaro.

We explored the immediate area for signs of blood from the skinning process. No luck. But the heavy rains could have washed away any blood.

I wondered if DNR had stocked this pair, but Sitar said no.



TIM RICHARD

No dam was visible. Beaver usually build dams — but not always. Each of us had seen beaver in undammed areas. They can build a lodge in a wetland.

"They were good-sized adults," she said of the bodies, which stretched nearly three feet from square nose to the black, scaly, paddle-like tail.

"Maybe they had a brood."

If I hadn't spotted the tails and the splayed rear legs while looking for Kirsten, I would have taken the bodies for junker carp, which inhabit that section of the nearby Huron River. I took photos, but you wouldn't want to see them

in the paper. The pond has a muddy bank around 80 percent of its shore. The area has acres and acres of impenetrable swamp (or perhaps I should stick to the politically correct term, "wetland") and jungle-like brush.

Although the Island Lake area has thousands of visitors annually, vast expanses are impassable. Kirsten and I were checking out this pond for ice fishing purposes. She loves fresh bluegill.

The officer was glad I had found the beaver, though we both regretted their demise.

It's easy to trap out beaver. In fact, the reason Michigan was penetrated by the French in the 17th century was that beaver hats were fashionable in Europe, but the beaver had all been trapped from Poland.

The officer and I hoped the beaver kids, if any, would survive. We promised to keep watching. Kirsten will help.

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

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Judith Mau
Plymouth



"I think it's great. I really do. They need help and if we can help them let's help them."

Krystal Weber
Canton



"I think we should help those poor starving people. I just hope we don't have any of our boys get hurt."

Dolores Czerniak
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"I don't like it. I think there's enough homeless people here. They need to spend the money here."

Debbie Kopacz
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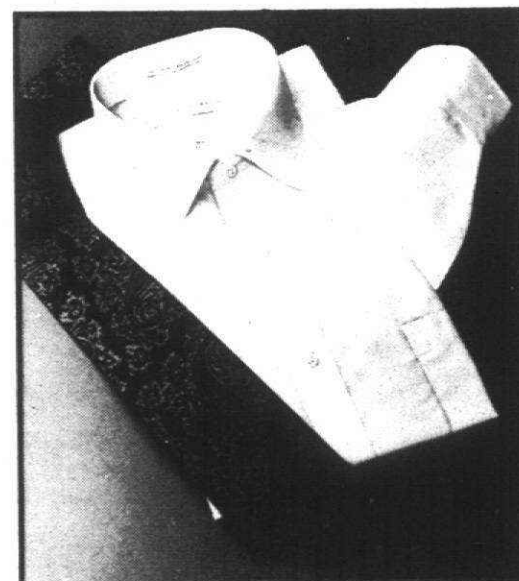
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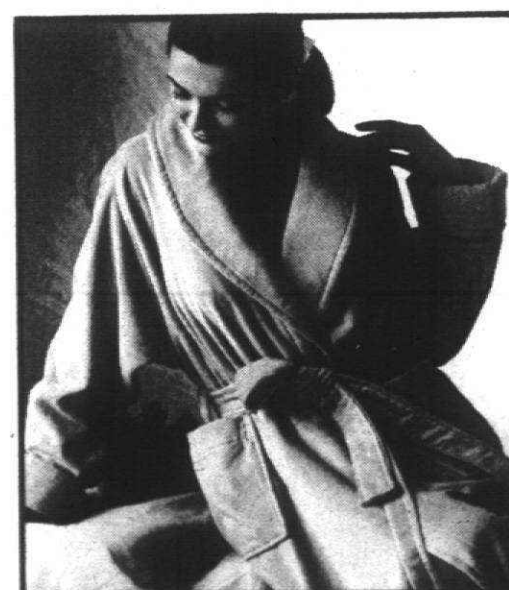
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Fortier excels

Plymouth Canton graduate Michelle Fortier is a senior guard at Western Michigan University, averaging 4.8 points and 3.0 rebounds. Fortier also had a team-high 15 assists and three steals for the Broncos, who are 3-1 overall. The Broncos' next scheduled game is Dec. 27 against the University of Arizona in the opening round of the Arizona Christmas Classic. Wester meets either Fairfield or Providence in the second round on Dec. 29. The Broncos are also scheduled to play Dec. 31 at Arizona State.

Soccer camps

The Schoolcraft College Winter Soccer Camps will be held in two sessions during January and February. Each course meets once a week for four weeks. Session I will be held Jan. 4 through Jan. 27 and Session II is Feb. 1-24. Boys and girls ages 6 through 14 are eligible to register. Cost per individual is \$40 or \$400 per team. Camp Director is Schoolcraft College coach Nick O'Shea, who led the Ocelots to the 1987 national championship. O'Shea is assisted by Lars Richters, a Livonia Stevenson graduate who plays for the Detroit Rockers. Call 462-4400 or 421-7533 for more information or a brochure.

Agape wins matches

Plymouth Agape Christian improved to 4-1 overall in girls volleyball with Monday's 15-4, 15-4 win over Romulus Christian. The victory comes three days after Agape outdied Wixom Christian 15-9, 15-10. Teraek Baisch led Agape with 12 kills and Rachel Batzer had 21 sets in last Friday's victory.

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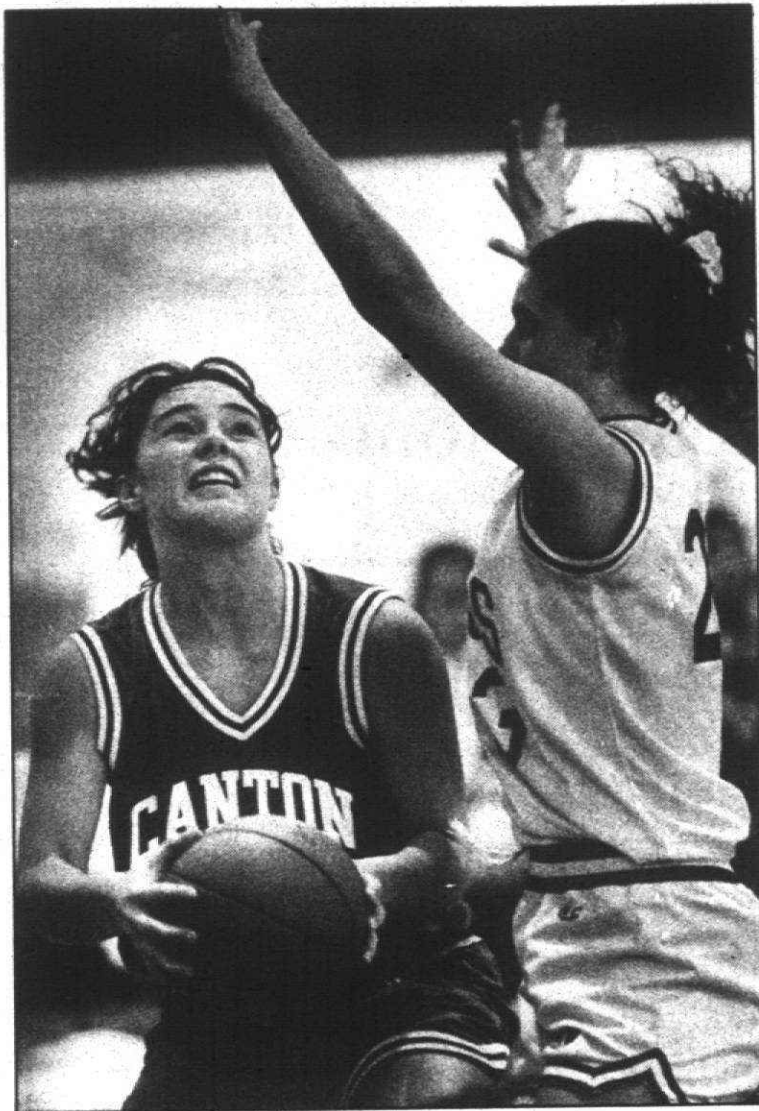
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Teammates, at last



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All-Area recognition: Stephanie Gray (left) of Plymouth Canton and Cyndi Platter of Salem spent their high school careers playing against each other. But today they're featured on the All Observer girls basketball first team on Page 5B.

Salem, Canton showcase depth

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Salem's girls volleyball team returns an impressive group of seniors, led by senior setter Caryn Tatterton.

Like co-coaches Allie Suffety and Brian Gilles, Tatterton begins her fourth year on the Salem varsity. A captain, Tatterton last season was a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division first-team selection and led the Rocks to a 35-32-8 overall record.

"I could see her at least getting all-division, if not more," Suffety said. "She has great skills, keeps players up and is willing to sacrifice herself for a play. She really hustles."

The Rocks lost six seniors to graduation, including starting hitters Julie Thomas, Julianna Delaroque and Martha Bol, but they expect to be as strong at the net this season. Returning for their senior seasons are middle hitter Cyndi Platter, fresh off a successful basketball campaign, and outside hitters Jenny Garvey and Jenna Stanton.

The 5-foot-10 Platter had 26 kills Saturday in leading Salem to fourth place in the Madonna University Invitational. The Rocks finished 6-2 in pool play before losing to eventual-champion Pinconning in the semifinal, 12-15, 9-15.

Salem was especially strong serving with 92 percent accuracy, including 71 aces throughout the day.

Garvey led the way with 15 aces. "We have four seniors who really do a great job," Suffety said. "We're getting great leadership."

The Rocks get support from underclassmen Jamey Viaw, a 5-8 junior outside hitter who had stints on the varsity last year, and back row specialist Jenny Coleman. Others expect-

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ed to contribute include sophomore outside hitter Karen Gundry, a defensive specialist, and junior outside hitter-back row specialist Amy Ruthig.

The middle hitter position will be won by either 5-11 freshman Shellye Sills or 5-10 sophomore Paula Domkowski, who played on the freshman team last year.

"I think Shellye is more aggressive but Paula has improved incredibly in a year," Suffety said. "She was an excellent blocker, now she's a good hitter, too."

Suffety calls Stevenson the favorite in the WLAA.

"I can see Stevenson being the prize of the league," Suffety said. "We have no expectations but I think we'll surprise some people. We peaked early and ran out of gas last year but if we can avoid that and mid-season injuries, we'll be all right."

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In talking to Plymouth Canton volleyball coach Jacqueline Getz, you get the impression she'd have fun with this group even if they failed to win another match.

"It's a great group of girls, this is the kind of team that doesn't come along very often," Getz said. "They have great camaraderie, are hard workers who just love the game. It's a real pleasure to coach them."

Getz, who starts six seniors, already saw promise at Saturday's Madonna University Invitational. The Chiefs were 5-3 in pool play, including a 15-7 win over eventual-champion Pinconning.

See VOLLEYBALL, 3B

Chiefs' Gruenwald finest at Civitan mat meeting

Plymouth Canton wrestler Dan Gruenwald was named Most Outstanding Wrestler at Saturday's Canton Civitan Invitational.

The Chiefs posted a fifth-place showing in the 11-team invitational and for Gruenwald it was a banner day. Gruenwald, the Chiefs' 103-pounder, won his weight class with a 4-2 win over Phong Pham of Adrian.

Gruenwald advanced to the final with a pin over Wayne Memorial's Curtis Brown in 2:47 and a 19-10 win over Tom Howard of South Lyon.

"Dan wrestled the smartest of any of our kids," Canton coach Jim Eddie said. "I expected him to do well, but didn't know if he'd take it or not. He's still small for

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103 but extremely strong. The way he wrestled he certainly deserved Most Outstanding."

South Lyon took the team championship with 241 points. The real battle was for second place as Adrian won out with 147 points, followed by Monroe (137), Troy Athens (131) and Canton (121).

Nick Spano was the Chiefs' other champion, winning the 135-pound class with a pin in 5:25 over South Lyon's Mike Muccino. Spano reached the final with a pin over Gary Eberhard in 1:02 and a pin over Adrian's Glenn Johns in 1:56.

"It was typical Nick," Eddie said. "He worked his 'Half Nelson's' — usually that's what he turns people with to get them on their backs for pins."

Canton's Dave Smith (140) and Ryan Conner (145) reached the championship round before losing and Bill Buslepp (152) lost in the semifinal.

Smith lost to Adrian's Jeremy Padilla, 9-4, in the 140 final and Conner got pinned in 3:53 by South Lyon's Mike McDaniels. Buslepp lost to Athens' Tom Vansimaey 9-7.

Salem pinned

Plymouth Salem had a rough day. See WRESTLING, 3B

Martin's long 3 lifts OCC

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

No fault can be assigned for the game's final, decisive points.

Trailing 89-88 — Schoolcraft College went in front when point guard Vincent Turner converted one of two free throws with 1:02 remaining — Oakland Community College's options were dwindling. Myron Banks, the Raiders' best inside threat, had fouled out with 2:50 left.

Now SC was forcing the play by going into a zone (the Ocelots had played man-to-man defense throughout the game). That compounded OCC's problem, if indeed coach Lynn Reed wanted to pound the ball inside.

Instead, he called Craig Martin's number, from long range. "We wanted him to take the three," said Reed.

SC was not caught unprepared. Their all-conference center, 6-foot-6 Jarvis Murray, was stationed at the top of the key in the zone, his sole purpose to bother Martin. "It had to be an outside shot, and (Martin's) their best outside shooter," said SC coach Dave Bogataj.

Bogataj had witnessed Martin's shooting prowess during pregame warmups. He knew what was coming. And there was no stopping it.

Murray was there, but his arms were down to deflect a pass. With 20 seconds left, Martin simply backed up a few more feet — he was well behind the three-point stripe, nearly 30 feet from the basket — and let it fly.

"I thought it was good when he shot it," said Reed, long after Martin's shot had arched through the basket, lifting OCC to a 92-89 victory Wednesday at SC.

The Ocelots had played valiantly, if not always brilliantly. Steve Whitlow's three-point shot at the buzzer missed, however, and the Ocelots were stuck with another loss, their seventh straight. SC is 3-9 overall, 0-3 in the Eastern Conference. OCC is 4-7 overall, 1-1 in the conference.

The Ocelots were ahead by a point with 3:25 left in the first half, but OCC finished with a 10-3 spurt and led 50-44 at the intermission.

SC started to make its move with 16:21 left in the game. A 10-2 run tied the game at 58-58. OCC recaptured the lead temporarily, but then the Ocelots heated up again.

Their second streak lasted 3:13; SC outscored the Raiders 14-2 and led 72-64 with 9:11 left. The Ocelot lead grew to 10, 76-66, with 7:53 left.

But now, it was the Raiders' turn to rally. Which they did, behind Troy Coleman (10 points in the last 7:37). Banks (eight points in that stretch, six coming on vicious slams) and, of course, Martin. It was Martin who scored OCC's final five points.

Whitlow — who led SC with 27 points — converted a rare four-point play when he sank a three and was fouled. His free throw gave the Ocelots an 86-82 lead.

The Raiders clawed back to tie it with 1:11 left on Martin's baseline jumper. Turner's free throw gave SC the lead with 1:02 to play, setting the stage for Martin's long-range heroics. Coleman led OCC with 27, with Martin getting 22 and Banks 12.

SC got 20 from Bryant Markowicz and 17 from Murray.

"I'm telling you," said Reed of Martin after the game, "he can shoot the ball."

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Scoring lapses still plague Ocelots

The one thing Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Dave Bogataj has discovered he can count on from his players is inconsistency.

He doesn't know when it will happen, but Bogataj knows there will be a long scoreless stretch during the game sometime, lasting four, five, even six minutes.

The spell dragged nearly six minutes Saturday at Highland Park CC. It led to SC's trailing 48-35 at the half and, ultimately, to a 94-77 Eastern Conference defeat.

"We lost it on turnovers," said Bogataj, whose team dropped its seventh straight. "We had 25. They pressed the living daylight out of us, and we did some silly things."

One silly thing the Ocelots did was not get the ball inside to Jarvis Murray, the team's leading scorer and rebounder. Murray—who was also plagued by foul trouble—took just nine shots, scoring 10 points and grabbing eight rebounds.

Courtney Williamson's 24 points paced SC. Mohammed Abdabro added 20, with Steve Whitlow getting 15. Andre Gregory's 26 points were best for the Panthers. Lawrence Carter had 23 and Anthony Daniels netted 13.

"We didn't control (the ball) enough to set up and get it in (Murray)," said Bogataj. "We had 25. They pressed the living daylight out of us, and we did some silly things."

The game was played between the top of the keys.

SC's failure to dictate the tempo of the game would take proved costly.

SC WOMEN'S HOOP
A late run carried Highland Park CC past SC, 73-69, Saturday in an Eastern Conference women's basketball game at SC.

The Lady Ocelots (6-5 overall, 0-2 in the conference) led 41-33 at the half, but Highland Park caught up with some strong man-to-man defense in the second half, tying the game at 62-62 with four minutes left.

The Panthers then rattled off six straight points. SC had its scoring chances during that stretch, but missed a pair of

layups. The Lady Ocelots never caught up again.

Dana Hudson led the SC attack, connecting on 4-of-6 three-pointers and scoring 25 points. The Lady Ocelots made 7-of-14 three-pointers in the first half against the Panther zone, but did not get one in the second. Hudson also had seven rebounds and five steals.

Lori Murphy added 17 points and Becky Piotrowski finished with 12 for SC. Highland Park got 18 points from Leatrice Scott and 10 from Crystal Marshall.

"Our freshmen are coming around," said SC coach Jack Green. "They need to learn how to play in the last five minutes."

NCAA III champion bounces Crusaders

MADONNA

Playing the second game of a two-day road trip against the defending national champion cannot be misconstrued as an ideal situation.

But Madonna University's women's basketball team didn't fare too badly. True, the Lady Crusaders could not keep pace with Alma, which won the NCAA Division III title last season. But they were within four with three minutes left before fatigue struck and their shots stopped falling, resulting in a 59-49 loss Saturday.

Madonna (now 6-6) had trailed 33-22 at the half before narrowing the gap to four. In

the Crusaders' next three possessions, they got off two jumpers and a shot inside, but missed them all.

"We hit a cold streak there, and we just couldn't get it going," said Madonna coach Bill Potter. "Playing the night before had something to do with it, but, after all, they are the defending Division III champs."

Madonna got 13 points from Jill Burt. She was the team's only double-figure scorer.

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Volleyball

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Canton also recorded wins over Dearborn (15-7, 15-13) and Livonia Clarenceville (15-7, 15-13).

The Chiefs were led by seniors Angela Fountain, who "was setting very consistently throughout the day," according to Getz, and outside hitter Tina Schafer.

Schafer's defense has improved over last year when she was named to the Western Lakes Association.

'I think we'll surprise some people.'

Allie Suffety
Plymouth Salem coach

tivities Association Western Division team, Getz said.

The other senior starters include outside hitter Karrie Drinkhahn, middle hitter Michelle Metzger and back row players Colleen Connell and Laura Ciantar. Providing support off the bench is senior front row specialist Erin Olenech.

Underclass players expected to contribute are junior middle hitter Ndu Okawaumbua and junior Alison Haremski, who served well at the Madonna Invitational, according to Getz.

The Chiefs were 18-11 overall and finished in sixth place at the WLAA meet. Graduated from that team are four players, including three-year starters Danielle Meyka and Jenny Davis. Davis was an all-Western Division selection at middle hitter.

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WRESTLING

CANTON CIVITAN INVITATIONAL Saturday at Plymouth Canton

Team standings: 1. South Lyon, 241 points; 2. Adrian, 147; 3. Monroe, 137; 4. Troy, 131; 5. Canton, 121; 6. Livonia Stevenson, 98; 7. Livonia Franklin, 83; 8. Wayne Memorial, 36; 9. (tie) Northville and Berkley, 19.

Heavyweight: Dave Feldman (Adrian) pinned Mike Ramsey (Wayne), 3:35; consolation: Jason Calka (South Lyon) defeated Tim Larkins (Monroe), 13:9.

103 pounds: Dan Gruenwald (Canton) of Phong Pham (Adrian), 4:2; consolation: Shane Vener (Monroe) pinned Richard Lim, 0:51.

112: Brian Beauchamp (Adrian) of Ben Lewis (Stevenson), 10:2; consolation: Mike Monroe (South Lyon) pinned Bill Lembes (Stevenson), 2:06.

119: Jeremy Brown (South Lyon) pinned Jeremy Palmer (Adrian), 1:32; consolation: Tony Dettore (Franklin) pinned Zack Francis (Northville), 2:42.

125: Dave Rowland (Franklin) of Sean Francis (Adrian), 7:5; consolation: Joe Connolly (South Lyon) pinned Jason Spagnoli (Adrian), 2:21.

130: Chris Addy (South Lyon) pinned Jay Reynolds (Adrian), 1:00; consolation: Billy James (Monroe) of Adam Hill (Franklin), 13:0.

135: Nick Spano (Canton) pinned Mike Muccino (South Lyon), 5:25; consolation: Jason Calka (Monroe) of Glen Johns (Adrian), 15:0.

