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## DNR probes cult link to remains



BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

Cult worshipers or others in quest of love potions may be behind the dismemberment of two coyotes found in a Canton Township woods.

The animals were shot and cut apart, the genitals, teeth and eyeballs were taken, said Arthur L. Tukes,

Department of Natural Resources officer, who speculated that the remains were coyotes.

The animal carcasses were found in a large plastic bag last weekend in a wooded area off of Morton Taylor north of Michigan Avenue.

There's a possibility the animal parts were shipped to the Orient where they are turned into aphrodisi-

acs, Tukes said. Such traffic is illegal, he said.

One carcass was skinned and the head was split open, police said. The other animal was partially skinned, according to Gayle Ray, who found the animal remains during a Sunday morning walk in the woods near her home.

Residents in the area were reminded of a deer that was left to rot in the same area last October during bow hunting season. The antlers, testicles and organs were removed from the deer, but the meat remained.

"It was just tossed there not far from where the other animal parts were

found," Ray said. "The problem to me is killing animals that is not necessary. If there's a need for something to be killed it's different to take a life."

Tukes said the area would be patrolled during late night and early morning hours when poaching is most common.

Residents are drawn to the location for the serenity provided by the woods, Ray said. They're angry with poachers in the woods and the noise and disturbance made by people on recreational vehicles.

A state provided 24 hour hotline number to report poachers is: 1-800-292-7800.

### Tree buying time



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

**Trees for sale:** Mary Ann Andrews sells trees at Faith Moravian Church on Warren in Canton. For more on the sale of live trees in the community, see page 11A.

## Whyman gets set for Lansing move

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

It's not like they have to pack their bags. But Deborah Whyman of Canton and Jerry Vorva of Plymouth are getting ready for their new jobs in Lansing — in the state House to be exact.

"I'm spending my full time reading up on issues," said Whyman, a Republican who beat long-time Democratic legislator Jim Kosteva in the November election. "I'm trying to learn as much as I can."

Whyman also spent three days in Washington D.C. in a seminar sponsored by the American Legislative Council. The topics were national issues that affect the states.

Vorva, who ran unopposed in the November election, is certain his local legislative experience on the Plymouth City Commission, for example, will fare him well when he arrives in Lansing. Like other new state legislators, Vorva attended a three-day orientation in Lansing.

Both Whyman and Vorva, who will be sworn in Jan. 13, also are in the process of hiring their Lansing staff. Each gets a secretary and an aide. Whyman has hired a man from the district who helped with her campaign. Whether he will become the secretary or the aide is unknown. "He's flexible," Whyman said, adding she is still interviewing candidates for the second opening.

Vorva on the other hand already knows who his secretary will be. Linda Dickinson, Kosteva's longtime secretary, will now work for Vorva.

"It's imperative when you're going up there for the first time that you have someone you can trust and who understands the process and your philosophy," Vorva said.

Kosteva was equally happy with Dickinson's hiring. "She has a work ethic you and I would kill for. She has been kinder to me . . . than anyone outside my own parents," said Kosteva, whose aide, Bill Drake, is still

looking for a position.

Vorva already hired a Canton resident, Patricia Funke Fatima, as his aide. "She is very politically astute," Vorva said of his new employee, who has a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Both Whyman and Vorva plan to have local office hours once they're settled in Lansing. Whyman plans to set aside Monday mornings to meet with constituents. She doesn't have a site yet, but says she's already getting daily telephone calls from voters. "I am accessible," she added.

Vorva plans to open a local office at 225 N. Main in early January where constituents can drop by. "I believe in accessibility and accountability," he added.

Whyman already has in mind issues she will make priorities when she arrives in Lansing. They include property tax reform and medical malpractice and tort reform.

Whyman said she's certain a national health care system won't work. "People don't have access to health care. The reason they don't have it is because they can't afford it. Health care insurance is expensive. It's expensive because of the costs. We need to lower the doctors' costs, which are turned over to us," she said.

Vorva's top priority is to work on compromise between Republicans and Democrats. "I want to work on the deadlock that has become an acute problem in the past decade and has gotten worse."

With 28 new legislators heading to Lansing, politicians should be getting a message. "The reason we're here is because people were unhappy with how things were going. People want to see a product coming out of Lansing that is common sensical."

See WHYMAN, 2A

## Crossroads mall on comeback trail

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's indoor playground is scheduled to open in another month and promoters say it will bring new life to a mall that has remained almost empty for more than two years.

Kid Kingdom, an indoor park for kids and their guardians, in Canton Crossroads that was once anchored by Great Scott!, will open Jan. 8. Pre-

vious timetables targeted a pre-Christmas opening.

The children's mecca will span 25 percent of the 40,000-square-foot former supermarket.

Nearby residents and other critics have been angered that the mall has been mostly vacant since Great Scott! went out of business in September 1990 and was bought by Kroger. Critics charge that Kroger kept it empty

to prevent other supermarket chains from competing with the nearby Kroger store on Ford and Sheldon roads.

A cloud loomed over Canton Crossroads shortly after it opened in 1989 with extensive brick work and landscaping. It was heralded as a step-up from the typical shopping mall.

It lost that image, however, when

the anchor store closed and smaller businesses in the mall were starved for the run-off traffic. The mall was almost empty when even Pier One, which was a secondary anchor, closed.

Kroger representative Michael Layne said names of the other companies that will lease the remaining 75 percent of the Great Scott! build-

See MALL, 2A

## Whooooo returned this stolen owl?

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

There's no figuring this whoodun-it. But it might even bring a smile to the likes of Lt. Columbo.

In July 1990, Frances and Bob Boomer of Canton came home from church only to find their two cement owls — well-known and well-liked in the neighborhood — stolen from their trusty perch atop a brick decorative wall.

A police report of course was made. But the owls, painted white with black rings around their eyes, were never returned — until Monday morning.

"Frances opened the curtains and said, 'Come here quick. You won't believe this. One of the owls has returned.'" Bob Boomer said.

Sure enough, one of the owls, long ago named Eenie, was back on its perch. But the Boomers discovered something else — a Christmas card sitting under the 75 pound owl.

"Merry Christmas. Sorry about the owls. Love, your neighborhood hoodlums. P.S. one is better than none. Sorry!" — was all the card said.

But as far as the Boomers are concerned, it's enough. At least they have one of the owls back. They aren't



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Owl returned:** Bob and Frances Boomer of Canton have back their beloved owl.

See OWLS, 2A







# Schools among Japanese Society grant winners

The Japanese Society of Detroit announced the first recipients of \$300,000 in grants to be awarded to Michigan schools and charitable and cultural organizations over the next three years.

The announcement was made as part of the Society's 20th anniversary celebration held Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Novi Hilton. More than 500 Japanese Society of Detroit members, community leaders and representatives from grant recipient organizations

gathered for the grant presentations, special remarks, dinner and entertainment.

Featured speakers included Mitsunobu "Tony" Takeuchi, president of the Japanese Society of Detroit; The Honorable Toshiaki Tanabe, consul general of Japan; and Gary Konop, Michigan Department of Commerce director of Asian business development with a special message from Gov. John Engler.

The grants are being provided

through the JSD Foundation, established to commemorate the Society's 20th anniversary. In addition, last year Japanese Society members contributed more than \$1.5 million to various Michigan charitable and educational organizations.

"As we celebrate our 20th anniversary in Detroit, we wish to acknowledge the warm and genuine acceptance we received from many communities," Takeuchi said. "Creating an even better re-

lationship and mutual understanding between Americans and Japanese cannot occur without your continued support."

The first grants, to be awarded in 1992, amount to \$105,000. Recipients are as follows:

Ingham Intermediate School District: Michigan Japan in the Schools Project, Ingham County — \$5,000.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit — \$5,000.  
Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Hall Inc., Detroit — \$5,000.  
Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan Inc., Detroit — \$10,000.

Historical Society of Michigan, Ann Arbor — \$10,000.

Alternatives for Girls, Detroit — \$10,000.

FOCUS: HOPE, Detroit — \$10,000.  
New Detroit Inc., Detroit — \$10,000.  
Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit, Detroit — \$10,000.

Public education — \$30,000. Includes: Trenton, Woodhaven, Grosse Ile, Riverview, Monroe, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Ann Arbor, Tecumseh, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Farmington Hills, Imlay City, Novi, Rochester, Southfield, Troy, Walled Lake and West Bloomfield.

The Japanese Society of Detroit was founded in 1973. It has since grown to 225 corporate and 1,300 individual members.

## Applications available for arts award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is pleased to announce its annual Damaris Student Fine Arts awards for middle school students in grades 6-8 in the Plymouth-Canton community.

Chairperson Beth Lurtz said \$1,000 will be divided among student applicants who are willing to compete in their particular area of interest that includes dance, drama, instrumental music, piano, vocal, visual art and photography, creative writing, fiction and poetry.

Area middle school fine art teachers, private teachers and studios will be notified of the competition and receive applications. The competition is open to students and residents of the

Plymouth-Canton school district. This includes both public and private schools.

Applications also are available at Plymouth and Canton public libraries and at the PCAC office. Applications will be accepted by mail or in person during the following schedule at the PCAC office on Main Street in Plymouth:

■ 9 a.m.-noon, Jan. 11-15.  
■ 3 p.m.-5 p.m., Jan. 14 and Jan. 15.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 15 and competition dates are scheduled for Feb. 18 and 19 at the Canton High School Little Theatre. Students will be notified of their specific performance time. Parents and friends are invited to attend the competition.

## Families needed to host students

Plymouth area families are still needed to host international high school exchange students, who begin arriving soon to start the winter semester in January.

"This is the time to call," said Barbara Vosters, local Educational Resource Development Trust-SHARE representative.

The high school students participate in the SHARE High School Exchange Program for five months, living with local host families and attending local schools.

"Most American families find it an enlightening and enriching experience," Vosters said.

The students, from Brazil, Italy, Germany, the Republic of Georgia and elsewhere, are ages

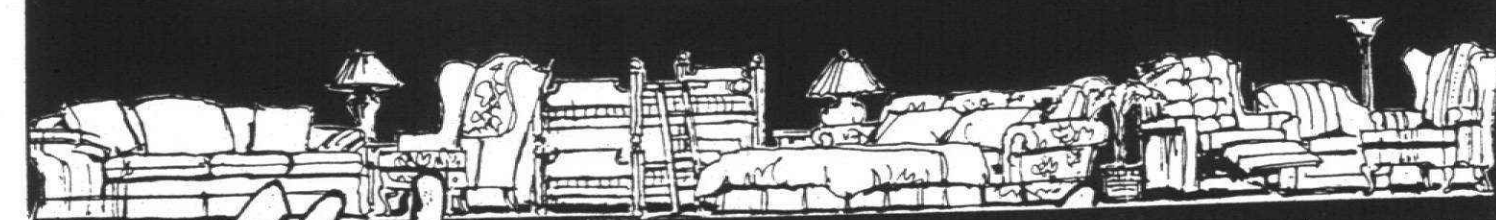
15-18 and eager to live with American families. The program provides an opportunity for Americans to share their way of life.

The students speak English and are good students, carry full medical and accident insurance and bring their own spending money for personal expenses. The host family provides a bed, meals and love.

All types of families are accepted — those with children, without, and single parent families. Qualities that are sought in a host family are friendliness, warmth, flexibility and stability.

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## Group pushes plan for state economy

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

If almost everybody changes the way they think about almost everything the Michigan economy will be able to do almost anything.

So says Doug Ross, the director of Michigan Futures, a Southfield-based think tank that has been in the state 18 months to see how the state might reconfigure its economy to perform admirably in a new economic order.

Ross, 50, of Farmington Hills, is a former state commerce department director in the Blanchard Administration and a potential appointee of President-elect Bill Clinton.

In fact, the ideas espoused by Michigan Futures were sufficiently popular that Ross was invited to Clinton's economic conference last week. Ross made a presentation to Clinton similar to one he gives throughout Michigan about how the mass production method on which American industry has been based for decades should be scrapped.

"Unless we change dramatically there's no hope," he said. "We will simply get poorer. We will lose jobs. Paychecks will keep shrinking."

### More skill, more money

The gist of it is that mass production of identical products by relatively unskilled workers must give way to automation and flexible manufacturing of products customized to the demands of individual customers. That way, Ross said, the workers have to be more skilled and can therefore earn more money.

"(Nowadays) anything that's done routinely can either be automated, or there are people all over the Third World willing to do those same things for a buck an hour," Ross said. "That way of making things is becoming obsolete in all the advanced countries. If we stay in the mass production business, we're finished."

As an example, Ross said clothing could be tailored to individuals by electronically measuring them, sending the specs to the factory, then using computer-controlled lasers to cut the fabric and produce customized garments.

"In the old system you showed up and the machines ran you," Ross said. "Suddenly (with the new system) skilled people are at the heart of every business."

### Slide show

If you accept that premise, the question becomes . . . How do you get manufacturers and politicians to make the necessary changes?

Well, it's kind of a grass-roots thing, Ross said, and Michigan is tending laws all over Michigan with a slide-show presentation and lecture designed to spread the word about how everything has to change.

The main goal is to modify the way people think about manufacturing, schooling and almost everything else. It's a vision thing.

"Once we can imagine what we want to be it gets much easier to figure out how to get there," Ross said.

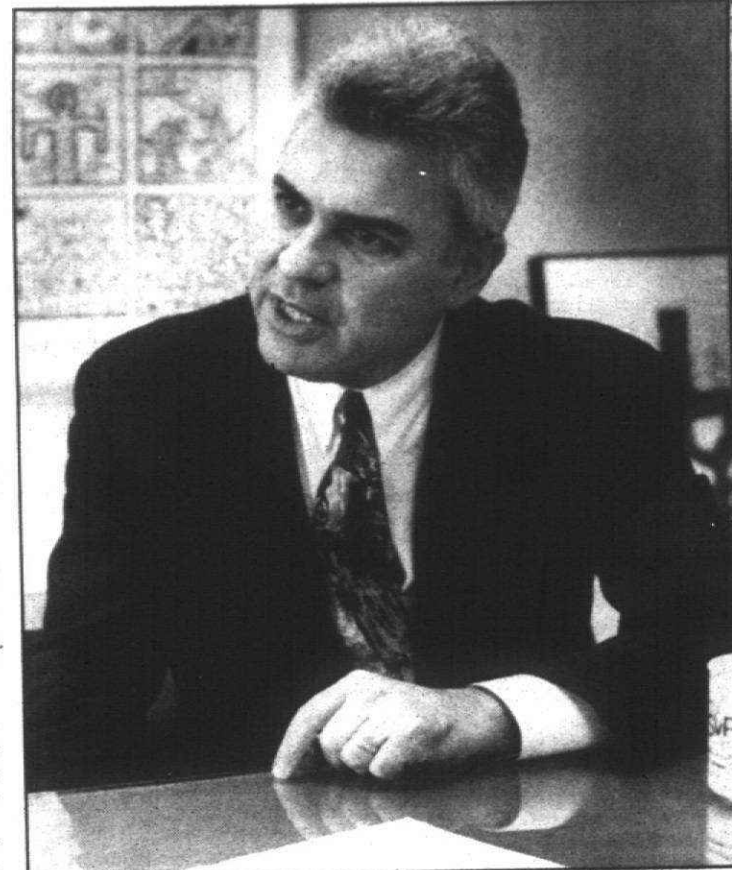
The slide-shows are available to almost any group of any size that shows any interest. However, Ross said you should have at least 30 people together before he'll come out and make his pitch. The group can be anything from a neighborhood association to a chamber of commerce because Michigan Futures believes that every aspect of life in Michigan has to be in on this change for it to work right. (Call 645-0860).

### Politicians love parades

Although government people have been cautious so far about what Michigan Futures proposes, Ross figures that once you convince enough regular people of your plan, then the politicians have no choice but to get on board. "You can always count on politicians to jump in front of the parade," he said.

At least one politician has already joined the parade. Bryan Amann, a Democrat, Wayne County commissioner representing Canton, said, "The stuff (Ross) talks about ought to give hope to the people of Wayne County. Michigan Futures is inextricably linked with Wayne County's future. That group is showing that you can do certain things through progressive policies that aren't punitive."

Michigan Futures is a non-profit, non-partisan group born in the summer of 1991. Its 1992 budget, funded by foundations and corporations, is \$220,000. Included on the board of directors are: Dwight Carlson, president of Farmington Hills-based Percepton, Inc.; James Brickley, state supreme court judge; Rick Inatome, president of Troy-based InaCom Computers; and Beverly Wolkom, executive director of the Michigan Education Association.



Vision: If Michigan is going to prosper in the new technology-based economy, inhabitants must have a "vision" of where they're going, said Doug Ross, the director of Michigan Futures, Inc.

## Political impasse stalls mental health research funds for WSU

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

State money for mental health research fell victim to a last-day political impasse in the Michigan Legislature.

Caught in the crossfire were Wayne State University's medical school and the now-closed Lafayette Clinic in Detroit.

"I am terribly disappointed the House didn't move this bill," said Sen. John J.H. Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, who guides appropriations to universities. His view is shared by Republican Gov. John Engler, who wanted to send WSU \$3.8 million for psychiatric research.

Previously the money went to Lafayette Clinic, a Department of Mental Health unit that previously served 127 patients and some 700 outpatients. A 1954 law set up Lafayette to train psychiatric care givers and "conduct studies and research into the nature and cause as well as the methods of care, treatment and prevention" of mental disorders.

### 700 'abandoned'

"The governor and Schwarz were quick to 'issue press releases,'" replied Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods and chair of the House Mental Health Committee.

"I held hearings on how they (Engler administration) closed facilities. Lafayette had 700 outpatients. The state made no arrangements whatsoever for the outpatients. They were dumped."

"The state never referred them to community mental health. The state, in my opinion, abandoned them."



State Sen. George Hart, D-Deerborn, whose district includes Garden City, supported Gov. John Engler in the move to send money for psychiatric research to WSU. Previously the money went to Lafayette Clinic, a Department of Mental Health unit that served 127 patients and some 700 outpatients.

"We told Schwarz and the governor's people we will give this supplemental (\$3.8 million for research) to Wayne and put in language that the Department of Mental Health shall contract with Wayne State for out-patient services so no one is turned away."

No deal. House Democrats, the majority, took a caucus position: No research money for WSU without some provision for outpatients.

Schwarz and Senate Republicans used a minor mental health code bill as a vehicle to give WSU the \$3.8 million. But Gubow argued, "I don't think it's constitutional to use a mental health bill to do a higher education appropriation."

"I have another concern. Universities are autonomous. They can spend it any way they want

to. That's why we wanted the Senate to use a mental health supplemental bill."

"There were never any hearings in the House and Senate appropriations committees on the need for the money."

### 'Elitist' program

Schwarz's news release said that without someone getting \$3.8 million in state research money, Michigan would lose \$4 million more in federal research grants and contracts.

Schwarz, a graduate of WSU's medical school, said the money "would also allow WSU to recruit a top-notch chairman of psychiatry. The future of 65 employees is now in jeopardy."

The Senate passed that measure, its version of House Bill 6056, on a 28-2 vote with eight

missing. Supporters included Mike Bouchard, R-Birmingham, Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Robert Geake, R-Northville, George Hart, D-Deerborn, and David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield.

Missing the vote were Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion, and William Faust, D-Westland.

Opposed were Democrats Jim Berryman of Adrian and Debbie Stabenow of Lansing. Berryman attacked the Engler administration for reducing Lafayette's patient load and then saying the clinic's \$13.7 million budget was too costly per patient.

Engler's position was defended by Sen. Jack Welborn, R-Kalamazoo, who called Lafayette Clinic "an elitist type of program that has been much preferential to the other programs . . . taking volun-

tary patients, not those assigned."

### Research valuable?

There also is disagreement whether Lafayette's research was valuable.

No, said James Haveman Jr., a professional administrator who oversees the \$1.3 billion mental health budget for Engler. Haveman contends Lafayette hasn't produced any significant research in years.

"Haveman doesn't know what research is," countered Dr. Elliott Luby, Lafayette's last executive director and now a professor of psychiatry at WSU. Advances in

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## Aquatic carvings to star at ice show

Kids will get a kick out of "Plymouth's Voyage Under the Sea, an Aquatic Fantasyland," billed as a highlight of this year's Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Kelle Morse, the festival's publicity director, said the First of America-sponsored display will feature an "aquarium filled with creatures of the sea. We hope to

have whales, dolphins, seahorses, fish and manatees. We hope to light it with blue lights," she said. Morse expects the creation to be a hit with youngsters, just as last year's fantasy land was. That exhibit featured a prehistoric forest with dinosaurs and mastadons and even an exploding volcano.

### OBITUARIES

#### JOHN A. COVER

Services for John A. Cover, 72, of Grass Valley, Calif., formerly of Plymouth, were Saturday, Dec. 19, at Hooper-Weaver Funeral Home in Grass Valley. The service was conducted by the Sierra Pines Methodist Church and the VFW with a 21-gun salute.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920, in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and died Wednesday, Dec. 16, in Grass Valley. He was a veteran of World War II and Korea.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jean Cover of Grass Valley; two daughters, Suzanne Cover of Grass Valley and Patricia McGuire of Grass Valley; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

#### RALPH D. DEVAULT

Services for Ralph D. Devault, 73, of Plymouth, were Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Brookside Cemetery, Fairgrove, Mich.

He was born Nov. 27, 1919, in Fairgrove and died Monday, Dec. 21, in Novi. He came to the Plymouth community in 1985 from Detroit. He was a detective lieutenant with the Detroit Police Department for 25 years. He was a member of the Tri-V Club of Detroit, the D.P.O.A. and the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. He was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Grace E. Devault of Plymouth; one daughter, Linda Giuliani of Plymouth; one son, Thomas Devault of Colorado; five grandchildren; mother, Sarah Tatt of Carol, Mich.; one sister and four brothers.

The Rev. Andrew J. Forish officiated. Memorial contributions may be given to Plymouth Salem girl's basketball team and the Plymouth Salem wrestling team.

