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Certain things and people make Christmas special and we want to hear that story. Perhaps it was that train set, a Barbie doll, a special visit from a friend or relative. Whatever it was, we'd like you to share your favorite Christmas memories with our readers. To share that special memory, call us at the Plymouth and Canton Observer office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 459-2700. Ask for Jeff Counts, the editor. Or mail it to our office at 744 Wing St., Plymouth, 48170, or fax it to us at 459-4224. We'd really like to share your special Christmas memory with readers. And Merry Christmas!

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Home buyer wins \$31,000 in suit



A Canton home buyer has settled a lawsuit against a builder for \$31,000. However, the self-described "house buyer from hell" still isn't happy.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Self-described as "the house buyer from hell," Jim Miles said he's disappointed with the award he received from a Wayne County jury in a suit against a Canton Township builder.

"When I looked at what I spent,

yeah, I'm disappointed," said Miles of Georgia, who picketed Uniland Homes in the Glengarry subdivision on Canton Center Road this summer.

"What I spent was enough to send two kids to college," Miles said, adding he spent some \$60,000 fighting the builder, and other costs such as air flights to Michigan and hotel rates. "If

he had built the house as he should have, I wouldn't have spent a penny."

Uniland owner, developer Richard Rosenhaus of Farmington Hills, has a different story.

"Mr. Miles, three days prior to delivery of his home, was a happy, satisfied home buyer," Rosenhaus said. "The house meets all community standards. I think you've got a gold digger, someone who had no intention of moving into the house or this community."

Miles won a suit against Uniland for breach of contract and violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Act in

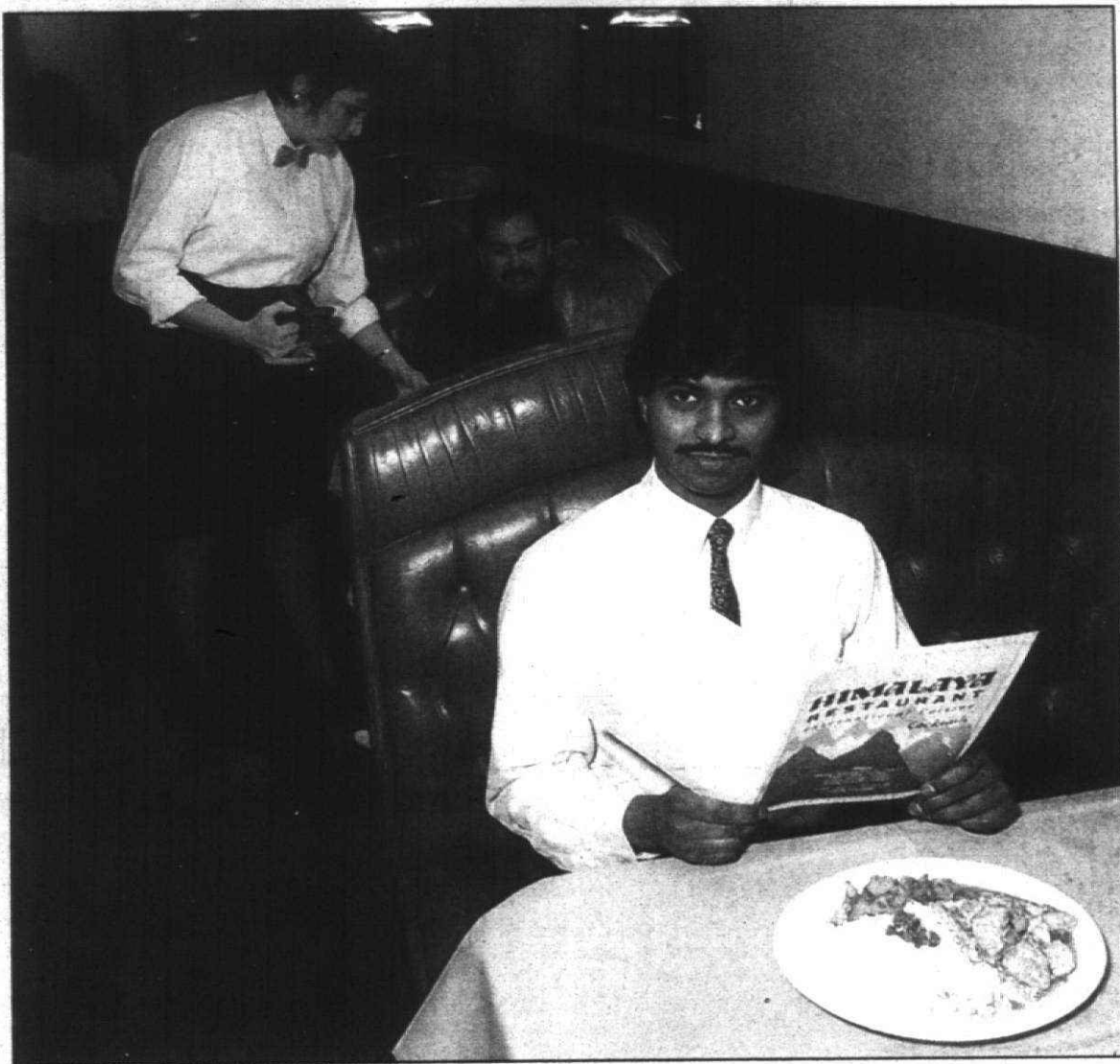
April. The jury awarded Miles little more than \$31,000, according to his attorney Joseph Larkin of Livonia.

"He incurred those damages. They were self-inflicted," Rosenhaus said.

Rosenhaus would not say whether he planned to appeal the Wayne County Circuit Court decision, or confirm whether he filed a defamation suit against Miles. Attorney Larkin said as of Dec. 9, he had not received an appeal notice. Larkin earlier said Rosenhaus had filed a defamation suit against his client.

See SUIT, 4A

Hot stuff



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ethnic fare: Jeff Nadasen's Himalaya Restaurant is up and running and offering food from his Indian-South African culture. Above, he holds curried chicken.

Local chef cooks up ethnic fare

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

With a little help from his friends, Jeff Nadasen's Himalaya Restaurant is up and running and offering the culinary traditions of his Indian-South African roots.

"When I first started this, I had little idea of the costs," said the 11-year Canton resident. "I couldn't have built this without help from my friends and the community."

A friend used some oak to build the bar and wood trimmings that

decorate Nadasen's new restaurant in the North Canton Shopping Plaza on Warren Road.

Another man - whom Nadasen never met before - would walk his dog daily past Nadasen's soon-to-be restaurant.

"He just started helping me out every day," Nadasen said. "My friends helped too. My parents while they have been on vacation they have been coming in and helping."

With a limited decorating budg-

et, Nadasen relied on his own collection of South African and Indian art and sculptures that now put life into the 80-seat restaurant.

"Everything I have in here, I built myself," he said.

But it's the cuisine that is expected to draw patrons. Lovers of Indian cuisine will find the food at Himalaya somewhat different.

"Flavor was what I was looking for," said Nadasen, who is import-

See COOK, 4A

Hoben steps down

BY JEFF COUNTS
AND M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITERS

School superintendent John Hoben made it official on Monday and announced he will step down in June from the job he has held for 23 years.

The resignation sets the stage for a search to replace Hoben during a year in which school financing is being reinvented by Gov. John Engler and the state Legislature.

School observers say the successor's selection process, approved by the Plymouth Canton School Board on Monday, is open and could take up to five months. The school board will hire a consultant and name two committees to work on the search.

The committees will be composed of parents, teachers, school administrators, students and local leaders.

Meanwhile, community leaders said that while Hoben will be missed, they are looking forward to the process of selecting a new superintendent for the district that includes the city of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and most of Canton Township.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, a former school board member, said that Hoben's longevity on the job is testimony to his effectiveness.

"If those boards hadn't been satisfied with his job performance, they would have sought out someone else," Yack said. "Staying in a job that long really speaks well of his work."

Yack added that Hoben still has a great deal to offer to educators, and said: "I would hope he would associate himself with a consulting firm to share the years of experience and skills he has to offer."

On the down side, Yack said Hoben had a management style that was autocratic, and with that management style, there's good and bad.

"If you wanted to get something done quickly, Mike's style was probably the most effective method."

Yack applauded the school board for looking to include a wide cross-section of the public on committees to replace Hoben.

Bill Joyner, executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, called Hoben's leaving "the end of an era."

"Just as the district moves into the high-tech age, it gets new leadership," he said.

See HOBEN, 4A

'Bridge builder' shares his vision of Detroit

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

A sell-out crowd of more than 400 local officials, judges, business people, educators and students gathered Wednesday to hear Detroit Mayor-elect Dennis Archer address the Canton Economic Club at St. John Neumann's in Canton.

As the nattily attired, lean and fit Archer spoke without notes, sharing his vision for metropolitan Detroit - a city that will again be "vibrant, exciting and alive," - the mood was one of tempered euphoria.

Bruce Patterson, Eastern Michigan University's director of planned giving and former Economic Club president said, "I thought going in I would like Dennis Archer. Now I know I like Dennis Archer. I've used the term healer; I think he is a healer. He will bring people together."

Said Canton Township Clerk Loren Bennett: "I'm extremely excited about the very bright future I see for southeastern Michigan with the city of Detroit and suburbs working cooperatively. If enthusiasm plays any role, we're in for some very good times. Dennis Archer is vibrant, and he is just the prescription for the area."

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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Building bridges: Detroit Mayor-elect Dennis Archer brought his message of cooperation between the city and suburbs to the Canton Economic Club Wednesday.

Task force to gather information on gang activity

BY DIANE GALE
STAFF WRITER

Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township police and school officials have formed a network with social service agencies and other groups to fight gangs in the community.

A recently established gang task force includes Plymouth Canton Schools, all three police departments, Growth Works, Salvation Army, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and Ken Voyles from Canton's administration.

Participants in the task force

will soon begin to compile information about gangs — suspected members, colors or clothing, etc. — on cards that will be submitted to the Plymouth Township police department. There the information will be typed into a computer and distributed monthly throughout the community.

"We've also urged all communities to adopt rigid ordinances to enforce gang activities," Canton public safety director John Santomaro reported to trustees at a special meeting Tuesday night.

For instance, ordinances may crack-down on parents of gang members.

"We are in the process of bringing to the Canton Township Board of Trustees an ordinance

we feel will curb gang violence and establish parental responsibility," Santomaro said.

A lot was learned last summer by a task force investigating possible gang activity at Canton Commons. Residents at the federally subsidized apartment complex reported fights, violence, weapons, vandalism and graffiti.

A group meeting regularly on the matter served as a catalyst for positive change in the Haggerty

Road complex. For instance, there have been improvements in lighting, the playground area has been cleaned up and a neighborhood watch group was formed.

The gang problem when from being a police problem to a community challenge met and resolved by all the participants including the complex management company, which "played a key role in making things better in the Commons," Santomaro said.

Runaway horses block traffic

A Canton Center Road resident called police after he discovered two horses in his backyard Dec. 12, according to a Canton police report.

The horses ran off west on Geddes Road, causing traffic problems, when another man chased them on foot for about one mile to the Real Life Day Care, 48700 Geddes. Nearby residents were called to determine who owned the two horses. The owner later discovered the horses were missing and retrieved them. The owner said the horses left their enclosure because a gate had not been properly closed.

strange substance

A family on Warren called police after they discovered a

strange substance in two cans of soda pop Dec. 9, according to a police report.

The 12-pack of pop was on the kitchen floor when the mother and a son heard a popping sound. One of the cans was pulled out of the pack and a part of the pull tab was found popped open. The can also was sticky.

The son peeled the can open and poured out a thick, brown substance into the sink. He did the same with the second can. A third can was fine.

According to the report, parts of the brown substance was covered with what looked to be fuzzy mold, which was also found on the bottom of the 12-pack box.

cars damaged

Five cars were found damaged

in a mobile home park on Old Michigan Ave. Dec. 10, according to police reports.

The car owners discovered that tires on their cars had been punctured and the front and sides of the car scraped.

Christmas destruction

A resident on Hanford reported that one of her nativity scene figures displayed on her lawn was removed from the scene, painted and damaged Dec. 11.

The woman told police that the figure, representing baby Jesus, had been pulled out of its blanket and painted in red with the words, "Satan's baby." The figure also was punctured with pins. Other parts of the figure's body also were painted with red paint.

Deadline nears for Cheer Club

More folks have been contributing to our Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club, as the deadline nears for accepting contributions for 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. That's because the Plymouth Salvation Army must pick up the items at 2:30 p.m. in order to distribute them next week.

We have to set a deadline for the Cheer Club were Andy and Elizabeth Day of Plymouth; Janice, Justin and Jeremy Broadway of Canton; Erin, Kyle and Jean Ording of Plymouth; Ed and Betty Lane of Plymouth; Ryan and Kris Eggenberger of Canton; Diana, Kathryn, Joanna and Jessica McLean of Canton; Jody Trame of Canton; the Barnett family of Canton; Janice Pizzi of Plymouth; Megan Camann of Plymouth; Joe and Fran Murawa of Plymouth; Katie and Jennifer Waldeck; Katy, Mark and Jack Tucci of Canton; Tim and Amy Boes of Canton; Carol and daughter Beth Curd of Plymouth; the David Baranski family of Plymouth; and Sue O'Donohue of Plymouth.