140: Jeremy Padilla (Adrian) of Dave Smith (Canton), 9:4; consolation: Scott Goldman (Stevenson) of Steve Richardson (South Lyon), 13:11.

145: Mike McDaniels (South Lyon) pinned Ryan Conner (Canton), 5:53; consolation: Tom Woodruff (Monroe) of Chris Mullett (Stevenson), 10:4.

152: Jason Duncan (South Lyon) of Don Gardner (Monroe), 9:5; consolation: Tom Vansimaes (Adrian) of Bill Buslepp (Canton), 9:7.

160: Jason Brown (South Lyon) of Ben Lewis (Stevenson), 9:0; consolation: Jeff Scott (Monroe) pinned Mike Mohr (Adrian), 5:1.

171: Jesse Shakanan (Franklin) pinned Jeff Archey (South Lyon), 5:24; consolation: Verlen McClendon (Wayne) of Cory Fannin (Monroe), 5:9.

189: Craig Martin (Stevenson) pinned Marc Martinez (Adrian), 1:05; consolation: Mike Moll (South Lyon) pinned Jason Wosowski (Monroe), 4:34.

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go of it Saturday at the Cleveland St. John's Quad Meet.

The Rocks were blanked by St. Ed's 74-0 and lost to Xenia Beaver Creek 52-18. St. Ed's is traditionally one of the nation's best programs.

"They're capable of beating most small college teams," Salem coach Ron Krueger said.

Salem matched up better with Redford, winning three matches. Scott Hughes (103) won on a void and John Svec (160) and

Wade Langdon (171) won with pins.

At least four expected Salem residents moved out of the district or out of state and Krueger said the inexperience shows. Salem wrestles at Redford Catholic Central today and it's a reunion of sorts for Krueger and his two sons, Jason and Danny, who wrestle for the Shamrocks.

"CC is a veteran, studied team and we want to go against the best," the elder Krueger said.

Bone chiller Runners brave cold at Jingle Bell run

RUNNING

More than 1,200 runners braved 25-degree weather and a stiff wind in Max & Erma's 5K Jingle Bell Run for Arthritis, Dec. 6 at Oakland University in Rochester.

Clint Verran, 17, of Lake Orion was the overall male winner in 15:35. He edged runner-up Barry Purse, 24, of Tecumseh by five seconds.

The women's race also was a nail-biter, as Kathy Kubicki, 26, of Birmingham, edged Nancy Grayson, 42, of Northville.

Kubicki finished in 18:13, while Grayson was four seconds off the lead pace in 18:17.

Redford Roadrunner Robyn Frankowicz, 40, of Northville took the women's masters division, finishing in 21:03.

Chuck Storm of Washington, 45, won the men's masters title in 17:45.

Corporate team awards went to CML Inc. in the male division with a cumulative time of 56:11; Team Chrysler in the women's division, 66:45; and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in the mixed category, 63:36.

The O&E team consisted of Beth Sundrila, Terry Davison, Carol McCcloud, Matt Jachman, Mike Perrot and Marybeth Dillon.

The Spirit of Detroit Chapter of the Sweet Adelines, dressed as Christmas elves, won the costume competition.

A \$100 Max & Erma's gift certificate went to Gayle Smith of Bloomfield Hills, Joy Winick of Redford, Nora Conn of Huntington Woods, Jan Dillon of Redford and Maureen Maher of Westland, as they debuted in their inaugural Motor City Striders race.

TOP AGE-GROUP FINISHERS
Top overall males: 1. Clint Verran (Lake Orion), 15:35; 2. Barry Purse (Tecumseh), 15:40; 3. Paul Rice (Eastpointe), 15:43; 4. Jim Marcano (Monroe), 15:46; 5. Scott Grace (Oakland), 16:10; 6. John Springer (Redford), 16:17; 7. Gary Purse (Adrian), 16:20; 8. Perry Oakes (Mount Clemens), 16:35; 9. Stan Ford (Lake Orion), 16:38; 10. Don Richmond (Orionville), 16:43.

Top overall females: 1. Kathy Kubicki (Birmingham), 18:13; 2. Nancy Grayson (Northville), 18:17; 3. Ann Welch (Monroe), 18:51; 4. Marybeth Dillon (South Lyon), 19:23; 5. Laurie Greenwood (Royal Oak), 19:24; 6. Marcy Nesbitt (Rochester Hills), 19:46; 7. Kelly Betzold (Sterling Heights), 19:48; 8. Chrissy Garst (Troy), 19:53; 9. Jennifer Welch (Monroe), 20:27; 10. Sharmila Pearson (West Bloomfield), 20:33.

Males 18-29: 1. Gary Purse (Adrian), 16:20; 2. Brett Sarbon (Royal Oak), 16:52; 3. Carl Rundell (Birmingham), 16:58; Brian Tully (Rochester Hills), 17:01.

Females 18-29: 1. Kelly Betzold (Sterling Heights), 19:48; 2. Elaine Ward (Northville), 20:05; 3. Bill Roney (Birmingham), 20:38; 5. Sharon Jennings (Plymouth), 21:05.

Males 30-39: 1. John Springer (Redford), 16:16; 2. Perry Badie (Mount Clemens), 16:35; 3. Stan Ford (Lake Orion), 16:38; 5. Alan Van Meter (Farmington Hills), 16:48.

Females 30-39: 1. Marybeth Dillon (South Lyon), 19:23; 2. Laurie Greenwood (Royal Oak), 19:24; 3. Marcy Nesbitt (Rochester Hills), 19:46; 4. Mary Gensch (Plymouth), 20:57.

Males 40-49: 1. Chuck Storm (Washington), 17:45; 2. Mark Soares (Northville), 18:36; 3. Darrel LaMar (Rochester Hills), 18:42; 4. Paul Omsand (Troy), 18:52; 5. David Cushing (Bloomfield Hills), 18:57.

Females 40-49: 1. Robyn Frankowicz (Northville), 21:03; 2. Maggie Zdar (Pontiac), 22:02; 3. Darlene Smith (Clarkston), 22:55; 4. Joanna Peltz (Livonia), 23:25.

Males 50-59: 1. Bill Roney (Birmingham), 19:19; 2. Bill Wild (Warren), 19:59; 3. Ed Pomfret (Farmdale), 20:05; David Mackinn (Rochester Hills), 20:36.

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Canton falls; Salem wins in rout

Plymouth Canton lost another boys basketball game to Adrian but at least this time the Chiefs have the rest of the season to make improvements.

Adrian led 36-17 at halftime Tuesday night at home en route to a 61-43 non-league win over the Chiefs. Adrian ended Canton's season last year in a Class A regional semifinal at Ypsilanti High School.

Eric Nickelson, a 6-foot-10 center now playing for Cleveland State, led Adrian last year but this time it was the Maples' quickness that bothered the Chiefs.

Adrian, which led 14-9 after one quarter, improved to 2-1 overall and Canton fell to 1-2.

"They're not big but very quick and athletic," Canton coach Dave Van Wagner said. "Their full-court pressure really bothered us."

Canton made some adjust-

ments in the second half and it worked as the Chiefs outscored the Maples 15-9 in the third quarter to get within 44-32. Canton got as close as six points in the fourth quarter but the Chiefs were called for a technical foul when a player checked into the game without going to the scorer's table first.

Adrian made the two technical foul shots and converted an out-of-bounds pass to go up 10 points.

Matt Paupore led Canton with 15 points and teammate Owen Crosby contributed 10 points and 12 rebounds. Junior forward Bryan Whittle was limited to two points before fouling out.

Greg Stephens led Adrian with 31 points.

Salem outscored Ypsilanti 17-5

BASKETBALL

in the second quarter to turn a 20-18 advantage into a 37-23 halftime lead.

"They started to pressure us and we got a lot of easy baskets," Salem coach Bob Brodie said.

Ypsilanti pulled to within one in the third quarter but the Rocks outscored the Braves 24-14 in the fourth quarter to clinch the outcome.

Ypsilanti fell to 2-1 overall. Senior guard Mike Stone scored 10 of his game-high 22 points in the fourth quarter. Senior center Brandon Stone contributed 14 points and junior swingman James Head had 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Brian Jensen scored nine points and led all rebounders with 15.

Ypsilanti was led by Marlos Long's 20 points.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN 85, PLY. CHRISTIAN 57: Antwan Small

scored a school-record 40 points Tuesday night to lead host Detroit Trinity Christian past Plymouth Christian.

Jason Neil scored 22 points for Plymouth Christian but it wasn't enough after the Eagles fell behind 18-4 after one quarter.

The loss drops Plymouth Christian to 1-2 overall.

Ryan Bigelow scored nine points for the Eagles.

AGAPE CHRISTIAN 74, ROMULUS CHRISTIAN 44: Junior forward Brandon McKelvey scored 25 points with 13 rebounds and teammate Rey Dixon had 20 points Monday as Plymouth Agape Christian rolled.

Agape Christian improved to 3-2 overall. Romulus Christian is 1-5.



On the go: Plymouth Salem guard Sanjeev Seth (right) helped run the offense Tuesday and gave the Rocks momentum with a 3-point shot before the halftime buzzer.

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| PLYMOUTH-CANTON JUNIOR BASKETBALL ASSN. STANDINGS | | | |
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| GIRLS A LEAGUE | | | |
| 1. Celtics | 6-2 | 6. Pacers | 4-5 |
| 2. Pistons | 6-2 | 7. Hawks | 3-6 |
| 3. Kings | 5-3 | 8. Hawks | 2-7 |
| 4. Lakers | 4-4 | 9. Warriors | 1-8 |
| 5. Rockets | 3-5 | | |
| 6. Hornets | 0-8 | | |
| GIRLS B LEAGUE | | | |
| 1. Celtics | 2-0 | 1. Rockets | 2-0 |
| 2. Lakers | 2-0 | 2. Blazers | 2-0 |
| 3. Kings | 2-0 | 3. Knicks | 2-0 |
| 4. Pistons | 0-2 | 4. Knicks | 2-0 |
| 5. Hornets | 0-2 | 5. Suns | 1-1 |
| | | 6. Hawks | 1-1 |
| | | 7. Hornets | 0-2 |
| | | 8. Hawks | 0-2 |
| | | 9. Celtics | 0-9 |
| BOYS A LEAGUE NATIONAL DIVISION | | | |
| 1. Pistons | 7-3 | 1. Celtics | 2-0 |
| 2. Rockets | 7-3 | 2. Hawks | 2-0 |
| 3. Kings | 5-4 | 3. Pistons | 2-0 |
| 4. Spurs | 5-4 | 4. Magic | 1-1 |
| | | 5. Lakers | 1-1 |
| | | 6. Bulls | 1-1 |
| | | 7. Blazers | 0-2 |
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Trenton tops Churchill to spoil homecoming

BY NEAL ZIPSER

Don't expect Livonia Churchill hockey coach Jeff Hatley to be clicking his heels chanting, "there's no place like home" in the Kennedy Ice Arena any time soon.

The home for the Trenton hockey team, and the former residence of Hatley and two of his assistants, proved to be a little more than the Churchill coach expected Tuesday.

Behind two goals from junior Dave Stark, the Trojans spoiled Hatley's homecoming, 3-1, in front of a noisy and intimidating crowd.

"I didn't realize how hard it was to play here," Hatley said. "You have the crowd and all the championship flags hanging above."

Hatley, along with assistant coaches Steve Voss and Scott Knaggs, had no trouble remembering those flags. Voss and Knaggs played for Trenton's state championship team of 1986-87, while Hatley was the goaltender on the Trojans' 1987-88 squad.

"It brought back a lot of memories," Hatley said. "There's the penalty box, where Voss spent a lot of time."

The trio had the opportunity to coach against their former coach, Skip Howe, who was impressed with the job they have done at Churchill.

"All three of them were good kids and good players," Howe said. "(Hatley) is very enthusiastic and a good student of the game. He's doing a great job there. We thought right away that we were playing an image of ourselves."

"It looks like he incorporated a few things he learned here along with other things he's learned along the way. Churchill is a real good team and much improved from last year."

The Charge (5-2) wasted no time showing Trenton (5-0-1) how

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improved they are by jumping out to a 1-0 lead just 47 seconds into the game.

Senior Shawn Thomas drove a shot off the post of the Trenton net. After the Trojans failed to clear, senior Todd Siedlaczek picked up the loose puck and fired it past Trenton goalie Ed Pilch.

The Trojans tied the score at the 8:45 mark of the opening period when Stark tipped in the puck off a scramble in front of Churchill goalie Dave Watson.

The second period was dominated by Trenton, as it outshot the Chargers 19-3. The Trojans had an overall shot advantage of 33-17.

Several outstanding saves by Watson kept the score even, but Trenton pulled away with two goals in a span of 44 seconds.

Stark scored the eventual winning goal when he redirected a pass from Brad Ryznar with 3:22 left in the period. Chris Toth also had an assist on the power-play goal.

The Trojans added an insurance goal when Charlie Flaishans jabbed the puck by Watson. Watson stopped the original shot by Brian Gilpatrick, but was unable to cover up on the rebound.

"They came out and scored so quick, they took the momentum from us," Howe said. "It took us awhile to get it back."

The third period was scoreless and slowed by nine of the game's 24 penalties.

"I expected a tough game," Hatley said. "But they skated a little better and won the second period. We have two months to get back to the drawing board and hopefully see them again (in the playoffs). For now, we'll look ahead to Livonia Stevenson."

But I'm proud of the team. We gave a good effort. I'm proud now to wear the red and black."

Spartans sack Lathrup, Ronayne goals spark CC

Livonia Stevenson scored a pair of hockey victories by the widest and narrowest of margins.

On Tuesday, the Spartans routed Southfield-Lathrup in a Suburban High School Hockey League encounter at the Hockey Land Civic Center, 21-0.

Scott Worthen led the scoring parade with four goals and three assists.

Scott Johnson added three goals and three assists, while Mark Magnusson, Mark Peterson and Ryan Schmidt also notched hat tricks.

Magnusson and Schmidt also contributed two assists each.

Goalies Mark Wolicki and Mike Stanbury combined on the shutout.

But it was a different kind of victory Saturday for the Spartans at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Stevenson needed a third-period goal from Mike Schmidt to beat host Milford, 2-1.

Goalie Daryl Chamberlain, who made 25 saves on the night, assisted on the game-winner.

Johnson gave Stevenson a 1-0 first-period lead on assist from Doug Gulau, but Milford's Tom Larson tied it up.

"We have a long way to go before we can give (Livonia) Churchill a game," said Stevenson coach Matt Mulcahy, whose team is 4-3 overall and 3-0 in the SHSL. "We hope we can improve by the first of the year."

REDFORD CC 4, CARRINI 2: Redford Catholic Central improved to 3-0-2 overall with the victory Saturday over Allen.

Park Cabrini in a Michigan Metro game at the Redford Ice Arena.

Justin Ronayne's power-play goal in the third period, his second of the night, from Frank Novack and Brian Ronayne, proved to be the game-winner for CC, now 1-0-1 in the Metro.

Jon Heady added an empty-netter from Mike Kasper with 35 seconds remaining to clinch the victory.

The Shamrocks and Cabrini were tied 1-1 after one period.

Justin Ronayne tallied CC's first goal from Jeff Lachapelle and Ken Lauer. Novack added a second period goal from Mike Giordano and Heady.

Jamie Ronayne made 12 saves in goal for CC.

Sixteen penalties were called in the game, nine against the Shamrocks.

ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cage team well-represented

BY BRAD EMONS

STAFF WRITER

Talk about balance.

The 1992 All-Observer girls basketball team has representatives from seven different schools in four different grades.

The squad also reflects the area's more successful teams.

Redford Bishop Borgess High probably was the biggest surprise in '92.

The Spartans, 9-13 a year ago, turned things around dramatically under the leadership of fourth-year coach Dave Mann, who was selected Overland Coach of the Year.

The 31-year-old Mann guided Borgess to a 20-3 overall record, the Catholic League's AA Division title and an A-B Division championship game (losing to state champion Birmingham Marian).

His Spartans also won Operation-Friendship Consolation game against Detroit Renaissance.

"I knew that we would be good, but I didn't know we'd win 20 games or reach the Catholic League finals," said Mann, a graduate of Portage Central High School and the University of Michigan. "We had only two upperclassmen, so you could say we were a year ahead of schedule."

Mann, who coached for one season at Redford Thurston before coming to Borgess, credits senior Chasque Sears with helping build the program.

"She stuck through it for four years," Mann said. "She gave us the leadership and experience we needed."

Sears made second-team All-Area, while freshman Maxann Reese was voted to the first team along with sophomore Tara Overatits (Livonia Stevenson) and seniors Stephanie Gray (Plymouth Canton), Cyndi Platter (Plymouth Salem), Heather Hopkins (Farmington Harrison) and Lateefa Moore (Wayne Memorial).

Presenting the 1992 All-Area girls basketball team as selected by the Observer sports staff:

FIRST TEAM

Cyndi Platter, 5-11 sr., Ply. Salem: A three-year varsity player, Platter enjoyed a banner senior season, averaging 18.3 points and 12.5 rebounds per game. She averaged 6.5 ppg as a sophomore and 10.6 ppg as a junior.

Platter, a forward, made the All-Western Lakes Activities Association team and was voted All-Suburban and Class A All-State by the Detroit Free Press.

"She was our primary offensive weapon and she became a much better shotmaker this year," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "She worked very hard to improve her game. She was able to step out and make the three-pointer (she had 19 for the year)."

Platter, who carries at 3.5 grade-point average, is headed for Oakland University. "She is a very high achiever and a great leader who understood the work that was involved."

She is also a member of the Salem volleyball team.

Mo Drabicki, 5-6 jr., Liv. Stevenson: The point-guard led the Spartans to 19 straight victories and a WLLA Lakes Division crown this season.

Drabicki averaged an even 15 points per game.

As a senior, she averaged 15.6 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.1 blocks and 2.9 steals per game.

She has signed with Lake Superior State.

"Heather sacrificed a lot to turn our program around," Harrison coach Pete Martella said. "She was dedicated year-round to being a scholarship player."

"She has the versatility, even with her size, to handle the ball and go to the basket. And she rebounds, too. She's improving as a perimeter player."

Hopkins, who carries a 3.4 GPA, also is a member of the Harrison softball team.

Lateefa Moore, 5-8 sr., Wayne: Though only 5-8, Moore played like a giant at the center position, averaging 17 points and 16 rebounds per game.

"She was our tallest starter and many times outplayed girls four or five inches taller," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said. "She was a very physical player and she always led her own."

"She scored in double figures in every game but one, and had double figures in rebounding in every game."

"She's consistent in practice and very serious. She was our captain and our leader."

Moore, who carries a 2.8 GPA, also plays volleyball. She is leaning toward Siena Heights.

Maxann Reese, 5-7 fr., Bishop Borgess: The last freshman to make first-team All-Area was Livonia Franklin's

1992 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Cyndi Platter, Ply. Salem
Mo Drabicki, Liv. Stevenson
Stephanie Gray, Ply. Canton
Heather Hopkins, Farm. Harrison
Lateefa Moore, Wayne Memorial
Maxann Reese, Bishop Borgess

SECOND TEAM

Mary Jo Kelly, Liv. Ladywood
Lori Shlegel, Liv. Stevenson
Chasque Sears, Bishop Borgess
Julie Angel, Farm. Harrison
Alyson Nourse, Ply. Canton
Leslie Gots, Ply. Salem
Christy Dally, Liv. Churchill

THIRD TEAM

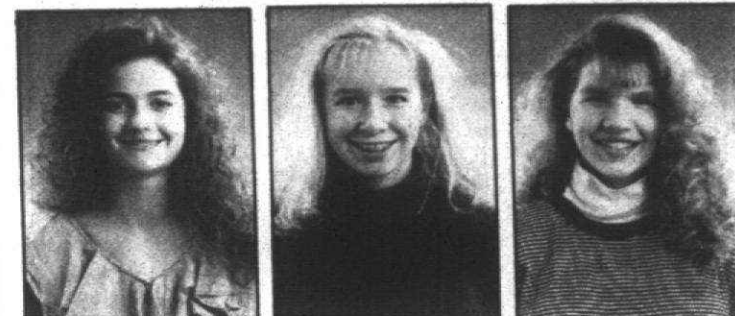
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Carrie Perkins, N. Farmington
Katie Hefner, Farm. Harrison
Jenny Markham, Redford Union
Melissa Campau, Liv. Ladywood
Amy Westwood, Ply. Canton

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dave Mann, Bishop Borgess

HONORABLE MENTION

Livonia Ladywood: Katie Wright, Tracy Prybyl, Plymouth Salem: Michelle Escobar, Christy Panimucha, Livonia Stevenson: Julie Martin, Patty Diamond, Plymouth Canton: Christie Saffron, Erica Anderson, Wayne Memorial: Cindy Potter, Redford Bishop Borgess: Latoya Embrey, Nikki Ganses, Adrienne Bryant, Farmington Hills: Mercy: Dana Wade, Marshall Brooks, Garden City: Joelle Smith, Redford Thurston: Dwayne Koster, Jean Herron, Redford Union: Rachel Clark, James Zalek, Wendy Mascek, Livonia Franklin: Lisa Craven, Tracy Rynkiewicz, Westland John Glenn: Nicholas Johnson, Jill Gordon, Lutheran High Westland: Lori MacKay, Amy Gertz, Westland: Laura Valley, Lutheran: Maymorn: Farmington Harrison: Krista Snow, Amanda Ault, Farmington: Tammy Allen, Andrea Sawyer, North Farmington: Aisha Gordon, Redford St. Agatha: Laura Williams, Trish Rich, Livonia Clarenceville: Wendy Roy, Livonia Churchill: Mary Dally, Plymouth Christian: Karen Reed



Cyndi Platter
Salem



Mo Drabicki
Stevenson



Tara Overatits
Ladywood



Stephanie Gray
Canton



Heather Hopkins
Harrison



Lateefa Moore
Wayne Memorial



Maxann Reese
Bishop Borgess



Dave Mann
Coach of the Year

per game while hitting 74 percent from the free throw line (51 of 69).