#### GENEVIEVE T. WOJNAR

Services for Genevieve T. Wojnar, 73, of Canton were Wednesday, Dec. 16, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

She was born Sept. 29, 1919, in Detroit and died Saturday, Dec. 13, in Hope Nursing Center. She was a custodian with the Detroit Public Schools.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Wojnar of Canton and Kathy Marx of Livonia; three grandsons; three sisters and three brothers.

The Rev. George Charnley of St. John Neumann Catholic Church officiated. Arrangements were made by the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home in Garden City.

#### HOWARD R. GOODALE

Services for Howard R. Goodale, 83, of Kalkaska, Mich., previously of Plymouth, were Thursday, Dec. 24, at Kalkaska United Methodist Church.

He was born April 20, 1909, in Northville and died Monday, Dec. 21, in Kalkaska. In 1971, he moved from Plymouth to Kalkaska. He retired from Burroughs Co. He enjoyed snowmobiling.

He is survived by his wife, Avis Goodale of Kalkaska; two sons, Robert Goodale of Kalkaska and Ronald Goodale of Kalkaska; one daughter, Karen Roman of Traverse City; one sister, Eva M. Croft of Brighton; eight grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were made by Wolfe Funeral Home in Kalkaska.

### Doll dressing



A contest: Edna McLaughlin inspects entries as she judges the Goodfellow doll dressing contest held recently at Canton Township Hall. Other judges include Pat Tanski, Jean Tabor, Shirley Winkel, Lin-

da Shapona and Ginny Hauck. Goodfellow volunteers asked that people pick the dolls up and dress them in a new outfit. The dolls were then given in Goodfellow packages.

STAFF PHOTO BY SHARON LEMLEY

## Colleagues mourn longtime C'ville trustee

**'His first thoughts always were for the kids, how something would affect the students. He put kids first, rather than administrative politics.'**

Linda Ahnert  
Clarenceville trustee

Members of the Clarenceville School District family attended funeral services Tuesday for a man who had served the district as trustee for more than 10 years.

Michael Manore, 50, of Livonia died of leukemia Saturday at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Manore was first elected to the Clarenceville Board of Education in 1980. He served two terms and had been elected to a third term when he resigned in February 1991 after being diagnosed with leukemia.

Funeral services were Tuesday in the Church of St. Alexander in Farmington Hills. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Manore, a community planner who worked for several communities, including Canton Township and Taylor, is survived by wife,

for the kids, how something would affect the students. He put kids first, rather than administrative politics.

Since 1987, Manore served as executive director of community development for the city of Taylor. He previously had worked as a community planning consultant at Parkins, Rogers & Associates and as director of planning at Wade Trim & Associates.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University and a master's from Wayne State University.

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# Books, guitars, football molded McCotter's life

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW  
STAFF WRITER

Thaddeus McCotter was drawn to books at an age when most of his contemporaries were playing with G.I. Joe dolls.

By the time he was in the second grade, circa 1972, little Thaddeus had finished all the Hardy Boys books, mother Joan McCotter said.

"He got to the point where he was in the fourth grade and the teachers were asking to borrow his books."

And as Christmases past approached... "He'd always ask if he could have a book," his mom said. "We always told him that we'd never deny him a book."

McCotter, 27, continued to read voraciously as his salad days gave way to the main course of life. He once read Peter Benchley's "Jaws" at a time when his parents wouldn't take him to the movie, but soon shunned celebrated fiction for more weighty tomes like "The History of the English Speaking Peoples" by Winston Churchill and every book Bruce Catton ever wrote about the American Civil War.

## Locked bathrooms

The Livonia resident's latest reading assignment is a stack of Wayne County books issued to all new county commissioners so that they might better understand everything from meeting procedures to why all the bathrooms in the county building are locked.

Next month McCotter will be sworn into office, representing Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville, Northville Township and the part of Livonia west of Middlebelt on the board of commissioners.

A graduate of Catholic Central High School, McCotter played offensive and defensive tackle on the football team and was once known as "Rat" after appearing in a pep-rally skit called Ratman and Rubin. "It was kind of risqué," he said. "They almost kicked us out."

And then there's the rock 'n' roll. Although you wouldn't know it to look at the balding young Republican, McCotter once played lead guitar in a band with his

brother, Dennis, called The Flying Squirrels.

His first guitar, which he acquired in the seventh grade, "played like a washboard. The strings were too high on the neck and there was no action on the thing at all."

## Guitar man

Since then he has amassed a collection of four guitars, a Yamaha acoustic, Fender Stratocaster and two primo Rickenbackers.

Of the songs that McCotter still writes, high school classmate Paul Rzepecki said, "They're good for him, (and) to him they sound good. (But) Mick Jagger he is not."

Yet this is a man who also enjoys refinishing furniture. "I'm absolutely amazed at some of the pieces (he refinished) that were sitting in my garage for 10 years," his mother said. "He really has a gift for it."

McCotter left Catholic Central in 1983 to attend the University of Detroit, where his father, Dennis (who died in 1984), had been a football star years back and was drafted by the Baltimore Colts in the 1950s.

Although McCotter had been approached by several universities recruiting for their football teams, he elected to eschew the gridiron for intellectual pursuits, partly because of something his father told him.

"My dad did me a great favor the year before he died (by saying), 'Whatever you do, just do the best you can,'" McCotter said. "The same thing that made me want to play football is always going to be there, but it's going to manifest itself in different forms."

## Movin' on up

Eventually, McCotter also put rock 'n' roll performing aside as well. "It was fun and it was great," he said. "(But it's) just something that's in the past. If you keep looking back you're never going to go forward."

McCotter went on to get a bachelor's degree in political science and a law degree from U-D. Elected to the Schoolcraft College



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**What a guy:** Former football player, former rock band member and former Schoolcraft College trustee Thaddeus McCotter, soon to be a county commissioner, enjoys reading history books, refinishing furniture and playing one of his four guitars. Here he strums a Yamaha FG300 acoustic.

Board of Trustees in 1989, McCotter resigned that position last month after winning his county commissioner seat.

Quite the reticent man, McCotter finds talking about himself distasteful. "It's the worst part of the campaign," he said. "It's like doing an interview with an employer and you've got 150,000 people in the room."

Said his mother: "(Thaddeus) is a very reticent, shy, private person, never one to call attention to himself. I think he's a lot like his father in that way."

## Thaddeus' mom

Although he's making a name for himself now, McCotter said he was long known mostly as "Denny McCotter's son," and then as "Joan McCotter's son."

Now, his mother says, "When I go in Republican circles, I'm known as Thaddeus' mom. He gives me credibility as a Republican."

Indeed, Joan McCotter said she was introduced to Gov. John Engler at the Houston Republican Convention, "and he said, 'Oh, you're Thaddeus' mom!'"

And for those of you who wonder how McCotter came to have such a classy, but unusual, name such as Thaddeus...

His mother said that she and her husband "used to make novenas to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless cases." So they vowed to name their first son after the aforementioned saint.

Considering that McCotter will soon be one of two Republicans among 13 Democrats on the county board, maybe the name fits more than Joan McCotter expected it to.

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Keeping tabs

**W**hile city officials last month got a renewed commitment from U.S. Postal Service officials about keeping services at the downtown post office, "Things are not sailing ahead," city commissioner Bill McAninch told fellow commissioners on Monday.

He said there have been complaints from citizens about service to post office boxes, and that postal employees have been told "to give that lower priority."

McAninch plans to meet with the Plymouth postmaster to discuss service.

Open skating

**K**ids or adults looking for something to do during the holidays can consider open skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Open skating times are noon-2:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27, and Jan. 3; 9:40-10:40 a.m., 1-2:35 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Monday; 9:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. and 4-5:50 p.m. Tuesday; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday; and 8:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31.

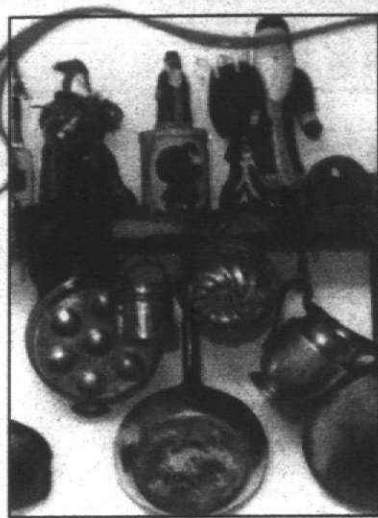
Cost is \$2.75 for adults, \$2 for kids and \$1.25 for skate rental.

Train show

**P**lymouth Yard and Hobby owner Robert Reckinger has organized a toy train show for Jan. 2-3 in Taylor at the Sheridan Community Center, 12111 Pardee.

The show features more than 200 tables of new, used and antique toy trains for sale.

Show hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 per person and \$1 for those under age 12.



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

**Christmas Carol:** Donna Keough (right) wants to provide Christmas memories for her sons. More than 70 Santa likenesses (above) adorn Keough's house.



Christmas spirit fills this Canton home



BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER

If you don't get the Christmas spirit at Donna Keough's house you might as well give it up.

Every inch of her Murray Hill house is decorated for the holiday, right down to a miniature tea setting with a Christmas theme on a small table where dolls and bears are seated for a party.

There's no getting away from Christmas in one Canton home. It boasts seven decorated trees and enough decorations to give Bronners a run for its money.

"I always had warm memories and I want my boys (Shawn and Shane) to have some warm memories," Keough said.

When you wind up her steep driveway, the series of evergreens and bows immediately tips you off that Christmas is important to this family.

Inside the house are seven Christmas trees including one with a Uni-

versity of Michigan theme in Shawn's room and one with a Michigan State theme in Shane's room. Both sons will be home for Christmas on college break.

Almost 70 Santa Claus likenesses — miniature, large, wooden, ceramic — look back at you everywhere. That doesn't include the set of Santa mugs and a lamp with a base made from a transformed tin adorned by a large Santa.

Everywhere you look there's a Christmas wreath, greenery, orna-

ment or some other Christmas memory. Backs of chairs are decorated with more greenery and bows.

Details are a way of life for the Plymouth Historic Museum exhibits chairperson. And to get her house in shape in time for the holiday, Keough starts decorating a week before Thanksgiving.

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**SEMINARS**  
The City of Plymouth will sponsor two free seminars at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Road. The advantages of a living trust will be discussed 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25; protecting assets from the high cost of nursing home care will be presented 1-3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1. 455-6623.

**AUDITIONS**  
Plymouth Community Chorus announces auditions for all voice parts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, on North Territorial, west of Sheldon Road. 455-4080.

## 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, 455-6620.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
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## CLASS TIME

**DOWNHILL SKIING**  
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**MUSIC LESSONS**  
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**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. 453-2904.

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**HEALTH CARE**  
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**PLYMOUTH YMCA**  
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**CLASSES**  
Canton Recreation Center, 397-5446.

## CLUB CALL

**CANTON NEWCOMERS**  
General meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Sunflower Village Association, 45800 Hanford Road. 981-3808 or 453-8720.

**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.

**UNITED WAY**  
The annual meeting of the Plymouth Community United Way will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Administration Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth. Four Board members and four officers will be elected. Public invited. 453-6879.

**VFW CANTON POST**  
Post No. 6967 will meet at 8 p.m. every first Monday of the month at Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street in Plymouth. New residents being transferred from other posts will be welcomed. 397-2444 or 459-8027.

**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.

## 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).

**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 Turpe, 522-3022.

**JOB SERVICE**  
MESC can provide businesses or homeowners with temporary workers for fix-up

and cleanup projects. (313) 876-5627.

**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.

**Families Anonymous**  
meets 8 p.m. Thursdays, St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton. 453-2811.

**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.

## NEARBY

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**  
New year jubilee — Alcohol and drug-free New Year's Eve celebration offers a choice of over 25 different acts at various locations around the Depot Town area of Ypsilanti from 6 p.m.-midnight. (313) 482-4920.

**Silent Night** features deer, birds, trees and a 100-year-old antique sleigh. Display is free through Jan. 3. 1800 N. Diabolo Road, Ann Arbor. (313) 998-7061.

**Belle Isle Aquarium** — Free admission to aquarium and conservatory through holidays. Hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**New Year's Eve** — "First Night/Birmingham," is an

alcohol-free, all-family celebration, beginning 4 p.m. Dec. 31, at 11 locations in and around downtown Birmingham. (313) 540-6688.

**PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME**  
Volunteers are needed to help first offenders turn from crime. Persons interested in helping young adults change their lives are invited to attend any of the following meetings at 15999 W. 12 Mile Road in Southfield: 7-9 p.m. Jan. 12; 1-3 p.m. Jan. 13; 9-11 a.m. Jan. 16. (313) 559-7223.

**TOY TRAINS**  
Detroit Historical Museum — From noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, old toy trains may be appraised. Train display is at museum, 5401 Woodward Avenue at Kirby in the University Cultural Center. Sheridan Community Center — Toy train show in Taylor is 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3. 459-3160.

**TAX AID VOLUNTEERS**  
The Washtenaw County Council on Aging is in need of individuals interested in becoming volunteers to assist low income senior adults in obtaining Homestead Property Tax Credits, prescription drug rebates and home heating credits. Training workshop in January. (313) 665-3625.

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

**HEALTH CARE**  
Cancer support group — Catherine McAuley Health System presents a free cancer support group for patients and significant others 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 13 to March 3 at Reicher Health Building Room 1014, 5301 E. Huron River Drive in Ann Arbor. Register by calling Linda Eidelman, 572-3958.

**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.

**Prostate Cancer** — Support group information, 572-5555.

**Teen support group** — For teens whose parents have been diagnosed with cancer, call Linda Eidelman, (313) 572-3958.

**Cancer education** — Call Debbie Mattison, (313) 572-2920.

**COMEDY**  
Performance of "Sly Fox," is Jan. 20-24 and Jan. 26-30 at Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets, 881-4004. Dinner reservations, 881-7511.

**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**  
Madonna University's 8th annual juried spring showcases is March 27 and 28. Application deadline is Feb. 26. For application call 591-5127.

**DINNER DANCE**  
Fifth annual dance is a black-tie benefit for continuing the preservation and restoration of the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane on the University of Michigan-Dearborn's campus on April 3, 1993 at The Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. 593-5590.

**ART/PHOTOGRAPHY**  
The Michigan Horse Council will sponsor its second annual competition in conjunction with its 1993 Michigan Horse Expo in Lansing March 12-14. All children ages nine through 19 are eligible for the Youth Division. Deadline for entries is Feb. 15. For entry form call (517) 468-3314 or write to the MHC at PO Box 18216, Lansing, Mich. 48901-8216.

**SMOKE STOPPERS**  
Free introductory session to assist nicotine patch users and others who wish to quit smoking is 7:30-9 p.m. at Jan. 12 and 14 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center in Ann Arbor. Register, (313) 572-5555 or (800) 472-9696.

**ST. MARY HOSPITAL**  
Childbirth classes — Seven week course, any evening, Monday-Thursday, 7-9 p.m. Livonia, 591-2922.

**CPR class** — 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12. Register before Monday, Jan. 4, 591-2922.

**Diabetics course** — Classes 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 12-Feb. 4. Register before Tuesday, Jan. 5, 591-2922.

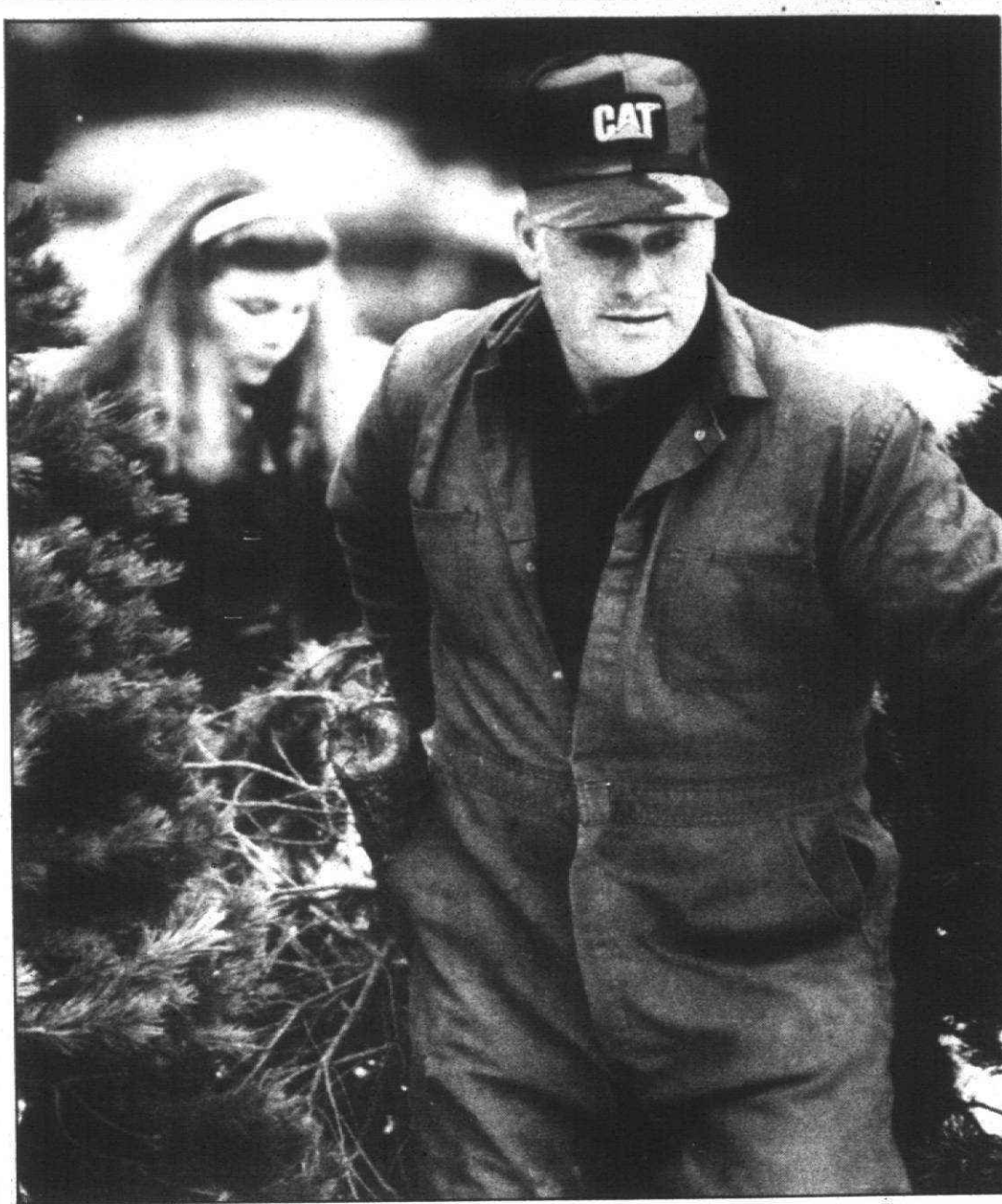
**Diabetics support group** — 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the Pavilion Conference Room B in the Marian Professional Building, adjacent to the hospital. 591-2922.

**Cholesterol/blood pressure** — Screenings are 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Feb. 6, in Pavilion Conference Room. Register, 591-2922.

**ATTENTION DEFICIT**  
Support group in Novi for parents and teens meets 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Consortium for Human Development, (313) 478-2446.

**CHADD of Wayne and Oakland Counties** will hold meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road. Register 7 p.m. 464-8233.

**DYSTROPHY SUPPORT**  
Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Support Group meets 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Catherine McAuley Education Center Auditorium in Ypsilanti. Meets second Wednesday each month. (313) 428-9377.



Christmas haul: Tony Buffa carts off a tree.



New tree: Larry Dean of Inkster picked out one of the trees offered by Faith Community Moravian Church.



Getting it ready: Ed Andrews saws off the bottom of a 9-foot tree for the Doherty family of Canton.



Family togetherness: Roger Basom and his daughter, Roxy, of Livonia, pick out a tree together.

## Tree sales sprout up in area

Another sign of the season has been the live Christmas tree sales that have sprouted up on streets throughout Canton and Plymouth.

And after buyers select their trees and pay the merchant, sometimes that money goes to

charity. Workers with Faith Community Moravian Church on Warren in Canton sold trees and proceeds will go to church projects. Rocco Grimaldi had a temporary tree lot on Ann Arbor Road west of Haggerty. Some

of the proceeds will go to Madonna University. Local firefighters suggest keeping live trees well watered. Cut diagonal cuts at the stem of the tree before placing it in water. Beer in the container helps to get the water into the trunk.

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## CAMPUS NOTES

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

**ROBERT B. BEERE** of Canton graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree.

**SUZANNE L. GOINS**, a resident of Canton, graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

**ROBERT W. MAYES** of Plymouth graduated from Bowling Green State University at Anderson Arena in Memorial Hall. He received a bachelor of science degree in business administration. About

1,170 students graduated. Bowling Green's fall graduating class includes 22 candidates for doctoral degrees, 175 candidates for master's degrees, one candidate for a specialist degree and 20 candidates for associate degrees. The remainder received bachelor degrees, including 73 graduating with honors.

**RICHARD V. KINUTH** of Canton graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree.

**CANTON RESIDENTS** graduated from Michigan State University. Those graduating with bachelor of science degrees were Catherine J. Cebula, psychology; and Jeffrey R. Farell, biological science-interdepartment. Bachelor of arts degree recipients majoring in social science-international relations were Heather C. Jones, Michael M. Kuo and Kristen K. Reynolds. Michael Stelmasek majored in advertising. A master of arts degree

was awarded to Lisa A. Vanbuhler. Vanbuhler majored in K-12 education administration.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS** degrees were awarded to Plymouth residents graduating from Michigan State University. They were William G. Anderson, accounting; Lesley M. Carmichael, journalism; Kara A. Haarsla, advertising; Thomas A. Hone, social science — international relations (with honors); James A. Rothwell, history of art; Teresa R. Schaller, Spanish (with honors); Todd M. Shepherd, M.L.M. — transportation management (with honors); and Kenneth T. Wood, American public affairs — political economics. There were 2,656 graduates for fall 1992. There were 1,948 receiving bachelor degrees; 484, master degrees; 208, doctor of philosophy degrees; 10, educational specialist degrees; five, doctor of medicine degrees and one, doctor of musical arts degree.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE** degrees were given

to Plymouth residents graduating from Michigan State University. They were Kristin M. Fritz, merchandising management; Donald K. Mcswen, electrical engineering; Pamela S. Penland, chemical engineering; Susan H. Schurstein, social science; and Bonnie D. Waller, packaging.