This is our third year for the Christmas Cheer Club. We're asking folks to donate new, unwrapped toys and canned

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and boxed food by bringing your kind donations by the Observer office at 744 Wing in downtown Plymouth.

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CLARIFICATION

A story in the Monday, Dec. 13, edition about the historic Hough School should have said that the Plymouth Children's Nursery used the red schoolhouse for at

least 20 years. The nursery rented the schoolhouse when the Plymouth-Canton School District owned the building, which was later sold to developer Mel Belo-

viz. The nursery moved from the location when Beloviz bought the building.

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Archer from page 1A

Archer was introduced by Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, who told the audience, "I'm tremendously impressed with this guy and his approach. He knows something I didn't know; the citizens of Detroit aren't as racist in their thinking as we are. They're looking for partnerships."

Archer spoke about city-suburb cooperation, crime, education, Detroit's image and business opportunities.

"I want you to know when we begin Jan. 1, 1994, that it's going to be a new day, with new changes, a new work ethic, and new excitement. Everyone's ready," Archer said. "The question is, are you ready? Because ready or not, here we come."

By the time soccer's World Cup arrives next summer, the city will be prepared to bask in the international limelight, Archer said. "Led by Mayor Dennis Archer, my wife Trudy and our two sons, churches, neighborhood block clubs, businesses and organizations, we will spend days and weekends painting up, fixing up and picking up."

"We'll mow lawns and playgrounds, and put up swings and teeter-totters so that by the time the World Cup comes, people will have the sense that this is an exciting, vibrant, alive city. We are going to have a great city because we in the city are going to work hard to make it happen."

Archer will convene a committee of architects, engineers and preservationists to study the city's master plan and possibilities for "America's greatest underdeveloped waterfront," and will ask them to report back in 120 days.

Archer also plans a sophisticated inventory of all vacant land in Detroit. The need exists for 30 supermarkets, hardware stores and other businesses — all of which spells opportunity. "Invest now, my friends, because in a few years when prices are up, don't tell me I was not out here to tell you the good news."

"We must redefine the image of Detroit," he added, "so that those who have the perception that something isn't right in the city of Detroit will have a new feeling."

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Dennis Archer
Detroit mayor-elect

The city and suburbs have more in common than in disagreement, and need to capitalize on that, said the former state Supreme Court justice.

"It's absolutely imperative that we come together with the recognition that the city of Detroit isn't in competition with any of our suburbs, and suburbs shouldn't think they are in competition with the city. We need to work together and build bridges, because we are in competition with Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston."

Asked by an audience member, "How can you guarantee my safety if I come to Detroit?" Archer responded, "Voters just did. They elected me mayor." Archer spoke glowingly of Detroit police chief appointee Isiah "Ike" McKinnon, and his plans to put more officers on the street, step up community policing and crime prevention.

While crime often is cited as the greatest problem facing urban areas, Archer, a former teacher, said just as much attention should be paid to education and children, which will in turn lower crime rates.

Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller met with Archer at a Conference of Western Wayne meeting.

"I think all of us who live in greater Detroit have a vested interest in the success of Detroit," Miller said. "I think Archer brings real hope for a new Detroit. He understands the need for a strong working relationship between all of the cities, towns and townships in Wayne County."



Handshakes: Dennis Archer shakes hands with Dale Yagiela of Plymouth's Growth Works.



Canton applause: Al Fellhauer, a Canton businessman, was all smiles for Archer's message.



Tiger question: Carol Felker, a Canton Chamber of Commerce officer, asked Archer where a new Tiger Stadium should be located. The answer was: Detroit.

He understands the political force of joint efforts between the city of Detroit and other communities in southeastern Michigan as it relates to the state and federal governments."

Tom Tattan, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' executive director for instruction, said, "I was very pleased to hear his

remarks, coming from a man of his stature. His comments were very supportive of what we need to do today in education, which has become internationally and

globally competitive." Comparing ourselves locally isn't good enough anymore if students are to be employable in the 21st century, Tattan said.

Planners try for top-notch ice festival in Plymouth

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Ice Spectacular promoter Mike Watts is looking for more money to put on a full-scale ice festival comparable to previous festivals.

"We're moving a lot closer to getting the funds we need, we still have a ways to go," Watts said, adding, "There will be an ice spectacular."

"At this point still are some items that are in jeopardy, but we're very hopeful that in the next few weeks we can raise more money," said Watts, entering his third year as ice festival promoter.

Watts said that, as in the past two years, it should cost about \$95,000 to put on the festival.

"Right now we've probably raised somewhere between \$80,000-\$92,000," through solicitations from sponsors," Watts said.

Anyone interested in helping

sponsor the festival can call Watts at 459-6969.

While response was slow early on to a call for business sponsors to pay \$250 to have an ice sculpture placed in front of their stores, Watts said several have taken advantage of that program.

Another marketing program centers on the "Plymouth Gift Basket of Hospitality" promotion.

Those shopping downtown starting Monday can fill out a form to become eligible for winning the basket. "Northwest Airlines has donated two tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S., and each store has donated an item," Watts said.

"Over 40 stores are involved in this, it's a really good cross section of businesses here in Plymouth," he said.

Some features of the ice festival Jan. 12-17 include the First of America Fantasyland, carved out

of ice. "It has become one of our most popular attractions," Watts said.

Another major ice display will have a wild west theme.

Featured ice-carving competitions include a two-man professional team competition, expanded to 20 hours. "They'll start with 10 blocks instead of five, we believe there will be some really dramatic and exciting ice carvings," Watts said.

Also expanded for the 1994 ice festival is a cake decorating competition, involving college students in culinary arts programs.

The Japanese carvers are scheduled to come back, they're recognized as the best in the world," Watts added.

3 Canton residents help elderly

Three Canton residents are among more than 200 volunteers who contributed labor to ensure that furnaces, water heaters and plumbing for elderly and needy people in the Brightmoor area of northwest Detroit were in good working order for the winter.

The volunteers, union tradesmen, Plumbers Local 98, Pipefitters Local 636, and others gave their time under the Plumbing & Heating Industry of Detroit's Project Heat's On/Water's Off.

The three Canton residents are Len Byrne, John Duha and Del Slater. More than 25 PHI contractors furnished service trucks, tools and supplies. Seniors received free smoke detectors as needed. Hardee's restaurant supplied breakfast to the tradesmen while a motorcade led by Detroit police and reserves accompanied service trucks throughout Detroit.

Grant helps prevent violence

Jewish Family Service of Southfield has received a \$250,000 grant from the Skillman Foundation. The grant will help support the agency's WINDOWS program, a non-sectarian program designed to prevent child abuse and family violence.

The program is an outgrowth of an earlier child abuse program, initiated with a 1987 Skillman Foundation grant. The new grant comes from the foundation's Van Dusen Endowment Grant Program.

WINDOWS is a comprehensive community-based program offering clinical services and support services. It also uses trained volunteers to implement

community education programs.

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit also raises money to support WINDOWS. This year, the program was also accepted into the Van Dusen Endowment Challenge, a program developed by the Kresge Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan.

The program helps charitable organizations in metro Detroit gain long-term financial stability.

Additional information about the WINDOWS program is available by calling program manager Sandra Jaffa at 559-1500.

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Suit from page 1A

"When you deal with an unfair person, I think you have to deal within the courts. And that's what I have to say about the future," Rosenhaus said.

Miles contracted with Uniland to build a \$125,000 two-story colonial in the River Park subdivision. Miles said he wanted exactly the same house as the model. He said the house he got had fabricated walls — different than the model — and, he believes, the house was rife with structural problems.

"The jury decided the house was defective," Larkin said. "It showed the city inspection was incorrect."

Not so, Rosenhaus said. "The

jury never found that. Certainly, the house meets all standards of the state and local municipalities."

Township building inspectors agreed with Rosenhaus, even after Miles filed a complaint with the state Department of Licensing and Operations. Again, township inspectors Mark Lewis determined Miles' claims were unfounded.

But Miles hired an inspector, Paul Jones Building Inspection, of Livonia, to check out the house he was going to buy. Jones said he found code violations and deficiencies. Like Lewis and township building official John Weyer, Jones also testified at the

Cook from page 1A

ing spices from South Africa for his entrees.

Nadases' full menu — lunch and dinner — offers shrimp and lamb curry, as well as other shrimp, salmon and chicken dishes. The curry might taste just a bit different. A special sauce Nadases uses as marinade and sauce features curry but "it's a cayenne pepper kind of curry," he said.

Based on a favorite from his homeland, Nadases has developed a light pastry filled with a special curry sauce.

Also offered is lobster curry and lamb chops. Most entrees are in the \$7.95 range, with lamb chops at \$10.95 and lobster a little more than \$17.

The restaurant also offers beer, wine and liquor.

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Jones documented what he said were seven specific deficiencies, including problems with the floor joists, wood beams not parallel to walls, conflicts with code requirements for installation of anchor and sill bolts, and bridging. Jones' report also finds fault with how the steel top plate ties were installed to fasten two short joists together to make one long one.

Jones also found that base flashing was not installed on the outside of the house, or weep holes, as required by code. Finally, Jones maintained that the basement stairway framing "is not representative of good workmanship," Jones, who

recommended that Miles not buy the house, added that the basement stairway is a hazard.

But Rosenhaus denies the house is deficient. "He specifically ordered a different home than the model homes," Rosenhaus said. "I offered him the model home. I offered to give him back his down payment (\$8,000)."

"Many items in a house — there are a lot of expectations. It's a matter of melding all those expectations. Some are written; some are expressed. He was willing to go to court. That's all he has been willing to do. He is a litigious individual," Rosenhaus said. "Something happened prior to closing. That's fine. But he was not honest with me."

Hoben from page 1A

On a new school chief, Joyner said: "Save the \$50,000 for the search and put Tom Tattan, assistant superintendent, in the job. He has been a teacher, principal and administrator. He's active in Canton and Plymouth. Just forget the dog-and-pony show."

Jim Mills of Plymouth Township, a critic of the school district's teaching methods, said, "Hoben is 70 and when I'm 70 I hope I don't have to work as many hours as he has. He has done a lot of good for the community."

Mills echoed Joyner's sentiments about a shorter superintendent search, and added, "The

more people you involve, the longer it takes to come to a decision."

School board member Barbara Graham said: "Dr. Hoben is an extremely effective administrator in many ways. No one stays in a district as long as he has if they don't have some qualities that appeal to the public."

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Engler's election year budget is 'people friendly'

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

John Engler's election year budget is a far cry from the conservative austerity of his first three years as governor, say suburban lawmakers on the powerful appropriations committees.

"It's people friendly," said Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford. "There are no cuts in human services — public health, mental health. He's doubling preschool aid."

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, "is that he came back with the same proposal for K-12 education (\$9.6 billion) that we already have. He gave no consideration of what we'd done at all (raise public schools to \$10.2 billion in new tax bills passed last week)."

Engler's budget puts the floor on school aid at \$4,500 per pupil. The House school aid bill, passed last week, put it at \$5,000.

"She (Woodworth) starts with a conservative estimate of revenue," said Rep. Richard Young, D-Deerborn Heights, a co-chair of the Appropriations Committee.

"This year (fiscal 1994) we had a 5-percent increase. I commend her for using 4.2 percent. It's better to be overly conservative at the beginning of the year."

Modest forecast
Budget director Patricia Wood-

■ It's people friendly. There are no cuts in human services — public health, mental health. He's doubling preschool aid.

Lyn Bankes
state representative

"It's hard to argue with the departmental budgets. There are no more mental hospital closings. There are more state police — they're more important than prisons," said Young.

Good for colleges
Several lawmakers praised Engler's increased budget for higher education.

"Community colleges have not done well at all in recent years," Young said. "They've had to raise tuition."

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, praised the increases for both universities and community colleges. "It reflects the governor's concern for job growth," said Geake, vice chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

"Other states are making draconian cuts in higher education,"

said Sen. John Schwarz, R-Battle Creek, chair of the higher education appropriations subcommittee. "This governor is absolutely committed to maintaining Michigan higher education as one of the two or three best systems in the country."

Last year community colleges were held to a flat state aid figure.

Rep. Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, called Engler "the Lee Iacocca of state government." As chairman of Chrysler in the late 1970s, Iacocca made huge cuts that hurt workers, management and stockholders but ultimately saved the company.

"It's beginning to pay off," Johnson said of Engler's three prior years of heavy cuts and down-sizing of government. "People who feel negatively don't real-

ize what he has accomplished," she said, noting that Michigan is making national magazine headlines with the progress of its cities.

Unlike others
How was Engler able to budget more for such popular middle-class programs as colleges, state police and state parks with such a modest overall increase?

The short answer is that school aid no longer is part of the general fund budget. The current budget pumps nearly \$1 billion into the K-12 schools aid fund. In fiscal 1995, all school aid will come from dedicated state taxes and won't be shown in the general fund budget.