Her forte, however, was passing as she averaged 5.5 assists per game. She holds the school record for assists with 237 now over two seasons.

The All-WLLA selection also grabbed a total of 67 rebounds and made 109 steals (5.2 average).

"With her ability to see the court and with her versatility, it enabled her and us to do so many things," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "That made us a tough team to defend."

"She's just not a basketball player, she's also an exciting player to watch. And she's still getting better."

Drabicki is also an excellent student, carrying a 3.9 GPA.

Tara Overatits, 5-10 soph., Liv. Ladywood: The second-year varsity player came into her own this season, averaging 16 points and seven rebounds per game. She scored a career-high 33 points in a 75-71 state Class A quarterfinal loss to Charlotte.

The All-Catholic League choice also shot 52 percent from the field.

"In a number of games she carried the scoring load," Ladywood coach Ed Kavanaugh said. "She was always around the ball, and defensively she was very quick. She made a number of big steals. She also has excellent hands."

"Her biggest quality is her work ethic. She practices as hard as she plays in the game."

Overatits, who carries a 4.0 GPA, also plays on the Ladywood volleyball team.

Stephanie Gray, 6-1 sr., Ply. Canton: The three-year varsity performer was the only player to repeat as first-team All-Observer.

Gray, who signed with Western Michigan, averaged 14 points and nine rebounds per game her senior year for the 18-3 Chiefs, who captured the WLLA championship.

The All-WLLA pick shot 45 percent from the field and 70 percent from the free throw line.

"Stephanie has a great first step, which makes it hard for players 5-feet, or even as small as 5-9, to guard her," Canton coach Bob Blomh said. "She was a late starter in the game, but the more she played and the more experience she gained, the more confidence she had in the low post. And she improved her perimeter skills to expand her game as well."

"She catches the ball well in the transition game. She's a strong kid who's able to get easy hoops. She also improved her post defense."

Gray is also a member of the Canton track team where she excels in the high jump.

Heather Hopkins, 6-1 sr., Farm. Harrison: Over her four-year career with the Hawks, Hopkins tallied a total of 1,358 points.

As a senior, she averaged 15.6 points, 7.5 rebounds, 3.1 blocks and 2.9 steals per game.

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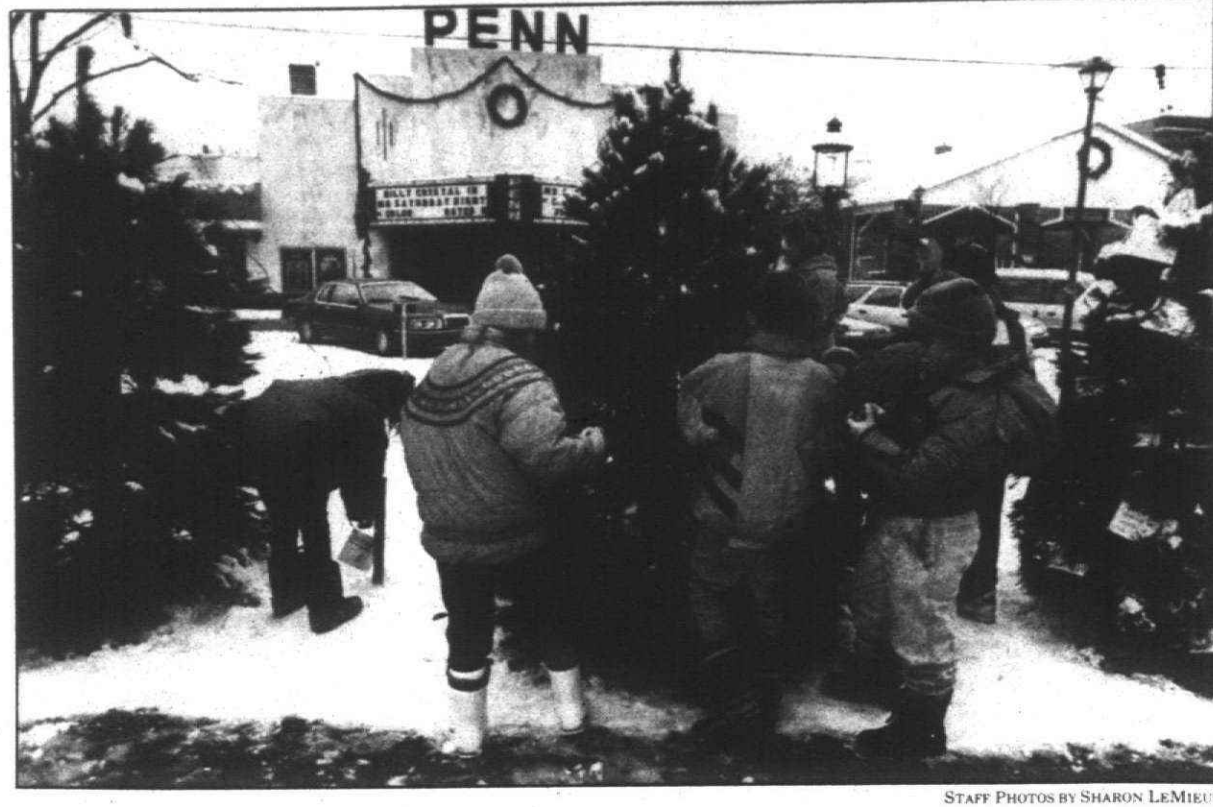


Let there be light: Ray Karas strings lights on a Christmas tree in Kellogg Park.

Students trim trees in park

Students from Bird Elementary are sharing their Christmas spirit with the entire community. Students from each grade decorated Christmas trees in Kellogg Park with ornaments they made in class.

The trees were donated by companies including Colonial Collision, the Box Bar, the Print Shop, Sunshine Honda, Outback Art Gallery, National Bank of Detroit and the Penniman Deli. Another tree, donated by the Falcusan family, was decorated by Ellen Head's first-grade class.



Happy holidays: Jane Nichols' fourth-graders help to make the season bright in Kellogg Park. The Bird Elementary students decorated two trees sponsored by the National Bank of Detroit.

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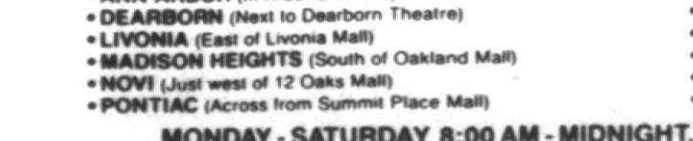
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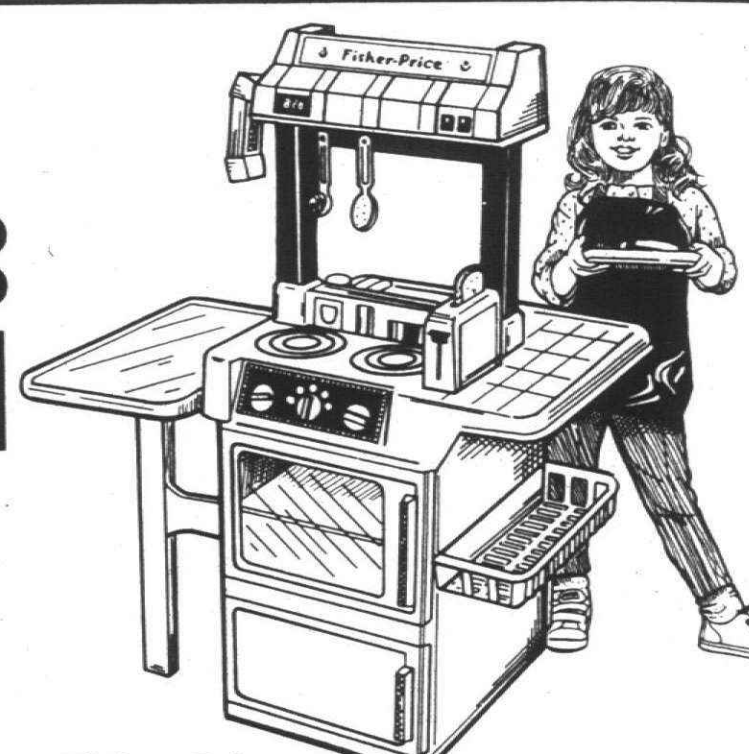
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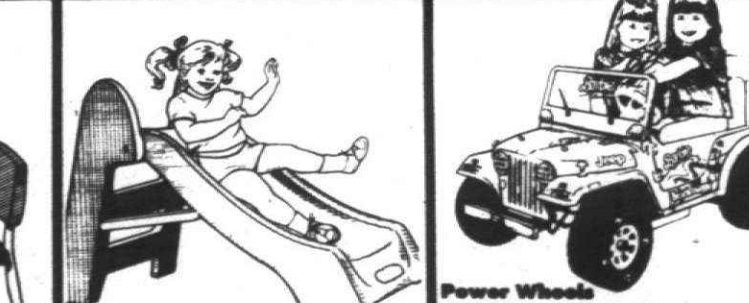
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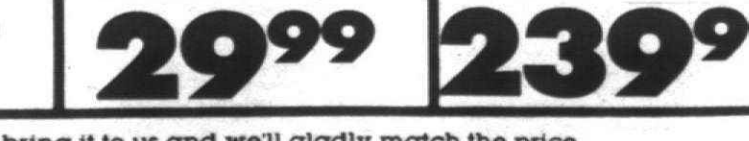
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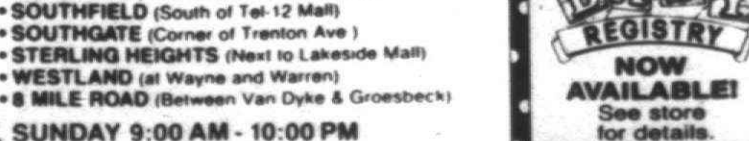
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ON THE MARQUEE

Livonia chorus

The Livonia Civic Chorus will present a concert, "Sing We Noel," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. Doors open 2:45 p.m.; admission is free. Concert will feature many familiar and traditional carols, John Rutter's Christmas fable "Brother Heinrich's Christmas" with guest artists on flute and bassoon.

Nutcracker

The Oakland Festival Ballet Company will present "The Nutcracker" through Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 South Woodward. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17; 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18; 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 19 and 20. Tickets start at \$14 for children and senior citizens, \$16 for adults. Call Ticketmaster, 645-6666, or the box office, 644-3533.

Southfield Symphony

The Southfield Symphony is hosting an International Holiday Festival, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Southfield Pavilion north of Civic Center Drive on Evergreen. Tickets \$5; call 354-4717 for reservations.

Trinity House

Trinity House Theatre of Livonia announces open auditions 7:30-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 4 and 5 for "Quilters," a musical that tells the tales of a pioneer woman and her six daughters, set in the American frontier. Roles available for seven women of varying ages with musical and dance abilities. The auditions will be at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile on the corner of I-275. Audition candidates are requested to bring a prepared vocal piece with sheet music. Wear comfortable clothes for movement. For information, call 464-6302.

Special dinners

Cafe Cortina, 30715 W. 10 Mile in Farmington Hills, is taking reservations now for a very special dinner, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24. Chestnuts will be roasting on the fire while guests enjoy five courses of Italian cooking by the Tonon family. Harpist Nadia Marks will perform. Cost \$42 per person; call 474-3033. New Year's Eve will feature an open menu starting 4 p.m. Reservations not required, but honored to assure seating. The party will begin at 9:30 p.m. and feature a six-course dinner with filet mignon. Vegetarian menu available. Disc jockey and dancing, champagne, party hats. Cost \$62 per person.

Carillon concert

Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, at Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads in Bloomfield Hills, is presenting its annual Christmas Carillon Concert at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. The public is invited. There is no charge, but patrons are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for distribution to area hunger programs. For information, call 644-5210.

The Observer

ENTERTAINMENT

Delightful young cast in musical

Performances of the Lunch Bunch Players production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," continue Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 27 at Henry Ford Centennial Library, Michigan Avenue, East of Southfield in Dearborn. For ticket information, call 277-6669 or 326-7042.



MARY JANE DOERR

Happiness is a compliment from Lucy, especially in the Lunch Bunch Players' production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," where an acid, but very pretty, Janet Patton of Farmington Hills, plays the cynical comic strip heroine.

Like the other six high school students in this production at Henry Ford Centennial Library in Dearborn, Patton has been schooled in her role by director Mary Bremer, musical director Tim Spriggs, and choreographer David Leibold.

This musical is a series "clips" from the comic strip, and Patton captures that arrogance and the unpleasant nature of the demanding Lucy, especially when she sings a song to Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata" to Joey Oravee as Schroeder.

There is no real story line to the show but a series of 11 show style

numbers that parody other theatrical styles and bring out each character's nature.

Ryan Jones understands the vaudeville style of his number "They Like Me" and is quite jazzy in "Supertime."

Of course, if you take Lucy's word for it, Charlie Brown is stupid, clumsy, inferior, has a lack of confidence and does nothing well. But Steve Thompson of West Bloomfield is good at making that evident in the leading role.

Thompson's facial expressions bring out Charlie Brown's moods and failures, like the time he strikes out like "Casey at the Bat," with two runners on and loses the game, or how he can't get up enough courage to be friends with Patty.

Corrie Boczek is bouncy as a pig-tailed Patty, really kind but ignorantly missing the point of everything. Chris Jones of Southfield doesn't miss much as the blanket-carrying Linus who outsmarts Lucy in "My Blanket and Me" with affectionate childishness.

Childish? — The show is childish only in its short one hour length and the simple melody lines of the songs. Otherwise this production of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" is quite adult.

The show is double cast. Cast A features Nicole Link of Livonia as



Lunch Bunch Players: The talented young cast in "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" rehearse a scene from the show. Charlie Brown is portrayed by Bradley Ellison, other cast members include Parker Plague, Andrew Keenan Bolger, Jenny Florkowski, Maggie Keenan Bolger, Brooke Andres and Nicole Link as Lucy.

Lucy, Jenny Florkowski of Redford as Snoopy, Brooke Andres of Livonia as Schroeder, and Parker Plague of Canton as Woodstock.

Cast B features Steve Thompson of West Bloomfield as Charlie Brown, Janet Patton of Farmington as Lucy, Chris Jones of Southfield as Linus,

Ryan Jones of Southfield as Snoopy and Ashley Armbruster of Canton as Woodstock.

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

Plymouth Symphony, ballet company shine

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra continues its season 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 29, in the Canton High School Little Theatre, 8415 N. Canton Center Road. The presentation is a chamber concert featuring the Young Artist Competition Winner and PSO members. For ticket information, call 451-2112.

BY KRIS SPENCER
SPECIAL WRITER

We critics like to have a few negative things to lean on when writing reviews. No matter how good the performance has been, we find it comforting when we've detected a flaw; we feel we're actually living up to our job description.

Confronted with a truly fine performance infects us with a nagging sense of futility. Wringing our hands at the typewriter, we search for a "critical" angle.

No such angle came to mind as I enjoyed Peter Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet on Dec. 11. The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Plym-

outh-Canton Ballet Company, in celebration of the piece's 100th anniversary, delivered a near flawless rendition of the holiday favorite.

The Plymouth-Salem Auditorium was near capacity. What made the performance so fine? For starters, there was a sense of cooperation between the orchestra and ballet troupe. Rarely was there an inconsistency in performance standards.

Choreography and conducting complemented one another perfectly. Never did I sense a creative tension; all performers exuded a comfort through confidence.

Standouts? Well, the show touts the participation of principle dancers

gory fervor. And Beck Green's performance as Clara's godfather Drosselmeyer was impressive in its statelyness.

Undoubtedly, the most glorious portion of the performance came in the second act through a series of fanciful and quasi-ethnic dances. Who could forget Tina Bachero's Arabian princess? She swept me off my feet. And the Chinese dance? It was charming to say the least.

One could go on and on with accolades for the dancers, but praise must also be given to the support crew. The costumes never strayed from tradition, but were wonderful nevertheless. And the sets were consistently impressive considering the limits a community production inevitably faces.

And the orchestra? What can I say, but Bravo! You may not have been seen, but you were certainly heard and without disappointment.

Kris Spencer of Birmingham is a free-lance writer who specializes in arts and entertainment.

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Puppet theater: The Melikin Puppet Theatre of Chicago in a family scene from "The Night Before Christmas." The puppets will be featured in a holiday show on Dec. 19 at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Holiday puppet show at DIA

When seen through the eyes of "Woofie," the family dog, "The Night Before Christmas," takes on a new and entertaining twist. The Melikin Puppet Theatre of Chicago stages its version of the classic about a visit from St. Nicholas in Yuletide's "Puppets at the DIA" series 11:30 a.m.

and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, in the Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall.

This holiday show is a double bill. A festive version of "The Elves and the Shoemaker" rounds out the entertainment. Four talented singing elves manage to solve the Shoemaker's cri-

sis and make it back to the North Pole in time to help Santa.

Individual tickets for children and adults are \$6; groups of 10-29, \$5 each; 30 or more, \$4 each. (Minimum age for admission is five years.)

Theater to feature Jackie Mason

The George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts in Livonia has an exciting lineup planned.

Celebrate New Year's Eve with Jackie Mason 8 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. Tickets for these two performances are \$60 per person.

The Rippington's featuring Russ Freeman and David Benoit take the stage for two shows 7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1.

"Say It With Music," starring Michael Feinstein and Rosemary Clooney runs Jan. 19-24.

See Julie Harris in "Lettice & Lovage," Jan. 26-31. Marlo Thomas stars in "Six Degrees of Separation," Feb. 3-14.

"Fiddler on the Roof," National Touring Company, runs Feb. 16-21. Barbara Eden and Don Knotts star in "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," March 12-21.

George Peppard stars in "Lion in Winter," March 31-April 4, and Anthony Quinn in "Many Faces of Man," April 3-May 2.

Enjoy the music of Kander & Ebb at "The World Goes Round," an award-winning musical, May 4-9.

The George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts is at the corner of Plymouth and Farmington roads in Livonia, one mile south of the I-96 expressway, and two miles east of the I-275 expressway at 33330 Plymouth Road.

For ticket information, call 1-800-589-8000 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. Tickets also available at the George Burns Theatre box office, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Visit Santa, tour Ford Estate

There's something for everyone during the Special Glow of Christmas at the Ford Estate in Dearborn.

A holiday luncheon concert featuring Curtis Posuniak, director of the Michigan Bach Festival, will be offered at noon Dec. 18.

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Fox Theatre gives COTS helping hand

Santa will be checking his list twice before stopping at the Fox Theatre Dec. 18, 20 and 22 during the run of the "Nutcracker" ballet.

This pre-holiday visit offers theater patrons a chance to have a portrait taken with Santa on the Fox Grand Staircase.

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charge will be donated to COTS — The Coalition on Temporary Shelter.

COTS is the largest shelter for homeless men, women and children in Michigan. Located in Detroit's theatre district, COTS helps homeless people return to self-sufficiency. In 1991, COTS

provided shelter, food and clothing services to over 5,000 homeless people. Call 831-3777 for COTS information.

Santa will be in session during these performances 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 and 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Concert to feature modern, traditional carols

Canata Academy, Detroit's World Class Choral, will present a holiday concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church, 2215 Opdyke Road, north of Long Lake from Woodward in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10. For information, call 546-0420.

The concert will include tradi-

tional and modern carols, and the premier of "The Seven Joys of Christmas," a cantata for soloists and chorus by noted American composer Kirke Mechem. The conductor is Frederick Bellinger, a music teacher at Cranbrook School, who is assisted by pianist/organist Gary Keller.