**JULIAN M. SMITH** of Plymouth graduated with a major in public relations from Michigan State University.

**CATHERINE WILLETT** of Plymouth graduated with an associate degree from Washtenaw Community College.

**THREE CANTON** residents received associate degrees from Washtenaw Community College. They are Edward LeCouteur, Cheryl Niewola and Thomas Shedy Jr.



## Sex education Stopping film not a solution

The recent debate at a Plymouth Canton school board meeting over showing students a film about condoms reminds us of old Nero who fiddled while Rome burned.

The film, "Considering Condoms," was reviewed and approved by more than 30 members of a sex education committee composed of persons from Canton and Plymouth.

But it only took a little carping from one local nurse to delay its showing in the high schools. The school board delayed making a decision on the film.

The irony here is that most high school kids probably know more about condoms than what's in the film. But there are others who don't.

And those are the ones for whom teen pregnancy and AIDS can be a fatal one-two punch. If showing the film to teenagers saves one life, or keeps some girl from getting pregnant, then it's worth it.

The criticism against the film is of the nit-picking, hyper-shill type that now passes for a complaint.

The nurse objected to the movie, saying it

was funded by a condom manufacturer. The basis for the objection is that somehow it's a free advertisement for the firm.

Tell that to an AIDS victim. Then there's the failure rate for condoms. The National Education Association says it's 2 percent. The nurse objecting to the film contends its 15.7 percent, but never cited a source.

The nurse also used the argument that the film condones teenage sexual activity. It's a hollow argument.

Sex is just going to happen, and the schools need every tool available when teaching sex education. Kids come from different backgrounds and have different reference points.

Some kids are well-armed with knowledge provided and values instilled by their parents; others are not.

And teachers don't know which is which. Let's be realistic. Most kids don't want to appear naive when it comes to sex, even if they are.

We urge the school board to approve use of the film.

## Intolerance hurts community

Unifying our metropolitan community should be the first order of business for the new year.

Our metropolitan area has suffered for decades from intolerance. Despite the many laws and ordinances passed in decades past, we still have yet to wean ourselves from the fears of different lifestyles and cultures.

Higher income and education have little impact on fear and prejudice.

While the residents of the Birmingham school district wrestle with teaching about the gay lifestyle, blacks and other minorities in various suburban communities like Livonia and Westland are still battling with the private sector for the right to open housing.

In our central city, the community tensely watches as two white police officers stand trial in the beating death of a black resident.

The problem is not just one of perception. One report after another is released, labeling metropolitan Detroit as one of the most segregated areas in the United States.

Something is very wrong when, in a metropolitan community like Detroit, we are so focused on separation rather than unification.

If nothing else will satisfy the minds of the pragmatists that discrimination and prejudice are problems for our area, think of the economics, think of the cost in fines and labor to deal with these issues. All that time and money could be better spent building rather than destroying.

Reflecting those problems, the head of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights quietly resigned recently, protesting the Engler administration's cut in staff from 1970 levels despite the fact that complaints have more than doubled in that same period.

Appointed in 1986, John Castillo has seen his department investigate and process more than 42,000 claims, resulting in \$34.5 million in monetary awards for discrimination.

Each time a glaring example of discrimination comes to the forefront to scar our collective reputations, the healing process takes even longer. The recent \$450,000 jury award to Anthony and Deeva Darby for suffering racial discrimination when attempting to rent an apartment in Westland, even though the highest award of its kind in Michigan history, is minuscule compared to the damage done.

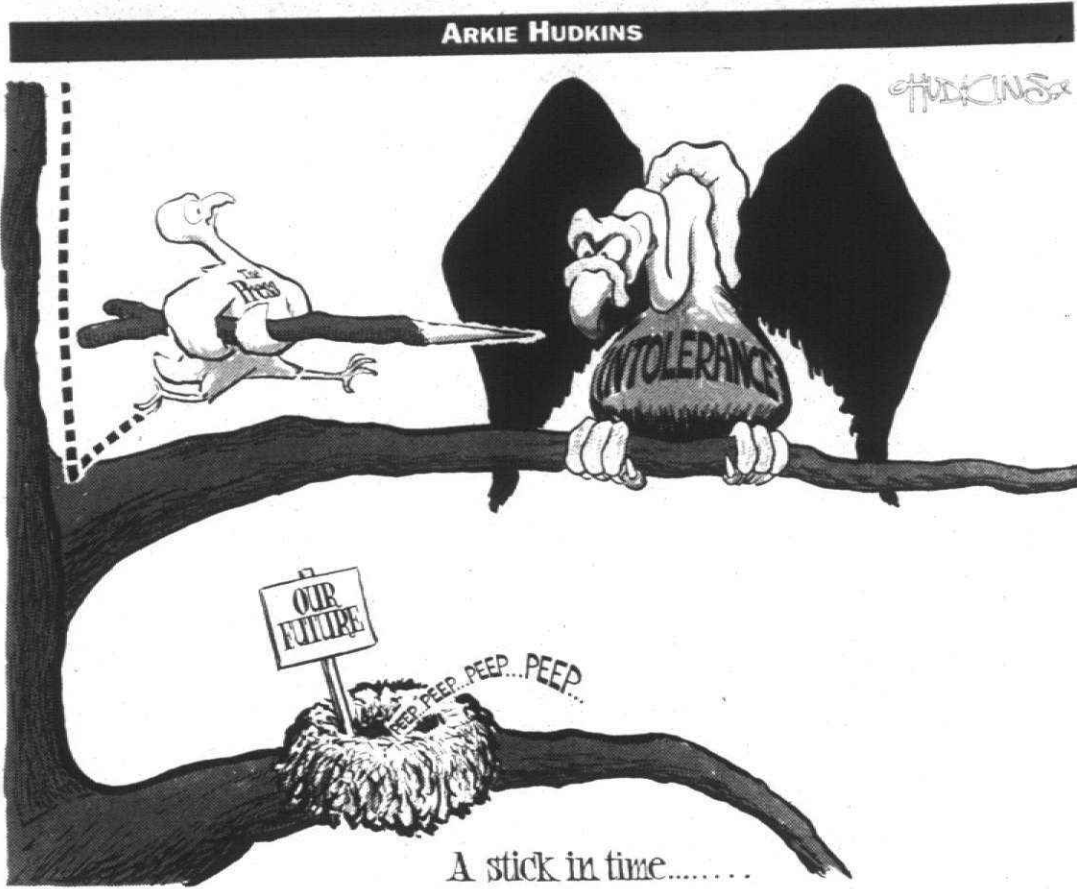
Not only have the Darbys suffered, but so has the community for years to come.

In Birmingham, the argument over inclusion of the gay lifestyle in the curriculum has taken on the atmosphere of the Scopes' Monkey Trial. In that time, the community was divided on the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution.

For all of its importance, the significance of the Scopes' trial pales in comparison to the impact of the Birmingham district's struggle. Today's debate not only surrounds a concept but real, living humans as well who deserve a chance to be heard.

In truth, more information is always better than less. We must teach our children how to make decisions based on all the information available, not just on the information we wish them to have.

If we guide our society any other way, we will only leave a legacy of ignorance and poverty.



### LETTERS

#### Smoky complaint

When we moved to Canton five years ago, we had a list of qualities we were looking for in the home and the community we wanted to live in, and for the most part we do enjoy living here.

However, if we could move again, there is one quality that has moved its way to the very top of the list in what we would seek in a community — fireplace free homes.

So far this season, my son and I have been given a total of \$88 worth of prescriptions (not counting the cost of the doctor's appointments to get them) to clear up sinus infections caused by breathing air polluted with smoke from fireplaces. (And it's only December — the worst is yet to come.)

I enjoy taking walks, with my daughter, around the neighborhood. Those stop as soon as fireplace season begins. I chose to enjoy raking leaves with my husband in the fall. This year I raked four bags of leaves one day, and for the rest of the week I was so dizzy from sinuses aggravated by the smoke in the air, that I could barely function. Needless to say, that four measly bags was my total contribution to the

leaf raking effort this season.

The day of our big snowfall, I was out at 6 a.m. and again at 8 a.m. shoveling our walks and driveway so the neighborhood children could safely wait for the school bus (which picks them up from our driveway). I spent the rest of the day with a killer headache and breathing through my mouth because my sinuses were clogged from breathing smoke-filled air.

We never use our fireplace, but you sure wouldn't know it from the smell inside our utility room.

In closing — the next time you start up your nice cozy fire, remember this — you make me sick.

Lois Carlson, Canton

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## State needs economic summit

Look past all the trashing Bill Clinton's economic conference took last week. At heart it is an innovative and useful device which should be copied here in Michigan by the Engler Administration.

It's a great way to get lots of expert and knowledgeable people together, far away from the smoke-filled rooms of Washington or Lansing, where they can discuss in depth the problems of the nation or state in full public view. And in the process, they can educate both the president/governor and the people.

No lobbyists at work behind closed doors. No cozy little deals cut between legislators. No capital city mindset, at once so parasitic and so arrogant. No media demands for TV sound bites, the ultimate triumph of form over substance.

If an innovation should be judged by the enemies it makes, Clinton's economic conference was a terrific success.

Certainly, the establishment media have had a great time bashing it. "Pointless." "Inconclusive." "Revenge of the nerds." "Divided." These are a representative sample of comment from mainstream media biggies eased out of their customary role of omniscient gatekeepers for the truth.

The last time the media were as united was in attacking presidential candidates for appearing on talk shows. After all, large reportorial egos can take only so much.

The folks inside the Washington beltway weren't any too happy either. Here was a president-elect listening in public to the analyses and advice of a bunch of people who had actually met payrolls and had a stake in getting the economy rolling again.

I think the case is overwhelming for Gov. John Engler to hold his own economic conference.

Michigan is in trouble. And no one seems able to offer a clear policy vision of the way out. Our economy is struggling today with the



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consequences of General Motors' downsizing in a context of gradual conversion from a durable manufacturing base to service centered. No long-term economic strategy has emerged from either the governor or Legislature to deal with these long-term problems.

In the short run, Michigan faces something like a \$400 million general fund budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year. Beyond proposing bookkeeping gimmicks, neither the governor nor Legislature has any clear idea of what to do about it.

Both causing and compounding the policy gridlock in Lansing is a virtual infestation of lobbyists who provide most of the cash a career politician needs to remain in office and who shamelessly use their power behind closed doors to block any initiatives disliked by their clients.

All this leaves the public anxious, confused and ill-informed.

Come on, governor!

Call an economic summit. Michigan has plenty of experts; listen to them. Educate the public about why we are in the fix we are in.

And get on with the business of governing. Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His voice mail telephone number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

### POINTS OF VIEW

## Buying power of moguls quashes small stores

I had picked out two pieces of luggage, a briefcase, a zippered portfolio and a datebook — all for holiday gifts.

I was about to pull out the old credit card, when I heard:

"You really should wait until tomorrow to buy these. We're having a one-day special — an additional 10-percent-off sale. I'll put these away for you — and have them ready when you come back."

"I'd give it (the discount) to you today, but I can't."

I was surprised. I was in a small, off-price luggage and purse store called Baggit Inc., in Southfield's Applegate Square.

The saleswoman had been helpful as I selected my purchases, and not pushy.

I thanked her for informing me. "I would definitely go back there," I said to my daughter as we left the store.

"She didn't have to tell me about the sale."

The other side is that I probably would have been furious if I'd ever found out. However, that's doubtful. Much to my husband's chagrin, I'm not an ad scanner or coupon cutter.

He always jokes that I feel better when I'm paying more. That's only partly true. For instance, I've been going to Baggit for years, because they have service, quality and value.

However, I must say I'm usually much more excited about finding the unusual and establishing a relationship at a small shop which carries what I like, than I am about getting a bargain.

That's why I was saddened by the passing of two of these small stores which I have enjoyed over the years.

In West Bloomfield, it's the Downing Pharmacy on Walnut Lake Road near Inkster.

In Birmingham, it's the Birmingham



JUDITH DONER BERNE

Bookstore, on Pierce.

They are small, Mom and Pop stores, which their owners say have been forced out of business because they can't compete with the big chain stores.

"People tend to go to big bookstores," says Bonnie Weinstein, owner of the small bookstore which has been part of Birmingham for 17 years.

Her loyal clientele is upset. "I really

feel bad," said Susan Barnowski of Troy. "It's a unique bookstore. I used to bring my kids in here for books. They're in college now."

In West Bloomfield, where the Downing store has been an intrinsic part of the small Walnut Lake community for 35 years, pharmacist Sheldon Levin said the major chains are chewing up the independent stores and spitting them out.

The independents can't compete because of insurance plans and because they don't have the same buying power, he said.

Levin and his wife, Judy, are the second owners of the pharmacy. When Ed Downing founded and ran it, he hosted a daily round table of neighborhood personalities who would gather around for coffee and conversation.

But that table disappeared some time ago.

Wonder if it was the atmosphere that disappeared with that table, rather

than the insurance plans or the buying power that actually prescribed the end.

Wonder if the small bookstore consistently offered the service that was necessary to lure people from Borders or Waldenbooks. Or perhaps it needed to specialize when the book business changed.

Just as the November election clearly taught us there is no more politics as usual, so the recession is teaching us that about business.

In the face of the economies of size and scale offered by the large chains, Mom and Pop must re-evaluate the role of their stores and make changes.

Those who can't or don't close their doors. And we have lost a little bit more of our small town past in which we did business with our neighbors.

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## Holiday celebrations should include time for giving

On this cold and cloudy Christmas Eve, remember "to give is to receive." My rhyme on this Biblical paraphrase of life's most crucial lesson is one many of us need to memorize. The Bible expresses its meaning in myriad verses, in many ways. "Cast your bread upon the waters," and the "bread" will return to you again and again.

Jesus fed a multitude with one fish. The "fish" was love. As you sit down with your loved ones to your holiday celebrations tonight and tomorrow, reflect that there are millions of human souls who have neither fish nor bread.

They have nothing to give or to receive, nor anything from which to give it or within which to receive it. Their hands and too often their hearts are empty. You can fill them by giving — not just monetarily, although money lovingly given to the needy brings the

giver some gifts which are longer-lasting than any material thing. There are as many things to give and ways to give them as there are potential givers. There is the gift of time — time to listen, advise, teach, visit, volunteer, praise, and demonstrate love. For many, time is a more difficult gift to give than money, but often it's felt as a far greater gift by the person to whom it is given.

There are the gifts of talent, ability, training and caring. The talented entertainer who puts heart and soul into a performance is giving. The talented artist or writer who puts heart and soul into a painting or poem is giving. The virtuoso violinist who puts heart and soul into an incredible cadenza is giving. The able athlete who puts heart and body and soul into a crowd-thrilling stretch drive or a gravity-defying



JOHN TELFORD

slam-dunk is giving.

The highly-trained doctor or teacher or nurse or social worker who invariably puts forth the ultimate effort in a hundred ways is giving in a hundred ways. So is the unselfish lover or friend. And they are also receiving in a thousand ways — many of which they aren't even immediately aware, be-

cause the payback is multifold.

Fifty years ago when my father stopped two bullies from bloodying a black man who had wandered into the wrong place at the wrong time, he was giving and receiving in more than one way. He was giving his worried-witness son the gift of learning to risk and sacrifice his blood for his fellow man in the midst of a raucously blood-hungry mob being robbed of its fun and the satisfaction of its hatred.

Years later, I showed my father what he had taught me. Fifty-two years ago when my mother washed and bandaged the bloody face of a palsied street peddler who had fallen, and she bought all of his pencils and fed him supper when no one else would open a door to him, she was giving and receiving in more than one way. In giving, despite being on the verge of house-foreclosure her-

self because her badly burned husband had been hospitalized for eight months, she was giving her watching son another gift of learning to give. And years later, I shared with her what she had taught me.

The gift of self is the hardest gift to give, but it's a gift re-givable throughout the giver's lifetime and even beyond it. What the giver gets in return is the most precious gift of all — a deep tranquility attainable in no other way.

John Telford, a Rochester Hills resident, most recently was an assistant superintendent in the Rochester School District. He previously was executive director for secondary education in the Plymouth Canton district. To leave a voice mail message for him from a touch tone phone, dial 953-2047 mailbox 1879.

### LETTERS

#### Different ideas

The crisis we have in our political system is a result of ideas that were taught by college professors to the present leaders in politics, business and education.

Where did these ideas come from? Philosophy, the science that studies the fundamental aspects of the nature of existence. The two main branches of philosophy are metaphysics and epistemology, and an understanding of them is crucial to solving the crisis in society.

Metaphysics is the branch of philosophy that studies existence. Philosophy professors teach

that existence consists of various combinations of reality and non-reality. This teaching is wrong.

Epistemology is a science devoted to the discovery of the proper methods of acquiring and validating knowledge. The epistemology philosophy professors teach to students is a mixture of reason and non-reason to correspond to the metaphysics they taught. Reason to deal with the concrete parts of reality, and non-reason, better known as faith, emotions, instinct, democratic vote by society, astrology, tea leaves, etc., to deal with any parts of reality not understood and most abstractions. This teach-

ing is wrong.

With a metaphysical and epistemological base described above, a person will adopt a morality of sacrifice, of himself or of someone to himself. Why? Because man has to plan long range to live, and, with no absolutes, anyone living by the philosophy described above has no way of knowing certainty and life is crisis after crisis.

To deal with these crises, a government that uses physical force and taxes to control people and their wealth for redistribution will be instituted. "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs." This (form) of

government will breed every type of corruption known to man, look at history, and society in this country and abroad. Partial control breeds total control. This is socialism.

Questions: Do you believe in group rights? Do you believe in anything you cannot prove? Do you believe in any form of socialism? Do you believe any path to knowledge other than reason? Do you believe in individual rights are passed? Do you believe in eminent domain? Do you believe the state or a god has a right to your life?

Paul L. Gruchala, Inkster

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

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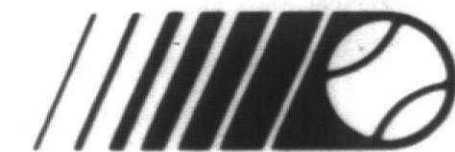
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# Abstinence theme pervades new Michigan Model

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Despite a State Board of Education compromise, the Michigan Model seems destined to be a rightwing political issue in many school board elections next June.

The state's revised model health curriculum will have "a strong abstinence theme" in its human sexuality section.

Seven of the eight board members last week approved the revised policy after a 10-months controversy. Only Gumedindo Salas, D-East Lansing, abstained — the equivalent of voting no. Salas disagreed with the emphasis on abstinence.

Meanwhile, self-styled "concerned parents," echoing the line of the National Association on Christian Education, have called for sale of the curriculum, abolition of the State Board and elimination of the state's historic leadership of local public education. Still dissatisfied was Bob Lem-

ieux, president of DADS Foundation of Kalamazoo. He called for scrapping the Michigan Model.

State Sen. Gil DiNello, R-Macomb County, criticized the board for the same reason. DiNello chaired a special Senate panel whose reports echoed the "concerned parents" themes of scrapping the state's leadership of education.

Local districts and private schools may choose to adopt the Michigan Model curriculum, and 446 of the state's 524 school districts plus 129 private schools have done so. Other states have reportedly adopted the Michigan Model.

## State's role

"We are not redoing the curriculum," said board president Dorothy Beardmore, R-Rochester Hills.

In an interview afterwards, she pointed out that state law mandates health education.

**■ The Michigan Model seems destined to be a rightwing political issue in many school board elections next June.**

"The Legislature says you must teach physical education and health. Your health education may include family planning. It must include communicable diseases, including sexually transmitted diseases."

"There is no (parental) opt out for AIDS. There is for birth control, reproductive health and family planning. We cannot teach about abortion as a means of birth control."

Beardmore, a former local and intermediate school board member, said the state's leadership role is necessary because local districts often avoid their jobs under pressure.

She said the comprehensive health curriculum is "the only state curriculum. The rest is out-

comes and guidelines. It came out of the Legislature clear as a bell."

Last August Beardmore survived a stiff challenge from the religious right when she sought re-nomination for a second eight-year term at the Republican State Convention. On Nov. 3 she was the only Republican (among eight education board candidates) to win.

But Beardmore disagrees that the attack on the Michigan Model is purely political. "You can't assume that everyone who comes to complain about a program is part of a plot," she said. She feared local school officials for brushing off parents' questions, refusing to show materials and failing to notify them of their right to opt out the children.

## Final wording

Here is the final wording of the long-debated statement on human sexuality:

"The cornerstone of instruction about human sexuality as it relates to sexual behavior norms for students is to have a strong abstinence theme."

"Delaying sexual intercourse until such time as individuals are capable of assuming responsibility for their actions, and as appropriate within a marital relationship, is to be emphasized as prevention for unintended pregnancy and/or a sexually transmitted disease infection."

It goes on:

"Under Public Act 226 of 1977, each local district should determine the extent to which risk reduction information is made available to students."

"If a district decides not to teach about methods for reducing risk of sexually transmitted diseases and/or pregnancy, the dis-

trict should institute procedures for a referral process that would give students access to this information from family/community resources."

The dissenter, Salas, said he had "grave reservations about a strong abstinence theme. It is not the role of this board to determine what human sexuality is."

"It is damaging to individual and civil rights. I've heard about 'getting government off our backs' for 12 years now. Yet you give license to a government agency" to stress abstinence, Salas said.

Replied Cherry Jacobus, R-East Grand Rapids: "The word abstinence has been there from the very beginning."