Several departments were shored up by proceeds from sale of the Accident Fund, a workers compensation insurer the state owned for 80 years.

While the overall size of Engler's fourth budget appears similar to his predecessor's, Democrat James Blanchard, it's actually smaller in "real" terms when adjusted for inflation — 11.8 percent smaller. Woodworth said. While the cuts, the same level of programming as in 1990 next year would cost nearly \$10 billion, her charts showed.

State employment in the Engler years has been reduced 8.2 percent to 59,000. Woodworth said. Democrats on the Appropriations Committee, however, asked her to provide figures on how many jobs previously performed by state workers have been contracted out to private firms.

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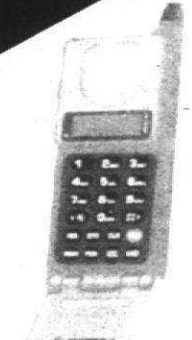
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'Big 4' officials cross party lines to boost Detroit

Gov. John Engler and south-east Michigan's "Big Four" leaders vowed to do everything they could Thursday to make sure Detroit is one of four cities picked to be a federal empowerment zone.

Engler said Thursday's meeting was the first of what will be a regular gathering at least every three months.

The governor met with Detroit Mayor-elect Dennis Archer, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and Macomb County Board of Com-

missioners Chairman Mark Stenbergh.

Patterson said the fact that the five agreed so quickly to work together on the Detroit empowerment zone issue showed their commitment to moving the state, region and city forward.

"That's the kind of working relationship we started today. I think it bodes well for the future," he said.

If designated as a federal empowerment zone, part or parts of Detroit would be permitted to offer tax incentives, job training

credits and other programs to attract business and jobs.

Archer, whose winning platform focused heavily on building coalitions to help Detroit, said becoming an empowerment zone would be a boost for the city's economy. All five officials would be working together and with the state's congressional delegation on it.

That fits in with the aggressive pro-business stance Archer's administration will take to bring businesses and jobs back to the city, Archer said. The city has an unemployment rate of

about 23 percent.

"We're going to be very competitive. They'd better watch what they've got," Archer said of the jobs in suburban Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Engler and the others described it as a friendly meeting that touched on a series of problems facing southeast Michigan and the rest of the state.

"I don't think we solved any major problems, in fact we might have created a few we didn't know existed," McNamara said.

Judging from comments at a

news conference, the meeting between city and county officials was friendly.

"This looks like the new offensive line for the Detroit Lions," Engler said as he and the others — all except Archer on the heavy side — lined up at the podium.

While they joked and poked fun at each other, the five left no doubt that they're serious about working together to help Detroit, southeast Michigan and the rest of the state.

"We have over half the population of the state in the region,"

Stenbergh said. "I think it does nothing but good to come together and to try to present a unified front in trying to deal with those kind of issues and creating economic development and jobs for our people."

Archer said it was the start "of a working relationship that puts all the people of the state of Michigan first."

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College panel debates pornography

By SANDRA ARMBRUSTER
STAFF WRITER

Pornography may not be socially acceptable to those who attended a panel discussion on the subject sponsored by Oakland Community College's WomenCenter. But its regulation poses a threat, according to a member of the American Civil Liberties Union who served on the panel.

That dichotomy was voiced by OCC student and frequent participant at the Orchard Ridge campus WomenCenter gatherings Tina Shemtoob of West Bloomfield.

"I don't think (pornography) should be in magazines. It's degrading," she said. "But as far as art, I can see that."

ACLU attorney Paul Denefield earlier had argued just that point: Where do you draw the line?

"You could rule out (eras) of Italian art," he said, in response to co-panelist Carolyn Fletcher Sharpe, assistant dean at the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law and now a loan to the University of Michigan.

How to define

Sharpe had used a definition of pornography as graphically sexual subordination of a person — male or female, child or adult — that "depicts the subject as an object. Many times there aren't faces, just body parts."

"Women are pictured as degraded, worthy of desiring abuse and enjoying pain and torture."

Besides "fortifying stereotypes," pornography is a multibillion dollar, worldwide industry, according to Sharpe. It uses "economic coercion" over women, she said.

"The only two industries where women can make more than men are modeling and prostitution," Sharpe added. "And incidents of pornography are linked to crime."

Denefield said pornography discussions bring up "lots of grey areas. There are things we agree on, but (pornography) is not easy to deal with."

Specifically, Denefield said, there was "a dearth of empirical data" linking pornography to violence. "Efforts to prove a link have been left to anecdotes."

While one audience member questioned how research cited by Sharpe had been conducted, another said that "anecdotes from anyone who has been affected should be considered. It's a human experience and shouldn't be brushed aside."

That met with agreement from at least a third member of the small audience, about a quarter of which was male.

Pornography's effects
Challenging Denefield, Sandy Wakefield of Southfield commented that "advertisers spend billions to affect us and I can't believe pornography doesn't have an impact."

"It's difficult to believe that there isn't evidence" of a link between violence and pornography, Doug Wakefield of Southfield said. "It seems to me the evidence is in the harm of pornography. I have sympathy for the victims. The ones making the money are not the victims. I wonder if the ones making the money control the data."

Most of the disagreement, however, between Sharpe and Denefield was over whether controlling

pornography would lead to limitation of free speech guaranteed by the First Amendment.

"Since victims are forced to participate, it isn't an issue of freedom of speech or rights. We should think of it as a form of harm," said Sharpe, a black woman. "The U.S. Constitution was created by white, male, landed gentry. That excluded women. Those rights were not created with you and me in mind."

Furthermore, Sharpe argued, government places controls on the public every day. Examples include a warning on cigarette packages which she said is backed up by facts. Other examples are solicitation for prostitution, which is illegal, and fraudulent statements meant to deceive, she said.

Clearly censorship

"We're talking about censorship," Denefield countered. He added that what Sharpe was advocating would lead to self-censorship, as well as that by the government. He made the following five points:

1. "Censorship affects the group in a negative way that it is supposed to protect. Women would be its first victims."

2. "Censorship would perpetuate negative stereotypes of women, that they need paternalistic protection and that sex is bad."

3. "Censorship would undermine free speech and would undermine equality."

4. Proponents of censorship are using conclusory data which they know is bad.

5. "No one can define pornography in any realistic way."

Both panelists tried to end their presentations on upbeat

notes. Denefield said there were areas of agreement. "We're here raising consciousness that not too many years ago would not be occurring. This is important stuff," he said.

Resolving the dispute

While he supported the efforts by those toward "counterspeech" or objection to pornography, he also said that some fights are "on a level with right-wing religious zealots."

"If we have to choose between freedom and sex, we won't be free," he said.

His comment about religion drew a protest from Doug Wakefield. "It's as though the religious right is all wrong," he said. "We support what we believe."

Sharpe said she favored an ordinance similar to ones that were struck down in Indianapolis and Minneapolis. "I don't think I have pornography material. We should create a new legal concept of action," she explained. "It's not a new concept." She said it was similar to filing suit against a person or company if a person could show they had been injured due to a defective product.

"The alternative is to do nothing, to give into the situation," she said.

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Yule charity passes by needy teens

By RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Around this time of year charitable organizations are out in force taking donations to help poor children, but few teenagers benefit from their efforts.

Lisa Stadig of Spectrum Human Services in Livonia said that "every year in this the most difficult population to collect for."

Potential donors, she said, "seem to think these kids are old enough to have jobs. Why should we give to them?"

Furthermore, needy teens "are more cognizant of the fact they

it's a holiday and they're not being included," Stadig said.

Working alone, Oak Park residents Joy and Lou Landau have been trying to eliminate that charity disparity since 1960.

Every year since John Kennedy was elected president the Landaus have collected toys for the kids at Oakland County Children's Village. Since 1985 they've been doing the same for the nearly 500 residents of the Maxey Boys Training Academy in Pinkney. Maxey is where the hard-core juvenile delinquents are sent, and many of them ultimately wind up in prison as adults.

But the Landaus believe that someone ought to show the boys of Maxey some kindness. "We feel very strongly that these kids should have their holiday," Joy Landau said, adding that 95 percent of them don't even get Christmas cards. And when they grow up they may be beyond rehabilitation. "We can't help them when they're in their 20s because they're just too darn cocky," Landau said.

So the Landaus are in search of gifts or cash donations to buy gifts for the Maxey boys. Call 541-6884. Suggested items include promotional materials, shirts,

tapes, Frisbees, books and similar things. "Gifts should not be expensive," Landau says in a letter to the Observer & Eccentric. "We just need a lot." Contributions will be accepted up to Dec. 19.

Your donated gift will be wrapped by the 12 girls in Joy Landau's Camp Fire Girl group and taken to Maxey for Christmas. The Landaus, however, don't get into actually being there when the largess is distributed. "I don't want to hear the thank yous," Joy Landau said. "I don't want to hear the crying. That's not me."

Precautions pushed to avoid firedeaths

Last year, 90 children under 10 died in Michigan fires.

Moreover, the young made up the largest portion of fire injuries and deaths in 1992, accounting for 41 percent of all civilian fire deaths and 22 percent of injuries.

But when families take recommended precautions, children have a much better chance of surviving house fires, according to insurance provider AAA Michigan.

AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch and other fire safety experts say that by following a few

simple guidelines, families can develop an emergency life-saving plan and prevent critical fire situations.

"For a few dollars and a little family planning time, a family can prepare for fire emergencies," Basch said. "Smoke detectors and home fire safety drills are keys for a quick home emergency exit. Family members may only have three minutes to get out safely before being overcome by smoke and gases."

According to the Department of

State Police, Fire Marshall Division, a total 52,709 fires were reported in Michigan during 1992. More than 200 people died as a result of these fires and 800 were injured. Property losses for the year totaled \$381 million.

Although the number of fires in Michigan has been steadily decreasing since 1988 (from 72,958 in 1988 to 52,709 in 1992), the number of lives lost has not. In 1992, say state officials, 218 civilian deaths were reported, only two fewer than in 1988 and eight

more than the preceding year.

The irony of the fire safety issue in Michigan is that the one age group most affected by fire — children — is least able to prevent it from happening.

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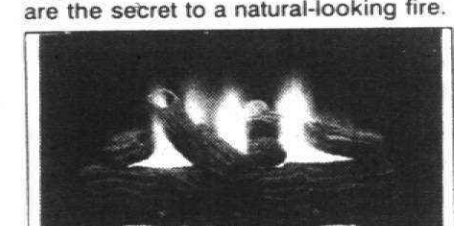
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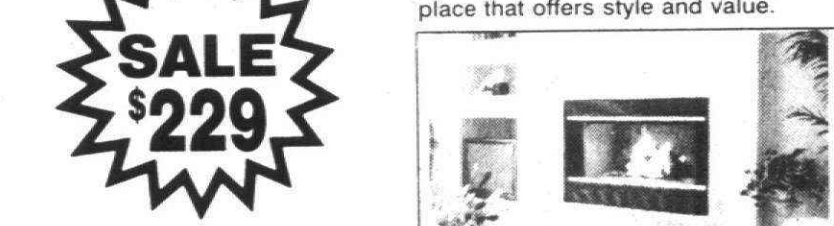
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Holiday art competition offered for local youth

Plymouth-Canton elementary school students could win \$200 worth of U.S. savings bonds in a holiday art contest sponsored by state Rep. Deborah Whyman, R-Canton.

The competition asks children in kindergarten through fourth

grade to draw and color pictures reflecting the theme of "All I want for Christmas."

"I thought it would be nice for students to exhibit their meaning of the holiday season," Whyman said. "This time of year is special to each of us in its own way, and I

want these drawings to capture the real spirit of the season."

Three winners will be selected. The first-place winner will earn a \$100 savings bond, with second- and third-place winners each receiving a \$50 savings bond. The art will be judged on creativity

and originality by Whyman and her staff. She said she hopes the students will apply the money toward college tuition.

Whyman said she will buy the bonds with part of the 5-percent pay increase lawmakers will

receive beginning in January. The remaining money will be donated for college scholarships and another art contest slated for the Van Buren School District this spring.

"Budget constraints coupled with the fact that we have not reached an agreement on education reform is reason enough to reject any pay increase," she said. "As stewards of this state, lawmakers have a moral obligation to spend tax dollars wisely. Seeking personal gain would be irresponsible."

Entries should be on 8½-inch

by 11-inch paper or cardboard. Pictures can be done in pen, pencil, marker, crayon or paint. Each entry should include the student's name, age, grade, school name, teacher's name, home address and phone number.

All submissions must be received in Whyman's Lansing office no later than Monday, Jan. 3. Winners will be announced by Jan. 10. Each entry will be displayed in her office.

Entries should be mailed to Whyman's office, State Capitol, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Mich. 48909.