One of the featured soloists is

Redford's Julie Rose, a professional soprano who is gaining increased recognition in the community through frequent appearances with local groups such as Canata Academy, Friends of the Opera, the Archdiocesan Choral, the Cranbrook Singers, as a guest artist with the Warren, Macomb, Pontiac-Oakland, Scandinavian, and Oakway symphony orches-

tras, and the Dearborn Festival Orchestra; and as a lead soprano soloist at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

Rose has toured Europe three times, and England as a soloist with the Christ Church, Cranbrook Choir. She is the daughter of Arthur and Rosemary Van Steeland of Rochester.

WHAT'S COOKING

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HOLIDAYS. There will be musical guests from Toronto 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, Flamenco Fiesta 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, special dinner and show Dec. 26 and 27, gala New Year's Eve party with four course dinner, Dec. 31.

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AUDITIONS

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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

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Paper Bag Productions announces auditions for "The Wizard of Oz," 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Historic Player's Club, 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit. The show will be double cast with performances most Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 20 to May 2. All auditioners ages eight to 18 should be prepared to sing and be ready to read from the script. For information, call 468-2727.

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"Forever Plaid" continues at the Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Woodward, north of Nine Mile, Ferndale. For tickets, call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For information, call 544-3030.

BALLET

LIVONIA CIVIC
Livonia Civic Ballet Company will present the "Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$10, seniors and children, \$7. Call 421-8264.

OAKLAND FESTIVAL BALLET
Oakland Festival Ballet with guest artists from leading companies in New York, will present the "Nutcracker" at the Birmingham Theatre, through Dec. 20. Tickets available at all Ticketmaster outlets, and the Birmingham Theatre box office. Call 644-3533.

BALDWIN THEATRE

Eric Johnston, former principal dancer of the London Ballet Theatre, presents the "Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 and Sunday, Dec. 20 at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. For tickets, call 645-6666 or 433-5520.

MUSICAL HIT

Tickets for Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Jesus Christ Superstar," are on sale now at the Masonic box office. The show runs Feb. 2 and 3. For tickets, call 474-1333.

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DETROIT FOLK DANCE CLUB
Detroit Folkdance Club is sponsoring its 11th annual "New Year's Eve Party," 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Ferndale Community Center, 400 E. Nine Mile Road, International Folk dancing, buffet, champagne, hats, munchies, mixers and party favors. Cost for members is \$15, for non-members \$17. For reservations, call 338-0524.

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THEATER

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Ray Cooney's riotous comedy "Two Into One," described as a "hand-cranked laughter machine," opens a five week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre, Dec. 30 through Jan. 31.

Theater goes may recall that Cooney's earlier comedy, "Run For Your Wife," proved to be one of the Birmingham audience's all-time comedy favorites.

In "Two Into One," picture a U.S. congressman, his wife and his mistress in the same Washington hotel — and worse yet, in adjoining rooms. With the congressman's prissy aide, a senior congresswoman, the chambermaid, the hotel manager and waiters all scurrying about trying to stay out of each other's way, we have the making of a hilariously lunatic situation — more laughs than lust.

"Two Into One" will have a special holiday schedule including several matinees and a New Year's Eve performance. Seniors age 60 and older may purchase tickets for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 for \$15.75 and for the remainder of the engagement 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays for \$17. These discounts are not valid with any other discounts.

The Birmingham Theatre is at 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Tickets available at the theater box office, and all Ticketmaster outlets. For information, call 644-3533.

The show is directed by Ron Holgate, seen at the Birmingham Theatre as Don Quixote in last season's critically acclaimed "Man of La Mancha." Earlier in the season he starred in and directed the award-winning comedy "Lend Me a Tenor."

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Plymouth man cues up dream with new venture

By DIANE GALE
SPECIAL WRITER

When the Ivory Room opens its doors, Dennis Rottell will watch his boyhood fantasies come true.

The 52-year-old editor at WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) has dreamt of opening a pool hall since he was a teenager.

"I put the dream aside to raise a family and to do the things I had to do," the Plymouth resident said.

Now, his wife, Joann, is putting everything aside to help him. She gave up her job as an advertising representative with D'Arcy, Masius, Benton and Bowles advertising firm last August "to pull all this together," she said extending her hands toward the covered billiard tables and one coveted 80-year-old snooker table.

"I thought I'd stay in advertising until I retired," she said. "In the back of our minds this has been there for three years. And it was if you reached a point, it was the right time and this is what you had to do."

Although the opening date keeps getting pushed back, Joann said the pool hall should open by this week. The establishment is on Ford between Venoy and Wildcat, on the Westland-Garden City boundary.

They have been spending all their time, including weekends and holidays, making sure everything is just right.

The Victorian decor easily shoots holes through the traditional image of smoke-filled dingy rooms where only men hang out. The carpet is from Georgia, where Joann was born, and is complete with rich swirls and

thick brown borders. Brass lighting fixtures have French imported green case glass. Brass chandeliers hang over a lush bar that the Rottells bought at a liquidation sale of the former Ann Arbor Inn. The bar was used in the famous Charlie B's.

Appeals to women

Walls divide the Ivory Room and give the players a hint of privacy. Original oil paintings of pool balls, painted by their son-in-law Peter Halifax, decorate the perimeter. "All our children and especially their spouses have been a big help," Joann said.

"We wanted a place where women can go alone," she said. "A place where you can bring your mother or a girlfriend on a date. But, we wanted to be careful that it wouldn't be so elegant that people wouldn't want to come in. We wanted to make it very nice and a warm atmosphere. There won't be any gambling here. If I catch them, they're out. We've worked too hard to have it destroyed. It's a touch of elegance."

The decor is part of the polishing of pool hall images that's sweeping the nation—Dennis recalled that when he started playing pool in the 1950s, "I never saw any girls." Today, one-third of billiards players are female. The game has evolved from rich beginnings more than 500 years ago when royalty played. It gained prestige, too, when it was Mark Twain's favorite pastime. He played to relax and legend has it that he said the game was better for him than doctors.

"It's as challenging as playing chess," Joann Rottell said. "You

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Joann Rottell
Dennis' wife

have to understand the angles and use geometry."

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The Rottells had to learn a lot more than math when they decided to open a pool hall. First they went from community to community trying to find a location.

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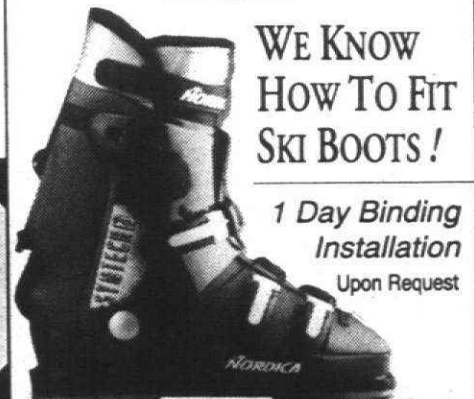
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Shiela Walsh of Canton has been named traffic manager at the Ann Arbor public relations and advertising firm of Bailey, Klepinger and Medrich. Before joining the firm earlier this year, Walsh was marketing coordinator for Robertson Shipmate Inc., a marine electronics manufacturer in New York.



Shiela Walsh

Plymouth Township certified financial planner Phyllis J. Wordhouse is featured in the January issue of Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine, in which she was interviewed about her success in obtaining over \$80,000 in financial aid for her college-aged children and the methods she used to qualify.



Phyllis J. Wordhouse

Richard A. Thomas of Wayne, a member of Financial Stewardship, a tax and money management firm headquartered in Troy, has successfully completed the investment studies of CFP, College for Financial Planning.



Richard A. Thomas

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Fresh products, services bring technology fame

■ Several area businesses have received Michigan Leading Edge Technologies Awards. The entrepreneurial spirit of a founder who didn't hesitate to strike out on his own, experiment and take risks is a common denominator.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Four companies with roots in Observer & Eccentric communities have won Michigan Leading Edge Technologies Awards for demonstrating excellence through innovations or growth.

The program, in its fourth year, honored:

- Campbell Services of Southfield.
- Sloan Products of Birmingham.
- Hale Engineering of Livonia.
- Somanetics of Troy.

More than 50 companies were nominated and 17 from around the state gained accolades, said Gae G. Miller, executive director for the Michigan Technology Council.

"They were judged on two different criteria. One was for outstanding innovation within the last 12 months and the other was for phenomenal growth," she said. "The product must be commercialized. That's the proof of the pudding."

Campbell won for a software computer program — On Time for Networks — that provides a PC calendar for group meetings or individual activities.

"The key to success is it's so easy to use, people can buy into it," said Donald S. Campbell, the firm's founder and president. "Cost to the user is under \$100."

Sales of the product for the budget year ending March 1991 totaled \$1 million, budget year 1992, \$2.5 million, and this year are projected at \$7 million, Campbell said.

"Basically, On Time for Networks allows you to set up meetings with associates," Campbell said. "You avoid phone tag. You can simply flag people you want to meet. The computer screen gives you a graphic display of calendars overlaid. It gives you an indication of availability."

Major clients include AT&T, Westinghouse and Disney, he said.

Campbell, 52, a West Bloomfield resident, started his company in 1971 when he developed a premium payment administration service for himself and other life insurance salespeople.

"I was always math-oriented," he said. "I found I had a knack for it. It's one of those things."

Campbell said his firm has grown from 24 employees to 80 during the past year.

"We're just starting to sell internationally," he said. "We've developed a German version and probably will distribute in France and the United Kingdom next year."

Sloan Products

Jeffrey Sloan, 31, has been an en-



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Young entrepreneurs: Brothers Jeffrey and Richard Sloan show off an invention for which their company won a Michigan Leading Edge Technologies Award.

trepreneur his entire life. At 17, he bought, refurbished and sold HUD houses in Flint.

He was honored with a Leading Edge Technologies Award for an invention called Sloan Battery Saver. He subsequently licensed the product

to Masco Industries, which sells it as Battery Buddy.

"It's a device that installs very simply out of a battery," Sloan said.

"It's a computer-controlled switch

See TECHNOLOGY, 2C

Deposit more into 401(k), less into UGMA accounts

BY DANIEL BOYCE
and ALAN FERRARA
SPECIAL WRITERS

Local financial planning experts reviewed the data of the family profiled here and made general recommendations based on the participants' resources and goals. The information is for educational purposes only; references are not intended as discrimination or endorsements by this newspaper or the advisers.

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A wise man once said "you can have anything you want in life, you just can't have everything you want in life." By their own admission, this month's family has been living the good life, but they are now asking if they can continue to do this and still be able to provide for their long-term goals.

Bill and Sue Dowd live in their recently purchased home in Bloomfield Township with their two daughters, ages 11 and 4. Bill, 41, is a sales manager for a local manufacturing company and Sue, 38, is a manager of a local retail store. Bill earns \$41,000; Sue earns \$38,000.

In addition to their new house, Bill and Sue have a new mini-van and a recent-model leased car. Each year they take nice vacations. They also like to buy nice clothes and home furnishings. As a result of their spending habits, they have saved relatively little.

So, much of their net worth is tied up in personal use (non-investment) assets. A general guideline is that once a household is established, the invested assets expressed as a percentage of total assets should be roughly the same as your age. For example, the following formula applies:

Invested assets ÷ total assets × 100 = age.

At age 41, they should have a

POSITION

BOTTOM LINE

ASSETS:

Invested

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| Savings/Money Market | \$2,800 |
| Short Term Bond Funds | 9,200 |
| Stock Fund | 1,500 |
| Variable Life Ins. (cash value) | 8,300 |
| Limited Partnership | 3,000 |
| Subtotal . . . | \$24,800 |

Educational Funds

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| Mich. Educ. Trust | \$10,000 |
| Mutual Funds "UGMA" | 8,000 |
| Savings Bonds | 2,000 |
| Subtotal . . . | \$20,000 |

Non-Investments

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| Home | \$236,000 |
| Mini-van | 13,000 |
| Personal Possessions | 20,000 |

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| Subtotal . . . | \$269,000 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$313,800 |

LIABILITIES:

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| Home Mortgage | \$186,000 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$186,000 |

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| NET WORTH | \$127,800 |
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STRENGTHS:

- ✓ Two incomes
- ✓ Educational funding has started
- ✓ No debt beyond mortgage
- ✓ Excellent health, auto, home-owners insurances

WEAKNESSES:

- ✓ Sporadic savings habits
- ✓ Too much emphasis on non-investment assets
- ✓ Need additional life insurance
- ✓ Inadequate savings; not using 401(k) plans

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TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

much larger percentage of their assets invested. Their savings (investment assets and education funds) currently represent only about 14 percent of their total assets. They should have about 40 percent of their assets invested.

Their average monthly savings is about \$250, which is less than 4 percent of their incomes. For them to meet their long-term goals of providing for their daughters' educations and their own retirement, they must significantly increase their rate of savings. But this does not mean that they will have to reduce their lifestyle significantly.

In the Dowds' case, they should have about 40 percent of their assets invested in savings.

The Dowds have a number of financial strengths that can assist them in increasing their savings. First of all, they are a two-income

family. In addition, they have excellent health, auto and homeowners' insurance coverages, which can protect them against many unexpected problems.

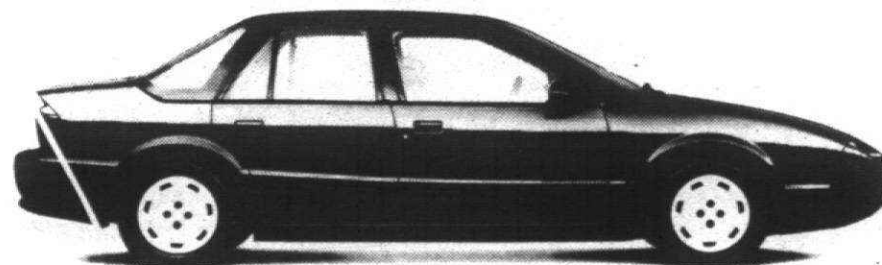
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Bill and Sue recognize that they have difficulty saving. They have asked us, "How can we discipline ourselves to establish a consistent savings plan?"

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Holiday season can be good time for job seeking

'Tis the season — for looking for a job?

Those finding themselves out of work may be feeling less than festive, but a career transition professional suggests that job-seekers develop a strategy for the season.

According to Thomas Tuttle, managing director of Drake Beam Morin, Troy, this time of year can be "an especially advantageous and uplifting time for the job seeker if approached correctly."

Here are his tips for keeping the season bright:

■ **Keep your activity level high.** "Don't take a holiday from the holidays." Keep as busy as you can — both with your job search and in your personal life. This is important because staying active is key to fending off negativity and maintaining a positive perspective.

■ **Review your campaign.** Take a hard look at your job search techniques. Review achievements to date. Work on weak areas you may uncover. Fine tune your resume and practice interviewing techniques or spend some time

honing your skills for negotiating a job offer.

Send a holiday mailing to your contacts. Write a one-page letter summarizing where you are in your job campaign and reminding them of what type of situation you are seeking. Be sure the tone is upbeat and in the spirit of the season. Enclose it with a holiday card and send it to everyone you've met throughout your search.

■ **Keep networking; it's the single**

most effective technique for finding a new job. Nearly 70 percent of the candidates in DBM's career transition programs land their new position through networking. You may find that people have extra time for appointments now and are in a more receptive frame of mind. And other job seekers may be hibernating until January, so take advantage of the decreased competition.

■ **Look to the New Year.** This is the time when many companies are reviewing budgets and plan-

ning for first-of-the-year recruiting and hiring. Spend time setting up appointments for the first two weeks in January. It will also give you something to look forward to in the new year.

■ **Stay connected and involved.** Although it may seem difficult, attend holiday gatherings. At no other time of the year will you have so many opportunities to network in a low-key, social context. Keep in mind that most people want to help you. Being out of work is not unusual now, and you can almost be guaranteed that

there are others at the party who have been in your situation.

■ **Maintain a sense of humor.** Humor is a basic and effective stress reliever. Take a break with a funny movie or book. Humor adds energy and fun to your life and has a positive effect on how others (including potential employers) view you.

■ **Keep perspective.** Remember that this is a temporary situation. This too shall pass and you will have survived, learned and emerged stronger from your experience.

MARKETPLACE

To place your business in the marketplace calendar, mail the information, including the business telephone number and address, to Business Editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Or drop the information off at your local Observer or Eccentric newspaper office.

McCabe Funeral Home has broken ground at the future site of McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel on Canton Center between Sault and Cherry Hill. The 12,000-square-foot building is

scheduled for completion in the spring.

"The Service Factor: Leveraging Customer Satisfaction in Small Business" has been written by Tom Borg of Tom Borg & Associates, Canton. The 120-page book offers 29 strategies for exceeding customer expectations. He can be reached at 981-3338.

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Birds need 'true grit' — a digestive aid, not the movie



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

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

To truly have a real bird feeding station you need to have some true grit. It could be in the form of oyster shells, sand or small pebbles. No matter what form it takes, grit is important for the seed-eating birds that frequent feeders.

Grit is the term used to describe the hard material swallowed by birds and stored in their gizzard to help grind up hard food. Glass balls, hollow cubes of lead and tubes of tin have been crushed and bent in the gizzards of birds.

A gizzard is very muscular with ridges inside. It alone can break apart many foods eaten by birds. Hard material helps to crush food more efficiently and it also provides minerals for the birds.

During the winter when the ground is frozen and covered with snow, it is hard for birds to get grit. Because it's valuable, birds will try and get grit wherever they can. Twice in the last few years I have watched birds pecking at the mortar between the bricks of houses. They stayed there for several minutes pecking at the seams trying to loosen any of the small granules. Mortar would be particularly good because it is a mixture of lime and small grains of stone.

In order to help birds and prevent them from working so hard at attaining grit, mix some with seed provided in feeders. A 20:1 ratio of seed to grit is recommended.

Seed-eating birds need to grit to grind the grain they gather, but insect-eating birds and other groups of birds have a gizzard and need grit too. Mallards and wood ducks like to eat acorns. Since they do not have teeth, or a vice-

like jaw, they swallow their acorns and hickory nuts whole. Their gizzard alone crushes them before they enter the stomach.

Scoters, duck-like birds, have a gizzard that crushes mussels and a wild turkey can crush pecan nuts within an hour. Shorebirds and even hummingbirds need grit for their gizzards. The hard outer skeleton of insects needs to be crushed before digestion can take place.

Next time you get bird seed consider providing some grit for the birds too.

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Son joins his father in local law practice

BY KEVIN BROWN

STAFF WRITER

This father and son have plenty in common. First, Paul Dillon and his father Joseph are lawyers. Paul, 30, joined his father's Plymouth law practice last month.

Both father and son also worked several years in other professions before becoming lawyers.

Paul at Arthur Anderson & Co. designing and installing product information systems, and Joseph as part owner of Cummins Engine.

And both graduated magna cum laude from the University of Detroit law school.

"I guess working with one's father used to be the norm," Paul Dillon said. "Going into business with my father is one of the proudest moments of my life."

Asked what drew them to the profession, Joseph Dillon said, "To me it's an intellectual challenge."

"It gives you a feeling of satisfaction when you accomplish

something for somebody."

Since entering law 15 years ago, the elder Dillon's practice has been general in scope, covering areas of real estate, divorce modifications and domestic relations, wills and estates and small business law.

Paul said he likes the problem-solving aspect of the legal profession. "I looked at a lot of different areas of the law," he said.

The younger Dillon worked as a research clerk for a Wayne County Circuit Court judge, as a clerk with a downtown law firm, and did "just a little bit of research" for the prosecution by the U.S. Attorney's office of former Detroit police chief William Hart.

Both also say they like the amount of personal contact with clients in the law profession, as compared to their former jobs.

Paul said that while working as a law clerk, he'd ask for advice on how best to pursue a career. The advice he heard most often was it was best to join a firm where someone could serve as mentor.

"Working with my father is the best. I have someone who is that mentor," said the younger Dillon. Some in the public hold lawyers in low esteem and Joseph Dillon said he realizes this.

"Unfortunately there are some lawyers that merit their reputation. But by and large, I've found attorneys to be the most honorable people I've met."

While some detractors might view lawyers as having a hand in making life easier for criminals, "Unless these people's (criminals) rights are protected, the rights of you and I are in danger," Joseph Dillon said.

Paul Dillon noted that lawyers also are bound by ethics not to disclose information told by a client to an attorney. His father added, "It's the best self-policing profession ever."

Among Joseph Dillon's eight children is another lawyer, Brian, who works out of state.

After two weeks with his new partner, the elder Dillon commented, "We do work well together, I've discovered."