"I'm willing to accept the compromise," said Annetta Miller, D-Huntington Woods.

"I'm pleased with the document and the message it sends," said Dick DeVos, R-Grand Rapids, one of the board's most conservative members.

## Madonna sets March 1 scholarship deadline

Madonna University is accepting scholarship applications Monday, Jan. 4 through Monday, March 1 from admitted students for the 1993-1994 academic year.

Applications are available in the financial aid office or by calling 591-5035. The majority of awards stipulate that the recipient be a full-time student who possesses a minimum grade point average of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarships available include: Viola R. and Thomas G. Bosco Scholarship, awarded to an African-American pursuing a nursing/bachelor of science in nursing program; Eva L. and Lawrence L. Bourgeois and Mary Hall Memorial Scholarship; Michael and Sophie Brocki Scholarship, awarded to a history major; Kelleigh Brown Scholarship, awarded to a student from a downriver community who is pursuing a degree in nursing; Mother Mary DeSales

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STEVE KOWALSKI

## Fill your socks with this list of holiday gifts

Christmas shopping is a chore but my wish list is a breeze:

**Bob Kurashige, super fan from Westland John Glenn:** A free pass to all high school sports events.

**Bob Cox and Bill Brian, regulars at Livonia's Ford Field for Collegiate Baseball League games:** Sunny skies and shuttle service to and from the field.

**Scott Lord, North Farmington football and basketball player:** A quick recovery from knee surgery.

**Tom Negoshian, who coaches North Farmington's basketball team:** A quick recovery from the shock of losing Lord, his best inside player.

**Ken George, former Farmington Harrison basketball star (1987):** More Wednesday nights off — so he can continue playing point guard for our Rec team.

**High School football:** A matchup between Farmington Harrison and Redford Catholic Central.

**New Farmington football coach Lauri Niskanen:** A winning season.

**Harrison coach John Herrington:** A return to the state playoffs. November wasn't the same without the Hawks in contention for a state title.

**Chris Tancill (Livonia Stevenson), playing for Detroit Red Wings' farm team Adirondack:** Either a promotion to the Red Wings or a trade to a team that can use him. (Tancill has scored 30 goals in 32 games with Adirondack).

**Al Iafate ('84 Bentley), Washington Capitals defenseman:** An all-star berth.

**Stevenson basketball coach Jim McIntyre:** A new towel.

**Dick DeVries, retired Livonia Stevenson baseball coach:** His own golf course.

**Stevenson AD Roger Frayer:** Another successful Stevenson Golf Outing.

**Me:** A healthy hand so I can play in the next Stevenson Golf Outing.

**Tamika Glenn, teenage girl bowling phenomenon from Farmington, and Greg Haegar (Redford Catholic Central), pitcher in Tigers' farm system:** More strikes.

**Observerland school systems:** No strikes.

**Mike Nettie ('88 Stevenson), defensive tackle at Central Michigan:** A chance to prove some National Football League scouts wrong.

**Dena Head, former Plymouth Salem girls basketball star:** A professional women's basketball contract overseas.

**Plymouth Canton's gym:** A new wooden court to replace that rubber one.

**Centennial Educational Park's soccer facility:** A dome or a new drainage system for the 2-year-old facility.

**Susie Atchinson (Farmington Mercy), a walk-on for Notre Dame's women's basketball team:** A varsity letter.

**Madonna women's basketball coach Bill Potter:** A uniform for Livonian Shawn Bannon (Dearborn Divine Child), a former Miss Basketball candidate who transferred to Madonna after playing two years at Central Michigan University.

**Madonna baseball coach Mike George:** A press box, locker room, concession stands and ball girls for his new field.

**Redford Union's baseball field:** A home run fence.

**Steve Whitlow (Catholic Central '91), Schoolcraft College men's basketball player:** A razor.

**Livonia Churchill football coach Steve Naumcheff:** A win in '93.

**Churchill golf coach Kirk Osler ("The Blind Man"):** A pair of glasses.

**Golfer Dean Kobane, '87 Churchill grad:** A caddie and a tour card.

**Gordie Rutherford:** Baseball year-round.

**Garden City football coach Bob Eisiminger:** Another Big Gulp.

**Redford Thurston's 5-foot-10 wide receiver Jeff Lance:** Another growth spurt.

**Plymouth Salem swimmer Mike Orris:** No more calling him "Ron" in the paper.

**Jenny Emmett:** A long and happy life.

**Retired Franklin football coach Armand Vigna:** Fun in Rogers City.

**Dawn Warner ('92 Franklin), freshman basketball player at Western Kentucky:** Some more three-pointers and a national championship.

**Chad Varga ('92 Catholic Central), a freshman at Richmond University:** Some more highlight-film dunks after he rehabilitates a broken ankle.

**The Rev. Ed Donohoe of Catholic Central:** A new rosary.

**Livonia schools:** No more "pay to participate."

# Russell labeled an All-American

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY  
STAFF WRITER

Labels. Athletes acquire them early and often spend the rest of their careers trying to lose or live up to them. Sometimes, though, the label fits like a birth mark.

People started calling Jennifer Russell things like, "leader" and "winner," about the time she first stepped on the soccer field for Plymouth Canton. People called her "intense," "intelligent" and "committed." By the time she was a senior, all those traits were thrown together to form one all-encompassing label: All-American.

Three years into her collegiate career at Kalamazoo College, the All-American tag has again been affixed to Jennifer Russell. She was named a NCAA Division III second team All-American by the National Soccer

Coaches Association.

"This was a big surprise to me," said Russell, who is back home in Plymouth for the holidays. "Especially since we didn't make it to nationals this season."

Actually, there are those who were surprised that Russell only received second team honors. Here's why:

■ She has led K-College to three straight unbeaten MIAA championship seasons. The team has posted an overall record of 48-7-1 since Russell arrived. Last fall, she was the leading scorer on a team that outscored its conference foes 75-2.

■ She has been a first-team all-MIAA honoree all three years and was the league's most valuable player the last two seasons.

■ She is the MIAA's all-time scoring leader with 63 goals and 154 points. She holds the Kalamazoo record for

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goals (83) and points (206).

"I don't like to dehumanize a player, but when Jenny gets on the field she is a machine," said Kalamazoo coach Scott Forrester. "She's got her rhythm and it is not going to change. She is intense all the time."

Certainly people who saw her play or played against her in high school will remember that intensity, that indomitable will to get to the net, to score and to win. Very little about Russell the soccer player has changed in three years. She is as fast and strong as ever. She simply cannot be knocked off the ball or off her feet. And her shots are still hard and true.

"There is nothing anybody can do to interrupt her focus or to break her

concentration," Forrester said. "She'll get hammered and just fight right on through it."

Also unchanged is Russell's unselfishness and her complete belief in "the team."

"My scoring so many goals and being named an All-American all reflects on the team," she said. "One person doesn't score a goal. It starts with the goalie making a save, and the defense pushing the ball to midfield and the midfielders getting the ball to the strikers. It isn't Jenny Russell scoring the goals. The whole team did it. Everybody is in on every goal. Everybody is in on every win."

When you see her play or hear her talk about soccer, you'll think it's the same old Jenny Russell. But if you happen to see her around town and

See RUSSELL, 2B



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**Eye on success:** Plymouth Canton's Paul Montresor swims the butterfly leg of the 400-yard Individual Medley relay. The Chiefs finished fifth in the event in 4:16.73.

# Salem takes WLAA Relays



The Plymouth Salem boys swimming team shocked even coach Chuck Olson Saturday by winning the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays.

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

It was a good day at the races Saturday for the Plymouth Salem boys swim team.

For the host Rocks it was win, place or show in all 10 events as they pulled a mild upset in winning the Western Lakes Activities Association Relays. The meet was sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Rotary Club.

Salem scored a team-high 245 points, 20 better than pre-meet favorite and defending champion Livonia Stevenson. Northville edged Plymouth Canton for third place, 204-202. See statistical summary.

"I'm pleased with the way things worked out, but the biggest surprise

is that we won," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "Last year was kind of a struggle for us, but this year we have more depth. We were a junior-sophomore-freshman team last year, but this year we're more experienced. We're more versatile and we can do a lot of different things."

The Rocks had only one first place finish — the 400-yard freestyle relay — where Joe Ervin, Dave Bracht, Ryan Petroskey and Aaron Berlin combined for a time of 3:32.7.

Salem added five second places and four thirds to get past the Spartans, who won a team-high four races.

"We're usually good in a relay meet like this, it's right up our line," Olson said. "It's a meet where it's easy to

make up a lineup."

Three meet records were set, two by Stevenson.

The Spartans' foursome of Alex Goecke, Eric Peterson, Chris Teeters and Gordy Gatewood won the 200-yard breaststroke relay in 1:57.37, breaking the mark held since 1983 by Livonia Churchill (2:00.20).

Goecke, Ryan Freeborn, Mike Gravina and Jeff Buckler also set a new WLAA standard in the 200-yard medley relay (1:41.94), breaking the 1990 mark held by Salem (1:46.60).

Westland John Glenn also got into the record-breaking act, winning the 200-yard backstroke relay in 1:47.55. The victorious foursome consisted of Matt Martin, Jeff Kolbas, Jon Ramesbottom and Cliff Bellinir. (Canton held the previous record of 1:49.64, set in 1988).

Stevenson also won the 400-yard medley relay as Freeborn, Ted Bur-

meister, Gravina and Buckler were clocked in 3:55.19. The foursome of Peterson, Gatewood, David Yun and Bob Innes added a first in the 200 freestyle relay (1:36.32).

"To beat Salem, Northville and North Farmington, we have to develop our youth," Stevenson coach Doug Buckler said. "Chuck (Olson) has so much depth. Right now there's no way we can beat them."

Churchill, meanwhile, pulled an upset in the 400-yard individual medley as Jon Carlson, Rob Grant, Jeff Danner and Mark Campbell were clocked in 4:02.81.

But the day belonged to Salem. "We don't have outstanding individual like a (Karl) Kozicki or a (Jon) Kershaw at North Farmington, a Martin at Glenn, or a Gatewood or Goecke at Stevenson," Olson said. "But we do have a lot who can compete. We're competitive."

# Haynes, Spano win at Salem Invite

Adrian won the eight-team Plymouth Salem Wrestling Invitational on Saturday, while Salem finished fifth and Canton came in eighth.

Adrian had a team-total of 233. Brighton came in second place with 197½ points, followed by Belleville (192), Holt (176¼), Salem (176), Romulus (133), Canton (106¼) and Ann Arbor Huron (93).

The Rocks had six medal winners with Phil Haynes being the only champion. Haynes won the 189-pound class with a 4-3 win over Adrian's Mark Martinez.

"We did a real good job," Salem

coach Ron Krueger said. "The teams in this field are right with the best in our league, some even higher."

Canton's sole champion was Nick Spano, who won the 135-pound class with a 15-0 win over Belleville's Darin Hamilton.

Phil Mitchell, John Svec and Wade Langdon each took home second-place finishes for Salem. Mitchell was pinned by Kevin Ladach (Romulus) in the final in 3 minutes, 16 seconds; Svec lost in overtime 8-6 in the 160-pound division to Mike Rochan (Belleville); Langdon lost 4-3 in the 171 championship to Jeremy Amrhein (Belleville).

The Rocks' Mark Burley was third at 125 after pinning in the consolation by Brett Smith and heavyweight Ryan Giuliani was third after beating Adrian's Rex Lester 4-2 in the consolation.

Salem's Brian Harreld took fourth place at 119 after being pinned by Adrian's Jeremy Palmer in 4:30 in the consolation.

Canton had three fourth-place finishers: Dave Smith (140), Ryan Conner (145) and Bill Buslepp (152).

Romulus' Joel Elam was Tournament Most Valuable Player.

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Krueger credited sponsors LOC Performance and Plymouth Rotary, along with the Salem Parents Group.



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get to talking about her life away from soccer, you will find a more open, more confident, more mature person: more of a Jennifer than a Jenny.

"Her first couple of years she would spend all her free time with her nose in a book," Forrester said. "She is still very intense about academics, but she has learned to find time to relax and enjoy life."

"In addition to soccer and building a 3.4 grade point average in health science, she spent three months in France, studying at University De Caen in Normandy, just a couple of hours west of Paris. While there she traveled and tasted life throughout Europe. As she said, you can't see it all in three months but she sure did try.

"When you are on your own in a

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Jenny Russell  
Canton graduate

foreign country, you learn to be more independent. You find out who you are and what you are capable of," she said. "I know what my goals are. I am more sure of myself and sure that I made the right career choice. I guess I've become an adult."

Hold on, Jenny the soccer player isn't finished yet. She won't

graduate until June of 1994 and she still has one year of eligibility left.

"I have a lot left to accomplish," she said. "I don't really set personal goals, but the team has. We want to return to nationals, make it to the final four and win it all."

Kazoo finished No. 2 in Rus-

sell's freshman season and was No. 6 the next year. After missing the playoffs last season and losing two veteran players to graduation, you might think that Russell would want to hoist the Hornets up on her back and carry them to the final four by herself.

But then again if you know Jennifer...

"My goal is to see how I can best fit in with the team to make it the best it can be," she said. "If that means not scoring and doing something else, fine. If it means scoring more, fine. However I can best fit the team is how I will play."

Easy to see why the label "All-American" fits her so well. About the only other one that comes as close is, "Coach's dream."



Jenny Russell

## Eagles fall

The Plymouth Christian boys basketball team lost both games it played in the Romulus Tournament.

The Eagles, who finished sixth, are 1-4 overall.

On Saturday, Lincoln Park defeated Christian 53-41. Jason Neil, a senior forward, scored 16 points with seven rebounds for Christian. Aaron Jones, a sophomore forward, added 10 points and five rebounds and Ryan Thomason had seven assists.

The Eagles lost to Dearborn Heights Annapolis 71-58 on Monday.

Neil again led the Eagles with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Ryan Bigelow had 13 points and Jones contributed 10.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1992

## ON THE MARQUEE

### Youth theater

Nancy Gurwin Productions is holding open auditions for the upcoming youth theater company. Ted E. Bear production of the musical "Beauty and the Beast," 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 and 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 in room 150 of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Auditions for boys and girls ages 8 to 17, singers, actors, dancers. There is a \$5 audition processing fee. Call Nancy Gurwin for more information, and an appointment 352-2797 or 354-0545. Show opens Feb. 17.

### Birmingham Theatre

Ray Cooney's riotous comedy "Two Into One," opens a five week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward, on Dec. 30 through Jan. 31. Tickets available at the Birmingham Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Call 644-3533.

### Plymouth Oratorio

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will begin its seventh season with rehearsals 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4. Rehearsals will be at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren, between Canton Center and Sheldon roads in Canton. The society is open to all interested singers without audition. Scores will be available at the first rehearsal. For information, call the director, Robert Pratt, 761-2991 or Mary Bozell, business manager, 455-6512.

### 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.

### Polish dinner

The American Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple at Dequindre, Troy, will present its traditional holiday celebration of "Opalek," with traditional foods and music, Sunday, Jan. 10. Cost is \$17.50 and includes dinner and refreshments. Call 689-3636 for reservations.

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## Lots of laughs in Attic production



Gordon Reinhart of Westland stars in the Attic Theatre presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," now playing at the Strand Theatre in downtown Pontiac.

If you're looking for some "good, clean, dirty fun," you'll enjoy Attic Theatre's presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," running through Jan. 10 at the Strand Theatre, 12 N. Saginaw in downtown Pontiac.

Directed by Thomas M. Suda, this mixture of low comedy and high lyrics tells the story of a rough slave who will be granted his freedom if he can secure his master's bride—a beautiful virgin who has been sold to a captain in the Roman Army. Words and music for this madcap musical comedy classic were written by Stephen Sondheim.

The cast features Bart Hansard as Pseudolus and Gordon Reinhart as Westland as his "partner-in-crime" Hysterium. A graduate of the Hillier Company, Hansard returns to Detroit from the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta, Ga.

Also in the cast are Maria Bortell of Plymouth, Harry Wetzel, Roy Denison, Nancy Lipschultz, Eric Parker, Hunter Foster of Troy, Barbara Coven, Livonia residents Brent Billock and Susan Felder, Wendy Shapiro of

Birmingham, and the zaniest chorus of singers and dancers ever assembled in an Attic Theatre production.

Musical direction is by Jim Hohmeyer, and choreography is by Patrick Brewis.

Lust and laughter make this particular world go round. "Forum's" hilarious ingredients include classic comedy bits, mistaken identities, and a wild chase scene with lots of doors.

There will be a special performance of the show on New Year's Eve followed by a "Toga Party" featuring food, drink, dancing and entertainment by the "Forum Five." The cost is \$75 per person, togas optional.

Regular performances run Wednesday through Sunday, with no performance on Christmas Eve, Christmas or New Year's Day. Talk back sessions with the director and cast take place after each Thursday evening performance.

To order tickets, or for more information on the New Year's Eve "Toga Party" call the Attic Box Office at 875-8284, the Strand Box Office at 335-8100 or any Ticketmaster outlet at 645-6666.



Musical comedy: Bart Hansard, left, and Maria Bortell in a scene from the Attic Theatre presentation of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

## First Night offers family fun New Year's Eve

Improved food service, expanded shuttle bus service, more participatory activities, open skating and ice shows at the Birmingham Ice Arena are what's new this year at First Night in Birmingham.

The alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Birmingham that starts at 4 p.m. and concludes with a midnight celebration in Shain Park is a festival of the arts.

A First Night admission button is

\$7 and allows you access to First Night Entertainment sites. Buttons can be purchased in advance at many locations in Birmingham including the Community House, Crowley's Birmingham store, and Birmingham city hall.

On New Year's Eve, buttons will be available in downtown Birmingham at the First Night Celebration Center on the corner of Pierce and Merrill, across from the Pierce Street parking

structure, Seaholm High School, First Presbyterian Church, and the Ice Arena. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call 540-6688.

There's entertainment for all ages and tastes including jazz Duetist Alexander Zonjic, Balalaika Orchestra of Detroit, Birmingham Village Players, Orpheus Barnes, storytellers, and comedy.

"We added the gym at Seaholm High School which provides more

seating. The food service menu has been expanded to include pizza, Italian sausage, chicken, and salad. The concession stand at the ice area will also be open," said Jill Riddle, First Night producer.

You can bring your own skates, or rent them at the arena which will offer open skating 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Todd Eldredge and the Detroit Skating Club "Ice Revue of '92" will present three shows at the arena.

## Jackie Mason to perform at George Burns Theatre

Comic Jackie Mason, one of the best-known figures from the golden age of television comedians, is coming to the George Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

He will present two shows, 8 p.m.

and 11:45 p.m. All seats are \$60. Tickets available at the theater box office, 33330 Plymouth Road at Farmington Road in Livonia, or at any Ticketmaster location. For more information, call the box office, 1-800-589-8000 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. Mason recently completed a stand-

ing-room-only run on Broadway at the Neil Simon Theatre. He was awarded a second Outer Critics Circle Award for the smash-hit show, which featured all new material on the topics of S & L's, John Gotti, airport security, Gorbachev, and Vice President Dan Quayle.

Born in Sheboygan, Wis., in 1934, and raised on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, Mason grew up surrounded by rabbis. His three brothers are rabbis. His father was a rabbi. So was his grandfather, and his great grandfather.

## SWIMMING

**WESTERN LAKES BOYS SWIM RELAYS**  
Saturday at Plymouth Salem

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Plymouth Salem, 245 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 229; 3. Northville, 214; 4. Plymouth Canton, 202; 5. North Farmington, 194; 6. Farmington, 129; 7. Livonia Churchill, 113; 8. Westland John Glenn, 100; 9. Farmington Hills, 99; 10. Walled Lake, 96.

**FINAL RELAY RESULTS**  
400-yard medley: 1. Stevenson (Ryan Freeborn, Ted Burmeister, Mike Gravin and Jeff Buckler), 3:55.19; 2. Farmington, 4:00.3; 3. Canton, 4:14.74; 4. N. Farmington, 4:26.34; 5. Northville, 4:31.61; 6. Farmington, 4:41.2; 7. Churchill, 4:43.55; 8. Churchill, 4:43.55; 9. Livonia (Joe Ervin, Dave

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# Welcome and celebrate the new year at area hotels

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**RADISSON PLAZA**  
Country New Year's Eve Party at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Town Center, 1500 Town Center, Southfield. Cost, \$139 per person, includes party and guest room. Entertainment by Lynn and the Rebels begins at 8 p.m. Party admission \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Dinner in Bouquets and Tango's, Karaoke all evening, jazz duo with Evelyn Martin in the Lobby Bar 4-8 p.m., Top 40 dance group starting at 8 p.m. at Tango's Bistro. Free pop for designated drivers. For reservations, call 827-4000.

**NORTHFIELD HILTON**  
Northfield Hilton, 5500 Crooks Road at 1.75. Try has three festive choices for New Year's Eve. Midnight Magic Celebration in the grand ballroom, starting at \$40 per person features cocktail party 8:30-9:30 p.m., live entertainment by "Reflections," 9 p.m.