Postal service extends hours for holidays

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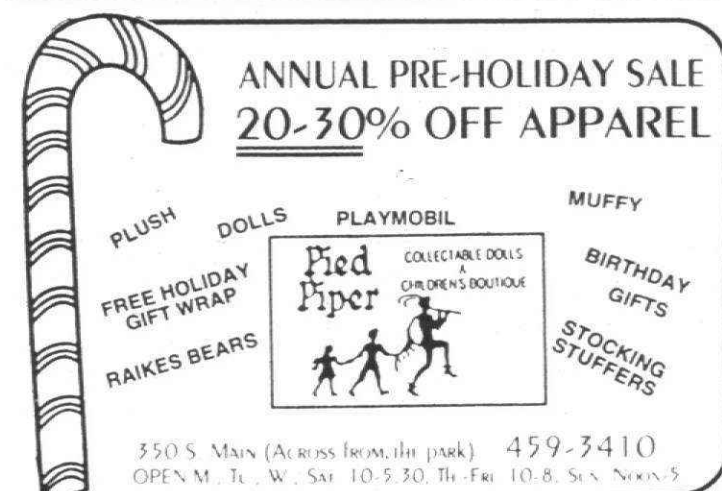
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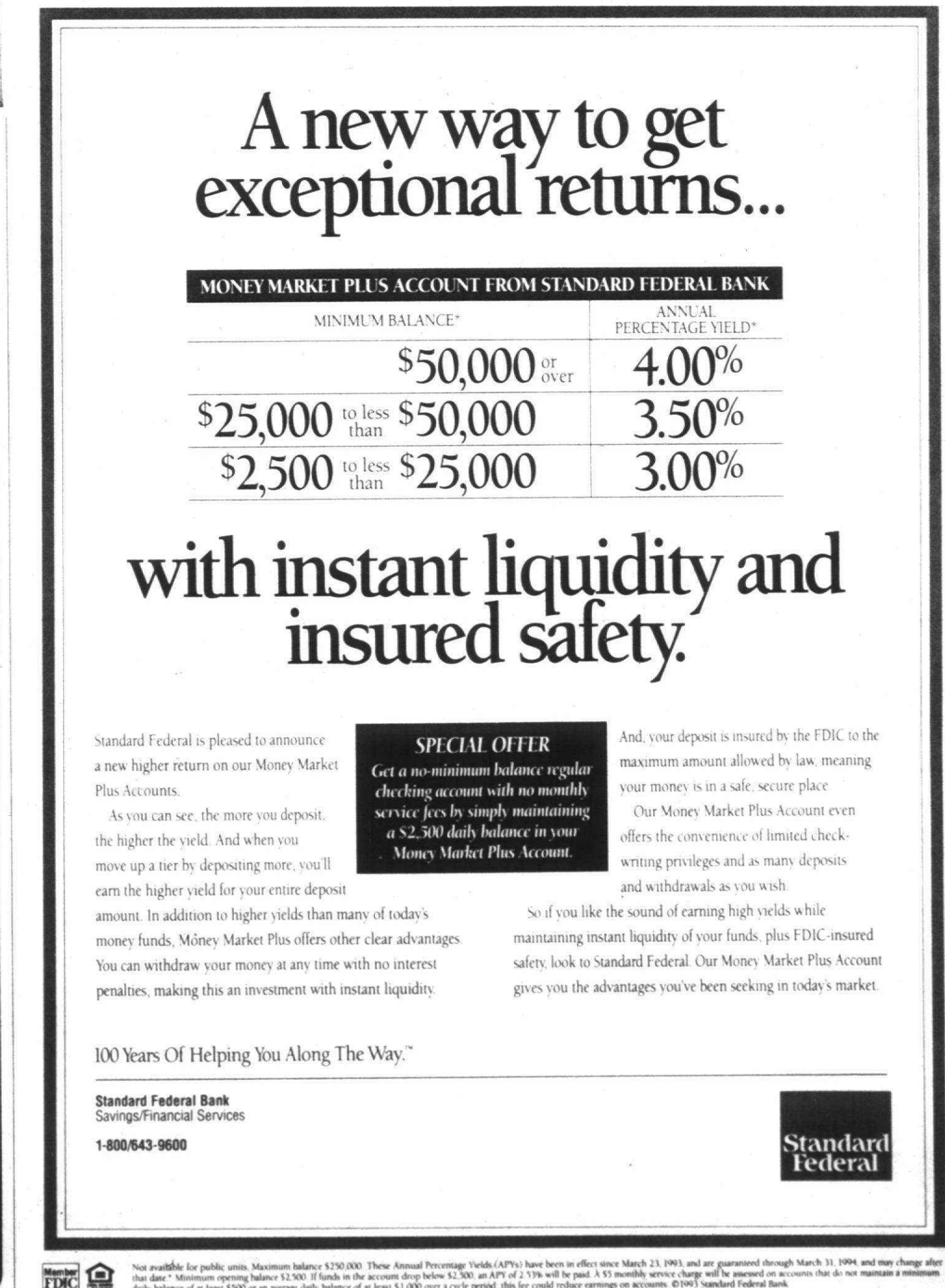
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Holiday hours

All Canton Township offices will be closed Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 27, as well as New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 3.

The treasurer's office, however, will be open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 31, for winter tax collections.

Tax collections

Canton Township winter tax collections are due. Residents have until Feb. 14, 1994, to pay without penalty. Taxes paid Feb. 14-28, will be charged a 3-percent fee. The treasurer's office will be open to accept tax payments 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Dec. 31.

State test results boost morale

The first results from the annual MEAP tests given to students in the Plymouth-Canton school district have come back and there's an upbeat mood. Students did better than in past years, pleasing school officials.

By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

The mood was upbeat as Plymouth-Canton school officials shared results of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test this week.

The MEAP, given each fall, tests fourth-, seventh- and 10th-graders in reading and math. Fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders take the MEAP science test.

In all categories, except seventh-grade math, students' scores were better than last year.

"Are we pleased? Yes," said Richard Egli, community relations director. "Are we satisfied? Probably never, because the goal has to be continuous improvement."

Scores in math and reading are divided into three groups: satisfactory, moderate and low. Scoring in the satisfactory or moderate categories is considered passing.

In science, scores are grouped into four categories. Scoring in the top two quartiles qualifies as passing.

The state requires high school students to pass the MEAP in order for them to receive a state-endorsed diploma. Students may retake the MEAP if necessary. Twenty-percent of this year's 10th-graders failed the MEAP reading test. Twenty-nine percent didn't pass the MEAP math test. In science, 6 percent of 11th-graders failed the MEAP.

Reading scores were as follows: 76 percent of fourth-graders passed, as did 85 percent of seventh-graders and 80 percent of 10th-graders.

In math, 80 percent of fourth-graders passed. Eighty-nine percent of seventh-graders passed, and so did 71 percent of 10th-graders.



MEAP results: Improvement in test results have school officials like Dave Rodwell, left, and Tom Tattan, right, happier than in past years.

In science, 84 percent of fifth-graders passed. Seventy-seven percent of eighth-graders made the cut, as did 62 percent of 11th-graders.

Tom Tattan, executive director for K-12 instruction, cautioned that scores next year may not be as high.

"Because of the lack of funding, we have had higher class size this year," he said. "We also have had a shifting of many teachers within the school district. These factors could result in lower scores next year. Regardless of that fact, this year's results are a tribute to the students, their parents and the dedicated group of teachers

and administrators in Plymouth-Canton who work daily to help each student reach full potential in these foundation areas which are so vital to a successful life," he added.

"We'll continue to use these results to confirm individual student performance and to help us to work further with each student, and align our curriculum and instruction to meet the core curriculum expectations of the state of Michigan."

Based on performance over three years, the state rates each grade and subject area according to status and

change. Fourth-grade math in the district is improving and has moderate needs, results state. Fourth-grade reading is described as stable with high needs.

Fifth-grade science has low needs and is improving. Seventh-grade reading is characterized as improving, with moderate needs. Seventh-grade math also has moderate needs and is improving. Eighth-grade science is described as improving, with moderate needs. Stable with moderate needs is 10th-grade reading.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

LUMINARIA KITS
Plymouth Symphony League and Trailwood Garden Club (WNE&G) will sell sets of 10 candles and bags for \$3.50, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Westchester Mall, Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Roads, and Danny's on Main in downtown Plymouth. 459-1999 or 459-4749.

VOLUNTEERS
Plymouth YMCA needs help at its Coffee Tent during the Ice Festival, Jan. 12-17. 453-2904.

BASKETBALL
Plymouth YMCA and Blackwell Ford present the YMCA Classic shooting contest 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 21 at Lowell Middle School, 8400 N. Hix, Westland. Register, 453-2904.

FIREARM SAFETY
Course is offered 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17, at Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road, Plymouth Township. Evenings, 535-0436.

COUPON BOOKS
Orders for Entertainment 34 books can be bought for \$40 at three locations: Canton VFW Post 6967, 495-0465 or 455-8438; Plymouth Optimists Club, proceeds to benefit children's causes throughout southeast Michigan, call Bill Von Glahn, 453-8253; or Plymouth Community Family YMCA (also Gold Coupon Book, \$10), 453-2904.

FLAGS AVAILABLE
Contact The American Legion, Passage-Gayde Post 391, in Plymouth. Jim Maahs, 455-5541, or Jim Barbour, 451-8659.

PLYMOUTH CLASSES
Parks and Recreation, 455-6620.
YMCA adult and youth classes, 453-2904.

HOLIDAY

SING-ALONG
Christmas Sing-a-long is 7 p.m. Sunday at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton. Children may bring instruments. 459-5515.

LIVING TREE
The Living Christmas Tree celebration is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, 45801 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. 453-1525.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP
Kids can create fine art gifts 10-11:30 a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Friday for preschool ages 3 to 6; grades 1st and up 10 a.m. to noon or 1-3 p.m. Saturday. 453-6623.

SANTA COLLECTION
Collection displayed through Jan. 30 at Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. 455-8940.

SUPPORT GROUP
Schrader-Howell Funeral

Home will give coping strategies for getting through the holidays, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20. Plymouth Historical Museum.

FOR KIDS

"DAY CAMP"
"School's Out Special" for kids ages 6-12 includes activities and field trips Dec. 21-31. Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

SATURDAY CLUB
Arts, crafts, field trips and music for kids ages 6-12, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. 453-8480.

LEADERS CLUB
National YMCA program for kids ages 11-15 offers social and volunteer opportunities every other Tuesday. Plymouth YMCA youth classes include junior step aerobics & steppin' kids, ages 8-13; youth basketball league starts Jan. 3, third-ninth grades; gymnastics; tumble bears gymnastics; kids 2½-4; karate begins Jan. 4 at Ishibashi School, 8 years old and up; creative preschool at Faith Community Church on Warren Road, ages 3-5; drawing with Alfie, ages 5-6 and 7-8. Register in person, 5-7:30 p.m. Jan. 5, 10 or 11. YMCA office closed Dec. 23-Jan. 2. 453-2904.

HEALTH

BLOOD DRIVE
Red Cross will accept donations Dec. 21-23 at Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, Canton. Red Cross will send a cuddly teddy bear from each donor to a child in the hospital. 494-2800 or 1-800-582-4383.

WEIGHT WATCHERS
Meetings are at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, and daily hours at Weight Watchers Center — H, 44734 Ford, near Kmart. 1-800-487-4777.

SMOKE STOPPERS
Stop smoking/weight control clinic is offered 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Plymouth City Hall, Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

Free assessment and introduction to smoking cessation program at Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Pat Harris, 712-4141.

RUNNING
Spartan men's and women's running club, ages 15 and up, 7 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Canton High School track. Call Mike or Betty Krafchak, 451-5966.

Group walks for walkers, 10 a.m. Monday-Friday, St.

John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren, Canton, 455-9042.

EDUCATION

PRESCHOOL/NURSERY
Canton Parks and Recreation Canton Crickets preschool program lottery numbers can be picked up 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Winner notified week of Jan. 4-7.

New Morning School, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth: preschool, early primary kindergarten, Me and My Shadow Classes, and LEGO Logo classes. 420-3331.

St. Michael Christian School, Canton, openings for 4-year-olds. 459-9720.

Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth, 3- and 4-year-olds, 453-5464.

FREE CLASSES
For non-high school graduates, IBM training and GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555.

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

VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve as a community representative acting as a liaison between foundation and community. Call Michael Hart, 800-482-1455.

CALL TO HELP
Growth Works, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, office work, 455-4095.
Chambers of commerce in Plymouth, 453-1540, Canton, 453-4040.

Alzheimer's, to assist with adult day-care program, 557-8277.
Meal delivery to home-bound senior citizens in the Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444.

Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159.
Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, 397-2973 or 397-1111.

VFW Canton Post No. 6967, 8 p.m. first Monday, Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444 or 459-8027.

Picemakers, 7 p.m. third Thursday, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church, 455-3838.

Woolgatherers Knitting Guild, 6:30 p.m. third Thursday, Salvation Army building, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth Township. Call Karen Rumpitz at 420-4022.

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

NEARBY

HOLIDAY
Schoolcraft College's Vocal Group presents Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday in college's Waterman Campus Choir presents "A Christmas Prelude," 8 p.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia. 349-8175 or 462-4448.

Schoolcraft College's student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa will host Breakfast with Santa 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday in waterman Campus. Reservations, 462-4422.

"The Nutcracker" is performed by Oakland Festival Ballet through Dec. 19 at Birmingham Theatre. 644-3533.

Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, displays holiday planetarium show for ages five and up. Laser show. 645-3221.

Battle Creek Festival of Lights continues each evening through Dec. 31. Fireworks finale. Schedule of events, (616) 962-2240.

ADDITIONS
SAFE, Setting Addicts Free Eternally, 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 N. Morton Taylor, Canton. Interpreted for the deaf. 453-4785.

Women's therapy group for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families, call Elizabeth Broderick at Growth Works, 455-4902.

Never Say Never obsessive-compulsive group, 7 p.m. every other Thursday, First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township. Call Lois Turpel, 522-3022, or Audrey Harrison, 453-0384.

Families Anonymous, 8 p.m. Sundays, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. 397-8595.

MORE SUPPORT
Meet Your Needs, 7 p.m. Mondays, Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring, Plymouth, 453-0323.

Starting Over for young widows and widowers, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth Township, 677-0500.

dancing, 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Dec. 31. Reservations, 479-4278.

First Night Wayne is non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration for entire family, 6 p.m.-midnight Dec. 31 in Downtown Wayne, along Michigan Avenue east of I-275, Exit 22 from I-275, 721-7400.

Weight Watchers International will conduct major food drive Saturday. Food collected will be given to Lovelight Foundation and dispersed to families in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. 1-800-487-4777.

CAMPUS NEWS
Competitive scholarship audition for entering freshmen at University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company is Saturday. Students will audition for four-year half-tuition awards. 993-1130.

Datatel Scholars Foundation scholarship application deadline is Feb. 28 for Schoolcraft College students. 462-4433.

VOLUNTEERS
Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan needs volunteers to present program on helping kids understand disabilities, at area schools and day care centers. 810-338-9626.

Detroit Institute of Arts needs volunteers to greet and assist visitors in museum. Training session is 1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 8. 833-0247.

KIDS
Creative Center for Young Children sponsors an indoor carnival 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Dec. 31 at 47300 W. 12 Mile Road. Proceeds to Child Abuse & Neglect Council for Oakland County. 348-3820.

HEALTH
Fitness and recreational activities begin in January at Schoolcraft College. 462-4413.

Alzheimer's Association has developed Safe Return program to help identify and return to safety missing persons with the disease. 557-8277.

Depressive rap group meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., first and third Thursday of the month, at Garden City Harrison Center. 981-5936 or 532-4217.

Systematic stress management course is 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10-31, at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. 591-2922.

Diabetics education program is 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 11. Register before Jan. 4. 591-2922.

CHADD of Northwest Wayne County, group for attention deficit disorders, meets at 7:30 p.m. first Thursday of the month at Livonia Civic Center Library. Parents, educators and the medical community may attend. 380-0847.

Germania Club Downriver offers New Year's Eve party at Germania Haus, 23156 King Road, Brownstown. Dinner 8-9 p.m.;

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 Street, Plymouth 48170.

KATHLEEN McDONALD, of Plymouth, a senior in metallurgical engineering at Michigan Technological University, is among 75 students from MTU included in the 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. McDonald, daughter of John and Sandra McDonald of Plymouth, has been active in the following organizations: Women's Soccer Team, Soccer Club at MTU, Copper Country Soccer Association, and Alpha Sigma Mu Honor Fraternity. She graduated from Mercy High School in 1990. Students were selected based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

TWO RESIDENTS have become members of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Service: Matt Berres, son of Ralph and Joanne Berres of Plymouth, and Thomas Raven, son of Richard and Julianne Raven of Canton, both 1993 graduates of Canton High School. The Ford Institute is designed to give exceptional students a chance to broaden their education through concentrated study in areas of government and public service, regardless of their major. Students participate in a city government simulation and complete course work concerning political science, history, and ethics.

STEPHEN SEDORE, an Albion College sophomore, has been selected by audition to play trumpet in the Albion College Jazz Ensemble. The Jazz Ensemble studies and performs jazz literature of all styles. The group performs six to 10 concerts throughout the year, both on and off campus. Sedore, a 1992 graduate of Canton High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sedore of Plymouth.

FORD M. COTTON III, son of Ford Jr. and Vickie Cotton of Brighton, formerly of Canton, has been elected for membership into Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. Tau Beta Pi represents the highest honor which can be achieved by an engineering student. Membership is awarded on the basis of high scholarship and exemplary character. Ford is a senior at the University of Michigan and expects to graduate with a degree in electrical engineering in May. Ford graduated from Plymouth-Salem High School in 1990.

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Canton Observer, 744 Wing Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

Event: _____

Date and Time: _____

Location: _____

Telephone: _____

Additional info: _____

Volunteer honored by schools

Plymouth Township resident Peggy Currie was named an outstanding volunteer by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education and the "I Care" Committee at the school board meeting held on Monday, Dec. 13.

Six years ago, Currie founded the Publishing Center at Bird Elementary School. She now coordinates the volunteers who staff the center and maintains all of the supplies needed for its operation. Funded by the Bird Parent-Teacher Organization, the Publishing Center publishes thousands of pieces of work by Bird students each year.

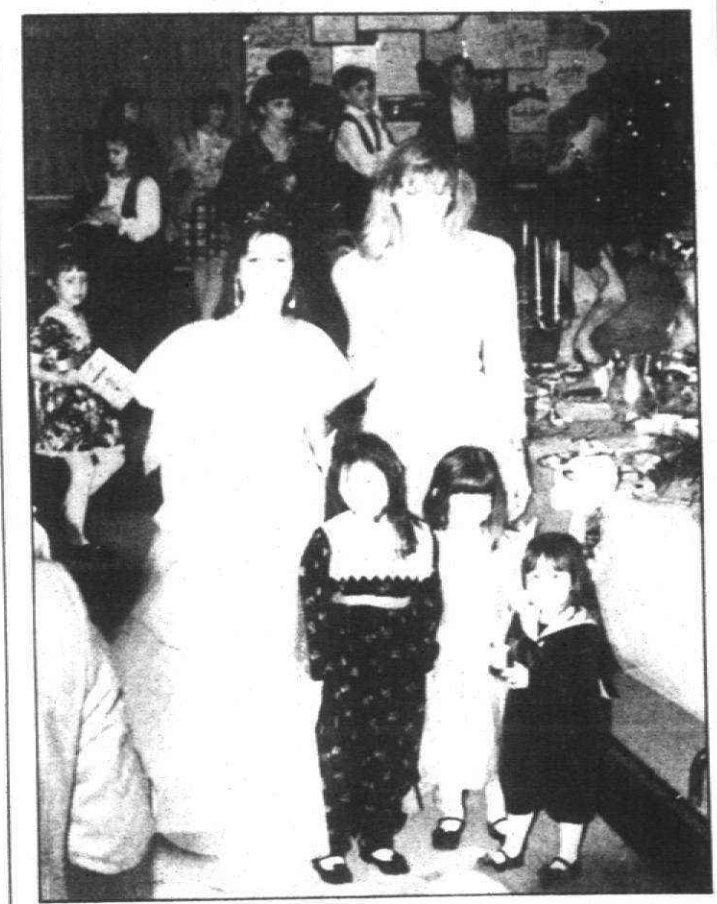
An active member of the Bird PTO, Currie served as vice president for two years and a member for several years. Fund-raising is one of her main contributions to the PTO. Currie is often seen volunteering in classrooms, on field trips and in any area of the school where she is needed. She has provided support during millage campaigns, having volunteered to monitor the polls and make phone calls.

"Peggy is willing to help Bird School in any way she can," one of her nominators commented. "She works well with other people and is able to pass on her enthusiasm for the school. She is a wonderful model for the children."

Currie and her husband, John, have two children. Their daughter, Shawna, is a fifth-grader at Bird Elementary School, and their son, Evan, is a sixth-grader at East Middle School.

The "I Care" Committee and the Board of Education established the "Extra Mile Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Award" in 1991 to recognize outstanding volunteers in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

Board President Roland Thomas presented the award to Currie and thanked her for her volunteer service to the District. Thomas presented her with a framed resolution passed by the Board of Education, a volunteer pin and a dinner gift certificate donated by the Plymouth Landing restaurant on behalf of the "I Care" Committee.



Sugar Plum tea

Ballet event: More than 200 people attended the Plymouth Symphony's Sugar Plum Fairy Tea following a performance of the Nutcracker Ballet at Novi High School. The music was performed by the Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth/Canton Ballet group danced. The tea was organized by Jennifer Imamura, Avis Rupp, Julie Zygmuntowicz, Patty Malcolm, and Jill Scypta. About 800 children and adults attended the performance on Dec. 5.

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10th-grade math is described as improving, with high needs. 11th-grade science is improving, with moderate needs.

School board members haven't had a chance to closely examine this year's results. A cursory look, said board member Barbara Graham, indicates "we are doing as well as any other district, or better. I'm always cautious of those figures, and how those kinds of tests are administered," she said, recalling that during her tenure on a Detroit regional school board, low achievers were told "they didn't have to come in for the test; they could stay home that day."

"How fair are we? We've had parents come and tell the board we are teaching to the test. Are we brushing up the skills we know usually are contained in those tests, or are we teaching the test? If so, we are missing out on a lot of important instruction in other areas."

Parent Jim Mills, who serves on the district's Early Childhood Advisory Committee and has been critical of the "developmental" curriculum, noted that fewer children failed the fourth-grade reading test this year.

"To be honest, that's what I would have expected. Given the way the system was implemented, obviously the children who took the brunt of it should have topped out last year. From now on, those numbers should be getting better until we get to what would be considered normal — 15 percent not passing. The neat part about that is that people within the system have realized things, and slowly, the system is moving back to where it should have been."

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NATURE TRAILS A thick cover of snow on the ground insulates the eye from the minor contours of the land. But a thin dusting of snow can accentuate each fallen leaf and bump in the earth.

Some of those bumps are home to thousands of ants. Mounds from three or four species of mound-building ants can be seen in meadows throughout southern Michigan. A light dusting of snow highlights their presence, but the cold keeps the occupants deep in the ground.

There are several ant mounds along the trails at the Independence Oaks Nature Center. All of them are in the meadows or along the edge of a meadow. These high-rise communities are better able to capture the warming rays of the sun, which in turn allow the inhabitants to warm more quickly.

During the cold temperatures of winter the community retreats to the lower levels of its structure. Here the ants will slow down their activities in the relative warmth of the insulated earth and await the sun's acute rays of spring to warm them into action.

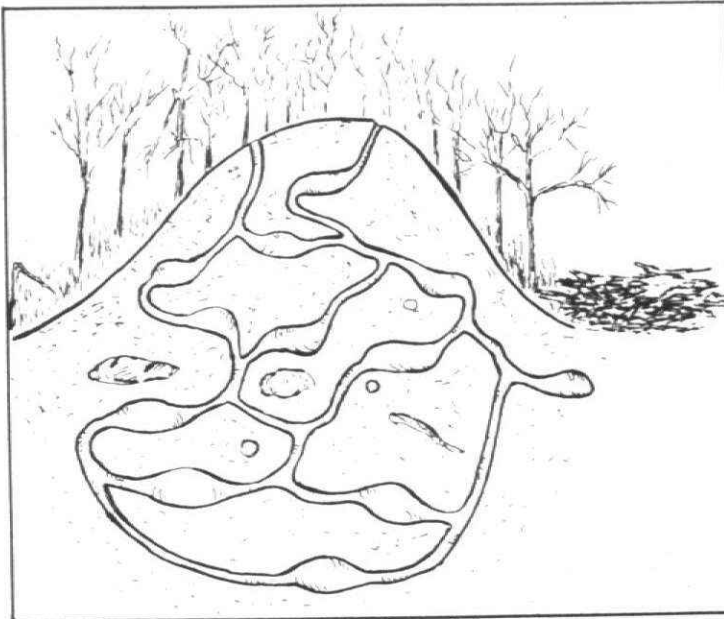
Underground, they have tunnels leading to several different chambers. Each chamber has a specific function. Some are used for the queen to lay her eggs. Once the eggs have been laid they are transferred to another chamber where they will hatch into a larva. Larvae are then transferred to another chamber where they will pupate. There are also chambers for food storage and trash.

In summer, when the mound moves with an array of ants, one job is to recycle the outer layer of the mound. Moisture inside could cause fungus to grow, so workers transfer moist material outside. Once outside it is baked in the sun and any fungus will die. This movement of material goes on all summer long.

In spring repairs are made from damage incurred during the winter. Animals may step on a snow-covered mound with impunity, but in summer, intruders are attacked.

As you pass an ant mound this winter, note its location and imagine the interior arrangement being much like your own house.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks Nature Center. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message using a Touch-Tone phone at 953-2047, mailbox 1874.