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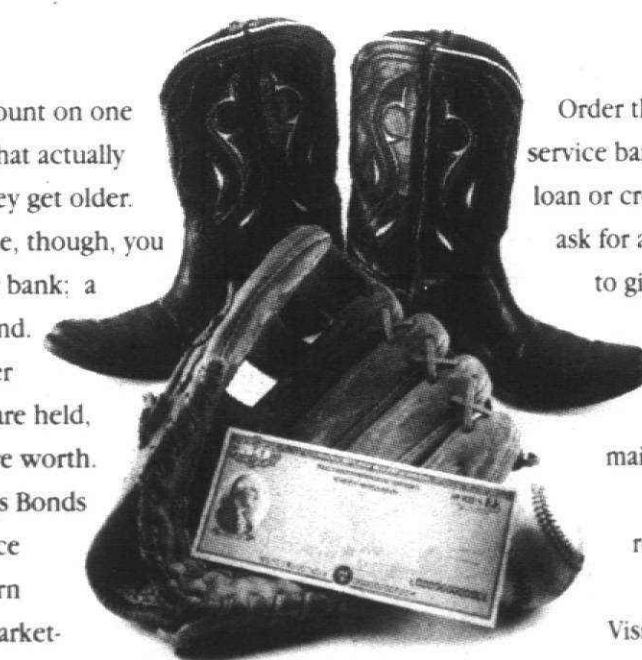
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BOB SKLAR

Sculptor dedicates 5 dance medallions

Famed relief sculptor Sergio De Giusti is quick to applaud the Detroit Dance Collective, a professional modern dance touring troupe based in Royal Oak.

"When I saw them for the first time in mid-1991, I was overwhelmed by how good they were and how little was known about them," the Redford Township resident said. "I saw a lot of my work in their imagery. And they saw a lot of imagery for their dance in my work."

In December, De Giusti donated five commemorative medallions to Oakland Community College for permanent display in the Royal Oak campus's Lila R. Jones-Johnson Theatre lobby. They're companions to an earlier gift of a bas relief that'll be raffled next spring to benefit the collective.

All of the pieces reflect the spirit of the collective, using images of creatively staged dance movements instead of conventional dance figures. The collective sells a signed poster based on the relief for \$15.

De Giusti is one of the troupe's top boosters. "They do some amazing things with shrouding and unusual images," says the sculptor, known for his haunting sculpture. "I'm very fond of abstract works and they perform very interesting symbolic dances with very moving imagery."

Medallions an art form

The commemorative medallions, spinoffs from the bas relief, are "very much an art form" in De Giusti's eyes.

"It's a wonderful tradition of Italian art that's catching on in this country," the native of Italy's industrial north said. "In the U.S., medallions tend to be thought of as coins. But these things are works of art. Artists are doing some beautiful and experimental things."

In September, De Giusti was invited to show three medallions at the biennial meeting of the International Federation of Medallist Art in London. Medallion themes typically reflect his interests, like composers (Wagner), conductors (Toscanini), nature (Utah's Canyonland National Park) and history (the papal visit to Detroit).

De Giusti, a big fan of classical music, learned about the Detroit Dance Collective in early 1991 when co-directors Paula Kramer of Huntington Woods and Barbara Selinger of Farmington Hills called to ask if he had the music to a work by Venetian composer Luigi Nono, which he did.

The collective's work also sports wild and wacky themes. But to honor De Giusti, it created a riveting 1991 dance, "Anxious Heart," based on his work.

"I shroud figures and have figures emerge out of darkness, a sort of religious imagery, and I think that appealed to them," De Giusti said. "That dance was one of the greatest honors I've ever received. It was so touching — just fantastic."

"We wrapped the stage in ropes, had costumes of wrapped figures and dealt with a lot of anxiety brought on by deteriorating world conditions and the devastating state arts cuts," Kramer said. "The dance was directly inspired by his work, which speaks to all of us in the collective."

"We're very proud an artist of his status feels we're worthy of recognition," she added, noting his generosity has rubbed off because other artists also are showing active interest in the collective.

'No preconceived notions'

De Giusti describes his work as figurative impressionism, shrouded in elements of moodiness and alienation. He moves around wet clay until "it suggests something and images begin to emerge. There are no preconceived notions."

De Giusti grew up in Maniago, in the foothills of the Alps, in a family of non-artists. Italian tradition, he says, permeates his sculpture.

"I create a stage set of human drama, an opera of mankind, caught in some kind of theater or passion," he said. "I play off imagery of humanity and its state of turmoil."

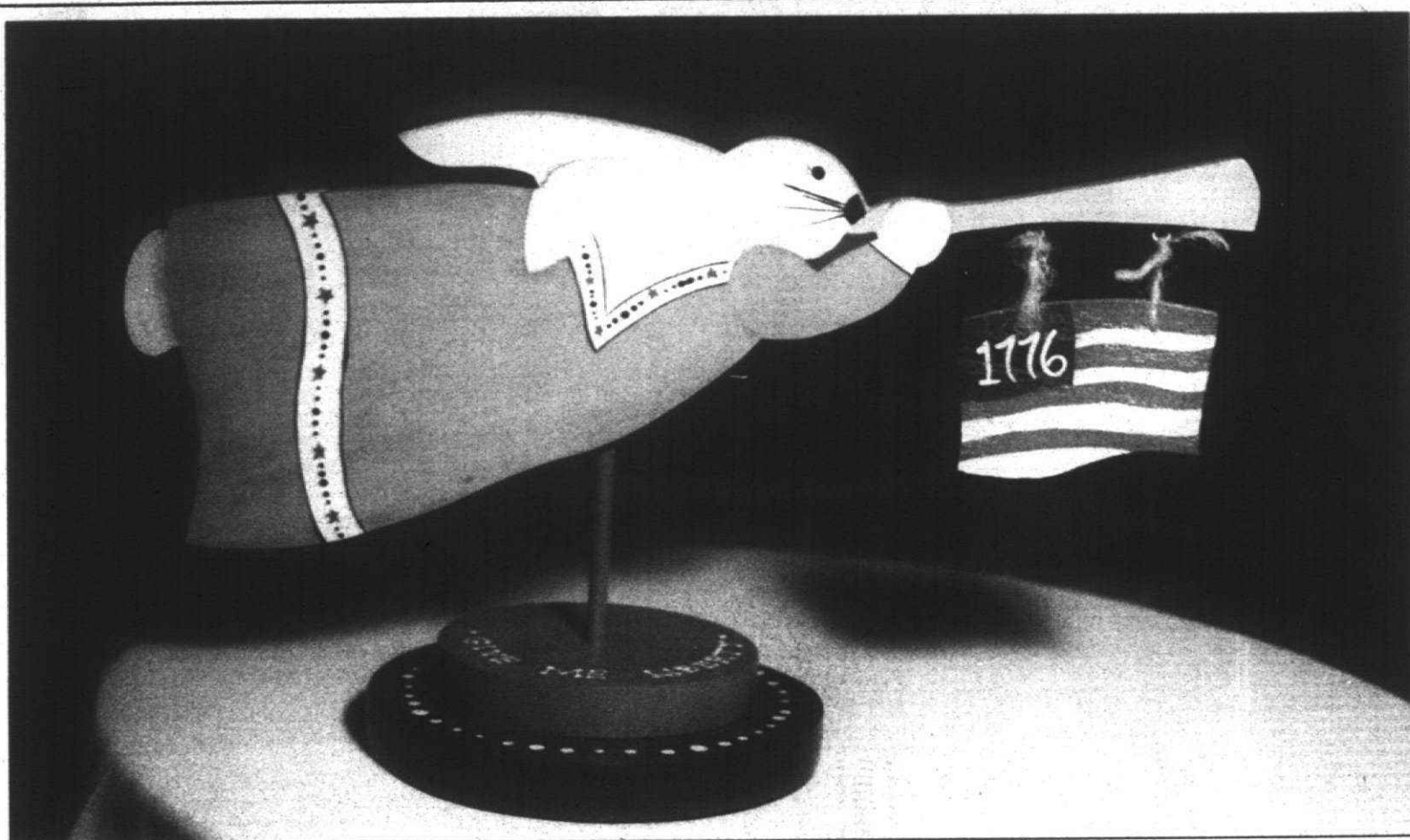
"I remove all clues I think will make my intent obvious so people aren't quite sure what they're looking at. It's not art for everybody. It's not the most beautiful or pleasant thing. But I don't do art as a decoration."

In 1985, the Committee on Art in Public Places chose De Giusti to do a 20-panel bas relief, Michigan Landscapes, for the Michigan Library and Historical Center in Lansing. His statement about that might well apply to all his work:

"I tried to convey a baroque romanticism, a play of shapes representative of what I do as an artist without being obvious about it. I didn't show much detail because the interpretation has to be a personal one."

Despite his world-class reputation, De Giusti shies from plaudits as a local arts ambassador: "I'm from the Old World. We have to help each other somehow. We don't always have to put a price tag on everything."

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Bicentennial bunny; Northville artist Pat Helwig handpainted this liberty bunny with flag. The style is considered folk art.

Library showcases decorative artistry



The Village Painters present a Livonia Civic Center Library holiday exhibit that spotlights tole-painted wares in the spirit of the season. The art form gained in popularity in the 18th Century.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Livonia arts commissioners are serving up a decorative arts painting exhibit to spice your holidays with a dash of red and green.

A special presentation of hand-painted centerpieces, ornaments and decorative home accent pieces spotlighting talents of The Village Painters continues through Dec. 30 in the second-floor circular showcases at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

Antique tea kettles found at garage sales, clocks, bowls, scarves: almost anything offers an opportunity for use as a painting surface.

"If it doesn't move, paint it is our motto — even a husband in a reclining chair," said Prudy Hogrefe of Livonia. "The big craze now is painting Santas on gourds."

Hogrefe has been involved with

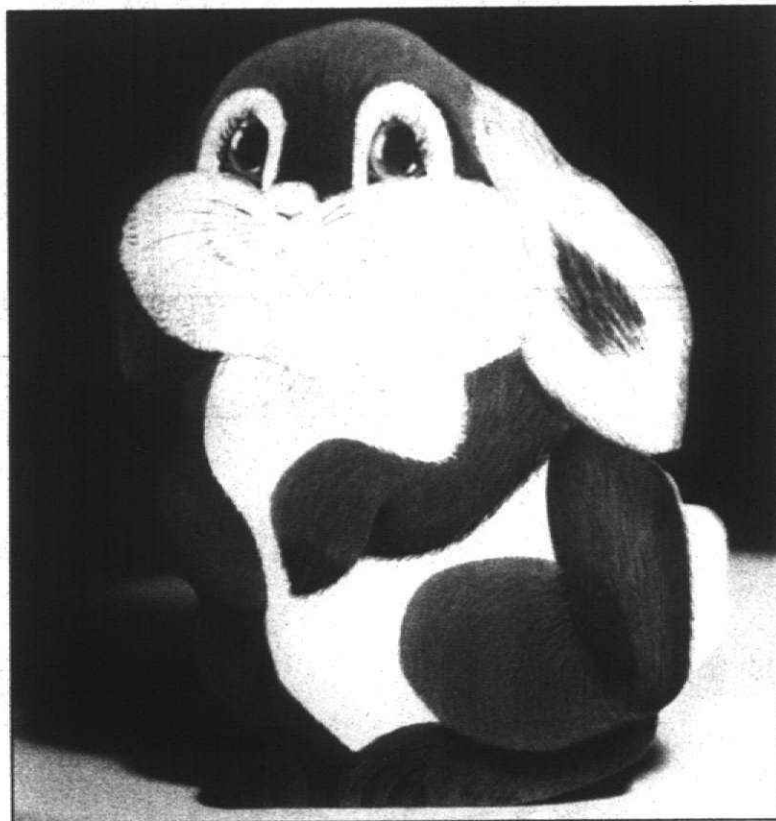
■ 'If it doesn't move, paint it is our motto — even a husband in a reclining chair.'

Prudy Hogrefe
Livonia

tole painting for eight years. Initially, it was ceramics that caught her fancy. "I know how to play really well. I've always been in one arts or crafts or the other," she said. "My oven isn't used for cooking. I just dry apples and oranges, and bread dough ornaments in it."

Tole painting and stenciling of surfaces were two of the earliest American folk arts. In the 18th Century, tole was a popular enameled or lacquered metalware.

See VILLAGE PAINTERS, 2D



Decorative art: Pat Helwig, president of The Village Painters, used acrylics to paint this decorative rabbit.

Canton gallery serves up handmade crafts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're down to your last dollars and still in need of gifts for Aunt Sarah and Uncle Steve, Crafter's Showplace has the answer.

The reasonably priced craft gallery, which opened Sept. 1, offers Victorian home accents, hand-crocheted afghans and doilies, jewelry, stained glass, miniatures, rocking cows, fencepost Santas, centerpieces, wreaths and swags, quilt wallhangings and throw pillows, and prints by wildlife artist Michael Glen Monroe.

"They're one-of-a-kind type of items — all handmade," said owner Richard Muller. "There's such a variety in here. You can find a quality gift for five or 10 dollars."

Muller exhibits 40 Michigan artists and crafters working in a wide range of media. "There are no supplies. It's all products," Muller said.

A grow stick by Belinda Harvey of Dearborn Heights helps grandparents keep track of little ones as they grow.

"I'm really enjoying it. It keeps changing all the time. The items change with the seasons. After the

holidays, Valentine's Day items start rolling in," Muller said. "There's no entrance fee for this show and we're going to be here all year 'round."

Muller thinks a lot of people are turned off by craft shows, entrance fees and milling crowds. "People enjoy purchasing here over a craft show because they don't have a crafter standing over them," Muller said.

Crafters sign a four-month contract with Muller, renting bin space for \$85 a month. Muller charges a 10-percent commission on sold items plus he pays all Michigan sales tax. The

monthly fee covers advertising costs, rent, utilities and his manning the store seven days a week.

"They set up their own spaces. I tell them to make it as attractive as they can," Muller said.

Katie and Carl Ward of Plymouth create reindeers with personality. Also, other novelties in wood like Noah's Ark, comical deers decorating a fireplace match holder and a plaque featuring a cat holding a mouse that reads, "good friends are a blessing."

See CRAFTER'S, 3D

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.

■ BRIGHTER SHADE OF BLUE

Fund-raising figures aren't in for Livonia's Christmas Walk Dec. 5 but Friends for Development of Greenmead president Jan Bennett says her membership feels "we've done better than ever before."

"There was a steady flow at all of the houses. People were lined up when the walk began and some stayed past 5 p.m."

Proceeds from the fourth annual walk will benefit the Alexander Blue House restoration project at Greenmead Historical Village. Historians hope to turn the 142-year-old

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house, once home to a Livonia Township civic leader, into a conference and meeting center as well as a reception hall for Newburg Church at Greenmead.

Complete restoration will cost upwards of \$300,000. Fund-raising has topped \$65,000.

The first three Christmas walks raised more than \$20,000. "Every little bit helps," Bennett said. "We'll get there some day."

The hope is for the two-story, 11-room house to be self-supporting. Livonia historical groups are reviewing conceptual restoration design plans.

Bennett says the Christmas Walk and the Garden Walk in spring "introduce Livonians and others to the beauty of our neighborhoods, which is a wonderful fringe benefit."

■ HOSTING AN ART CLASS?

If your school, business or nonprofit organization would like to be included in a story on art classes available beginning in early 1993, we would like to hear from you.

The deadline is Dec. 30. Include the name of a contact person and their phone number as well as a listing of classes, a short description of each and fees.

Art classes may range from painting, drawing, ceramics and sculpture to basketry and needle arts like quilting and lacemaking.

Send information to: Art Classes, Creative Living, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Here's to all who truly care about the reader



VICTORIA DIAZ

A heartfelt year's-end toast to:

- bookstore employees who know and really care about books and the people who read them.
- librarians.
- writers everywhere. Think about it: The great majority simply aren't in it for the money.
- English teachers. Ditto.
- Alice Hoffman, for writing the quirky, dreamy, erotic, exotic "Turtle Moon," a novel about heaven, earth and many things in between.
- Elmore Leonard, for getting better all the time.
- Rebecca Stowe, for creating in her first novel, "Not of the World," the most heartbreaking, funniest character I met all year.
- university presses.
- Robert Stone. May he write forever.
- Twentieth Century Fox, for optioning "Waiting to Exhale," Terry McMillan's popular novel about four black women and their lively quest for Mr. Right.
- filmmaker Steven Spielberg, who has optioned Robert James Waller's romantic bestseller, "The Bridges of Madison County."
- Ronald Bass ("Rain Man") is working on a script.
- Publishers Weekly.
- The Horn Book.
- the creator of those great lit-wit T-shirts, featuring caricatures of Zora Neale Hurston and Ayn Rand.
- Borders. Stay as sweet as you are.
- all who know and appreciate the singular importance of children's literature.
- the late children's author/illustrator, James Marshall, who died in October at age 50. Marshall's creations included

those everloving hippos, George and Martha, the irreverent Stupid family, and that beleaguered Texas schoolmarm, Miss Nelson.

■ the late Dr. Seuss, for all his delightful creations — especially that infamous, garlicky-souled Christmas bandit, the Grinch.

■ Mem Fox.

■ Nancy Willard.

■ Patricia Polacco.

■ all gifted children's writers everywhere.

■ everybody who reads their kids a bedtime story tonight.

Wolverine State. This year's winner was poet/translator Clayton Eshleman of Ypsilanti.

■ the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, which will finance "Writers Live in the Library," a 1993 Poets & Writers, Inc. project that will bring readers together with such writers as Gwendolyn Brooks, Stuart Dybek and Tony Hillerman. The literary events will take place at libraries throughout the Midwest, including the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham and the Farmington Community Library. Call 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5057.

■ any writer who resists the urge to put together another article, column, essay, screenplay, novel or biography on Charles and Di. I think I may experience utter and complete meltdown if I even hear of another syllable written on this done-to-death-and-beyond subject.

■ 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.

■ Detroit Women Writers and

the group was originally formed because the five felt there was a need for an area group of decorative arts painters. Their intent was to share talents and goals while improving their own abilities, creating new friendships with people of common interests, and promoting the art form in this area.

Seminars are held periodically along with demonstrations and paint-ins at meetings held six times a year.

"It's relaxing. It's fun. I like the feeling you get when you complete something," Helwig said.

In January, three of The Village Painters (Helwig, Lenski, Kay Belindé) will open a tote shop on Main Street in Plymouth.

Library hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

Village Painters from page 1D

"Technically, tole means painting on tin. But now it's evolved to include decorative painting on wood, metal, fabric, just about anything," said Village Painters president Pat Helwig of Northville. "The pioneers used it to decorate things around the home. Everything was made out of tin. They used to paint pieces around the house to add color."

Sleighs dressed in red and green, candle holders, bowls holding fruit painted on the inside, and an angel with intricately painted feathers and lace lining the bottom of her gown painted by Nancy Lenski of Plymouth, vie for the viewer's attention alongside white bearded Santas embellished with Snowflakes.

A definite eye catcher is a handpainted scarf by Prudy Vannier of Northville. Painted in shades of green, it features schools of fish swimming merrily along. "I do this because I enjoy it, not because I want to sell it when I'm done," Hogrefe said. "I change them with the

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Pat Helwig
Village Painters president

season so you never get tired of seeing them."

Many club members took their first tole painting lessons at Which Craft in Livonia. Some sell their wares at craft shows. "A few of our members do custom painting and stenciling of faux finishes on walls," Hogrefe said.

Formed in 1984 by five members of the National Society of Tole and Decorative Painters, The Village Painters received their charter in 1987.

In the air: Prudy Hogrefe says she enjoys doing crafts anywhere and anytime. Even on a flight to England, she kept busy hand-piecing the heart quilt held by the doll on the left.



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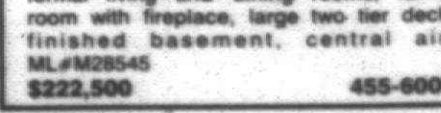
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Crafty maneuver: Richard Muller opened Crafter's Showplace Sept. 1. Arts and crafts by 40 Michigan artists fill the gallery with reasonably priced gift ideas.

Crafter's from page 1D

"I love it. I think it's great because I know about setting up at craft shows, how hard it is, the long hours," Katie Ward said.

Many of the husband and wife teams on display split up the work. "My husband cuts out the wood, I paint them," Ward said.

Judy Richardson of Dearborn Heights, who exhibits with husband Bob at 35 shows a year, says, "He does all the wood. I do all the sewing."

The Richardsons' craft fabric necklaces, earrings, barrettes and wood items. "It's so unique for crafters to have a place like this, where we can set up a booth, then leave and someone else takes care of it," Judy said.

Peggy Miller's creativity never stops flowing. "I was out golfing one day when I picked up these cones," the Garden City crafter said.

Miller turns the evergreen cone, decorated in red and green ribbons with a bird perching on top, in her hand. A loop of ribbon glued to the back provides a way to display it on a Christmas tree

or package.

Hand-crocheted doilies and table scarves, oil paintings, muslin rag dolls, and wood accents cut in the shape of pigs, hippos and giraffes, fill Muller's space.

Joe Slezak of Plymouth creates bowls, jewelry boxes, candle holders, ornaments, night lights, window panels, potpourri and flower holders from stained glass.