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**THE RITZ-CARLTON**  
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**MATT BRADY'S**  
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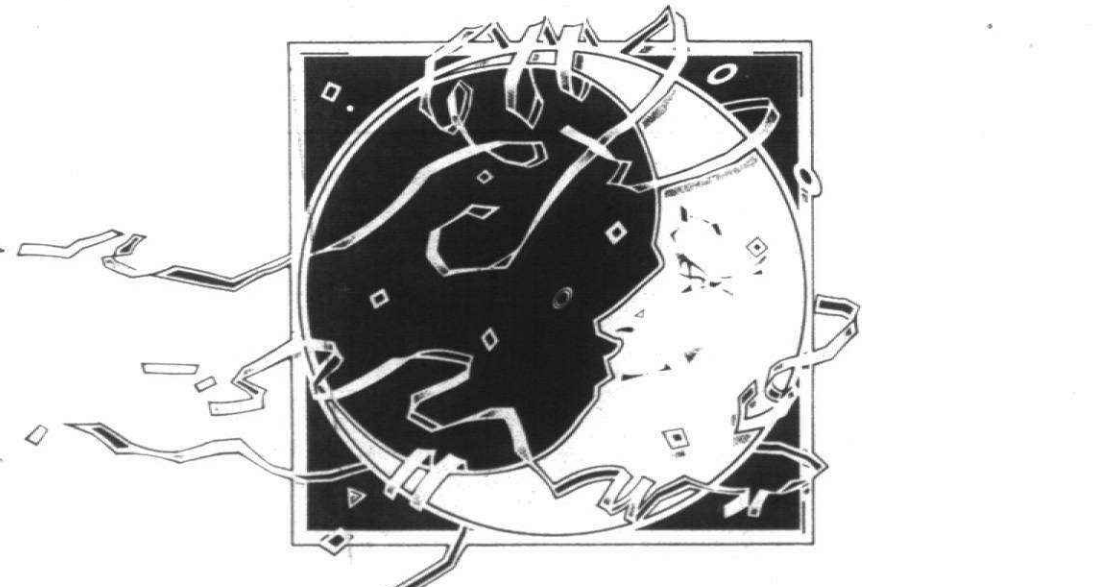
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Charlene Hansen

Ron Peterson of Westland headed a team responsible for developing and implementing an award-winning publicity campaign for Ross Roy Retail, one of the nation's leading retail marketing communications agencies. Peterson, vice president of Anthony M. Francis Inc., and his team created International Academy of Communications Arts & Sciences Silver Mercury Award winning Builders Square ad campaign featuring Tim Allen, star of the television show "Home Improvement."



Ron Peterson

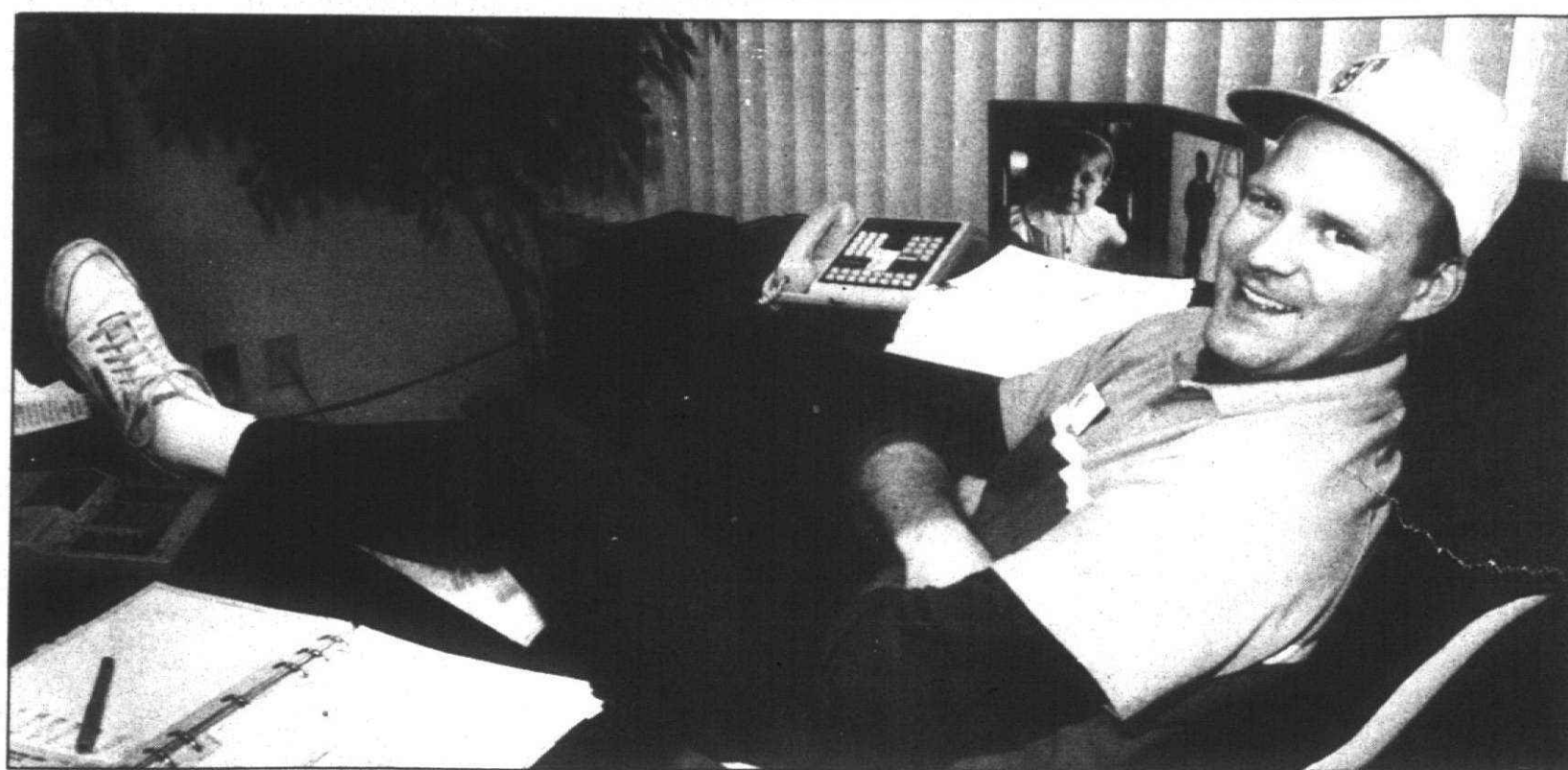
Gene Banka has recently joined the real estate office of RE/MAX West Inc. in Livonia as a realtor associate. Banka, a five-year veteran of the south Oakland western Wayne counties real estate picture, will serve the Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Westland, Novi and Northville areas.



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**Special delivery:** After years of hard work learning the trade, building trust and a little bit of luck, Tim Brown, owner of Metro Detroit Pizza, has emerged as one of the major players in the pizza wars.

## Brown puts pizza know-how to work

■ Tim Brown contends the pizza business is a fairly simple one, but running the second largest Domino's franchise in the country is not without its distractions.

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

Few people could come out of nowhere and virtually overnight become a key player in metropolitan Detroit's pizza wars.

But then, Tim Brown of Farmington Hills isn't just anybody, and he really didn't come from nowhere.

Brown, who prefers the title owner/training director to president of Metro Detroit Pizza Inc. in Livonia, acquired 45 Domino's Pizza franchises from Mississippi-based RPM Pizza in October to become the largest Domino's franchisee in Michigan and the second largest in the country. RPM Pizza, which owns more than

280 stores, including five in Michigan, remains the largest owner.

On the surface, Brown's good fortune seems like another case of being in the right place at the right time; even he admits "this whole opportunity for me was kind of a big surprise."

That would be oversimplification. Almost two years ago, when RPM made the decision to look for a buyer for its Detroit area stores, Brown transferred to Michigan to run the company's holdings here.

"The original plan was for Tom Monaghan to buy them (from RPM Pizza)," said Brown, who at the time was vice president of operations for RPM Pizza.

Brown had agreed to take over operations of the store while RPM Pizza and Monaghan worked out a purchase.

RPM Pizza chief executive officer Richard Mueller, president Glenn Mueller and Brown scheduled a

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## Brown: People will win the pizza war

BY GERALD FRAWLEY  
STAFF WRITER

The pizza wars will be won in the streets, not in the board rooms.

Tim Brown, owner and training director of Metro Detroit Pizza, the largest Domino's Pizza franchise in metropolitan Detroit and the second largest Domino's Pizza franchise in the country, believes this so strongly that he can be found working the rush at one of his 45 stores or riding shotgun on pizza delivery trips almost every weekend.

Brown, who had been vice president of operations for Mississippi-based RPM Pizza Inc. before acquiring the 45 stores said the main thrust of his job hasn't changed.

"People have been telling me, 'Gee, now that you own the stores, you can kick back,'" he said. "I must be doing something wrong because I'm working harder than I ever have."

Hard work for himself and continued training for his employees

will continue to be his highest priority. Part of the reason he works so hard is so he can gain a better understanding of what a Domino's employee faces every day.

"I'm constantly breaking down barriers between myself and the people who work for me."

In January, Brown plans to move his headquarters from Livonia to Farmington Hills so he will have adequate training facilities for employees. He personally teaches classes for his manage-

ment team. Training covers all aspects of running a Domino's; from dotting all the i's and crossing the t's on U.S. Immigration Department forms to how to make pizza crust.

"The pizza business is really a simple business, but there are a lot of variables that get thrown out that make it more difficult," he said. "You've got to make sure you don't spend more time on administrative details than on making a good pizza and getting it to the customer on time."

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meeting with Monaghan in August to discuss the agreement. At the meeting, Monaghan announced he had decided not to buy franchises.

"He said he thought it would be better to sell them to someone who wanted them and someone who was already in the market," Brown said. "And then he turned to me and said, 'Someone like Tim.'"

At first, Brown said he thought Monaghan was joking, but it became apparent it was not a joke.

There was a problem. The original arrangement with Monaghan involved an outlay of roughly half a million dollars in cash with additional payments paid to RPM over time, Brown said.

"I didn't exactly have the money. I had made some plans to purchase some franchises, but I was thinking five."

Monaghan "essentially agreed

to put up the money for me."

In a complex arrangement involving a loan, salary cap for himself and payments over several years, Brown went from RPM Pizza vice president, to Metro Detroit Pizza owner in a little over a month.

Glenn Mueller, president of RPM Pizza, said if anyone can make a go of it in the pizza business, it's Tim Brown.

"He's a great leader and he attracts great people," Mueller said. Many of the people hired by Brown over the years have gone on to become successful managers and franchise owners.

His ability to attract good people is perhaps his greatest asset. Mueller said he believes it was inevitable Brown would someday leave RPM Pizza to start his own company; it was really just a question of when.

"He'd already been in charge of

hundreds of stores (as vice president of operations)," Mueller said.

"(But) he's an entrepreneur at heart," Mueller said. Brown had already had a chance at starting a franchise operation in California, and RPM Pizza had plans for him to help out the company in the southern region. But when the opening came up in the Detroit area, it was exactly what Brown had been looking for.

"He really loves Detroit and the surrounding area. Brown began his career as a part-time delivery person 14 years ago while attending Ohio State University. He worked for RPM Pizza corporate for more than 10 years, moving up the ranks until he reached the position of vice president of operations for the corporation.

"I believe you can learn a lot about a person by how they play

sports," Mueller said.

"Tim plays them all; he's very competitive and he doesn't like losing," Mueller said. "But in the end, he won't cheat to win."

"He's always had very high standards for himself, his people and his customers," Mueller said. "He has this strong desire to be the best."

Brown, who plans to move his headquarters to Farmington Hills in January, said he will miss being part of RPM Pizza.

"I really enjoyed being part of the big picture (with a corporation), but I still wanted to see what I could do on my own."

Almost every weekend, Brown can be found at one of the stores he now owns, checking up on things, making pizza, taking phone calls, and even hopping in a car and delivering.

"It's the funnest part of the job."

## MARKETPLACE

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## Temporary help firms take on outsourcing

BY R.J. KING  
SPECIAL WRITER

Mail room employees, long stereotyped as know-it-alls who sit around reading the CEO's mail, are fast becoming models of efficiency.

The cause is outsourcing, where an outside vendor is brought in to perform the tasks of an in-house department. "Outsourcing allows companies to concentrate on their core business without having to worry about when to send mail out first-class or Federal Express," said Mike Usher, manager of EmploymentGroup in Troy, which specializes in outsourcing. "That process is left to us. We take the best of each mail room employee and incorporate that into all of our assignments. It's really a very efficient way to do business."

But there are drawbacks. In many cases, an outsourcer like EmploymentGroup brings in its own staff, meaning long-time employees may find themselves without jobs. If handled incorrectly, the switch can lead to internal morale problems, as employees who remain may harbor ill feelings toward an outsourcer and the company.

An administrative services manager for a large automotive

supplier in Farmington Hills, who requested anonymity, said he was concerned a recent outsourcing venture wouldn't work.

"Eighteen months ago we outsourced our mail department (of five employees), and my feeling at the time was that if this didn't pan out, we'd have to build it back up again," he said.

What's more, soon after the new staff was on board, a survey of employees revealed some were upset that jobs had been taken from local people, a common reaction when companies outsource support functions.

"We're trying to save money, but at the same time you realize some people had to be let go in order for this to work," said the manager. "When we did a second survey, people were more apt to comment on better distribution and efficiency."

The manager added, that by outsourcing, the company was able to reduce its annual mail-distribution costs by 20 percent. And while one mail-room employee switched to the new staff, four others were offered help in finding new jobs.

Founded in 1958, EmploymentGroup has been a regional player in the temporary service industry, with seven offices

spread throughout Michigan. The company, which had revenues of \$15 million last year, also operates a branch in Louisville, Ky. In the last 10 years, the firm has slowly built up its outsourcing placement, especially in mail rooms, copy centers and data processing departments.

Today 12 to 14 percent of the firm's 4,000 temporary employees work in outsourcing capacities. Kelly Services, a large temporary help firm in Troy, is also offering outsourcing services, though the company is a recent player.

The clearest benefit of outsourcing is cost reduction. A firm with a mail-room department of five to seven employees, making three delivery/pick-up rounds and handling 15,000 pieces of incoming mail a day, can save anywhere from \$30,000 to \$50,000 a year by outsourcing.

The majority of those savings stem from lower personnel costs. Not only do companies save on the eliminated hourly wages and salaries, but also on employee benefits. Specialization also leads to cost savings. An outsourcer, through different assignments, can transfer any efficiencies it comes across — like pre-sorting mail by ZIP code — from client to client.

claim with those claimed by other taxpayers in your income category. Each tax return is then given a score. Ten percent of all tax returns — those with the highest scores — are reviewed by IRS examiners who are responsible for deciding which returns would be audited.

The CPAs point out that there are no sure-fire ways to avoid an IRS audit of your tax return. But you can reduce your chances of an audit if you report all income, attach to your return an explanation about any unusual items and review your return and all schedules to be certain they are completed properly.

## Chances of audit: 10 percent

If the New Year is just around the corner, tax time mustn't be far behind.

The Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of CPAs recommends that even before you start your tax forms you take the time to understand who gets audited and why. Here's a few facts regarding audits:

■ The higher your income, the greater the likelihood of your tax return being among the million that are audited out of the 100 million that are filed.

■ Although two-thirds of all tax returns filed are in the 1040 family, the IRS allocates more of its resources to looking at non-1040

returns such as those for S corporations, gift taxes, estates and regular corporations because the IRS has found these groups to be less likely to be in compliance with the tax law than others and are more likely to owe a hefty sum of back taxes.

■ Your chances of being audited are higher if you are self-employed, have cash income, deduct excessive travel and entertainment business expenses, receive alimony payments, claim high charitable deductions or were previously audited.

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## FAMILY LIFE



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## On-site child care records big success

Call it corporate kiddie care or corporate-employee cooperatives. Whatever the terminology used, more large corporations and businesses are jumping on the on-site child care bandwagon.

In western Wayne County, big business including some hospitals, already have on-site child care. Although the numbers are under 10, others are beginning to research the feasibility of bringing young children aboard.

Convenience is a favor factor for employed parents and for some corporations, a strategic resolution to employee absence and an incentive to be more productive.

However, on-site child care also has been viewed as a frivolous, inappropriate, out-of-place, not-cost-effective venture in the eyes of some employers. Sure, it may have some drawbacks, depending on particular circumstances, such as not having adequate space and the nature of the business.

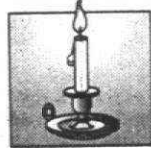
Perhaps the most common issue revolves around insurance liabilities. Chances are that further investigation may prove positive enough to pursue start-up and get beyond that point.

See FAMILY ISSUES, 2C

## Marian sites attract believers

■ A local couple is among those who have traveled to Georgia, where visions of religious figures have been reported.

BY DIANE HANSON  
SPECIAL WRITER



"This is real; this is absolutely real," said Lois LaPointe, a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. "You know, I've had that faith for all those years. It's just something I've grown up with. But it came alive there. I think that it does bring your faith to life."

That was how she felt the presence of Mary, the mother of Jesus, during her first trip to a Marian site in Conyers, Ga., in August.

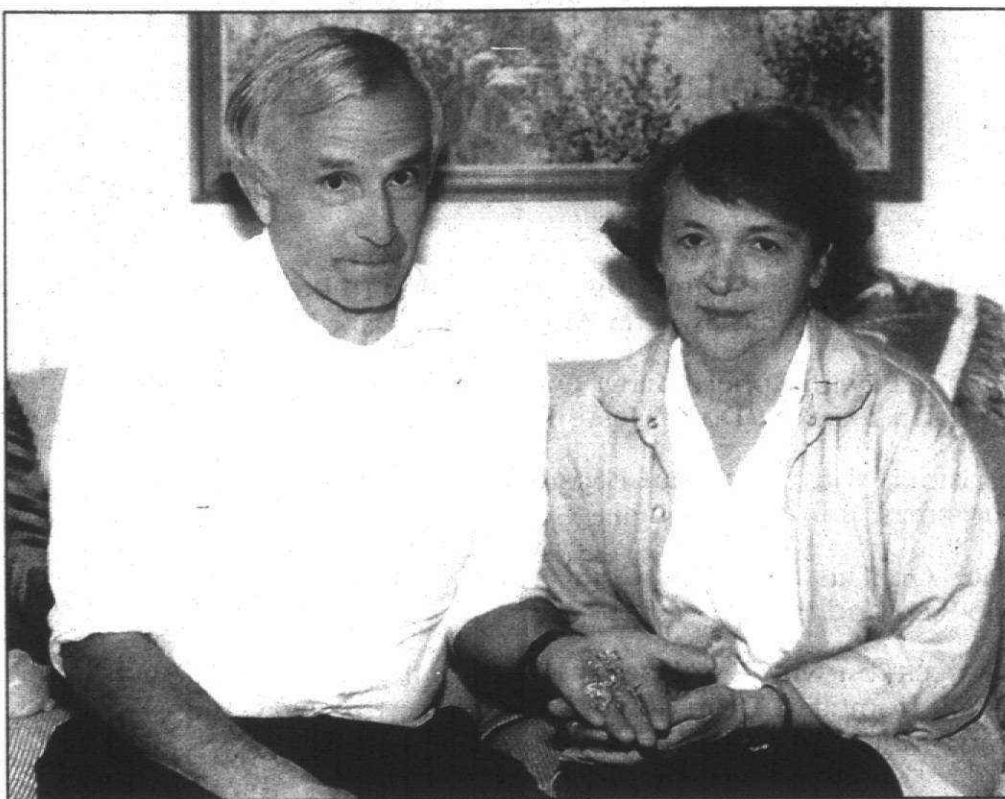
"It brought the Bible to life," she said. "It was a very strong feeling — a knock-you-over kind of feeling. I knew it was real. She was there."

Since then, she and her husband Bruce, an engineer at the Ford Motor Co., have returned on the 13th of each month to hear the message the visionary allegedly receives from Mary for the entire U.S.

Visions of the blessed Virgin and of Jesus reportedly began appearing to Nancy Fowler, a Georgia homemaker, in 1987. Daily visions include personal messages to her but the message for the United States on the 13th of each month ranges from ending abortion to a call for mankind to return to prayer and to church.

According to Bruce, the archbishop in Atlanta is supportive of the apparitions.

"People down there are really behind this," he said. "When you go there, you know that something spiritual is going on and you know she's there. You can feel her being there."



DIANE HANSON

Rosary: Bruce and Lois LaPointe of Plymouth hold a rosary that literally turned a golden color while they were at a Marian site in Georgia.

### Color change

Along with the strong feelings, there are other occurrences at Conyers that even the skeptics have difficulty explaining. One of the phenomena that believers say indicates Mary's presence is of rosaries turning a golden color.

LaPointe's mother went to Conyers with her daughter and son-in-law in September. Always devoted to Mary (she says the rosary every day), she asked the LaPointes to take her rosary to the "Holy Hill" where it is believed that anything brought there and laid on the altar will be blessed.

"As she dumped it into my hand, I said to my wife 'Look, Lois, it's turning colors; it's turning to gold,'" Bruce said. "Right in front of our eyes. We couldn't believe it. It made you feel just unbelievable."

LaPointe said she could feel warmth coming from the rosary as it changed.

"At first, it had just a few blotches of gold on the crucifix and on the Madonna in the center and the chain was sort of gold and it just got darker," she said. "The Crucifix turned completely golden. This was really real."

Some of the rosaries have been ex-

amined by jewelers and gemologists who can offer no explanation for the occurrences.

Other phenomena reported at Conyers are of the sun dancing, like a rhythmic flashing star, and of the strong scent of roses that only some people smell. The LaPointes' son and daughter-in-law experienced the strong scent of roses on a gust of wind while accompanying their parents on one of their pilgrimages. It's believed to be a blessing, according to LaPointe.

See MARIAN SITES, 5C

## Change comes: Politics charts course in stars

In January, astrologer Evelyn Button made several general predictions before looking at each of the signs of the Zodiac. Among them was that interest rates would continue to fall to unprecedented lows and that there would be some seismic activities around the Hawaiian Islands. She had the right location but the wrong disaster; it was a hurricane that hit the island of Kauai.

Another one proved to be fateful: "The elections of 1992 will bring some real surprises. The mood of the country is very challenging and the Bush Administration will be burning the midnight oil."

Now, Button takes a look at politics in the United States and what the future holds for President-elect Bill Clinton.

BY EVELYN BUTTON  
SPECIAL WRITER

The world is in a cycle of great changes which are being dictated by the grand conjunction of Uranus and Neptune. Historically, the last time we had such a celestial event was 171 years ago. The union of these two planets means change. How fascinating that the key word for the last several years has been and continues to be "change."