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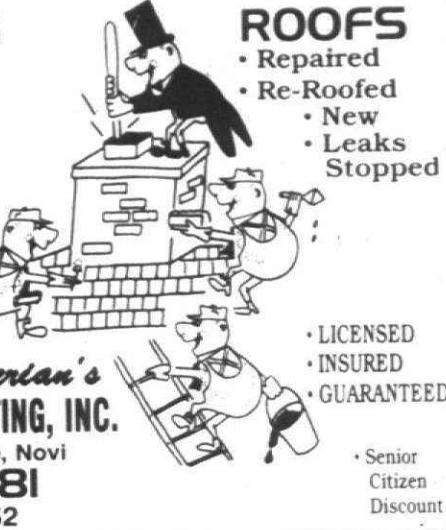
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Cheer Club

Members help needy on holiday

On Sept. 21, 1897, Frank Church penned an editorial in the New York Sun that like Santa is still with us.

It started out: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus... Thank God! he lives and he lives forever."

To us, Church took on a tough issue, one that is as delicate today as it was in our great-grandparents' day. Teaching a child about the true meaning of Christmas and what Santa symbolizes is as difficult as figuring out the latest school financing bill.

That's why we chose to use Church's famous words, "Yes, Virginia," in promoting our Cheer Club this Christmas.

Membership is easy. Just stop by the Plymouth Observer with a new toy and canned or boxed food for the Virginias of today. Those items can be dropped off at our office at 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The goods will be picked up and distributed to needy families by the Salvation Army during the Christmas season.

But the donations help more than the needy, they also help parents teach children the joy of giving, even though it hurts a little. We've seen numerous children walk into our office this year with a Barney toy under their arm.

*Yes, Virginia
 there is a
 Santa Claus*
 ...
 he's the people of
 Plymouth and Canton

- To donate to the Cheer Club drop off your donation at our office at 744 Wing St., Plymouth. Our business hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
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- For more information, call us 459-2700.

You can see on their faces they want to keep Barney for themselves. But they plopped it down in a pile with other toys and walk away fighting tears.

Yes, there is a Santa, and he's alive in the hearts of kids and adults.

Property tax shouldn't die

This newspaper scoffs at the prevailing political ballyhoo that the school property tax is the worst thing since the bubonic plague.

We have held all along that schools couldn't be run without the property tax, even after the Legislature last July voted to abolish \$6.9 billion worth.

Indeed the House bipartisan legislative team's plan — the vehicle for reform in Lansing — still relies heavily on the property tax.

Examples:

- Business would pay 20 mills, compared to the current 34.5 mills statewide average.
- Homeowners and farmers would pay 16 mills. Even if voters next year raise the sales tax two cents, homeowners and farmers still will pay nine mills.
- "Hold harmless" revenues, which restore the budgets of school districts spending more than \$6,500 per pupil, will come from voted property taxes.
- Intermediate (county) school districts will be permitted to vote up to four mills of property taxes for "enhancement."

Even Gov. John Engler's reform proposal called for 16 mills on business and a burden some 4 percent tax on property transfers. If one didn't care to pay the transfer tax, one could substitute three years of property tax at 16 mills.

The property tax won't die. Nor should it. It's based on something real — the value of homes, apartments, stores, factories, offices, forests and mines.

Quibble as you will about the unfairness of assessments, the property tax has a distinct advantage over the income tax. The latter is subject to an enormous amount of cheating (1) in the cash economy and (2) in small proprietorships where personal and household expenses can be charged to the business with little fear the IRS will catch it.

The property tax is stable. The collection rate runs in excess of 95 percent, even in recession years, whereas income tax collections plummet and sales taxes take a dip.

Keep in mind that economists say reduced property taxes will be "capitalized" — that is, the value of property will go up when taxes go down. A buyer can pay the treasurer or pay the seller, take your pick.

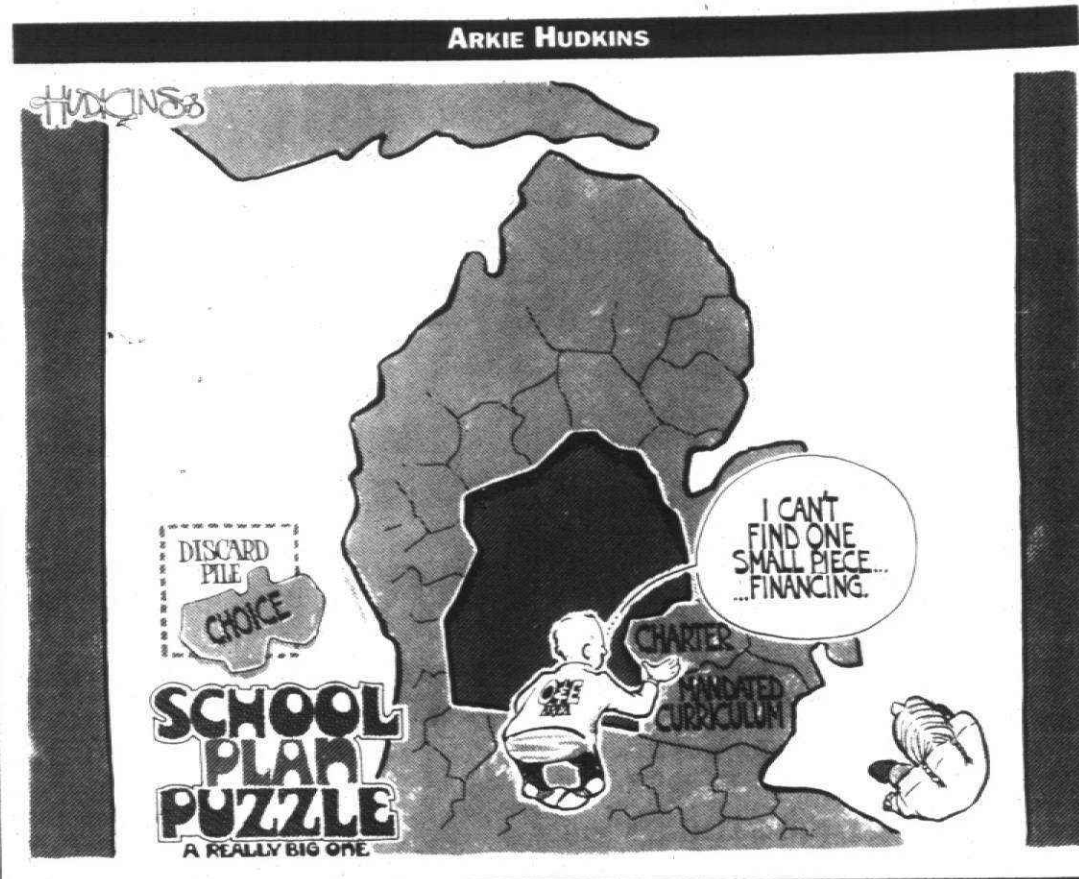
We also will repeat our argument that if the way property taxes are levied is too burdensome for groups such as first-time buyers and senior adults, then that is what ought to be "fixed."

With sadness, we note one other bad feature about the "reform" bills: The business property tax would be collected statewide. It's Robin Hood incarnate — tax base sharing. Many of our suburban communities have recruited industry, put up with its inconvenience and now their labors are being taken away.

One group is in the wings with a petition drive to repeal SB 1. Vicki Barnett, a Farmington Hills resident, and her crew take the common sense approach that property taxes should not have been repealed without a substitute in its place. The danger to public education is too great.

We endorse the petition drive.

The petition drive should be a wake-up call to legislators, who scuttled the property tax despite the fact that voters turned down previous cut-and-cap and sales tax proposals.



LETTERS

Smokin' in L.A.

I am writing with regard to your article printed on Thursday, Nov. 25, titled "Man's Message to Anti-Smokers: Butt Out."

I am from Los Angeles and was visiting relatives in Canton for the holiday when I decided to read the local paper. This article really hit home with me, as the city of Los Angeles became "smoke free" this past summer. Although the Restaurant Owners Association of greater Los Angeles, as well as petitions of 96,000 citizens, opposed this measure, the law is here to stay. The restaurant owners have been feeling the effects of this restriction. Many people I know who are smokers have not been dining out as much as they had prior to the ban (myself included).

It makes no sense to ban smoking in southern California while nothing is being done to reduce the choking smog levels. It makes no sense to take away personal rights. We here in Los Angeles will continue to work to regain our right to smoke in restaurants.

It is mind-boggling that politicians can spend so much time, energy and public money on an anti-smoking campaign when there are so many critical social ills to be addressed: crack cocaine, illegal gun traffic, gangs, graffiti, illegal border crossings, and so on.

I suggest that the good people of Michigan think and think before giving politicians permission to strip citizens of their rights, one by one.

P.S. It was a pleasure to dine out at the Outback and be able to smoke.

Karen Ray-Hancock, Granada Hills, Calif.

Story questioned

His letter is in response to the recent article by M.B. Dillon relative to the parent who was outraged and devastated over the handling of a suspected child neglect case by Plymouth school personnel.

What's wrong with this picture?

Elementary student lies to teacher about being abused. Concerned teacher notifies appropriate authorities who investigate. The lie is discovered. Parent then launches abuse on the teacher, the social worker and the administration.

Why is this nonsense on the front page?

My parents would have been darned glad that someone cared enough to do something. Where is the concern of parents for a child who is engaged in skillful lying and no appreciation for the consequences?

Somebody hasn't been doing their job here but it sure isn't the teacher, the social worker or the school administration. Indeed, they deserve some credit for performing their jobs. Outraged and devastated, what utter nonsense.

Carol B. Fleming, Plymouth

School bashing

As a parent of a student at Farrand Elementary School, I am tired of all the negative press Farrand has been receiving. There is no Utopia in our world; every school has its problems. This newspaper seems to focus on the negative as far as our school district is concerned.

Are you aware that four third-grade classes at Farrand are building the "village of Plymouth," to be displayed later this month? All of those children, many parents, four teachers and four student teachers (as well as help from custodians, support staff, etc.) have spent hours planning and carrying out this monumental experience.

Farrand has a dedicated staff, led by a knowledgeable and caring principal, and supported by countless parents — all working together to provide our children with the best possible education. I resent the constant "bashing" of Farrand's staff and administrator by this paper, and would invite you to come to Farrand and see for yourself the numerous positive educational experiences our children have at Farrand. My experience has been that children are the main concern at Farrand. I am proud that my son is there — and that his teacher and principal care about their students.

Patricia M. Wong, Plymouth

Coon neglected

His letter is concerning the Nov. 29 article Area GOP to host Senate candidates.

I really liked how your newspaper gave information on the Republican candidates and where they could be heard in person. Because of the subject material of the article not much was mentioned on the other non-Republican candidates. I especially would have liked to hear more information on the Libertarian candidate for Senate, Jon Coon of Henderson, Mich.

Coon announced his candidacy on WXYT's David Newman show on Sept. 17. Since that day Jon has been at a number of events, done several radio interviews with various radio stations, been written about in the Flint Journal/Saginaw News, Detroit Free Press, and again in the Detroit News.

He has been at gun shows, Justice Pro Se and other taxpayer association meetings. Plus, the Coon campaign is the only one that has advertised on radio, this was done on the WXYT's Mark Scott show.

Why doesn't the Observer print articles on these events and give its readers all the information on this campaign? Coon is going to be at many events in this local area in the future.

I think the newspapers and others interested in this campaign should call the 1-800-JON-COON phone number to find out about these future events that Jon Coon, Libertarian candidate for the Senate will be attending.

Steven Henderson, Plymouth

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POINTS OF VIEW

It's time to shop Canton Township for a change

For those of us Cantonites who have lived here for more than 10 years, the growth along Ford Road and elsewhere has taken us by surprise in recent years.

It wasn't long ago that Canton could be considered a rural bedroom community, forcing its residents to go elsewhere to shop.

Canton now offers hidden shopping wonders, and area retailers offer variety shops that even malls can't top. I suggest that before going off to another community to Christmas shop, spend a few moments in your own backyard.

Canton's children may experience the wonder of Christmas in the more familiar toylands of Meijer, Target and Kmart, complete with Santa's house.

Our children's clothing shops offer a new Baby Depot and Kid's Stuff. Other opportunities abound in specialty stores such as Riders Hobby Shop, Easy Rider, The Art Store, Arnoldt

Williams Music, Dearborn Music and Sunnydaze Hallmark. Take a peak into Gags and Gifts for kids of all ages.

For the fitness-minded on your list, don't forget gift certificates to Kid Kingdom, and memberships to Rose Shores Racquetball Club and World Gym.

Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis offers everything a duffer or tennis buff could wish for with high quality sportswear and equipment to fit any budget. While you're shopping in Canton Corners, be sure to stop in and see the best selection in the western suburbs of spas, saunas, billiard tables and fireplace merchandise at Fireplace and Spa.

Wedding bells and romance are traditionally a special part of Christmas. In the showroom of My Generation Jewelry can be found the most spectacular gold, diamonds, gems and custom-

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LINDA SHAPONA

designed jewelry for just about anyone on your list. The floral arrangement artists in Canton are exceptional in their variety of gifts, silk arrangements and FTD delivery — try Amour Flowers and Gifts, Mrs. Bee's and Wesley Berry.

And for that "do-it-yourselfer" special man in your life there's always

Canton Auto Parts — the store into which my son's college fund has disappeared thanks to my husband's hot rod project.