Slezak had a one-person show presented by the Livonia Arts Commission last January in the Civic Center Library.

William Kayco of Canton Township builds grandfather clocks, along with other time keepers for wall and mantle. "He puts all these clocks together himself. It's a lot of work," Muller

said.

Kayco builds the grandfather clocks with Appalachian hardwoods, brass movements and Westminster Rod Chimes. His specialty is one-of-a-kind, heirloom-design granddaughter clocks. Kayco takes custom orders.

Marian Ulrich of Canton Township paints scarves and pastel portraits. She graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Her method of painting the burgundy velvet scarves is original.

Inspired by the music of master classical composers and musicians, Ulrich paints while listening to a certain piece of music.

In her words, sounds are heard, seen and felt as color. Sound becomes a visual concept. After Ulrich paints the title of the composition, in this case, Bach's Fugue in D minor.

Sharon Pettit of Plymouth displays quilts fashioned as wallhangings and pillows. Also, holiday aprons with handpainted elves, accented with red and white candy cane-striped pockets.

Mary Lou Marsh of Westland offers crocheted afghans and baby blankets along with handpainted sweatshirts. Mary Jo Jergens, Canton Township, Christmas stockings, angels and centerpieces, and a wreath with a bear incorporated in the middle. Joan Wheeler, Livonia, calligraphy; Marie Muhich, Garden City, sachets, earrings, handpainted sweatshirts.

George and Eleanor Kojas, Redford Township, dried flowers, wallhangings, wreaths and tole; Karen Eades, Canton Township, denim-accented sweatshirts, min-

ature Christmas trees, brass horn wreaths and swags; Amy Petersen, Plymouth, wood chests, wreath mirrors, tole; Joanne Potter, Livonia, football-inspired food baskets with sausage shaped like a football.

Jim Bradford, Westland, sports plaques of Steve Yzerman, Gordie Howe, Cecil Fielder, and Larry Bird, to name a few. Jean Loken, Canton, miniatures; and Lorna Johnson, Westland, fabric handbags.

A few spaces remain vacant at Crafter's Showplace. "This is a juried crafts gallery. We're looking for good, quality items that are unique. We also look to see



Happy trio: Garden City crafter Peggy Miller creates these wooden whimsical characters nearly six feet tall to decorate inside or outside your home.

how much we already have of an item," Muller said.

The shop is at 43343 Joy, at Morton Taylor, in Coventry Commons, Canton Township. Muller previously owned this space when it was CD's Plus. But the poor economy drove her from business after more than three years.

He has high hopes for this new venture. "Knowing that the Plymouth-Canton area has always been big on arts and crafts, I know this fits the need of the area."

Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call 454-4717.

Sharpen artistic talent

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is accepting entries for its 12th annual Michigan Fine Arts Competition as well as registrations for its winter classes.

The fine arts competition opens April 17. Deadline for slide entries is Jan. 22. For details, call the BBAA, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham, at 644-0866.

The competition is open to all artists living and working in Michigan. Laura Tripp, curator of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York, will serve as juror.

There will be a \$2,000 best-in-show award sponsored by the Arts Foundation of Michigan and \$1,000 in additional prizes.

Meanwhile, the winter class term runs Jan. 7 through March 27.

Classes will be offered in pottery, drawing, jewelry, fibers, painting, printmaking, calligraphy and sculpture, for both the beginning and advanced student.

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Signup continues for winter classes

Winter registration has opened for dance, music and visual arts extension programs at the Center for Creative Studies.

Classes begin in January at locations in Detroit, Southfield, Grosse Pointe and Novi. For information about visual arts classes, call 872-3118, Ext. 297. For music and dance information, dial Ext. 607.

The dance program offers ballet, tap, modern, jazz, African, Dunham, East Indian, yoga and African martial arts. Childhood Foundation, a program designed for ages 3-5, introduces preschoolers to their first group movement experiences.

Private and group music lessons in classical and jazz studies are available in all instruments and voice. Ensembles include chamber music groups, jazz ensemble, guitar ensemble, and children and adult choirs. Music theory and music appreciation classes are offered.

The extension program, the non-degree arm of CCS-College of Art and Design, offers credit and non-credit courses in fine and applied arts, graphic design, ceramics, glass, photographic studies, transportation design, fiber design, clay modeling and portfolio preparation, and a calligraphy diploma program.

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CLARE SPITLER ARTWORK
Continuing — This season's holiday theme show is "Kevin's Choice, Hope and Fear," a variety of works by gallery artists plus six guest artists, Adam Grant, Helga Haller, Joanna Katz, E. Baker O'Brien and Lukas Novotny, Lisa Olson, Denise Schmitt, 2007 Pauline Court, Ann Arbor. Hours: 2-6 p.m. Tuesday and by arrangement: 662-8914.

CIVIC CENTER GALLERY
Continuing — Prints, drawings and floral arrangements by artist Pat Duff will be exhibited until Dec. 18. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield, 354-4717.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY
Continuing — The Croatian Community of Southeast Michigan and several contemporary Croatian artists, in cooperation with the Dearborn Community Arts Council, are hosting an art exhibit about war-wounded Croatia. All money raised at this event will benefit Croatian orphans, the Academy of Fine Arts and the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Zagreb, Croatia. No admission. 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

CENTER GALLERIES
Until Dec. 18 — A showing of 30 paintings by Sarkis Sarkisian, who was director of the Art School of the Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, now the Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, 1947-67. The exhibit was guest-curated by Elizabeth and Gordon O'Neil, who have written a biography of the artist. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, at Woodward and Kirby in the Park Shelden Building in Detroit, 874-1955.

FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY
Until Dec. 19 — New cityscape paintings by Stephen Magis. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 796 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 644-3955.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Until Dec. 20 — The gallery celebrates the inauguration of Sandra Packard as president of Oakland

University with the exhibit, "The University Art Collection Part I: Paintings and Prints." Curator Kiichi Usui assembled art works that reflect various trends in the American and European art scene during the past 26 years, corresponding to the existence of the gallery. The theme is "Abstraction and Figurative." Hours are one hour prior to curtain time through the first intermission of the Meadow Brook Theatre performance, including weekends, at OU in Rochester, 370-3005.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY
Until Dec. 23 — Works by Italo Scanga. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-8250.

ALICE SIMSAR GALLERY
Until Dec. 23 — "Light Series," an exhibition of new paintings and drawings by Michigan artist Ann Mikowski. Gallery 11 will show the new edition prints from printer and publisher Stewart and Stewart, run by artist Norman Stewart in Birmingham. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 381 N. Main, Ann Arbor, 665-4883.

THE WETSMAN COLLECTION
Until Dec. 24 — "Kindred Visions: Weavers/Storytellers" brings together textiles by 11 contemporary artists from across the country who explore the use of narrative in their work. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham. Call 645-6212 for lecture reservations or more information.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Until Dec. 24 — "Serendipitous Season," an all-media exhibition by David Klein and curated by gallery manager Nancy Follett. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1608 E. Grand, 300 River Place, on Jos. Campau between Jefferson East and the Detroit River in Detroit, 393-1770.

LEMBERG GALLERY
Until Dec. 26 — Works by acclaimed artists Chuck Cole, Mimmo Paladino, Steven Soriano, Frank Stella, Bruce Housh, and Robert Motherwell, and area artists Holly Branstner, Douglas Semivan and Steven Murakishi. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-6623.

DANIELLE PELEG GALLERY
Until Dec. 27 — The first one-person show of award-winning American expressionist Ali Golar. Musical instruments are of

ten incorporated in his paintings. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Crosswinds Mall at 4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, 626-5810.

SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY
Until Dec. 29 — "Many Voices One Spirit," an exhibition of Native American artwork coordinated by Arthur Park, a Wayne State art education professor. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 33 E. Adams, Detroit.

INDUSTRY
Until Dec. 31 — "Open Face Club Sandwich," a multimedia exhibit featuring the work of Cranbrook Academy of Art students. The show will include sculpture, installations, assemblages and video, expressing a diverse range of concepts. 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac.

MESA ARTS
Until Dec. 31 — The gallery presents paintings, sculpture, pottery, furniture, jewelry and artifacts from the Southwest. Holiday gift items include wearable art, ceramic bowls, glass and table art. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin, 851-9949.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM
Until Dec. 31 — A holiday show includes beautiful and incredible landscapes by Phil Bloyer, wonderful pastel garden scenes by Barb Grundeman, bright abstract collages by Jean Marie McKnight and figurative bronzes by Dorie Krusz. Also featured are rich jewel tone serigraphs by Rita Asore. The gallery is at 390 E. Maple in Birmingham. Call 540-8505.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Until Dec. 31 — The felt constructions of Joan Livingstone, who received her master of fine arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, and the waxed linen sculpture of Jane Sauer. Also, contemporary American jewelry featured, perfect for gift giving. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.

SWIDLER GALLERY
Until Dec. 31 — The masterful work of American potters Byron Temple and Chris Staley. Also featured: the quiet and playful utilitarian pottery by emerging artists Carol Roorbach and Annette Siffin. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5

p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, to 8 p.m. Thursday and by appointment, 308 W. Fourth, Royal Oak, 542-4880.

DETROIT GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS
Until Dec. 31 — 17th annual holiday show, "Objects of Wonder and Delight," featuring a group show of soup tureens and platters and mechanical toy sculptures in the folk art tradition by Ann Wood and Dean Luckner. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, 104 Fisher Building.

ATRIUM GALLERY
Until Dec. 31 — 21 wildly imaginative, softly hued, contemporary watercolor and acrylic paintings ("expressionistic but figurative") and four 3-D game tables ("whimsical but functional") by Toni Johnstone of Farmington Hills. Also: handmade ornaments, carved crystal, blown glass, fiber, clear wood. 109 N. Center, Northville. Call 349-4131.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Until Jan. 2 — The glass furniture series of Jose Chardiet, new work glass sculptures of Mark Peiser and "Fishbone" series of Japanese artist Denzaburo Oku. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32255 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, 851-9090.

WINDER STREET GALLERY
Until Jan. 2 — Detroit Focus presents "No Bigger Than No More Than," an invitational show and sale of two- and three-dimensional work, no bigger than 12- by 12- by 12 inches and no more than \$250. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1568 Winder at Orleans in Detroit's Eastern Market. Call Detroit Focus at 882-1624.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM
Until Jan. 10 — "A Siege in the Room: New Sculpture by Heather McGill." It is the first solo exhibition by McGill since her appointment in fall 1991 as the head of the Department of Sculpture at the Cranbrook Academy of Art. "Graphics of the '80s from the Federal Republic of Germany" will be displayed through Jan. 31. This features prints and photographs that reflect the diversity of German art of the 1980s, an era marked by a revival of interest in painting and a return to concrete depictions of objects. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, closed Dec. 24-25 (Christmas Eve and Day) and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 (New Year's Eve and Day), 500 Lone

Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, 645-3312. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, children and full-time students.

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART MUSEUM
Until Jan. 10 — Student Degree Show, with works by Joseph Robert of the sculpture department and Garrett Speirs of the painting department. 1221 N. Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake in Bloomfield Hills. Call 645-3323.

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Homeowner casualty, theft losses bear tax implications

Having a portion of your home destroyed by a fire or flood is a frightening experience. Estimating and recovering your losses after such a catastrophe can make you feel further victimized. But understanding the tax implications of your loss can help you to minimize the financial damage. According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, you can deduct a portion of your casualty loss on your federal income tax return.

Damage to your property resulting from progressive deteriorations, such as termite damage, does not qualify as a casualty loss. Not all qualified casualty losses are limited to acts of nature. In certain situations, damage to your car in an accident may be considered a deductible loss.

If you deposited your money in a bank, credit union or other financial institution that later failed, you may also elect to claim a casualty loss rather than a non-business bad debt, provided no part of your deposit is federally insured.

Keep in mind that accidental losses, such as losing your wedding band or breaking fine china, also do not qualify as casualty losses.

You may claim a theft loss as long as the loss resulted from an illegal act, such as a robbery to your home, and as long as the loss has not been covered by insurance.

The IRS requires that you prove the occurrence of a theft. Remember that just because an item is missing doesn't mean that it was stolen or that it can be deducted as a casualty loss.

Manager's salary dependent on more than number of units

Our association has an extremely low monthly assessment (\$60) and consists of approximately 100 units. The value of the units are around \$100,000 and are basically one-story units with an attached two-car garage. I have reviewed two other association budgets and found that the salaries paid to the manager vary from approximately 6-10 percent of the total monthly fees. I also realize that the compensation would vary based on the duties assigned to the manager. My concern is that I believe that the budget committee, as well as the board, have not been paying adequate compensation to our manager. Is there a rule of thumb used to cover this matter?

Obviously, the amount of compensation that will be paid to the manager is dependent upon his or her job responsibilities and duties. For example, is the person an on-site manager, does the person perform full-service management, including the letting of contracts and the supervision of contractors, as well as the bookkeeping and accounting for the association. Also, factors to be considered include the number of units that are to be managed and the length of the contract.

It is hard to estimate exactly what is fair compensation for a professional management company or a manager based solely on the amount of dues that are being collected or, for that matter, the number of units.

Do you have any suggestions on how we can reduce the risk of alcohol-related liability? Here are some suggestions that have been advanced by experts in the field:

1. Adopt reasonable rules and measures to prevent alcoholic beverage consumption on common areas such as pools, playgrounds and ball fields where the risk of injuries may be great.

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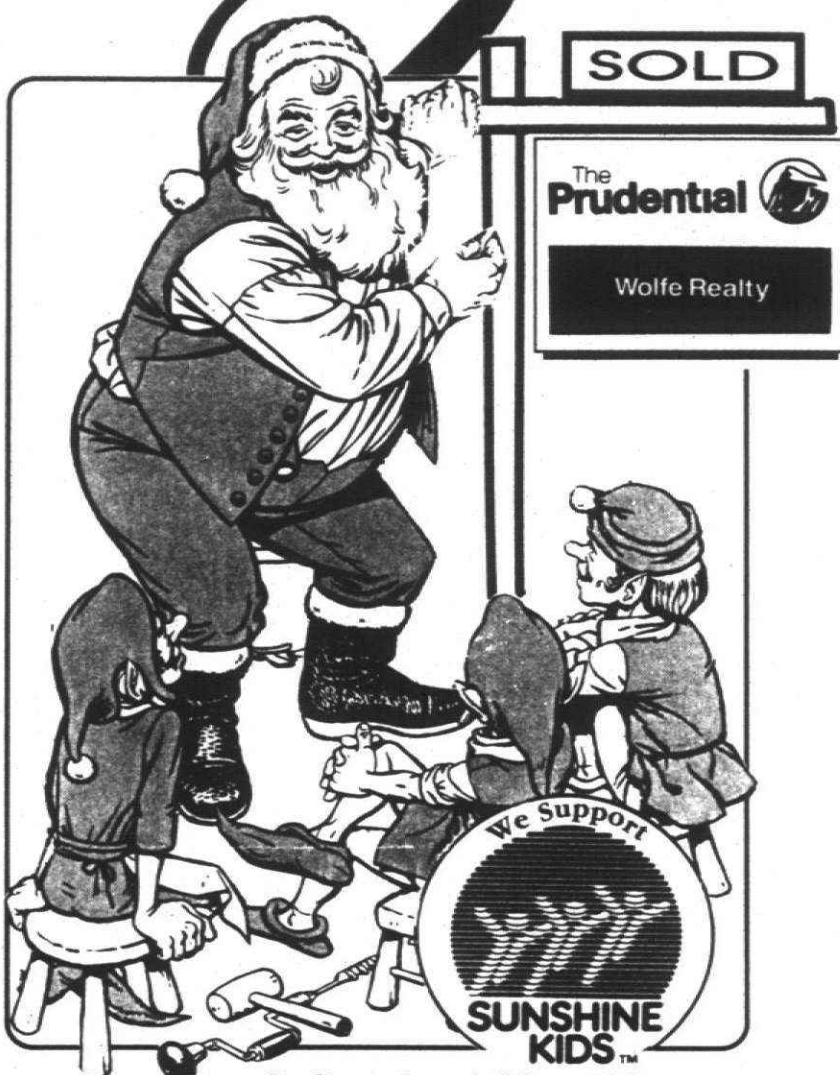
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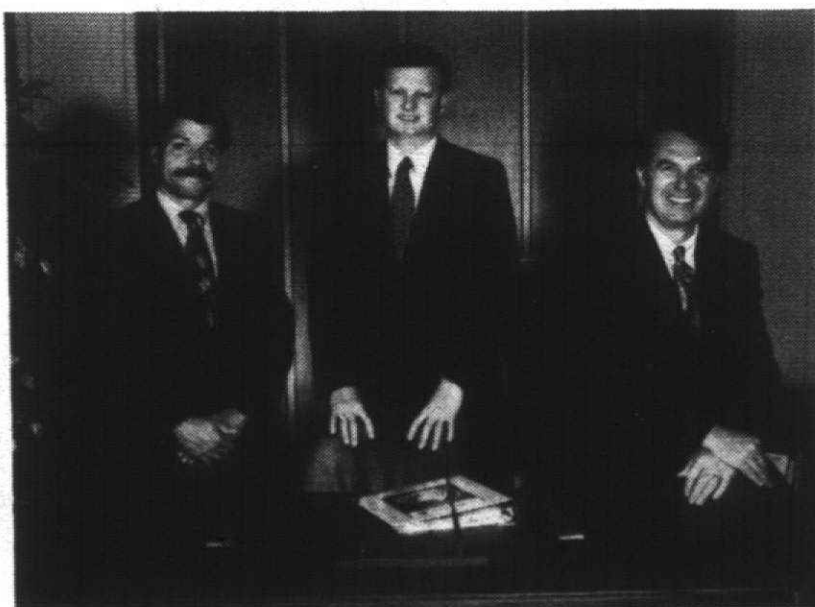


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AIA names officers

Gary Skog of Bloomfield Hills has been named president of AIA Detroit, a chapter of the American Institute of Architects. President and principal at Harley Ellington Pierce Yee Associates, he served on the board of directors for AIA Detroit as vice president/president designate for 1991-92 and as secretary for 1990-91. Skog has been active in the chapter's design awards program and has served on the program committee for the annual convention.



Gary Skog

Carl D. Roehling of Birmingham has been nominated vice president/president designate. He is director of the commerce division of Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates and a member of the board of directors. He also is treasurer of the Michigan Architectural Foundation and served as chairman for the Design and Construction Expo '92.



Carl Roehling

Roehling is a member of the AIA national committee on the environment and has served as president, vice president, treasurer and secretary for AIA Michigan.

Larry Horning of Birmingham has been nominated to continue serving a two-year term as secretary. He is in marketing and sales at Computerized Facility Integration and served on committees for AIA Michigan Design Conference and Design & Construction Expo '92.

Paul A. Stachowiak of Birmingham has been nominated to continue serving a two-year term as treasurer. He is president of Giffels Hoyem Basso and has served as AIA Detroit as secretary and house tour chairman.

Mark Mardirosian, an associate with Albert Kahn Associates and Roger P. Snyder, president of Roger Snyder Architects, were nominated as chapter directors. Anne Bernardini of Birmingham continues to serve her three-year term. She is senior project designer at Harley Ellington Pierce Yee.

Serving terms as AIA Michigan directors are Graham Dickens, Daniel Redstone of West Bloomfield, Benedetto Tiseo and Robert L. Ziegelman of Birmingham, along with Arthur Smith who continues to serve his term.

Dickens is an associate at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates; Redstone is president of Redstone Architects; Tiseo is president of Tiseo & Associates and Tiseo Interior Architects. Ziegelman is principal and chairman of Luckenbach/Ziegelman and Partners. Smith is president of Arthur F. Smith Architects.

Heather M. Perry-Mills, AIA intern, has been nominated to a one-year term as associate director. She is a graduate architect at Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates.

Kmart buys Sheffield

Kmart Corp. has bought 3270 W. Big Beaver Road, a 103,000-square-foot office building in the Sheffield Office Park, a four-building office complex in Troy, and is occupying 50,000 square feet of the building.

The Prudential Realty Group acquired Sheffield in May and has started a renovation program for the lobby and common areas of 3290 W. Big Beaver and will continue upgrading buildings and facilities.

Levin speaks at ESD

The future of construction infrastructure under the Clinton administration will be Sen. Carl Levin's topic when he addresses the ESD Construction Activities Committee luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at the Rackham Memorial Building in Detroit.

Tickets are \$22 for ESD members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations, call 995-4440.

The committee was established to foster improvements in the construction industry and is comprised of members representing a balanced cross-section of the industry, including design professionals, owners/users, contractors, suppliers and support services.

Residential construction

Construction of residential units in Oakland County dipped in October but rose slightly in Wayne County, according to the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Housing starts dropped 5 percent in Oakland for the month, from 576 in September to 547. But year-to-date figures show a 1.1 percent gain in number of units and a 5.9 percent increase in value.