Looking back into history we find it was the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, which in time changed the way we lived and earned our living. The election of Bill Clinton, the first and only, Leo, elected, as president may serve as an interesting bit of information.

There is an old Chinese curse that says, "May you live in interesting times." Looking back to the fall of the Soviet Union, the Berlin Wall, the many new leaders who have taken office throughout the world, it becomes an easy task to predict that none of the old world governments will continue with business as usual, and this includes China. With changes comes resistance, and fear of the unknown, giving the curse of "may you live in interesting times" some real present-day meaning.



Incoming: Bill Clinton



Outgoing: George Bush

The exact conjunction of these two planets takes place Feb. 2, Aug. 20 and Oct. 24, 1993, in the sign of Capricorn. Uranus joined Neptune in this sign February 1988. The history of the last few years is fresh in your minds, so I won't take the time to review it other than to remind you of the changes that all started in Poland and went on from there.

This planetary union has a more graphic description, "dissolving of structure." By taking and applying it to our economy, glaring proof is General Motors, the world's largest corporation.

I'm sure the unemployed and those who fear reorganization in their own companies can attest to hundreds of other examples. Most, if not all, can identify to changes in our personal lives and the reason so many of us have found it to be difficult is our reluctance to leave the status quo.

### Momentous occasion

All events which include the birth of a child, a nation, a business have a beginning; that moment in time is examined to determine where the planets in the universe were at that momentous occasion. This is then called your chart or horoscope. There are many books written to explain the principles of this ancient practice; it is enough for me to say that astrology is really a study of cycles and the angles being made to the planets.

The United States has a birth chart, July 4, 1776; thus its sun sign is Cancer. The fun part of astrology is checking the compatibility of the candidate's charts with that of the U.S. This helps to better understand how well they handle and cope with the problems of our country.

Interestingly enough, George Bush, a Gemini, had some difficult contacts to the U.S. chart. This was determined by examining all 10 planets and their relationship to the U.S. when he was elected. Many of us felt he would be a war president, and indeed he was!

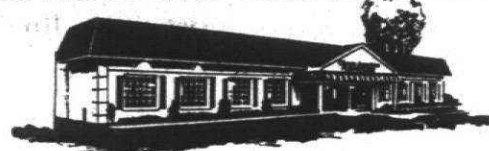
President Bush was the right man for the time he served but the wrong man to bring about the changes that have to be and will come. Many of you will recall, no matter how hard he tried during his campaign, he was blocked in some way so that he could not get his message across. The final straw was the Iran-Contra affair.

Ross Perot proved to be very interesting in the compatibility process. He, like the U.S., has a Cancer sun sign.

The planets in astrology are all assigned meanings. In an attempt to help you better understand my conclusions from the astrological

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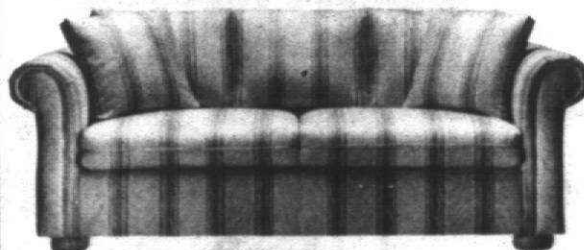
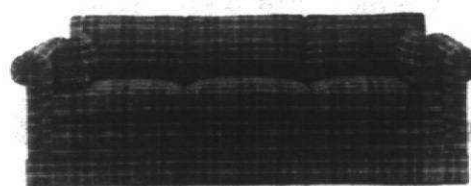
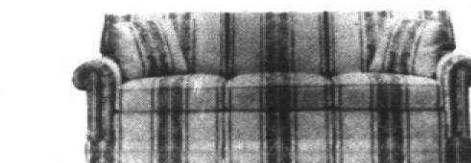
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# Keenans have a pleasing way of playing bridge

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"We need a reason to speak, but none to be silent." — Thomas Fuller

"If you generously consent to share your happiness, you will be envied a little, but forgiven for having so much." — Emily Dickinson

It seems to me that Tom and Mary Jane Keenan, now of Rochester Hills but earlier of the east side, personify much that is most delightful about our game. Both enjoy a quiet way of playing which lends to a very pleasant environment, but I know of no partnership participating that is more pleasing to oppose.

On occasion, Tom has been unjustly accused of giving opponents his silent, studious stare, but that's his disguise for hiding a wonderful sense of humor. As Tom readily acknowledges, "Mary Jane's vivacious fun-loving charm is just enough for our partnership, and anything I could add would contribute little." With a twinkle, Tom will quietly tell you that years ago he agreed to stay out of the kitchen and, in return, Mary Jane was made captain of the team.

The duplicate world was handsomely membered when four or five years ago the Keenans made the transition from party bridge to our game. That decision has resulted in the Keenans rapidly gathering sufficient points to be crowned life masters at the Bowling Green sectional in the summer of '91.

Today's hand is one of those, how high do you go successfully? The Keenans handled it quite nicely at Dave and Judy Buskirk's Saturday-night Summit Mall club game.

Mary	E	Tom	W
1♦	—	1♥	—
2♠	—	3♠	—
4♣	—	4♥	—
4NT	—	5♦	—
6♠	—	—	—

N/S vulnerable

♠ 8 4	♥ 6 3	♦ 9 8 6 4 2	♣ K 8 7 5
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♠ A Q 10 9	♥ K 9	♦ A Q 10 7	♣ A 10 2
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Mary	W	E	Tom
♠ K J 7 5	♥ A Q J 10 5	♦ J	♣ 6 4 3

♠ 6 3 2	♥ 8 7 4 2	♦ K 5 3	♣ Q J 9
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E. led ♠ Q

Mary Jane bid her handsome 19 high card hand superbly. Many have a tendency to bid two no trump on North's second call (which also shows 18-19 H.C.P.), but unless you play check backs, the Keenans might have missed the superb spade fit. Once Tom rebid his hearts after showing the spade fit, Mary Jane was slam bound holding key (quick-taking tricks) high cards. She knew her heart king was priceless.

East's opening lead could be expected, but it left no room for error. At trick (2), the diamond ace and a diamond ruff. At trick (4-5), the spade king and a spade to the ace for a second diamond ruff with the spade jack. At (7), dummy's low heart to the king and extract East's last trump. Run the hearts in dummy pitching a diamond and two clubs. In all, Mary Jane won six spades, five hearts and two minor suit ace for 13. Tom wondered why she didn't bid it if she could play that good, but no one was in seven and only one other declarer matched Mary Jane's technique. Surprisingly, half the field wasn't in the fine slam, which just goes to show you how important your confidence in partner's bids must be to succeed.

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.

## Voices

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Willard of Northville and Bill and Shirley Morgan of Garden City. He has a "big" brother, Sean Morgan, 3.

JAMES and JOANNE GRAY of Canton announce the birth of MELISSA KATHLEE Nov. 13 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has a "big" sister, Michelle, 18 months old.

MICHAEL and SUSAN KELLER of Northville announce the birth of JEFFREY MICHAEL and JULIE SUZANNE Oct. 20 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. They have a "big" sister, Amy. Grandparents are Bob and Joan Snyder of Livonia and Harry and Jane Keller of Grand Island, N.Y. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ashley of Adrian and Evelyn Keller of East Tawas.

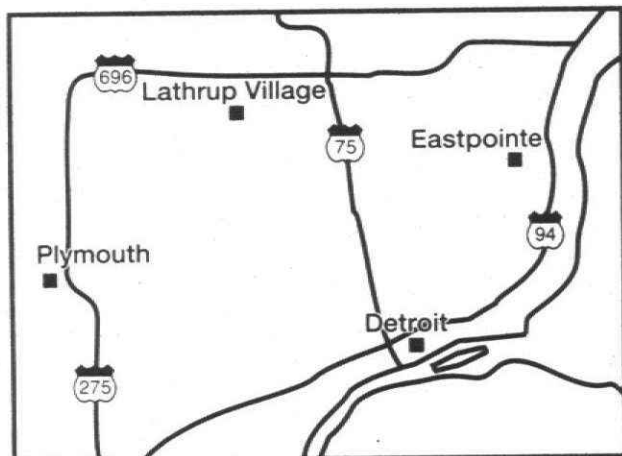
JON and CORINNE CHILDS of Ann Arbor announce the birth of ERIC PARIS Oct. 3 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Mary and Eric Childs of Plymouth.

JOHN and RITA MARZEC of Livonia announce the birth of NICHOLAS JACOB July 22 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Stephanie Guzik and John and Sophie Marzec, all of Detroit.

TOM and TERESA ZIGMAN of Westland announce the birth of LAUREN ELIZABETH Nov. 18 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Grandparents are John Efemenko and Paul and Therese Zigman, all of Garden City.

RICK and JULIE McCOY of Redford announce the birth of COLLEEN MARIE Nov. 6 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. She has a "big" sister, Janelle, 2. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James McGrath of South Lyon and Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCoy of Redford.

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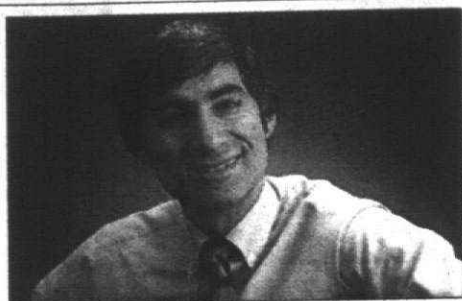
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## Newburg Cemetery a Livonia treasure

Until two years ago, Father Time was wreaking havoc at the tiny graveyard. Weeds, branches, toppled markers and faded inscriptions had begun to crowd out the lush history permeating Livonia's Newburg Cemetery, which dates back to 1827.

So it's none too soon two local history-minded groups have come to the rescue.

In October, the Elmwood Station chapter landed a \$1,200 grant from the Michigan Questers to restore the Grand Army of the Republic memorial. Two small American flags flank the badly tarnished limestone monument, standing at attention near the cemetery center.

In 1991, the Livonia City Council approved a multi-year plan to repair up to 180 fallen or cracked tombstones, many century-old ones made of limestone. For example, the headstone at the grave of Mary Robinson, who died at 14 in 1865, lays on the ground in three pieces.

Simpson Granite of Detroit will do all the restoration work.

"Newburg Cemetery is the pride and joy of Livonia as far as local history goes," says Livonia Historical Commission member Gary Pritchard, a Civil War buff. "It not only is the final resting place for some of Livonia's original settlers but also soldiers from the Revolutionary War all the way to the Korean War."

Louisa Wilson, who died in 1890, is the daughter of a Revolutionary War veteran, James King, who died in 1927, served with the 20th Michigan Company B in the Civil War. Michiganian Wallace Vigeant, who died in 1918, was a first sergeant with the 160 Depot Brigade in World War I.

### Reminder of pioneer era

The burial grounds, on Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh, grew around the grave of Salmon Kingsley Jr., a Revolutionary War veteran who died in 1827.

"In the century that followed, three other Revolutionary War veterans, more than 50 Civil War veterans and other early residents were buried here in these grounds, a treasured reminder of the pioneer era," offers a state historic marker.

The Paw Paw-based J. & R. Ryder Post erected the GAR monument at Newburg in 1903 to honor all Civil War veterans, including John and Alfred Ryder, two Livonia brothers killed at Gettysburg in 1863.

John, killed on the first day of battle while fighting with the 24th Michigan Infantry, is buried at Gettysburg. Alfred, who died four days later from wounds inflicted while fighting with the 1st Michigan Cavalry, is buried at Newburg.

"The Ryders were from a pretty prominent Livonia family. In fact, about a third of one company of the 24th was made up of men from Livonia recruited by Lt. Col. William Wright, himself buried at Livonia Cemetery," said Gary Pritchard, a member of the 17th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, a Civil War re-enactment group.

### Historical sources eyed

The Questers, a group dedicated to historical preservation and restoration, will replace the middle of the GAR monument with granite panels. The area contains an inscription on all four sides. "We can make out words on three of the sides but the fourth side is illegible," said local Quester Sandi Pritchard.

Her chapter is on the lookout for old pictures or other sources that might reveal the original phrasing on the monument. Call Pritchard at 522-2033.

The local Questers adopted Newburg Cemetery after visiting historic Livonia Cemetery on Farmington Road in mid-1990.

On a later visit to Newburg, "Sandi and I noticed it was in bad shape, other than basic mowing," said Livonia resident Andrea Schult, chapter president. "That's when we decided to recommend adopting Newburg."

Since then, the Questers have invested 60 hours in cleanup there.

The monument, Sandi Pritchard said, "is real important to the people of Livonia because it's the only one in the city dedicated to the GAR. It should be preserved for future generations."

Salmon Kingsley's son, Joseph, donated land to the Newburgh Union Cemetery Society in 1832 to establish the cemetery, the first in what became Livonia Township. Joseph died at age 76 in 1855 and is buried next to his father near the newly painted front gate.

Remarkably, Salmon's headstone is still upright and legible. The inscription is faded but "loving husband" and "generous friend" are quite clear.

The city is mid way through an \$18,000 tombstone and fence improvement project at Newburg. "Two years ago, we completed a similar project at Clarenceville Cemetery, which goes back to the 1840s," said Sue Daniel of the Livonia Historical Commission and Livonia Historic District Preservation Commission.

Bob Sklar is assistant managing editor for special projects. To leave a message for him, call 953-2113.



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**'But people have to look long-term. Exposing youths to the arts may not pay off now, but it will in 15 years when those children are working in our communities.'**

## Arts funding

### New director calls it 'humanist relief' effort



Plymouth Community Arts Council's new executive director, Christine Ilas, brings to the job a multi-goal operational plan for arts fund-raising, promotion and education. She'll oversee a \$100,000 annual budget.

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER  
SPECIAL WRITER

Fund-raising will be the greatest challenge for Christine Ilas, the new executive director of the 23-year-old Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Ilas, 28, of Plymouth Township, took over the part-time job, one of PCAC's two paid positions, on Nov. 30. The volunteer-driven group has 250 members and an annual operating budget of \$100,000, which comes from fund-raisers, memberships, grants and donations.

Kathy Savitskie, the outgoing director, will join PCAC's subcommittee, Celebrate the Arts. The goal of this ambitious fund drive is to raise \$765,000 needed to convert a Wayne County parks garage into the Wilcox Mill Arts Center. The proposed regional arts complex, at Wilcox Road and Edward Hines Drive, eventually will be PCAC's headquarters.

Ilas, who also runs her own company called Mindsight Marketing, admits the council's fund-raising goals are ambitious but necessary to make up for recent cuts in state funding to the arts.

For 1991-92, PCAC received a \$1,900 Michigan Council for the Arts grant, down \$400 from a year earlier. In past years, the state grant has averaged \$7,000.

"The more I can involve other people in the council's work, the more effective I'll be," said Ilas.

Husband Matt, a free-lance video cameraman, says "part-time work for her is 38 hours a week." The con-

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tract only calls for 25.

"We're lucky to have Christine," said Dianne Quinn, arts council president. "With her strong marketing and arts background, she's just what we need to bring new ideas to the council."

Ilas, who has a journalism degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio, says her arts background is different from others who've held this position.

Formerly sales director for the Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills, Ilas says her first love is music. Through college, she played piano for the men's chorus (where she met Matt), taught voice and performed as a church organist.

"My work background is business-related. I've never been a paid artist but because music has made

such a difference in my life, I'm passionate about the arts," she said.

Most of all, the new director wants visual and fine arts to be available to more than just the talented minority.

"Art develops our creative side and teaches us to look at things differently. When we get into the habit of looking at things from all sides, we become better thinkers and creative problem solvers," said Ilas.

That brings her to the subject of fund-raising, a tough thing to mention in a listless economy.

She admits it's difficult asking for money to support the arts when other groups are knocking on the same doors seeking donations for the homeless.

"There's no comparison between the survival of the arts and the homeless situation — one is critical and the other isn't," she said. "But people have to look long-term. Exposing youths to the arts may not pay off now, but it will in 15 years when those children are working in our communities. Funding the arts is the greatest humanist relief effort."

Ilas, who has a two-year contract,

has six long- and short-term goals:

■ Try alternative fund-raising. With cuts in state funding, members will look for financial support from individuals, corporations and grants.

■ Continue the western Wayne County membership drive. PCAC will recruit from surrounding areas such as Northville, Livonia and Canton. Ilas believes the development of the Wilcox Mill Arts Center will make the council more visible to neighboring towns.

■ Stabilize the organization. Since most of the group's efforts have gone to Celebrate the Arts, Ilas wants to re-focus on their primary purpose: to promote the arts through education and to make it available to the community through classes, shows, concerts and art rental.

■ Bring more visual arts to the community. The group will continue its afternoon family concerts at the Penn Theater through March. In February, folk singer Josh White Jr. will perform at a dinner theater in the Mayflower Hotel.

■ Educate through the arts. PCAC will continue to fund Picture Lady/Music Appreciation in area elementary schools. They'll try to bring back independent study scholarships and teacher grants for arts projects at the elementary, junior high and high school level. Both programs were lost when state funding was cut.

■ Encourage teamwork among area arts groups. Instead of competing, Ilas wants local arts groups to work together in the areas of promotions and membership drives.

To contact the Plymouth Community Arts Council, call 455-5260 between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays. PCAC offices are at 332 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

### Christine Ilas' goals

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- Stabilize the organization by refocusing on promoting the arts.
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## Livonia gallery spotlights decorative arts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

When Linda Hansen decided to open a decorative arts gallery in Livonia, it was with one thought: to introduce Observerland artists and crafters to the community.

If you're in the market for a one-of-a-kind gift, you'll find stained glass, textured art jewelry, airbrush art, scratchboard portraits, woodcarvings, baskets, handpainted clothing for children and adults, and wreaths made from dried herbs to grapevines at Unique Gifts by Reflections of

You, 36103 Plymouth at Levan, in L.A. Plaza.

The new shop opened Oct. 20 with handmade gift items as well as additional services, including commissioned designs in stained glass by Hansen of Livonia and pet portraits by Duane Nash of Redford Township.

"I decided to open a shop because I wanted to supply the community and artists with an alternative to craft shows," Hansen said. "Some people love to buy things made by hand but don't like going to craft shows. At craft shows, it's usually so crowded,

people don't have the opportunity to browse. Here, they can take their time."

Hansen prides herself on showing only Michigan artists, most of them from Livonia, Westland, Redford Township, Dearborn Heights, Farmington Hills and Novi.

"There's a lot of talented people in the community. I feel the community would like to have the opportunity to see and purchase their work," Hansen said.

Originally, Hansen had planned to open a shop featuring her stained

glass creations along with the work of three to four other glass artists.

Thinking the plan would limit the shop's versatility, Hansen brainstormed till she arrived at a solution to offer a variety of handmade crafts and stained glass.

"I think it could be a signature landmark for Livonia, for the artists, for the people to see what artists in the area do," said Pat Lea of Livonia.

Lea's woodcarvings of Santa Claus and whimsical Christmas

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### IN FOCUS

Photo works by Mari Gilardone of White Lake are on exhibit through January at Nelson's Gallery, 16375 Middlebelt, Livonia.

The Artist of the Month exhibit showcases more than 50 pieces of American and European scenes, from a Renaissance Center sunset in downtown Detroit, to woods in Mancelona, to hay bales in Georgia, to horses in a California field to a wharf in Italy.

Photos are in black and white and color, framed and unframed and of varying sizes. Prices

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range from \$18 to \$500.

"Some of the black and white pictures were shot with infrared film with incredible results," said Laura Hardy, gallery director. "A picture of railroad tracks almost makes you feel like you're in the twilight zone. It draws you right in."

Hardy underscored the "creativity in all her pictures. She's got a natural talent for doing what she's doing — and it's obvious."

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

### YOUNG ARTISTRY

The public may attend Livonia Symphony Orchestra's 15th annual young artist competition 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 16-17, in Kresge Hall at Madonna University, Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia.

The competition covers two main areas: instrumental and vocal. First-place winners receive \$1,000 each; second-place winners, \$500 each.

The competition is open to all Michigan instrumental, piano and vocal students younger than 25 who aspire toward a classical music career. Previous experience as a soloist is not required.

Three judges will grade the students on musicianship, technique and stature.

For more information, call the LSO 24-hour hotline (458-6575) or the LSO office (421-1111) 1-4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.



# Spring '94 opening eyed for Wilcox Mill Arts Center

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER  
SPECIAL WRITER

When the Plymouth Community Arts Council began to suffer growing pains, its board of directors found a remedy. Until last year, the volunteer-driven group had worked mostly to promote the arts through education, exhibits and concerts.

Then last fall, the 250-member organization took on the biggest challenge of its 23-year history: to convert a Wayne County parks garage, at Wilcox Road and Edward Hines Drive, to a regional arts complex called Wilcox Mills Arts Center.

Plans call for the 4,200-square-foot building (once a water-driven mill owned by Henry Ford I) to house classrooms, an art gallery, a rental/consignment shop and offices. The target opening is spring 1994.

To make sure PCAC's primary work and new goals get equal attention, the council has divided into three groups:

■ The executive director, to administer arts programs and handle council business.

■ Celebrate the Arts, the committee set up to raise \$765,000, PCAC's portion of the renovation cost.

■ Building committee, the hands-on group (including a local architect, attorney, banker, builder and city commissioner) organized to oversee the renovation of the 69-year-old structure.