Take it from me, there are plenty of car buff gift stores in town — to name a few Bumper to Bumper, RA Auto Parts, Ziebart Tidy Car, March Tire, Firestone Tire and Rubber and Kmart auto shop.

It's a sure bet electronics are on your list, and Canton can again fill your shopping needs with Cellular Store and More, ABC Warehouse and Walter's Appliance.

And for the discriminating taste, wander around the showroom of Frameworks II of Canton and enjoy the exquisite art and framing selections.

A gift boutique for Canton shoppers is Stella DeLap's "Basket Kreations," where she will custom design or help

you select a gift basket for any age or taste. One of the few lighting stores of its kind in the metropolitan area is Master Lighting on Ford Road.

Oops, almost forgot Fido. The Country Pet Salon has every dog or cat's dream-come-true stocking stuffers readily available and affordable.

Take the time to look around Canton, and you will find that there are more shopping opportunities than ever before. And may you and yours enjoy the holiday season, and find special Canton Christmas surprises waiting under the tree just for you.

Linda Shapona is the executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and a Canton resident. The Observer uses guest columns from members of the public. For more information about writing one, call Jeff Counts, the editor, at 459-2700.

Abstinence should be part of sex ed classes

QUESTION: We understand that parents are going to have the option of keeping their children out of sex education programs the Department of Education has developed. Does anyone in public education support the concept of abstinence first as the safest way to avoid pregnancy, AIDS and sex until marriage? Is there any material or programs on abstinence first for my children?

ANSWER: "Don't have sex, but here's a way to do it fairly safely (the condom) amounts to a green light for sexual activity," says Dr. Thomas Lickona, a developmental psychologist and professor of education at the State University of New York. Dr. Lickona and others, from my experience, seem to be a minority in this issue but do hold strong beliefs.

All health teachers I knew start with abstinence in the sex education unit of their school district's much more comprehensive health education program.

Sex education is not new. Historically, sex education originated in Sweden

in the '50s. Sweden's program became the prototype for the western world. Sweden's four premises were: (1) Teenage sexual activity is inevitable. (2) Schools should openly discuss sexual matters. (3) Sex education should teach students about contraception. (4) Educators should be value-neutral regarding sex. The value-neutral position (right or wrong) states that sexual behavior is so intimate that no textbook or classroom teacher can teach it; therefore, stay only with the facts.

Lickona, a person you seem to identify with, says the impact of this non-directive, no-values-considered sex education program has had quite an impact on teenage sexual behavior.

According to Lickona, government funding from 1971 to 1981 for contraceptive education increased by 4,000 percent. During that time, teen pregnancies increased by 20 percent and teen abortions nearly doubled. A 1986 Johns Hopkins University study concluded that sex education did not reduce teen pregnancies. Some of this may be true, but with the AIDS epidemic, it is difficult to even conceive of not having a sex education program.

School talk should include plan's missing components

It doesn't matter where you are: A luncheon for eight, given by the national president of Women's Action for New Directions, Arlene Victor of Bloomfield Township.

Those lines for any one of the three great films currently playing at the Maple Theatre.

People are talking about school reform.

And everyone has their own pieces of the puzzle they'd like to make sure are included. So do I.

No matter what the taxation quilt turns out to be, when the money is doled out per student, it must be adjusted for the cost of living in that student's corner of the state.

There's no question that \$5,000 per student — or what is finally decided — will buy more in the UP than in metro Detroit. When I questioned one of our local state senators on this, he said the prevailing sentiment among his fellow lawmakers is that that's too complicated to determine.

C'mon now. Taking the breadbasket of goods that's used to develop the consumer price index in each state, all those Lansing interns could be put to work pricing them out for the different regions of our state.

Although the Michigan Education Association has been painted as the bad guy in much of this, they are and will continue to be a major player.

Politics is the art of compromise, and they have at least two proposals which deserve to be part of the package.

They are on target in pushing for state standards for an educated child, including a mandated core curriculum. Although that passed the House, the Republican-dominated Senate may not go along — and that would be its undoing.

Philosopher John Dewey wrote: 'What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children.'

That's because voters didn't reject Proposal A in 1992 because it was a sales tax increase. They rejected it because they didn't see any provisions to change the way we educate children.

So, if strong educational reforms — and that doesn't mean choice and charter because both will affect only small numbers of students —

aren't inherent in this plan, no way will voters agree to the sales tax Engler and company want over the more equitable income tax hike.

Redistricting is another puzzle piece that needs to be brought out of the box. The MEA's original redistricting proposal may have been too drastic. But no district serving as few students as, say Clarenceville with 1,700, can continue as a separate school district in this day and age.

Those who suggest that choice will give students in these tiny districts some options are missing the point. Those students will have those options if they are a part of larger school districts. And, taxpayers will see their money better spent than on administrative salaries and operation of buildings to maintain miniature school districts.

One more. Students who have greater needs must have more services. More money must be given to educate our underprivileged. And yes, we who have had the advantage of a sound education, must foot most of the bill.

Educator/philosopher John Dewey wrote: "What the best and wisest parent wants for his own child that must the community want for all its children."

Shame on us if we want anything less.

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QUESTION:

What's your favorite Christmas song?

We asked this question outside the Canton post office.



"Silent Night."
 Marlene Vincent
 Plymouth



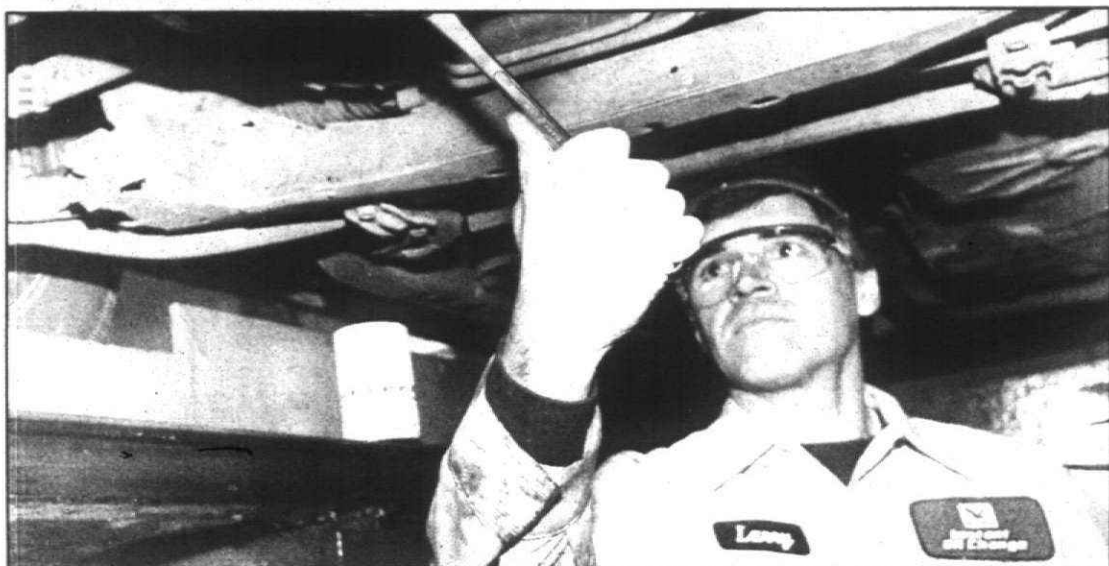
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"White Christmas."
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Under the hood: Larry Detjen, Valvoline Instant Oil Change president, visited local service outlets to emphasize the company's SuperPro training.

VIP greases up for education

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

These days, Larry Detjen knows what sort of week he's having by the amount of grease under his nails.

Since Nov. 1, the new president of Lexington, Ky.-based Valvoline Instant Oil Change has visited more than 14 company-owned service stores in nine states "to learn the business from the bottom up," as he put it.

The junket, called President in the Pits, brought Detjen, 41, to three Valvoline centers in Observer & Eccentric country last week, where he greeted customers, made sales presentations, worked under the hood and, generally, "got down and dirty," he said.

The VIP stopped at Valvoline centers at 31005 Greenfield, Beverly Hills; 26835 Plymouth Road, Redford Township; and 32686 Grand River, Farmington.

Detjen's company-issued overalls were grease-free until 11 a.m., when local business people began to fill the Farmington center's four bays, which handle about 65 cars a day. Everett Morgan, assistant manager, and the store's seven technicians, say this lunch-time rush generally runs to 1:30 p.m.

Detjen worked on three cars in a half-hour, checking fluid levels, air filters, PCV valves, breather filters, coolant and the like.

How did the customers react to the VIP service? Most didn't notice because the Farmington center, whose sales volume is second highest in the Michigan-Toledo region, is a customer friendly place, anyway. The center is especially popular with local business people, who stay in their car during servicing to

read or use the car phone.

"I'm not here to show our employees how to do their work. My interest is in training, and that's what I'm emphasizing here," said Detjen, whose own on-the-job training will make him technician-certified in about two weeks.

Until then, even his work was double-checked by the assistant manager.

All 2,500 Valvoline employees, including office personnel, will be certified as part of the company's on-going SuperPro training for technicians, senior technicians, assistant managers and managers.

Besides pushing employee education, Valvoline stresses community involvement. This year, its 29 Detroit-area stores are toy collection centers for the Sarah Fisher Home in Farmington Hills. Customers who bring a new, unwrapped toy to a center through Thursday, Dec. 23, get \$5 off an oil change and maintenance check.

"Last year, we collected almost three vans full of toys. This year, we're hoping to collect even more. Motorists can make sure their cars are ready for winter and help less-fortunate children have a happy holiday," said Mike Vanatta, regional marketing representative.

Here's a list of the Valvoline toy collection centers in the Observer & Eccentric area: 29335 Six Mile, 28434 Joy, 32850 Plymouth, 31151 Five Mile, all in Livonia; 26835 Plymouth Road, 8827 Telegraph, both in Redford Township; 44075 Ford Road, Canton Township; 32465 Ford Road, Garden City; 31005 Greenfield, Beverly Hills; 4220 Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake; and 32686 Grand River, Farmington.

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CANTON SPORTS SCENE

WLAAs Relays Saturday

There will be more at stake than one might think when Plymouth Salem hosts the annual Western Lakes Activities Association Relay Meet Saturday.

Co-sponsored by the Plymouth and Canton Rotary Clubs, the relay meet is thought by many to be a kind of fun event, with several events that will never appear in a dual meet. Swimmers are allowed to start the season racing in events they never get another chance to compete in.

Like the crescendo relay, which consists of four freestyle legs of different distances: 50, 100, 150 and 200 yards. Or the 200 butterfly, the 200 backstroke, and the 200 breast stroke relays, or the 400 individual medley relay (each swimmer does a 100 IM).

In all, there are 10 relays (including diving, in which the top two divers from each school combine scores). Others that are more familiar are the 200 and 400 medley relays, and the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Still, as Salem coach Chuck Olson explained, there may be more up for grabs than anticipated. "Whoever wins it puts a little pressure on their back," said Olson, whose team happens to be the defending relays champ. "I'd say that 80 percent of the time, whoever wins the relay meet wins the conference meet."

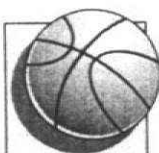
"But it's that other 20 percent of the time that worries you."

The Rocks followed that script last season, winning both. Olson believes his team will be in the hunt for another WLAAs title, but there are plenty of challengers: Northville, North Farmington, Canton, Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill all have strong teams. Livonia Franklin's program has returned, and Farmington, according to Olson, has "its best team in a number of years."

Will it show this weekend? That's hard to predict, Olson said. "The meet is supposed to be fun, but some coaches like to make it really fun and not put that monkey on their back," he said.

That "monkey" is expectation. Who will bear it will be decided Saturday, starting at 1 p.m. at Salem's pool.

Eagles soar over St. Agatha



Offense overpowered defense Tuesday with Plymouth Christian Academy in possession of the offense, which tore through hapless Redford St. Agatha for a lopsided win, the Eagles second in three games.

BY NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Redford St. Agatha rookie coach John Fenbert had no defense for his team's 76-55 loss to Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday — literally.

While PCA (2-1) stepped up its defense to pull away late in the first half, the Aggies had none as they fell to 0-3.

"Our biggest problem is we don't play any defense," Fenbert said. "But we're working on it. We're young and most of the team has never played man defense before. But that's going to be the defense we will use and we'll still work on it."

While the Aggies aim to improve defensively, PCA's biggest obstacle is a home court. Tuesday's game was played at Dearborn Fairlane Christian; PCA is still waiting for bleachers to arrive in its new gym. The seats, which were supposed to be here in early January, are now expected later this month.

Even though PCA coach Dan Brandel is upset about the missing seats, he's happy with his team's start and the way they played Tuesday.

"I think we're improving but we still have to find ourselves," Brandel said. "I'm obviously happy with tonight. We controlled the pace and kept the tempo."

Fenbert employed a zone defense on the Eagles to begin the game but that strategy was foiled as PCA hit several shots from the perimeter, including back-to-back three-pointers by sophomore guard Jeremy Hsia.

Once St. Agatha went to man-to-man, PCA pounded the boards and scored almost at will. PCA made 33-of-72 field goal attempts (46 percent) and collected 50 rebounds — half of them on the offensive end.