Wayne County posted a 4.2-percent gain in housing starts in October with 423 units compared to 406 in September. Year-to-date figures show Wayne housing up 14.9 percent and values up 17.3 percent.

Landscape convention

The Metropolitan Detroit Landscape Association will hold its sixth annual convention and trade show March 17 and 18 at the Novi Expo Center. Management programs, technical seminars, classroom instruction and pesticide application recertification preparation and testing will be conducted.

The exhibit area will include booths for oversized equipment, nursery stock, irrigation and other green industry products and services.

For information call 646-4992.



Tropical setting: Planterra's landscaping of the Midland Mall earned it a merit award in interior landscape installation in the 23rd Annual Environmental Improvement Awards Program sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America.

Plantastic

A new approach to curbing pollution

■ Interior designers are taking a little advice from Mother Nature to not only beautify building interiors but also to cut down on indoor air pollution.

By R.J. KING
SPECIAL WRITER

Larry Pliska, founder and president of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses in West Bloomfield, says he has a solution to indoor air pollution posed by potentially harmful gasses and chemical compounds: common and tropical plants.

Pliska's statements are backed by a recent report by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which determined plants can remove significant amounts of radon, formaldehyde, benzene and other pollutants from individual rooms in homes and offices over 24-hour periods.

"I'm not saying plants are the absolute cure-all for filtering out indoor air pollution, but they are the most efficient, effective and affordable solution we have," said Pliska, whose firm has received numerous interior landscape awards since its founding in 1973.

Most recently, Planterra received a merit award in interior landscape installation in the 23rd Annual Environmental Improvement Awards Program sponsored by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, one of the industry's leading trade groups. In the past, Planterra has been honored for interior plant design at Detroit's Renaissance Center and the Galleria Officentre in Southfield.

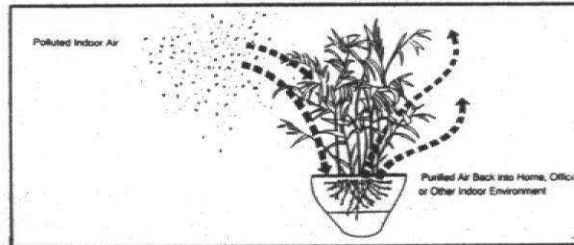
The latest award, landscaping the interior of Midland Mall in Midland included placement of 42 25-foot palm trees.

"We grow everything in our greenhouses and acclimate them to light levels in office buildings and homes," said Pliska, a Franklin Village resident.

"We have close to 1,000 plants, including 100-year-old cactuses and 10-foot-wide stack-horn ferns. Plants are an integral part of everyday living. They provide oxygen while complementing the architecture of a room. And there are a number of flowering plants which can help enliven a lobby or foyer, especially when certain colors are highlighted."

Airtight pollution

Following a tour of Pliska's five greenhouses, complete with such decorative touches as driftwood and small Buddha statues, Pliska leads the way back to his office, where on cedar walls hang Native American artifacts and framed photos of inte-



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Outside in: Planterra turned the tables on Mother Nature by planting adaptable greenery at Galleria Officentre in Southfield.

rior landscape designs.

"During the energy crisis, we began to tighten up homes and offices to conserve heat and cold air, but at the same time we allowed pollutants to build up in rooms, where they were more likely to leak out before," said Pliska, whose firm had revenues of \$2 million last year.

"According to NASA studies, and

others, something like a White Bird of Paradise or Hawaiian Ming Aralia will reduce the level of pollutants in a room to very low levels. People just seem to be healthier when there are plants around."

The polluting culprits are pervasive: foam insulation, paints, carpets, furniture, adhesives, and other building materials. Even such in-

nocuous items as felt-tip pens emit trace amounts of chemicals, many of which are carcinogens. At the same time, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has warned that indoor air pollution constitutes as serious a health risk as outdoor pollution, causing perhaps thousands of cancer deaths or other illnesses each year.

Solutions in space

The search for solutions to indoor pollution began in space. After discovering synthetic materials used in Skylab emitted more than 100 chemicals, NASA began searching for ways to purify the air in confined space stations. Inspired by the use of plants, such as peace lilies, golden pothos and mother-in-law's tongues, NASA researchers turned to what gardeners and plant enthusiasts have long suspected — pollution absorption depends on a complex relationship between a plant's leaves, roots and micro-organisms in the soil.

"Man's existence on earth depends upon a life-support system involving an intricate relationship with plants and their associated organisms," the report concluded. "If man is to move into closed environments, on Earth or in space, he must take along nature's life-support system."

While the space agency's research continues, as scientists try to isolate the mechanisms of pollution absorption, Pliska has been building up his plant business, which includes more than 900 clients, 90 percent of which are commercial accounts, the rest residential.

Commercial clients include the Somerset Collection in Troy, the Arborium Building in Farmington Hills and the Kodak Building in Birmingham. Prices for plants range from \$95 to \$350, depending on size, selection and variety. Pliska and Planterra's 50 employees take into consideration several factors in selecting and placing indoor plants, including air and traffic flow and available light sources.

Once plants are in place, maintenance technicians will water, prune and fertilize on a weekly basis. Most maintenance fees start at \$50 per month, though prices do vary.

Construction forecast short of rosy

Edward Cicero's forecast for the construction industry here in 1993 — cloudy with a possibility for partial clearing.

Cicero, president of the Detroit chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America and vice president of operations for Millwright Environmental of Livonia, spoke Monday to the Economic Club of Detroit.

"Being able to keep our contracting organizations together during the recession, satisfy our customers and achieve any profit has taken a heavy toll on the construction industry in southeast Michigan," he said.

Three major changes — unprecedented competition among contractors, shrinking or non-existent profit margins and shifting of more risks from owners to contractors — are taking place in the local marketplace, Cicero said.

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Shouldn't you reach for the bleach?

When discolored areas won't sand off or you wish to lighten the wood's color, reach for the bleach.

Stripping a piece of furniture will lighten it, but bleaching for cosmetic purposes will make the wood look fresher still. This simple technique can transform a chair, picture frame or entire room of wall paneling.

When dissimilar colored woods have been used in a piece of furniture, the darker parts can be bleached to produce a uniform tone.

Simple laundry bleach, used full strength, may be enough to lighten the wood. But, if the wood has dark stains, use a stronger bleach. Use a commercial two-step wood bleach. Such wood bleaching kits, sold at hardware stores and home centers, contain sodium hydroxide (lye) and hydrogen peroxide mixed together. Used improperly, these strong compounds can ruin good furniture. Always test the bleach in an inconspicuous spot.

Two-step bleaches are very caustic. Follow the directions on the label carefully. With any type of bleach, wear rubber gloves, old clothing and safety goggles, and work in a well-ventilated area.

The key to getting a good bleaching job is removing all of the old finish before you start. A thorough stripping job is vital; even the slightest patch of old finish will prevent bleach from penetrating, leaving a dark stain. To test if the wood after you have stripped it, wet it. If it

darkens evenly, it will bleach to a uniform color. Any areas that remain light must be stripped again.

Here are some helpful tips:

- Protect the work area with newspapers covered with plastic garbage bags.
- Remove all metal hardware; the metal may be attacked by the bleach.
- Use an old brush or a clean cloth pad to apply an even coat of household bleach to the wood. (The two-step kits recommend using a plastic sponge or a paintbrush with nylon bristles.) Wipe evenly along the grain over the entire surface. Avoid overlapping onto the sections that have already been bleached.
- Leave the surface wet for 30 minutes, then neutralize it with a 50-50 solution of white vinegar and water. Rinse with warm water.
- Let the wood dry for three hours before you decide whether it needs another application. Use spot applications to touch up areas where the color is uneven. Neutralize and rinse after each application.
- Note that the two-step process is self-neutralizing after the first application.
- Allow the wood to fade to a shade slightly darker than the desired color; it will appear lighter after it dries.
- When bleaching a dark spot, it's best to treat the whole surface so you don't leave a light spot surrounded by dark.
- Don't overdo it. After four or five applications, the wood may start to look gray and lifeless. If that happens, improve its appearance by wiping on a light stain to highlight the grain.
- Let the wood dry overnight or as long as the weather allows.

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Pricey kitchen features add up

The average new kitchen costs \$16,491 today, according to the National Kitchen and Bath Association in Hackettstown, N.J. That includes cabinets, countertops, appliances and labor.

The trade group has compiled some examples of high-end features and percentages of kitchens that have them:

- Custom-made cabinets, 50 percent.
- Planning center and desk, 37 percent.
- For use by more than one cook at a time, 30 percent.
- More than one sink, 20 percent.
- Television, video and/or stereo equipment, 16 percent.
- A \$28,000-plus price tag, 14 percent.
- More than 400 square feet of floor space, 8 percent.
- Granite countertops, 5 percent.
- Marble countertops, 1 percent.

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less than 1 yr. old. Maplewood &
Harrison area. 427-0423

FOUND: friendly boxer on 12/5, 10
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Labrador puppy. Village Green on
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FOUND: POODLE, toy, white, Wood-
ward Avenue in Farmington Hills. Found
12/14/92. 682-6794

FOUND: Siberian Husky, female.
Chihuahua, mixed male. 5 Mile -
Troy area. 533-5740

FOUND: TABBY, tan & gray with
black stripes. 6 mo old, on Dec 8 at
12 Mile/Lahser. 352-4279

FOUND: cat, mostly black with white
paws. 12 Mile & Inkster area. 471-1449

FOUND: Male Shetland at mobile park
at Michigan Ave. & Haggerty Rd.
Wearing blue nylon collar, black,
white & brown colored, very friendly.
Small reward. Jamie 995-8823

602 Lost & Found

FOUND: Young male yellow lab mix,
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clawed in front, neutered, very
friendly. 14 Mile/Farmington since
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ue. Reward. 453-4539

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come a millionaire and 100% minis-
ter in the new nation of Islam etc. 44341

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seeks white female 20-31, attrac-
tive, fun, open-minded, like sports.
Travel, serious relationship. Kids OK.
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ADVENTUROUS, easygoing, 31,
old male, 6'3", 160 lbs. never
married, non-smoker, interests in-
clude dogs, old cars, boats,
music/buses & camping. 44739

ADVENTUROUS white lady sought
by attractive black man, 40. Try it
you'll like it! 44651

AFFECTIONATE, SEXY, white male,
44, clean, slender, drug-free, non-
smoker seeks similar like female
for passionate, discreet relationship. 44598

AFFECTIONATE caring, understand-
ing professional white male
seeks female unattached with current
situation for discreet relationship.
Age/status unimportant. 44643

ALL AMERICAN MALE seeks bright,
attractive female, age 24-33. I'm di-
vorced, white, businesslike, kind, car-
ing, fun, intelligent, successful with
2 children. Must have a positive &
healthy attitude toward life. 44756

ALL-American, single white male,
32, 6'8", he-man build, healthy,
MBA, financially secure, kind, car-
ing, compassionate. Enjoy outdoor
sports, motorcycles, music & danc-
ing. I'm tired of Bar scene. Need spe-
cial lady for long term. Must have
family values & drive for success. 44682

ALL I WANT for Christmas is a cute,
young, loving, non smoking/drink-
ing live-in lady companion liking
country, life, antiques, cozy fires,
cuddling, Westland. 44702

ALL MEN AREN'T THE SAME
I'm a single white male, 25, 5'8",
155 lbs. with dark brown hair & blue
eyes. Honest, caring, affectionate &
easy going. 44711

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discrete but loving caring ladies
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Lies heat the winter. Loves to kiss-
cuddle. 44729

ATHLETIC, 32, 6'1", 200 lbs. blue eyes,
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Enjoy sports, weekend getaways,
nudist vacations. Sexually attractive.
Very intelligent? Troy area. 44806

ATTRACTIVE, honest, factory work-
er, 38, seeks fun-loving white lady.
44611

ATTRACTIVE, physically fit, 5'7",
30, white male, seeks 24-32 caring,
pretty & slim woman who likes out-
door activities. No divorced or kids.
44755

ATTRACTIVE, physically fit, neglect-
ed married white male, 29, seeks
married female for daytime sensu-
ous encounters. Age unimportant. 44542

BLACK BROTHER seeks white sis-
ter for fun times. Call today for the
excitement of your life! 44695

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ARTISTIC, romantic, white, male,
5'10", trim, beard, non-smoker.
Seeks trim, spontaneous, passion-
ate woman (30-40), likes: movies,
dancing, photography, & walks. 44454

AVERAGE JOE seeks Plain Jane.
Single white male, 37, 5'7", 135 lbs.
fit non-smoker desires normal rela-
tionship with single white female.
comparable. 44658

CAN'T FORGET HER, met at Kik's &
in July. Blonde, wavy hair, 20's,
adorable. Her name is Cindy? Kiss?
Lives, works for a couple in Royal Oak.
Any information appreciated. 44454

CARING, distinguished, fun, 6'3",
205 lbs., 44, successful, en-
trepreneur, white gentleman, de-
sires the right non-smoking, single,
educated white lady over 5'7".
physically fit, under 42. 44759

CHEERFUL, nice looking, slender,
36 year old male, enjoys good con-
versation, dining, romantic even-
ings, seeks sincere, trim, 21-36 year
old, relationship. Marriage minded.
Plymouth. 51707

CHEERFUL, Professional, 5'10",
160lb. Enjoys travel, movies, dining,
sports, good conversation. Inter-
ested in meeting a physically fit non-
smoking lady, 39-45 yrs. old. 44658

Communicative, affectionate single
white male 37, 5'8", 168 lbs. fit, pro-
fessional, Catholic, likes jogging,
walks, music, films, reading, think-
ing, seeks trim single white female
willing to share interests. 44735

DISCRETE White male with free
time daily. Financially secure. Inter-
ested in meeting with white female,
24-36, attractive, attentive, nursing,
for interludes. 44658

DIVORCED White male, 46, secure,
drug free, blue collar, looking for
female companion, 30-40, slim, at-
tractive, likes oldies, Vets, country
music, quiet evenings. 44652

HANDSOME, professional white male,
5'10", 170 body building fit.
Successful, good looking, easy go-
ing, fun, seeks a physically fit, body
building female for friendship
leading to relationship. 44175

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vorced white male, executive, seek-
ing dinner companion for business
functions. Very legitimate. Refer-
ences available. Would like model-
type woman with outgoing person-
ality & sense of humor. If you want an
occasional night out with no strings
attached-please call. 44804

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afternoon worker. I have a car, I love
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40-52 yr. old white woman, similar
interests. Inner beauty is more
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DOMINANT, SENSUAL, passionate
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some, seeks adventurous submis-
sive lady for friendship, passion, love.
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EASY GOING, handsome 6' white
gentleman, nice guy, in shape, giv-
ing, 42, wants white female com-
panion, friend, pal, attractive 27-37,
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EXTRA ORDINARY Unique En-
trepreneur, California transplant,
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male, 22, 5'11". Give me a shot. 44704

GOOD LOOKING, rugged yet gentle
Outdoorsman, sandy hair, blue eyes,
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preciate a sweet girlfriend. 44698

HANDSOME WHITE MALE, 32, 6'1",
170lbs. Desires white female, sin-
gle, under 40, for discreet passion-
ate relationship. Let's share our fan-
tasies together. Livonia. 44777

IS THERE A Smart, outgoing, tall,
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Irish Catholic w/Taurian overtones?
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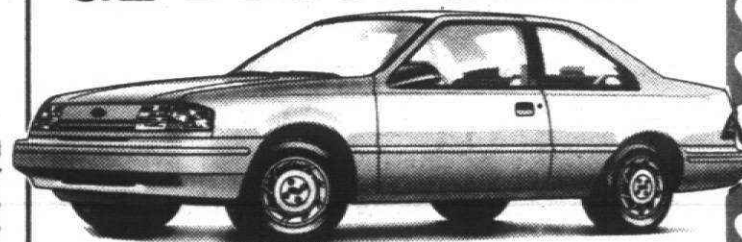
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FAMILY LIFE



EARTHA DEYAMPERT

Craft projects will give kids busy holidays

As some of us continue to make last minute plans for Christmas and New Year's celebrations, include activities that will keep your youngsters busy during their holiday school break.

Be assured, it is smart and far less stressful to be an organized, prepared parent or guardian than to be caught off guard by your child's youthful energy and need for challenges. Furthermore, it can dampen the spirit of the holidays, if there's nothing to do.

Here's a typical situation: All the gifts are opened; the wrappings are undone, having no more value, so you think. Your child has spent days (OK, hours) pre-occupied with that special toy or gift. It's the one they pledged everlasting love for. Now it seems to be less important — neglected actually.

You pretend not to notice or make a big deal out of it, so you ask casual questions like "why aren't you playing with your so-and-so today?" On the other hand, you do speak up and make blunt remarks such as "you know how you begged for so-and-so" and "I spent too much money on that for it to be left unattended." You're suddenly bombarded with unsolicited comments from your children, suggesting that they are bored.

Perhaps this will not be the case for some, or most parents or guardians. Maybe your children this year will decide to have mercy by not unraveling your nerves or trying your patience. They may demonstrate the utmost appreciative attitude and keep their solemn pledge.

That's wonderful! However, whether this is the case or not, preparation for a meaningful as well as harmonious two-week stint is in order. Think creative. . . . Think arts and crafts to stimulate your preschool to school-age children.

Don't throw away the gift boxes, ribbons, bows or wrapping paper. Save these scraps, including other nifty household containers and items. Teachers, if ideas for a last minute Christmas project for your group of preschoolers to second graders becomes a problem, you can't go wrong with these wonderful egg cup ornaments. They're quite simple.

Egg Cup Ornament

Cut shapes from the bottom of an egg carton. Using different colors, paint with tempera then glue them in different patterns on the base cut from the top of the egg carton. Paint the base or cover with pieces of wrapping paper. Decorate with glitter, foil or dried beans or macaroni. Poke a hole at the top to hang the ornament.

And don't throw away the meat trays. In fact, ask your butcher at the local meat market or grocery store for a few extras to take home. Tell him/her, jokingly of course, that they'll be contributing to your sanity and honestly helping to promote a child's cognitive, fine motor and creative skills in the process.

Aquatic Venture

Cut fish, ocean bottom and greenery out of construction paper. You can substitute the paper greenery with plastic sea greenery props used in real aquariums.

Glue these items and some small pebbles or dried peas to the meat tray. Add a paper diver or cut one from a magazine and glue to the meat tray. Cover the entire meat tray with clear food wrap and tape edges to the back.

An alternative to and aquarium is a bird cage with a bird and props. Instead of food wrap, use construction paper cut in strips and glue vertically to the edge of the meat tray.

Other meat tray ideas include memo center board, with mini hand drawn calendar, color or plain message pads, and a handy checker board. Use plastic bottle caps, painted red and black for checker pieces.

A child's imagination can be stirred by creating something from an actual experience or from their perception of what something might be like.

Ski Goggles

For example, wearing a pair of colorful ski goggles will help your child imagine gliding down a

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Holiday Brights

Leave that little black dress hanging in the closet this year. Bright is the way to go. Christmas' colors of red and green have added a splash to this year's holiday fashion scene.

BY DENISE SUSAN LUCAS
SPECIAL WRITER

The holiday season has just begun and your seasonless little black dress has seen one too many seasons.

Office cocktail parties, intimate family feasts, glamorous galas and New Year's celebrations can put you into a desperate December dilemma screaming "I don't know what to wear?"

This party season make an unforgettable entrance into your holiday hoopla with an expression of individual style and dazzling color.

Brilliant jewel tones of rubies, emeralds and canary diamonds are expressed in designs from retro classics to bold modern contemporaries.

"Elegant and understated is the route to go for holiday," said Cindy Rajfki, Signature sport and dress buyer from Jacobson's. "Sequins have become so common that simple is what looks new. The long slim column dress is a trend that will go into spring in both evening and daytime dressing."



WILLIAM HANSEN

Feathery delight: The drama begins with this mohair and acrylic handmade sweater jacket (\$600) from Patricia Miles, West Bloomfield. The cascade of feathers hood transforms into a theatrical Indian headdress.

Meanwhile Patricia Miles in West Bloomfield caters to the woman who wants drop dead Hollywood glamour. The star-studded store owner dresses women who want to of "make the scene" and "steal the show."

"I've always gone out of my way to separate myself and my merchandise from what others are stocking," quipped Miles.

Miles' philosophy of holiday dressing is to "indulge your imagination and let yourself go."

LaVelle Olexa, senior vice president of fashion merchandising at Lord & Taylor, is seeing an explosion of red for the holidays.

"Much of evening (wear) remains short," said Olexa. "Stretch fabrics are important, often worked with beads and sequins for a fresh, young and sexy look. Pants are gaining in importance for evening with tuxedo dressing and the new look of evening pajamas."