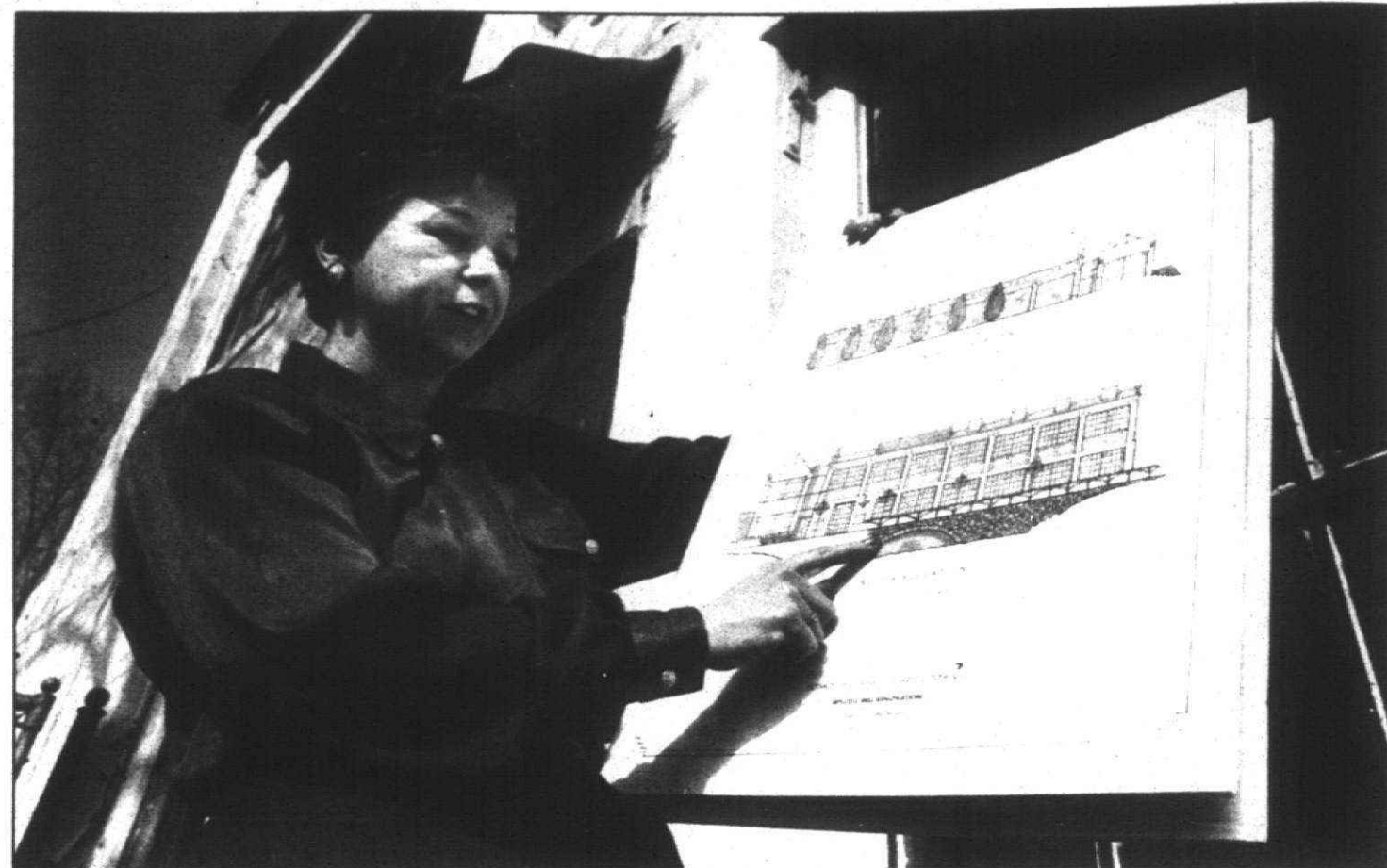
"Wilcox Mill is a big, aggressive building project," said Kathy Savitskie, the council's former executive director who now works on Celebrate the Arts. "In the past year, fund-raising and building plans have taken so much time, we knew (the council) had to be divided."

Christine Ilas, PCAC's new executive director, agrees with the reorganization: "Our goal is to make sure that our regular programs and the mill project get the same emphasis."

So far, Celebrate the Arts has raised \$150,000 from a \$50,000 Ford Motor Co. grant and individual and business donations. The council hopes an aggressive fund drive planned for this spring will bring the remaining \$615,000. In this second campaign, fund-raisers will contact major corporations and emphasize grant applications "to get the full amount," said Savitskie.

Meanwhile, the building committee will review architectural plans submitted by Quinn-Evans Architects in Ann Arbor and hire a construction manager.

In January, the committee will meet with the Plymouth Planning Commission to get building plans approved. Before renovation starts, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will do soil tests and engineers will check the old mill to make sure it can tolerate the renovation.



Refurbished look: Kathy Savitskie, now a member of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Celebrate the Arts subcommittee, displays architectural renderings of the planned Wilcox Mill Arts Center at the site of a Wayne

County parks garage. The garage is in the former Plymouth Plant of Henry Ford I's water-powered-village industry network during the '20s, '30s and '40s.

## EXHIBITIONS

Send calendar items about Oakland County art gallery exhibitions to *The Observer*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Send items about Wayne County exhibitions to *The Observer*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Attention: Creative Living editor.

### CLARE SPITLER WORKS OF ARTS

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.

### LEMBERG GALLERY

To Dec. 26 — Works by acclaimed artists Chuck Close, Mimmo Paladino, Steven Sormann, Sam Francis, Bruce Houston, Frank Stella, David Gilhooly and Robert Motherwell, and area artists Holly Branstner, Douglas Semivan and Steven Murakish. 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

To Dec. 27 — The first one-person show of award-winning American expressionist Ali Galkar. Musical instruments are often 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.

### WORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY

To 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.

### CAROL HOOBERMAN GALLERY

To Dec. 31 — "Gifts Galore," offering gifts of handcrafted ceramics, jewelry, blown glass, wood and fiber in every price range for those who want to be original. 124 S. Woodward, Suite 12, Birmingham.

### INDUSTRY

To 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

To 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. Sunday. 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin. 851-9949.

### GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

To 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 delightful figurative bronzes by Doris Krusz. Also featured are rich jewel tone serigraphs by Rita Asfara. The gallery is at 390 E. Maple in Birmingham. Call 546-8505.

### SYRANIS GALLERY

To 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.

ing. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or by appointment, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak.

### SWIDLER GALLERY

To 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

To Dec. 31 — 17th annual holiday show, "Objects of Wonder and Delight," featuring a group show of soap turners and platters and mechanical toy sculptures in the folk art tradition by Ann Wood and Dean Lucker. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. 104 Fisher Building.

### ATRIUM GALLERY

To 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 Johnston of Farmington Hills. Also: handmade ornaments, clear crystal, blown glass, fiber, carved wood. 109 N. Center, Northville. Call 349-4131.

### HABATAT GALLERIES

To 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

To 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.

## Exhibit is on Croatia

The Croatian Community of Southeast Michigan and contemporary Croatian artists, in cooperation with the Dearborn Community Arts Council, are hosting an art exhibit about war-ravaged Croatia at Henry Ford Centennial Library.

All proceeds will benefit Croatian orphans, the Academy of Fine Arts and the Institute for the Protection of Cultural Monuments, Zabreb, Croatia. Admission is free. The library is at 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn.

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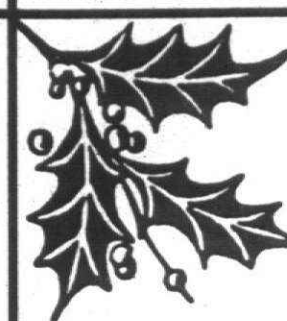
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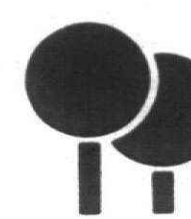
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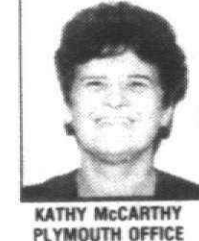
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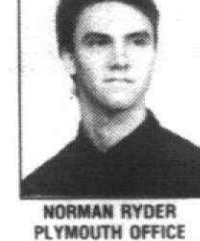
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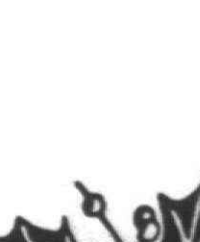
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## Reflections from page 1D



Nature art: Redford Township artist Duane Nash combines airbrush and scratchboard to create this young Oriole. Nash also takes commissions for pet portraits.

trees named Mr. Tree are on consignment at Reflections of You.

"I think it's a nice shop. It's been needed for a long time because it's a shop that's devoted totally to local artists," Lee said. "I am an artist. I don't want to be bothered with selling my work. I want to carve."

Denise Marx grows oregano, marjoram, lemon balm, dill, parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme in the back yard of her Livonia home to handcraft the originally designed wreaths at Reflections of You.

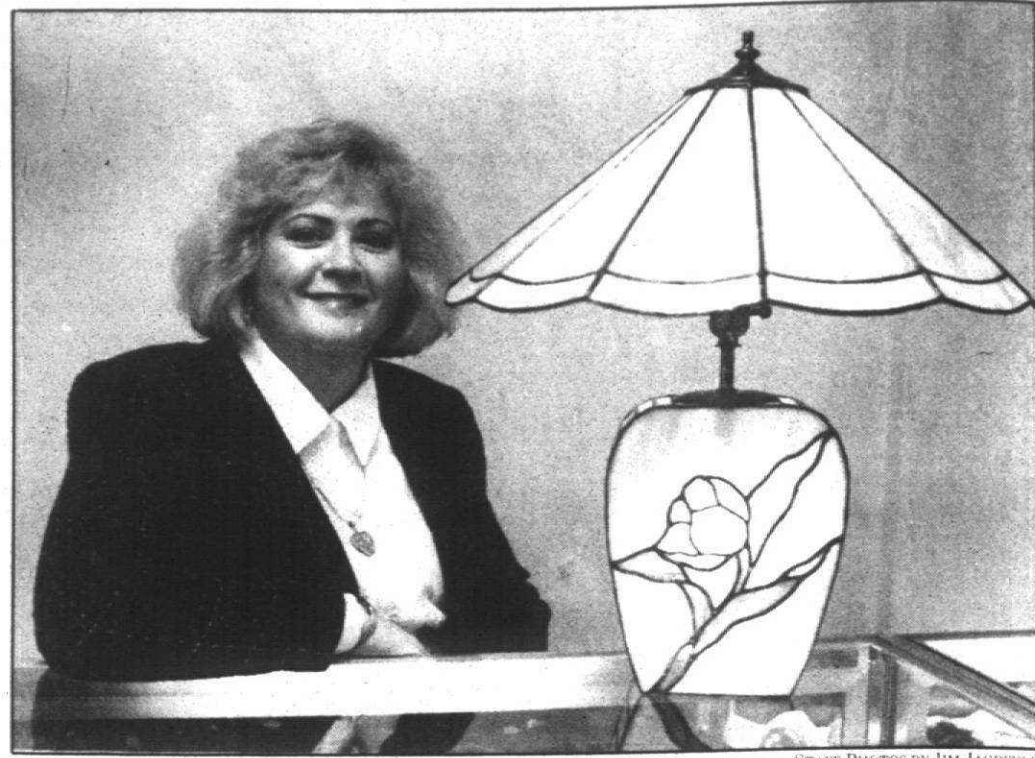
Hansen became interested in glassmaking 2½ years ago.

"I took my first class through Livonia's continuing education program at the Bentley Center to see if I would like stained glass and fell in love with it," Hansen said. "In the beginning, I was mostly making gifts for family and friends."

Hansen handcrafts a variety of items using stained glass, including Tiffany-style lampshades, hand mirrors and dressing-table trays.

"Quite often," he said, "people will comment that they thought stained glass is only sun catchers and lampshades, but the arts have been expanded to include even molded bases on lamps."

"What I enjoy about the finished piece, it's not a limited art. You can make anything with glass, from sun catchers to jewelry boxes to lamps, to



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**Kaleidoscopes to lamps:** Linda Hansen sells handmade crafts and stained glass at her new Livonia shop, Unique Gifts by Reflections of You. Hansen, who made the lamp, will offer stained-glass classes beginning in March.

jewelry itself and kaleidoscopes. The possibilities of glass are just endless."

In March, Hansen plans to offer classes in stained-glassmaking and fused glass. Dates and times will be announced early next year.

Local artists offering their wares for sale in the new shop include:

■ from Livonia — Mary

Bowers, painted pencil Santas; Kim Dusney, ceramics; DeLores Johnston, handpainted shirts; Heather Kimball, silk flower arrangements; Kathy Lavigne, children's aprons.

■ from Westland — Debi Bowers, musical carousels; Wedni Elmore, baskets.

■ from Redford Township — Cheryl Robins, handpainted horses on clothing.

Prices range from \$6 for jewelry, sun catchers and woodcarvings to \$40-\$50 for stained-glass kaleidoscopes and handpainted shirts.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Winter wonderland: Holiday time is the perfect time to head outdoors for dramatic winter pictures. Monte Nagler took this "Christmas-like" photograph at Wagner Falls in the Upper Peninsula.



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## Holiday season presents treasured pictures

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Probably more photographs are taken during the holidays than at any other time of the year. And for good reason: no better opportunity exists for recording treasured family memories.

Christmas and holidays go together like ducks and water, so let's start here. Be sure to follow the basic rules of good child photography by moving in close and getting down on their level.

Candid shots provide the best chance of obtaining natural, spontaneous expressions. So capture the children on film as they happily unwrap their presents and begin to enjoy their new toys. In all the excitement, they won't even know you're there.

Don't leave out other family members and friends. Have everyone sit or stand casually rather than stand stiffly in a line. Casual instead of obviously posed shots are far more rewarding. And by using your camera's self-timer, include yourself in the photo, too.

Make sure your background is free from distracting objects and that no unwanted reflections from mirrors or windows are in the viewfinder.

Keep your eyes alert for other holiday subjects that will add variety to your shots. A detail of a beautifully wrapped present or a sparkling tree ornament shot through a "star" filter will pay off with a fine yuletide shot.

Or, with one of today's fast films (ASA 1000), take some shots lit only by candlelight. Need a last-minute stocking stuffer for the camera buff in the family? One of the Kodak or Fuji disposable panorama cameras may be just the thing. They're inexpensive and produce remarkably good quality photographs in an exciting format.

And speaking about pictures, here's a very personal gift idea that will thrill that special family member or friend. Remember the dramatic sunset shot you took last summer that your Uncle Henry just flipped over? Well, imagine his delight when he unwraps a framed enlargement for his very own! Prints can be made and framed for last-minute presents.

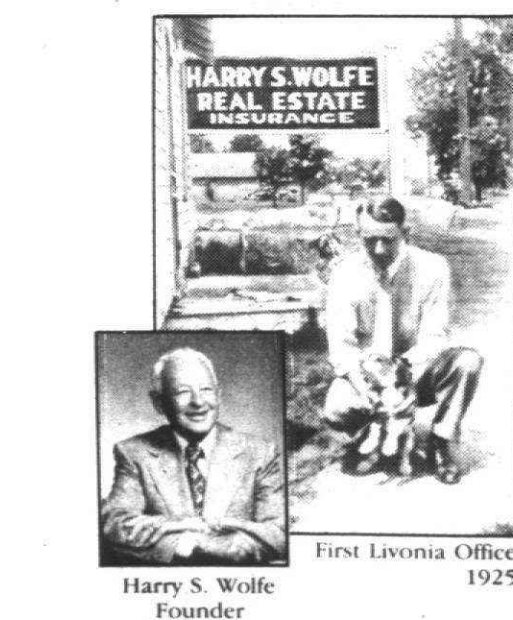
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## REAL ESTATE NEWS

## Century 21 reorganizes its brokerage network

A reorganization of the Century 21 national brokerage network should result in better support services for field agents and from there, better attention to buyers and sellers in the marketplace.

That's the analysis of Doug Stranahan, president of Century 21 Great Lakes, a franchising arm of the national firm.

"I think it has three different impacts," he said. "It means much closer relations with people they (agents) work with every day — consultants, training officers and the voice of authority, the regional director."

"It allows us to concentrate resources — marketing and advertising support, administrative support," Stranahan said. "I think the third major benefit is what the consumer feels. With this reorganization, we'll be able to deliver the finest service in the real estate business, period," he said.

Stranahan, a regional director, was on the planning committee for the reorganization and has been invited to serve on the executive management committee for

the national corporation. "The move flies in the face of the consolidation, the downsizing and the retrenching that is happening throughout the industry," said Richard Loughlin, president and CEO of the Century 21 Real Estate Corp.

"It is in direct opposition to the 'Let's cut our services and wait for good times' mentality that permeates our industry today," he said.

Thirteen existing company-owned regions will be restructured to create 30 regions within seven divisions, Stranahan said.

The seven regions in his division will include: metro Detroit, out-state Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Cleveland/Akron, Columbus/Cincinnati and West Virginia/western Pennsylvania. Century 21 currently has 216 offices in Michigan, about half in the metro area, Stranahan said.

"We're kind of bucking a trend here," he said. "We believe that rather than consolidate and pull back, we're going to expand." The changes will begin to take effect Jan. 1 and are expected to take several months to become fully implemented.

"Quality service is our primary objective, and we believe we can provide greater service by bringing more of our management functions closer to our customers," Loughlin said.

"We're not going to sit back and wait for the next real estate housing boom," he said. "We're constantly seeking to improve what we're doing and how we're doing it."

"Customers today want quality service from their real estate professionals. We are restructuring our delivery system to make it possible for Century 21 offices to strengthen their service capability."

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Many boards, in the interest of trying to save money necessarily go with the cheapest contractor, management firm, CPA, or for

that matter, attorney. What they sometimes do not understand is that experience and quality of performance cost more and that they justify themselves in terms of the end product being provided to the association. If boards appreciate that they are personally liable for their acts and omissions, they will generally try to get the best possible personnel available for a reasonably competitive price even though it may cost more. Their exposure as directors is too great for them to cut corners at the expense of the association, which may come back to haunt the directors.

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## 15-year mortgage right for some buyers

Those interested in refinancing their mortgages or those buying a house may be tempted to opt for a 15-year mortgage.

The 15-year mortgage has proved popular with two groups, according to the Mortgage Bankers' Association of America. It enables young buyers with sufficient income to pay off the house before their children start college. Others desire to own their house before they retire.

Here are some of the advantages of a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage:

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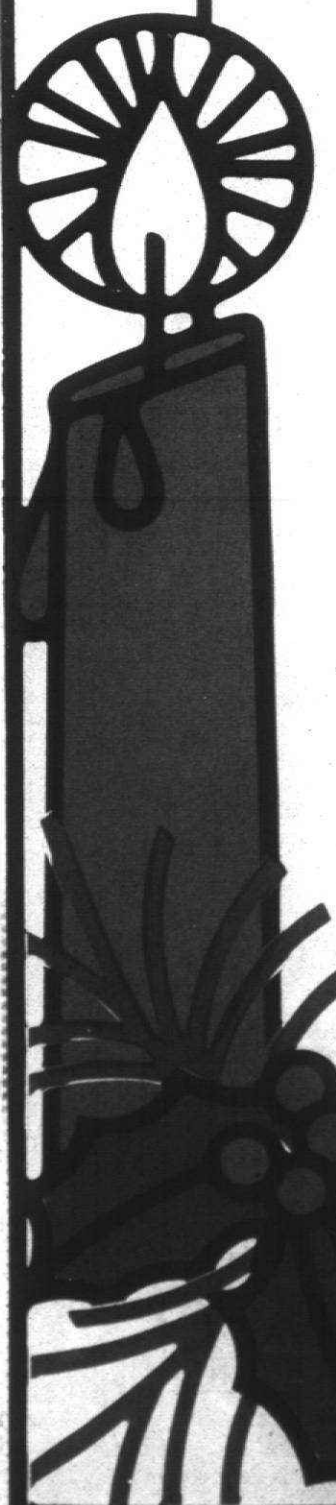
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## Neon's claim to fame: clean line of light

(AP) — Whether your taste runs to funky graphics or subtle lighting effects, neon can help you design rooms with a difference, says Remodeling Ideas magazine.

To appreciate the potential of neon lighting, set aside the mental image of a flashy electric sign. Instead, think of neon in its simplest form: a clean line of light you can color and shape any way you'd like. No wonder neon is moving beyond advertising glitz and into the home.

"Neon is a great light source," says Don Beams, an Arizona designer. "It doesn't get too hot, it comes in a multitude of colors, it can curve, and it can run as a continuous light source, rather than as a spot source. All those characteristics allow you to do a lot of different things in a design."

Brad Jerka, a lecturer at the American School of Neon in Minneapolis, agrees. He sees neon emerging as a fine-arts medium and as an architectural accent. While artists sculpt with neon, "architects use it to emphasize their space," says Jerka, "and it works tremendously well for that purpose."

Here are some suggestions:

■ Turn on the style. Because neon is such a versatile design element, it offers plenty of possibilities for remodelers. Probably the most popular application, though, is still the most conventional one: using neon as a graphic element, with glass bent into pictures or words.

"Anything you can draw, a good neon person can probably bend," says Jerka. As a result, you can hang up a just-for-fun caricature of your spouse, put your name in lights, or turn your recreation room into a 1970s disco. Inspired by the fine-arts side of neon work, some remodelers are going for an uptown look, with curvy, sculptural fixtures.

In other homes, neon lighting is taking on a more subtle role as a source of concealed lighting in coves, soffits, and overhangs. If you want white light, neon fixtures offer some practical advantages in these applications. The fixture is as energy efficient as a fluorescent tube, yet the power source will normally last 15 to 20 years, and the light can be dimmed for the exact level of illumination you want.

If you're after a more cutting-edge lighting effect, consider colored light, rather than white, in a concealed application. Jerka recalls one foyer where two colors of neon were concealed behind a wall cove, so they could be used together or separately. With the lights on, "the wall seemed to float," he said.

■ Curves and colors. Because it's bendable, neon is also ideal to emphasize the curves and irregular shapes of contemporary architecture. Neon strip lights can trace the top of curving cabinetry, for example, or follow the ceiling line of an angled hall.

From a functional standpoint, neon is also a good choice for task lighting under curved kitchen cabinets, where fluorescent fixtures can't make the turns.

Of course, the quality most associated with neon is color — intense, high-voltage, and crayon-bright. Beams says he likes exploiting the color but concealing the source. For one dazzling kitchen, he planned a glass-block island with neon backlighting installed in the base. With the neon lighting on, the entire island seemed to radiate blue. With the light off, the island became subdued. "Instead of an interior that's static, you get one you can manipulate," says Beams.