Long slim skirts look wonderful paired with luxurious blouses or a new sweater set, she added.

Winter '92 at Ann Taylor suggests updating your holiday wardrobe with a double-breasted evening pantsuit, an evening vest or a sheer white skirt and velvet jeans.

Long and short, understated or

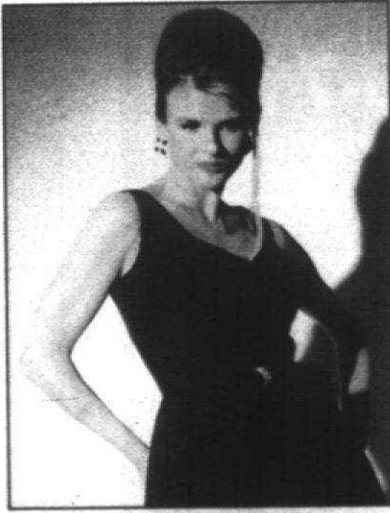
glamorous holiday fashion finds will appeal to all. The fashion industry has finally realized that expression of lifestyle and attitude will make the final determination of "what's hot for this holiday."

As for the season's best party looks:

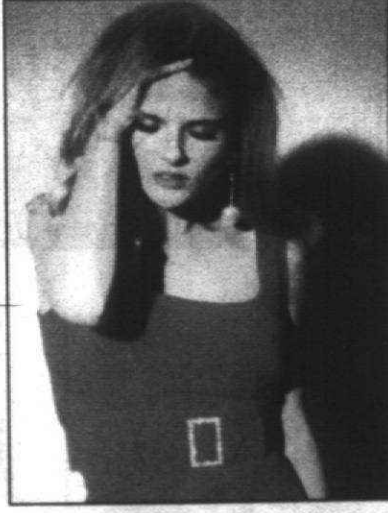
- (1) Red
- (2) Tuxedo dressing
- (3) Long, lean and slit skirt
- (4) Sweater sets
- (5) Velvet jeans
- (6) A sheer white skirt
- (7) Short, stretch and sequined
- (8) Platform shoes.
- (9) Palazzo pants



Black and white: The starlit elegance of Grace Kelly comes alive in a dramatic black elongated dress edged with ivory satin collar and cuffs by Andrea Jovine (\$250) from Jacobson's.



Gorgeous green: You'll be a rhapsody of romance in brilliant emerald dance dress with a short full skirt, touched with decorative buttons and bowed at the waist by En Francaise (\$250), from Jacobson's.



Seductive: For an unforgettable evening, try this red column dress with jeweled belt. The side slit offers added excitement that will not go unnoticed (\$138) as do pearl and rhinestone drop earrings (\$39), both from Jacobson's.



Bright sight: Brighten the grey days of winter with this brilliant yellow fringed jacket (\$160). Complete the look with a turquoise fox velcro headband (\$150). Both from Patricia Miles, West Bloomfield.

WILLIAM HANSEN

Beauty of nature fills writer with joy and wonder

In Nov. 12 and 19 editions, the same handwriting analysis was printed twice, once correctly, once with an incorrect handwriting sample. This is the analysis that should have appeared in the Nov. 12 edition.

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

right handed.

Dear Ms. Green, I have always wanted to have my handwriting analyzed. I have, I believe only one style of writing although when hurried it can be quite sloppy. I am a female, 45 years of age and

Thank you.

L.E.,
Birmingham

Research suggests that people who write with a felt-tipped pen have a sensitive nature. If this is the pen she uses most of the time, it is safe to conclude she is highly susceptible to influences through her senses. Aesthetic pleasures are a must. The beauty of nature fills her with joy and wonder. Our writer is a people person. She enjoys people of all persuasions and likes to be in the center of things. In her relationships, she is flexible and flows with the tide, not against it. Her ready empathy helps her feel both for and with others. She has been blessed with intuition, a valuable trait in both business and social interaction. It

can act as a sixth sense providing her with an innate sense of time in recognizing when to pursue a project, when to hold in abeyance and when to shelve the matter. It can also be useful in sizing up people.

Our writer is busily involved in a wide variety of activities. Currently, however, she appears to be so busy she cannot comfortably handle everything. In addition she seems to be discouraged about some aspect of her life. She is a self-starter and efficiency is her hallmark. She has a direct manner and does not waste time or ability on things which are unimportant to her. A contradiction here could be the fact she occasionally procrastinates where things she dislikes are concerned. Self-discipline is much in evidence. Rarely does she rest until

she has taken care of her obligations. No matter how she is feeling she observes the old adage, "Business before pleasure."

An element of caution weaves through this handwriting. A tendency to be self-conscious is also here. These findings tell us she rarely jumps into situations without mentally checking them out first.

An aversion to criticism cannot be missed. And although she is vulnerable to it, she does not give her feelings away in her body language, so others may not even be aware of her sensitivity. She has a strong need for recognition and approval from those around her. When it is not forthcoming, she may feel unloved.

Signs of a vivid imagination turn up in this handwriting. This

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would make her fun and interesting in social exchange and could add another dimension to her work.

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, signature and handedness are all helpful and objective feedback is always welcome. If you have two different styles of handwriting, please include them both.

Family issues

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snowy slope. Making a pair of ski goggles is fun and easy for a four- or five-year-old and entertaining enough for the seven- or eight-year-old.

Trace a pattern for glasses and cut it out of tag board. Cut two circles two inches in diameter, representing lenses out of acetate or cellophane. Glue the lenses to the back of the glasses' frame made of tag board.

Now don't forget to encourage children to use additional props, such as a ski hat, scarf and sweater. It's OK if they decide to go a step further by putting on their (or your) boots. Some children may really get imaginative by using two brooms for ski poles.

If a ski fantasy doesn't cool or interest a moderately "cool kid," go for the large empty gift boxes — TV, appliance or heavy equipment.

Passenger Train

Medium-sized boxes are great too for making a passenger train. Cover the boxes with large sheets of bulletin board paper. Use different colors for each box, if you like. Cut it to fit neatly and tape or glue to boxes.

Decorate with 8½- by 11-inch construction paper for windows using white or beige paper. Cut black strips (two) for each window and cross one over the other. Glue to 8½- by 11-inch sheets.

Cut out words, numbers or shapes as markings for originality. (You can draw as well.) Connect boxes using clothesline rope. Between a wide shaped box, connect a narrow and longer box. Cut wheels out of cardboard and cover. Cut the grill from construction paper. Use the top of oatmeal or other cereal boxes for headlights. Paint or color yellow or orange.

And remember: the passenger train can hold as many children per box as you have boxes.

Get involved in promoting a child's creativity by asking open-ended questions and making

Tell him/her, jokingly of course, that they'll be contributing to your sanity...

open-ended suggestions. Use everyday routines and occasions, such as a trip to a fast food restaurant, as an opportunity to help children to look at how common items can be used in creative and different ways.

Crispy Note Box

Punch a hole at the back of large french fry holder from a fast food restaurant. Glue decorations on holders, and make a tiny envelope from white or colored paper and glue on the front. Write "crispy notes" of whatever you choose.

You can put pencils, pens, chalk, crayons and markers inside the french fry holder with tack or string.

Pie Pan Tambourine

Now bring the New Year in with a jingle jangle, shake up rhythmic rock tango. Use aluminum pie pan. You can choose from many size — pie, cake or meat — round pans. Poke holes one to two inches apart around the rim. Save a large space so you can hold the tambourine.

Use pipe cleaners or bread wrappers to tie on your jangles. (Insert in each hole.) Cut circles from another pie pan to make jangle sound.

Now shake it, but be careful not to break it!

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 & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Walter and Betty Eggers

It was a busy day for Walter and Betty Eggers of Wayne, who recently celebrated their 50th

Samuel and Anne Nowlin

A dinner with family members marked the recent 50th wedding anniversary of Samuel and Anne Nowlin of Livonia.

The Nowlins were married on Nov. 17, 1942, in Detroit. She is the former Anne Mudar.

The Nowlins — he is retired — have lived in Livonia for 44 years and have three children, Dennis of Manteca, Calif., David of Livonia and Samuel M. Nowlin III. They also have three grandchildren — Ann Marie, Brad and Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith

Mr. and Mrs. Hal C. Smith of Livonia recently celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary with family and friends.

They were married on Oct. 24, 1942, in Sault Ste. Marie. She is the former Dolly McLeod of Neesh Island.

"Smitty" is a retiree of General Motors' Fisher Body Division in Livonia. Prior to joining GM, he worked for Kaiser-Fraser. During World War II, he served in the European theater of operations in Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's Supreme Allied Command.

The Smiths have two children — Doris Zurcher of Livonia and Terry Smith of Canton — and three grandchildren — Nichole, Jason and Brandon.

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The ceremony, held Nov. 7, was followed by a dinner-dance recep-



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Forty-nine-year residents of Wayne, the Eggers have five children — Ronald Lee of Wixom, Walter David and wife Suzanne of Pinckney, Robert James of Richmond Hills, Texas, Peggy Ann Smith of Westland and Debbie Lynn Evans and husband David of Quantico, Va. They also have 13 grandchildren.

Members of Prince of Peace Church, she is a retiree of Garden City Osteopathic Hospital, where she worked for 26 years. He is a retiree of the Unistrut Corp., where he worked for 22 years.

Charles and Maria Sauve

Charles and Maria Sauve of Westland recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 22, 1947, at St. Cecilia's Church in Detroit. She is the former Marie Trapp.

Twenty-year residents of Westland, the Sauves have five daughters — Sharon Fralick of Troy, Lynn Sauve of Denver, Colo., Kathleen Carollo of Livonia, Marybeth Gentry of Traverse City and Patti Sauve of San Diego, Calif. They also have six grandchildren.

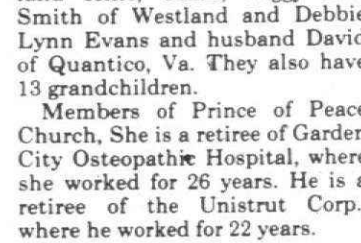
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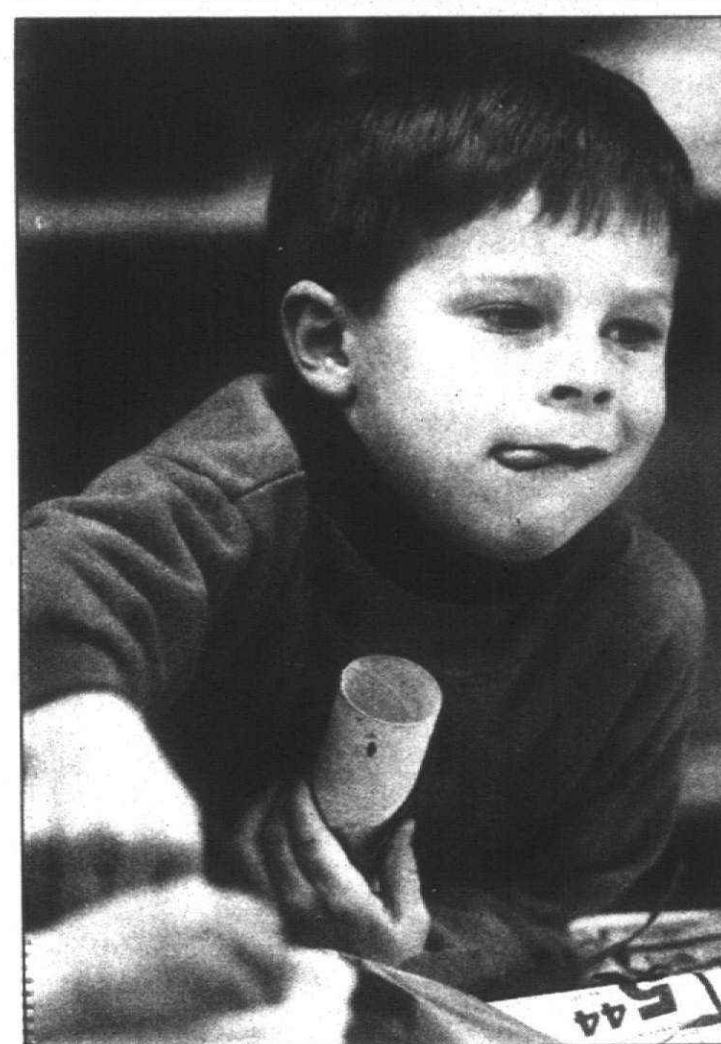
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Ready, set: Brent Pearson, 6, of Plymouth gets ready to use the paint brush on his holiday decoration.

Class gets creative with Christmas

BY JULIE BROWN

Having fun's the only real requirement in the arts classes Paula Caram teaches. "That they enjoy their art" is what matters the most.

Caram, a Canton resident, has been teaching "Creative Christmas Trims" classes for the Plymouth Community Arts Council. One recent session featured some 11 youngsters ages 4-6 who were eager to get started on holiday projects.

"We are going to do a Christmas card, and we are going to do our own wrapping paper," she said. "We're going to have fun." Young artists also created their own Christmas ornaments.

Caram, who works full time as a florist in Ann Arbor, got things started by showing children how to make their own wrapping paper, using sponges and plenty of paint. Kids then moved from station to station at the arts council office, working on such things as beaded ornaments, tissue paper collage and others.

"They like to do things that normally they may not be able to do at home. Messy things," said Caram, who is working on an associate's degree in art education.

She's teaching a number of other arts sessions for the PCAC, and is doing paper mache in some classes. Caram has taught preschool on up through age 13,

and enjoys working with older students on such things as jewelry, pottery, weaving "and anything else I can get my hands on."

Caram has a 5-year-old son and a 7-year-old daughter, both students at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth. She enjoys working with her own children on such projects "when I get a chance. A

lot of times, I come up here to fiddle with things and get ideas."

"I get a lot of ideas from these little kids. I get ideas from them too."

She got started teaching arts classes at her church, and enjoys working with young children. At some point, Caram would like to teach a class for parents, helping

them learn how to do simple art projects with what they have at home.

For information on classes offered by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, call 455-5260 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. The PCAC is at 332 S. Main, between Ann Arbor Trail and Penniman in downtown Plymouth.



Painter's touch: Teacher Paula Caram works with Brent Pearson, 6, Alex Linerode, 4, and Brian Leslie, 4, all of Plymouth, on Christmas trims.

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Bridge players always search for perfect partner

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Be wary of the perfect partner, for if that relationship is so perfectly virtuous that it has no vices then it is in danger of making vices about its virtues." — Thornton Wilder

Bridge players' fondest want is to uncover a partner of skillful means, commendable grace and exceptional glory. Then winning becomes considerably easier.

Today's adventure, though an original whimsy, is about a righteous lady's search for insight. When she had found it at the edge of expertise, she fled again, much the wiser and ready to do the deeds for which she had first been trained.

Some years ago, Sister Scarcely Straightlaced graduated from someone's seminary school. Recognizing she wasn't yet ready to start in God's workshop, she looked elsewhere for seasoning. Many in her class had chosen to gain sophistication the same way. Some shouldered such work in state capitols and along the Potomac, where there was much need for the heathens who had gathered at those power points. Sister Scarcely, therefore, decided she would acquire some down-to-earth practical experience in some other sore social source, and bridge was her choice.

Now we all know that the bridge world has undertaken a number of household cleansings in its history, and honor and probity have been preserved in its play. In spite of this, there are still some bad lemons at all levels lurking on both sides of human life, and the damnable Preacher Demon was one of them. Sister Scarcely had heard this about him and set her sights on his reform. In short order, she conscripted him to teach her to bid and play, and she in turn intended to redeem him. Neither was easy, but Scarcely was becoming faster adapted than Demon was turning to pure.

Even after a season of effort, it was positively obvious that if Demon didn't learn to stop shouting down others, whether the blunder was theirs or not, he would never be ready to examine his own playing failures and those of his life, too. She, therefore, sounded the final mandate, and needless to say the terms weren't easy, for hell hath no fury like even a virtuous woman player abused by her partner for the last time.

So this was it, the last hand of play in a major club championship that could determine the winner, for our heavenly celebrity and her rapsallion were high on the leader board. Preacher had never played better, and his impetuous ego had been contained too. It was the ending Scarcely Straightlaced had envisioned. Success and veneration were her wish, and maybe this was its eve.

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Demon's double was in want, but the lead seemed to doom the contract if later a way could be found for him to get in and cash his winners. Scarcely was aware of this defensive nightmare and immediately concluded a courageous play had to be made. It was obvious declarer had 26 or 27 H.C.P. to work with, leaving Demon at best with

8. Careful calculation by her confirmed that her partner had either the spade lady which was finesseable or the same in diamonds.

On the presumption that it had to be the diamond, at least doubleton, she jettisoned her ace on her partner's third heart. Preacher witnessed this and nearly had a fit, but he mumbled his disgruntlement below anyone's ear, 'What is that dumb dame pitching an ace for?'

Declarer was aware of his fair lady opponent's marvelous technique and passed her a glance of commendation, for he knew this brilliant play could be his undoing. He won the third heart and immediately took the club ace and finessed for the queen. Otherwise he only had eight tricks. Scarcely won and returned the diamond deuce. After an interim of suspicious uncertainty, he played low and the contract failed by three tricks.

Sister Scarcely and Preacher Demon had a top and the club championship, too, for those in game brought home the contract, some making as many as 10 tricks.

It was weeks before Preacher Demon realized what his partner had done for him and their victory that day. In time he became beholden to her long after she had gone. Daily his vices subsided and eventually he became the bridge players' preacher of goodwill, and most of his scripture came from his sister, the virtuous Scarcely Straightlaced.

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.

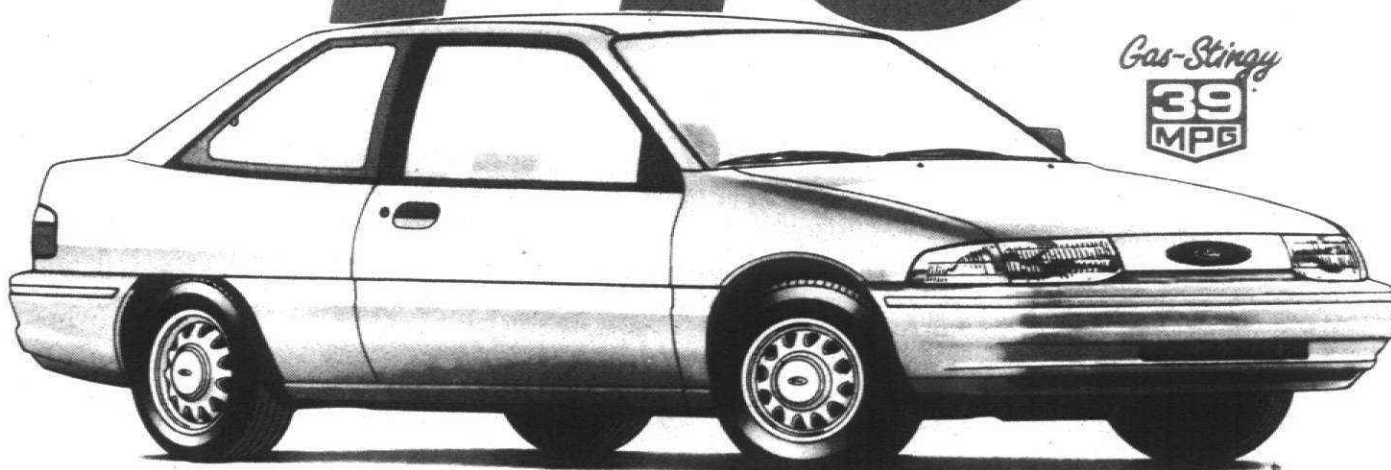
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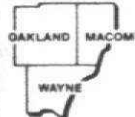


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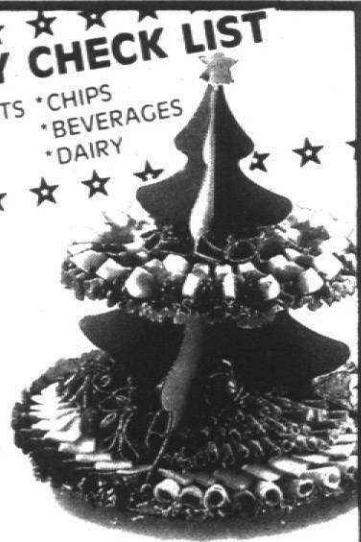
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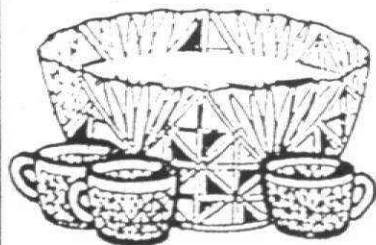
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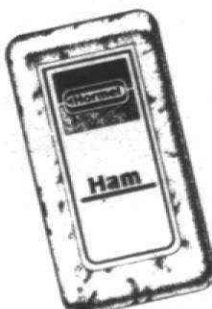


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