Can neon light ever be too much? Sometimes. Beams suggests you be cautious with concentrated color in too little space. Green or yellow neon lighting in a cozy dining room may turn your dinner unappetizing colors, for example.

In addition, some neon fixtures — usually the portable pink-flamingo types — have transformers that can give off an annoying buzz. The right transformer and the proper design can help you avoid unwanted sound effects.

■ Costs and codes. The cost of neon lighting is comparable to top-of-the-line designer lighting fixtures, because every neon light is custom made.

To execute a neon design, an artisan hand-bends glass tubes to the desired shape. Then the tubes are filled with rare gases that give off color when subjected to high voltages of electricity. Each fixture is fitted with a transformer to step up house current to the needed voltages, usually 2,000 to 15,000 volts. The cost of your lighting will depend, among other things, on the size of the piece, the number of bends, and the type of transformer required.

In some localities, building codes prohibit permanent installation of neon lighting in homes due to the high voltages the lights require. In those areas, you may need to stick with plug-in fixtures or opt for new low-voltage power sources.

In the meantime, if your locality allows it and you opt for permanent installation, be sure your neon lighting is installed by a competent, licensed electrician. The company that fabricates the lighting should provide specifications for safe installation.

■ How to go neon. To get quality neon work and service, Jerka suggests you seek a small graphics-oriented neon house.

Your neon fabricator will help you choose colors for your design from several shades of white and approximately 15 standard neon colors. Many shops offer additional custom colors, which are created with various combinations of coated tubes and gases.



JIM RIDER

**Homes, Georgian style:** This home designed by Ron Mayotte, president of Mayotte Associates in Troy, depicts some of the traits of a house fashioned after Georgian-style architecture. Note particularly the columned por-

tico and pediment above the front door. Mayotte notes that the curved-top windows on the bottom floor are a departure from Georgian style architecture.

## Architects have Georgians on their minds

■ Georgian-influenced architecture is catching on in this area with people who see the style as a symbol of long-lasting quality and a reaction against boxlike architecture.

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Contemporary- and tudor-influenced architecture are still the norm for southeast Michigan, but a glance at some area architects' drawing boards reveals just a touch of the traditional.

Georgian-influenced architecture is becoming increasingly popular as buyers look for something different.

Popular in the early 1800s, Georgian architecture emphasizes symmetry, geometric form, and formal order.

It concerns more than just mere formality of planning and designing; it evolved from a concept of living in which comfort, convenience and privacy were of growing importance.

Popular in New England and along the East coast, Georgian-style homes have a very formal appearance with two or three stories and classic lines. Predominantly horizontal in appearance and often built from red brick, the Georgian home has a portico with columns and a formidable pediment at the entrance.

Windows shapes are repeated throughout the house. While the windows may vary in size, they are proportionate. In true Georgian architecture, a window pane and the window itself would be proportionate.

Robert Clarke, president of CBI Design Professionals Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, said classic Georgian and early American architecture is becoming popular because the style symbolizes quality in many people's minds.

"People see historic as being sturdy and well built — something that will last and that's what people like these days."

Clarke said while traditional architecture styles borrow from Georgian and early American architecture, he wouldn't necessarily say consumers are seeking classic Georgian.

"(Buyers) like many of the features of Georgian style architecture," he said. "But a true Georgian wouldn't meet their needs."

Strict Georgian architecture doesn't allow for the type of open, free-flowing floor plans most people want today, he said.

Georgian architecture's influence is felt mainly on exterior elevations, where the solid, geometric, horizontal appearance of a house seems to have great appeal.

Ron Mayotte, president of Mayotte Associates in Troy, said most houses being built today are leaning toward more traditional designs. "But I would say it's more Georgian influenced than pure Georgian-style architecture."

"You can't do a good Georgian without spending a lot of money," he said. "Most people don't appreciate (true Georgian style). It's a very quiet architecture."

"Most people don't understand true authenticity," Mayotte said, adding he doesn't know if it's an interest in the architecture itself, or if it's merely another fad.

"Most architecture moves in fads." Once a certain style home starts selling, other builders and architects latch on to the style until it stops selling.

Frank Carnovale, president of Carnovale Associates in Troy said the swing away from contemporary and Tudor architecture has been going on for about two or three years.

"I think people are just tired of Tudor," he said. "It might be a reaction to all the plainness and box-like architecture we've seen in recent years."

See **GEORGIAN, 2E**

## Traditional style open to variety of forms

(AP) — With a few well-chosen features, you can capture the welcoming look and feel of traditional style in your new house.

There are many shades to traditional style. Some "traditional" rooms could be described as elegant, some as classic, and a few could be called homey or rustic. It all depends

on your tastes. But there is a common thread among traditional designs: Elements from the past meet the present, melding for timeless appeal.

Keep in mind that it doesn't matter that your house was built just last month. You can create a time-honored atmosphere in any room. Study the characteristics typical to tradi-

tional style, then experiment with some of your favorites. Just remember not to overdo a good thing.

Here are some tips:

■ Structure with style. You're fortunate if your home has inherently traditional architectural elements, such as tall double-hung windows and high ceilings. But what if your home lacks those celebrated features? Create your own architecture.

Some things you might try adding include detailed moldings around doors and windows, at the ceiling and around the fireplace. Chair rails and tongue-and-groove wainscoting add traditional interest to walls. Insertable window grilles create the illusion of multipane windows from a bygone era. Shutters, corbels, and paneled doors and walls can do the trick as well.

■ The material world. There are materials that can make a room appear substantial and permanent — cornerstones of traditional style. Look for elements that come from nature and include them as surfaces for floors, walls, ceilings, and countertops, as well as in furnishings. Favored materials include wood, brick, marble, and stone.

Metals can evoke an enduring sense of the past, too. Tin, wrought iron, brass, and copper are just a few of the possibilities.

■ Good hues. For accents, try rich, deepened colors that look as if they've aged for a century or two. Think warm, rich hues: jewel tones, cranberries, golds, and Williamsburg blues, for example. You'll appreciate mellow colors that make you feel comfortable.

Don't underestimate the power of neutrals to bring out wood details or to provide a subtle background for furnishings and fabrics.

■ Tactics with textiles. From homespun to exquisite to sumptuous, fabrics can soften the look of your traditional room. Your choices are practically limitless for upholstering furniture, draping windows, and covering pillows, chair cushions, or tables.

Select from solid colors, florals, elaborate patterns, simple prints, or stripes. Many of them can fit into a relationship with the past.

■ Furnish with flair. New or old, furnishings can make your scheme lively and interesting. Except for the most contemporary pieces, your options are almost unrestricted.

Try including handsome wood cabinetry with paneled or glass doors. Or, experiment with open shelves for display.

Furnishings also can provide an opportunity to introduce a finely crafted or intricately carved piece into a room. Richly upholstered, overstuffed pieces work, as do graceful wingback chairs and finely curved chaise lounges. Don't forget to visit antiques stores and flea markets for some unusual finds. Or, snoop through grandmother's attic.

■ Little things mean a lot. Use a selection of accessories as finishing touches to your traditional room.

Whether quaint, primitive, or exquisite in their appeal, antiques and collectibles help personalize any traditional room. Cherished family heirlooms speak eloquently of your traditions by evoking memories from the past. Plush pillows, portraits, prints, and paintings that depict a bit of history can create an atmosphere of integrity and beauty. Area rugs can add an essential element of warmth and are another way of bringing color, pattern, and texture into a room.



**Traditionally speaking:** Inherently traditional architectural elements include tall double-hung windows and high ceilings.



# Kitchen clutter easy to remedy

(AP) — Most recipes for re-vamping a kitchen call for lots of hard cash. But you can pare the cost if you can settle for something far short of a total redo. That means isolating the worst problems and solving them inexpensively.

If storage space is lacking — as it is in most kitchens, kitchen designer Florence Perchuk says — use ready-made goods to expand usable space.

Perchuk, co-author of the Design, "Complete Book of Kitchen Design," (Consumer Reports Books, \$16.95), says one place to look for more space is the ceiling. It can be used to mount a pot rack or a series of bicycle hooks for hanging pots.

Another seldom used space, even in the most cramped kitchen, is the window. Install narrow glass shelves across the bottom sash for drinking glasses, preserves and condiments, spices or Mason jars filled with dried beans, lentils and pasta.

Unused wall space can be covered with grids or pegboard for hanging frequently used gadgets such as strainers, whisks, graters and ladles.

Perchuk has taken her own advice. She claims there isn't an inch of bare wall in her New York kitchen.

"I bought stainless steel grids for gadgets," she says. "I made lid racks out of six ordinary towel bars which I bought at Ikea. The lid knobs rest on the bars."

If you have no storage space above the refrigerator, as in many older homes, install brackets and deep shelves for outside items such as woks and large casseroles.

Before investing in cabinetry, stop at a hardware or housewares store for Band-Aid solutions such as sliding cup racks that mount

on the underside of a shelf, wire shelf expanders, grids and other items.

Wire shelving can nearly double the storage space in old-fashioned cupboards with high stationary shelves. If you can't find ready-made lengths, a lumber yard can cut them to size. If cabinets are deep, a shallow shelf at the back can make extra room for short cans and jars while leaving the front free for tall items.

If your ice cube trays are so old they balk at being emptied, two new trays for under \$10 will save time, energy — and tempers. Likewise, repair sticking drawers and have knives professionally sharpened, then keep them that way with a home sharpener.

To improve efficiency without spending a dime, store utensils close to where they are used.

Perchuk says nine out of 10 kitchens are more cluttered than organized.

"Most people think they need more space," she says, "but they only need to rearrange and eliminate extras."

Even if the light approach is not adequate to solve your problems, doing more doesn't have to break the bank.

"A kitchen begins to look shabby after 15 years or so," Perchuk says. But it can get a new lease on life for far less than a total renovation.

Opt for a new look at moderate cost with fresh paint or wallpaper and repainted or refinished cabinet doors. A dingy refrigerator can be professionally spray painted.

Another simple way to refresh the kitchen is to make a backsplash of plain and decorative tiles. For more money — and impact — replace countertops with plastic laminate or butcher block.



**Convenience, not clutter:** Nine out of 10 kitchens are more cluttered than organized. Most people think they need more space, but they only need to rearrange and eliminate extras, say kitchen designers. This kitchen takes advantage of its size by offering compact convenience.

## Quick fixes lend new look to kitchen

Sprucing up a tired-looking kitchen doesn't have to be a complicated remodeling project. The cabinets, walls, ceilings, and countertops all lend themselves to creative improvements on a budget.

Here are some ways of doing it: ■ The simplest change for wood wall cabinets is to remove the

doors and hinges, conceal screw holes with wood filler, and paint the interiors a lively color to show off kitchen gear on open shelving. To make the cabinets seem deeper than they are, line the cabinet backs with mirrors (be sure the back of the face frame is painted).

■ Add mirrors along one backsplash to give the room more depth. If you've wondered how you could squeeze a dishwasher into your kitchen, however, you might consider sacrificing a base cabinet to get the space.

coats of polyurethane. ■ Wood or plastic moldings can create almost any design — from flat strips to ornate scrimshaw — on the walls and doors. They also offer a good way to frame a wall-covering insert, separate two-point colors, or trim the edges of laminate.

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Cabinet-for-dishwasher swaps won't work in every home, however. Cabinets that were built in place or not built to standard dimensions pose too many problems.

Another roadblock can be a cabinet that was nailed down or screwed down from the top before the plastic laminate was installed. In this case, removing a base cabinet for a dishwasher means you'll have to look at a new countertop, as well.

Luckily, the best cabinets for this switch are also the most commonly installed. These are factory-built, modular units that are screwed together through their styles, which makes them easy to remove.

They also come with corner brackets mounted on the inside walls of each unit near the top. The countertop is screwed to the brackets from underneath so it can be easily removed. If your kitchen has these mix-and-match cabinets, and you find a 24-inch space near the sink, you can install a standard dishwasher.

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Carnovale said the economy may contribute to more traditional styles. "The instability of the economy is driving people to a more stable feeling architecture," Georgian-influenced architecture represents a durable, timeless style, he said. People buying a home want to feel they've bought something that will last.

"Georgian influenced architecture evokes a stately, stable community feeling with some of the continuity of older neighborhoods," he said.

James Bonadeo, president of Birmingham architect Christopher Long said while it's true Georgian-influenced says "home" to people, one of the key reasons it is finding new popularity is because it's different.

"For so long, it was Tudor, Tudor, Tudor," he said.

"Part of the value of a house is derived from it being different from your neighbor's house — and your neighbor is probably building a Tudor."

Georgian influenced architecture may be a quiet architecture, but it's noble charm is exactly what people find appealing, he said.

Keth Logsdon, an architect with CBI Design Professionals, said he thinks the renewed interest in traditional architecture like Georgian-style architecture can be traced to dissatisfaction in things new.

"It's a stately style," he said. "It's clean and conservative, people want that in a home today."

Logsdon recently won a Grand Award from Professional Builder and Remodeler Magazine for a renovation of a Georgian-influenced style home in Huntington Woods.

"The intent of that project was to add onto it without anyone being aware we added onto it,"

two slopes on each side, with the lower slope steeper than the upper, flatter slope) and eaves that flare outward. This style is traditionally made of brick or shingles.

■ New England colonial: This 1½-story early American style is boxlike with a gable roof. The traditional material is narrow clapboard siding and a shingled roof. The small-pane, double-hung windows usually have working wood shutters.

■ Southern colonial: This large, two-to-three-story frame house is famous for its large front columns and wide porches.

■ Split-levels: Split-level houses have one living level above half a floor above the other living level. When this type of home is built on three different levels, it is called a tri-level.

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 family values & drive for success. **DOMINANT SENSUAL PASSIONATE**  
 white male 38 tall, grey, brown  
 NAUGHTY BOY - educated, white  
 male, needs attractive blonde wife  
 social introvert, looking for large,  
 slender, intelligent lady to be  
 social companion & eventually  
 dinner, sports, fun for compat-  
 ible female for love & romance. **44654**  
 DOWN TO EARTH Pretty young  
 friend early 60's in my area. **44642**  
 educated, employed grandmother  
 WHITE MALE 57, semi-retired, look-  
 ing for female friend, same age. **44653**

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discrete but loving caring gentleman  
with warm passionate female 30-50  
lets heat the winter. Loves to kiss  
share experiences ♀44/60

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30-40 yrs, divorced w/ 1 child  
figure single white female wants to  
meet you ♀44/18

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blonde, 30 yrs, seeks single white  
female, 30-40 yrs, local, divorced, 50-  
60 yrs ♀44/50

5 PRETTY WHITE FEMALE  
mance ♀44/37

for fun times & romance. No karts or  
cheats Dependence OK

WIDOWER 65 6' 1/2" tall retired  
single, divorced, 2 children, 50-  
60 yrs ♀44/60

49 5 10	iron-beard non-smoker	4470	money (unlimited)	4471	or foreign man like to have fun, call me	4472	Elise Meef Sweet	4473	single white male for friendship	4474	over call & explore common interest	4475	4476	4477	4478	4479	4480	4481	4482	4483	4484	4485	4486	4487	4488	4489	4490	4491	4492	4493	4494	4495	4496	4497	4498	4499	4500	4501	4502	4503	4504	4505	4506	4507	4508	4509	4510	4511	4512	4513	4514	4515	4516	4517	4518	4519	4520	4521	4522	4523	4524	4525	4526	4527	4528	4529	4530	4531	4532	4533	4534	4535	4536	4537	4538	4539	4540	4541	4542	4543	4544	4545	4546	4547	4548	4549	4550	4551	4552	4553	4554	4555	4556	4557	4558	4559	4560	4561	4562	4563	4564	4565	4566	4567	4568	4569	4570	4571	4572	4573	4574	4575	4576	4577	4578	4579	4580	4581	4582	4583	4584	4585	4586	4587	4588	4589	4590	4591	4592	4593	4594	4595	4596	4597	4598	4599	4600	4601	4602	4603	4604	4605	4606	4607	4608	4609	4610	4611	4612	4613	4614	4615	4616	4617	4618	4619	4620	4621	4622	4623	4624	4625	4626	4627	4628	4629	4630	4631	4632	4633	4634	4635	4636	4637	4638	4639	4640	4641	4642	4643	4644	4645	4646	4647	4648	4649	4650	4651	4652	4653	4654	4655	4656	4657	4658	4659	4660	4661	4662	4663	4664	4665	4666	4667	4668	4669	4670	4671	4672	4673	4674	4675	4676	4677	4678	4679	4680	4681	4682	4683	4684	4685	4686	4687	4688	4689	4690	4691	4692	4693	4694	4695	4696	4697	4698	4699	4700	4701	4702	4703	4704	4705	4706	4707	4708	4709	4710	4711	4712	4713	4714	4715	4716	4717	4718	4719	4720	4721	4722	4723	4724	4725	4726	4727	4728	4729	4730	4731	4732	4733	4734	4735	4736	4737	4738	4739	4740	4741	4742	4743	4744	4745	4746	4747	4748	4749	4750	4751	4752	4753	4754	4755	4756	4757	4758	4759	4760	4761	4762	4763	4764	4765	4766	4767	4768	4769	4770	4771	4772	4773	4774	4775	4776	4777	4778	4779	4780	4781	4782	4783	4784	4785	4786	4787	4788	4789	4790	4791	4792	4793	4794	4795	4796	4797	4798	4799	4800	4801	4802	4803	4804	4805	4806	4807	4808	4809	4810	4811	4812	4813	4814	4815	4816	4817	4818	4819	4820	4821	4822	4823	4824	4825	4826	4827	4828	4829	4830	4831	4832	4833	4834	4835	4836	4837	4838	4839	4840	4841	4842	4843	4844	4845	4846	4847	4848	4849	4850	4851	4852	4853	4854	4855	4856	4857	4858	4859	4860	4861	4862	4863	4864	4865	4866	4867	4868	4869
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A TALL slim handsome male never married dark hair brown eyes  
HANDSOME EXECUTIVE in forties  
♣ 44754

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ATTRACTIVE: honest, factory work.	body building, friendship leading to romance. #44175	non-smoker, good looker, secure job, enjoys movies, music, etc. Very pleasant. #44176	male, non-smoker, drinker or drugs, looking 20 to 35 year old female. Must be of the "hot" and "sexy" type. 47-65 Lets talk! #44794	Christmas cheer! all the people nice for the rest of their lives. #44795	WHITE male, single, lactating straight forward, sense of humor ow 13 years glasses, gray hair (I've earned it) I like to bowl walk read like the outdoors, animals, garage	TWO WHITE met, seek female for discrete trip north for sensual week
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**ATTRACTION:** pretty blonde married white male; 29 seeks married female for daytime sensual relationship; Let's share our fantasies together! Lovin'...  
#44777

**LOVE:** loves sports, movies, horses & verbal communication; Respondent doesn't mind a little rough sex...  
#44661

**WILLOW:** very attractive, trim blonde married white couple; 38-40, both not at all prefer power tools over flowers Positive!  
#44661

**VERY ATTRACTIVE:** sensual, pleasant white couple; 35-41 seen single lady for friendship, travel...  
#44661

**LONG-HAIRED:** printer well known for electric...  
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**GREENGLASS**, rice  
piggy bank  
36-year-old male enjoys good  
conversations, dining, romantic even-  
functions available Would like model-

(20's) who enjoys fun-in-sun, snow,  
water or woods, sport cars, free  
functions available Would like model-

active, blonde, 5'0 M.O.A., slim, laugh-  
ing, skiing, best friend, spontane-  
ous, a tall handsome, Borinquan Be-  
sever black man to the attractive

**CHRISTINA**, 28  
a tall handsome, Borinquan Be-  
sever black man to the attractive

is cultured, interested in music, art,  
theater, travel, but most important

**Classifieds**  
**WORK**

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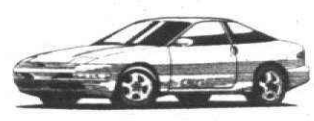
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WAS \$17,030 **IS \$14,401\***

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WAS \$12,833 **IS \$10,199\***

### NEW 1993 F-150 4X2



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, overdrive transmission, XL trim, cargo box light, instrumentation, vent windows, power paint, dome light, courtesy lights, moldings, scuff plates, interval wipers. Stock #11431.

WAS \$11,618 **IS \$9801\***

### NEW 1993 F-150 4X4 SUPER CAB PICKUP



XLT, Lariat trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic locking hubs, rear anti-lock brakes, cruise, tilt, air, and electronic 4 speed automatic transmission, power door locks, power windows, AM/FM stereo cassette, light group, chrome styled steel wheels, sliding rear window, chrome rear step bumper, vent windows, courtesy lights, convenience group. Stock #11343.

WAS \$22,680 **IS \$18,016\***

### NEW 1993 RANGER 4X2 SUPER CAB XLT



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, XLT trim, console, light group, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear window, rear jump seat, cargo cover, chrome rear step bumper, overdrive transmission, aluminum wheels, clear coat paint, cloth 60/40 split bench seat, cargo box light, spoiler, moldings, and scuff plates. Stock #11357.

WAS \$13,716 **IS \$11,299\***

### NEW 1993 F-150 4X2 SUPER CAB PICKUP



XLT Lariat trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, air, power door locks, power windows, V-8 engine, trailer towing package, automatic overdrive, cloth captain chairs, chrome rear step bumper, aluminum wheels, sliding rear window, light group, convenience group, AM/FM stereo cassette, speed control, tilt, vent window, cargo box light. Stock #11356.

WAS \$21,401 **IS \$16,928\***

### NEW 1993 AEROSTAR XL PLUS WAGON



Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, rear anti-lock brakes, air bag, 7 passenger with dual captain's chairs, automatic with overdrive transmission, air conditioning, XL trim, privacy glass, electric rear window defroster, AM/FM stereo, convenience group, courtesy lamps, instrumentation, super cooling, interval wipers, fold-away mirrors. Stock #10427.

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