PCA took a 19-13 lead early in the second half, but the Aggies went on a 8-2 run to tie. The rally was sparked by forward Bill Hatchet, who scored six of his 12 points in the quarter. The Eagles used their fast break to go on an 11-3 run to take a 34-27 half-time lead.

The Eagles forced the Aggies into 31 turnovers, many leading to easy baskets. In the second quarter alone, the Eagles turned the ball over 12 times.

The third quarter featured by far the best basketball of the game, as both teams picked up the tempo. St. Agatha's Bill Matti kept the Aggies in striking distance by scoring 10 points in the quarter, but PCA had an answer for every basket. Matti, a junior guard, finished with a game-high 23 points.

The Eagle that picked his game up most in the second half was junior center Aaron Jones. After a dismal 3-for-16 shooting performance in the first half, Jones' shots began to fall. He finished with a team-high 18 points and 12 rebounds.

"I was definitely concerned about (my shooting)," Jones said. "I think I was a little nervous at the beginning of the game because it looked like they had some big players. But as the game went on, I realized they weren't so big."

Another key player for PCA was junior guard Ryan Thomason, who finished with eight points, but more importantly dished out 13 assists and stole seven St. Agatha passes.

PCA extended its lead to 55-44 entering the fourth quarter, and the Aggies could get no closer as the Eagles'...

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Squeeze play: Plymouth Christian's Dan House (23) and Aaron Jones merge, with St. Agatha's Charley Fox caught in the middle. House had 12 points in PCA's win; Jones totaled 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Heady play

Senior star lifts Salem, Canton falters

The start was all too ominous. "It was shades of Monroe," said Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie as he watched his team fall behind Ypsilanti 9-2 to start Tuesday's game.

But it was not to be a repeat of the opener, which the Rocks lost at Monroe. This time they caught up by the end of the first quarter, tying the score at 12-all on their final possession. And in the second quarter, a monster was awakened.

In their first two games, James Head — the 6-foot-6 senior forward who's already signed to play at Iowa — had been relatively quiet. "He's been doing a lot of other things," said Brodie, "things that don't show up in the stats."

Against Ypsi, Head put on an offensive show. He scored 16 points in a 20-8 second-quarter surge, and the Rocks were never headed in romping to a 71-51 victory at Ypsi.

Salem improved to 2-1; the Braves are 0-3.

Head finished with 29 points and 12 rebounds. In the second quarter he scored from everywhere, getting four baskets inside, nailing a three-pointer and sinking all five of his free throws. If anyone questioned his ability to play in the Big Ten, said Brodie: "He played like it tonight."

"He scored in transition, he

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scored from the free throw line and he scored a three."

Salem's lead increased by just a single point after three quarters, from 32-20 at the half to 47-34. But Ypsi never cut the deficit to less than 10.

So what was the difference between the Monroe debacle and this game? "It was like two different teams," said Brodie. "They're taking better care of the basketball and they're being more patient. We shot way too quick against Monroe. Now, we're more selective in our shooting. And we have more balance in our scoring."

No one else reached double figures in points against the Braves — Justin Marcis was next with nine, followed by Harold Shanks' seven — but Brodie pointed out that 10 players did score. Jason Wilkens' 15 topped Ypsi; Rayfeild Favor added 12.

However, the corner hasn't been turned yet. "The jury's still out on these guys," said Brodie of his team, which lost four senior starters from last season. "They've still got a lot of work to do at the defensive end, and they're still not clicking on the offensive end the way I'd like them to."

But now, there's something they are doing — winning.

■ ADRIAN 58, CANTON 48: There's one thing that's certain to plague Plymouth Canton throughout the season, and it was evident in Tuesday's homecourt loss to Adrian.

Inside play. The Maples dominated the boards, and that turned the tide. Canton's loss was its second in three games; Adrian is 3-0.

"We gave up nine uncontested transition layups," said Chief coach Dave Van Wagoner. "As far as I'm concerned, that's nine too many. And we got beat up on the boards."

Still, the Chiefs were up 31-28 at the half, and were within striking distance going into the final quarter, down 41-39. But Adrian, led by Shawn Brown's seven points, outscored Canton 17-9 in the final eight minutes.

"Their half-court zone press took us out of our offense," said Van Wagoner. "They're quick on quick, and their big guys are quick."

Matt Paupore's 16 points paced the Chiefs. Ted Docks added 13 and Tim Moritz contributed seven "and good defense," said Van Wagoner.

Brown had 21 to lead the Maples.

Crusaders connect at home

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

For openers, Bill Potter really had few complaints.

All right — it's true his Madonna University women's basketball team did shoot like it was the first game of the season (not the eighth) in the second half. The Lady Crusaders converted just 11-of-39 from the floor — or 28.2 percent. Included was a 1-of-10 performance from three-point range.

But all things considered, it

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wasn't bad for a home opener. "It was a nice crowd," said Potter, "and everything went our way."

Including the decision — 71-58 over Olivet.

The win improved Madonna's record to 3-5. Olivet is 2-6.

The game was really decided in the first half, when the Crusaders were shooting with precision. They converted 20-

of-40 from the field and opened up a 47-33 lead by the intermission.

Madonna led 19-11 with 13:35 left, but seven straight points by Olivet's Heather Davidson, followed by two Becky Chapin free throws and another Davidson basket, put the Comets ahead 22-19 with 11:11 to go.

The Crusaders responded

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Poor 1st half ruins Ocelots; SC women stall in stretch

Trying to win a game at Henry Ford Community College would be a difficult challenge for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team under the best of circumstances. Making the trip with two of its top three scorers battling the flu, which SC did Saturday, made it nearly impossible.

So the final score — Henry Ford 96, SC 73 — was not surprising. The Ocelots' second-leading scorer, Abu Hamilton, was too ill to make the trip. And although Steve Whitlow, the only returning starter from a year ago, did play, he was hardly a factor. His condition limited him to 25 minutes (the averages 35), during which he totaled seven points and five assists.

Hamilton and Whitlow combine for 33 a game. But coach Dave Bogataj wasn't ready to just blame the result on health troubles. "Henry Ford's a fine team," he said, noting the Hawks' win over highly regarded Macon CC three days earlier. "I'm not saying we should have won. But it should have been a lot closer."

The biggest problems were shot

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selection, particularly in the first half when Henry Ford opened up a 51-27 lead by the break, and rebounding. "We rebounded terribly," said Bogataj.

So how bad was it? Bogataj said his team managed just 13 for the game. Todd McNeil had eight of those, to go with his game-high 28 points.

"That's something we're going to address today (at practice)," promised Bogataj.

Not all the news was bad, even though SC slipped to 5-6 overall and 0-2 in the Eastern Conference (Henry Ford is 5-4 overall, 2-0 in the conference). For example, Milton Stoudemire came off the bench to score 14 points.

And the Ocelots did outscore the Hawks 46-45 in the second half. "They were basically taking the same shots, but better closer in the second half," said Bogataj. "The kids played much better in the second half."

But they never got closer than 15. And no one else reached double figures in scoring. Henry Ford

got 25 points from Thad Fielder, 14 from Mickey Brown and 12 from Cortez Lott.

HENRY FORD 63, SC 53: A lot of factors worked against Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team Saturday at Henry Ford CC, and they all added up to a loss, the Lady Ocelots' second in a row in Eastern Conference play.

With one player hospitalized the night before for an examination for a possible brain tumor, a wide discrepancy in free-throw opportunities (38 for the Lady Hawks, 36 for SC) and some bad decisions down the stretch all played a part in the defeat, which left SC at 4-3 overall, 0-2 in the conference.

In spite of the problems, the Ocelots were within three with 1 1/2 minutes left, but resorted to taking long outside jumpers. Alissa Wechter and Tricia Kazyska each scored 12 points for SC.

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Crusaders are still plagued by their off-target shooting

Well, if Bill Sharpe is searching for something positive in regards to his Madonna University men's basketball team and its 1-11 record, at least they're consistent.

Not in losing. It's the way the Fighting Crusaders fall. In losses last week, at home Wednesday (Dec. 8) to Michigan Christian by a 119-109 margin and at St. Xavier (Chicago) Friday by a 114-85 score, Sharpe could find reasons and could trace them back to the start of the season.

Shooting. And rebounding.

"We had opportunities to win," Sharpe said after the Crusaders' second loss this season to Michigan Christian. "But the same situation happens, the same thing keeps hurting us."

Madonna made just 41 percent

of its floor shots against Michigan Christian, and only 38 percent against St. Xavier. In their run-and-shoot style offense, the Crusaders have to connect on 50 percent to have a chance to win.

In the loss to Michigan Christian, Kurt Carlos scored 30 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Mike Slone had 19 points, 11 dimes and 14 boards. Brandon Slone collected 13 points and nine rebounds, and Shawn Brannum contributed 13 points. Doug Soper dished out 10 assists.

Todd Clark's 50 points paced Michigan Christian.

Madonna trailed 59-50 at the half.

The defeat at St. Xavier was very similar. The Crusaders were

behind 51-43 at the half, mainly because St. Xavier made 20-of-32 first-half shots (62 percent). For the game, St. Xavier hit 57 percent from the field.

Madonna struggled, particularly from three-point range (10-of-34, 29 percent). "There are players in our offense who keep taking us out of our offense," said Sharpe. "Until that changes, we'll have problems."

For the Crusaders, Brannum had 18 points (including four three-pointers), Dimes added 14 and Mike Slone finished with 13. But the best they had on the boards were Brannum, Dimes and Brandon Slone, each with five rebounds. Jay Ransburg had 19 and Vic Weaver and Greg Allen 17 apiece for St. Xavier.

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Canton, Salem promising in openers

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Two teams headed in different directions, but realized comparable results.

Plymouth Canton's wrestling team traveled to Trenton for the Doyle McIntosh Invitational, which included 18 teams. Plymouth Canton made the trip to the eight-team Holt Invitational.

Final results for both were mixed, but promising.

"I'd rate it as average," was Canton coach Ray Givens' assessment of his team's performance. "Not outstanding — I think we could have done better. I think some of our guys were overwhelmed by the seeding."

"Just because guys were seeded

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first or second, they thought they should lose to him. In the second round, they did better when they realized the seeding wasn't necessarily accurate.

The Chiefs finished 10th in the team standings, with four wrestlers placing in the top six. The best was junior Dan Grunewald, who placed third at 103 pounds and had a 3-1 match record for the day.

Sophomore Dave Cline, at 135, and junior Dan Collins, at 140, each finished fifth with 2-2 match records. Sophomore heavyweight Doug Cooper ended up sixth, but was unable to wrestle for fifth because he had already been in five matches, the maximum number allowed.

Canton was hurt by the loss of senior Randy Green, sidelined with an injury. Senior Frank Taormina (112), one of the Chiefs' top wrestlers, failed to place in the top six, although he did have a 2-2 match record.

The inaccurate seeding was just part of the problem at the tournament, according to Givens. And, he hopes, it taught his youthful Chiefs a lesson.

"That's a young team," he admitted. "But the guys didn't quit. They learned a lot, learned what they have to work on."

The coaches learned a lot, too. Some coaches, with experienced

trapping defense thwarted any St. Agatha comeback hopes.

"I noticed in the first half that their guards couldn't handle the pressure," Brandel said. "So we picked up the pressure — that's our strength."

Another good move by Brandel was moving Chris McCoy (10.5 points per game average) to the bench. The move was made after PCA received little support from the reserves in its 73-62 loss to Harper Woods last week.

The change allowed for better

scoring distribution. Dan House and Hsia finished with 12 each, McCoy added 10 and Russ Robillard and Jaime Neil chipped in with six each.

"When we lost to Harper Woods, it was like we had two different teams," Jones said. "Tonight, the bench really helped out and picked it up."

"The bench came through for us tonight, which was the first time that happened this year," Brandel said.

The Aggies have lost their first

three games by an average of 25.6 points, but Fenbert hasn't thrown in the towel.

"Our goal is to shoot towards league play," Fenbert said. "We're going to work towards next year. We have Matti and Hatcher who are juniors and a good group of freshmen. But by no means am I giving up on this season. Hopefully we'll be able to surprise a few people."

BASKETBALL STANDINGS

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Rockets	8-0	Bulls	2-0
Hawks	5-3	Blazers	1-1
Celtics	5-3	76ers	1-1
Kings	3-5	Magic	1-1
Nets	2-6	Jazz	1-1
Lakers	1-7	Kings	1-1

Scores: Rockets 56, Pistons 42; Kings 51, Nets 36; Celtics 64, Lakers 48; Celtics 34, Kings 28; Rockets 56, Lakers 34; Pistons 58, Nets 37.

BOYS A LEAGUE National Division

Pacers	6-0	Knicks	2-0
Hawks	5-1	Pacers	1-1
Sonics	5-1	Sonics	1-1
Pistons	4-2	Celtics	1-1
Spurs	4-2	Knicks	1-1
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Kings	1-5	Spurs	1-1
Bucks	0-6	Bucks	1-1

American Division

Rockets	5-1	Celtics	2-0
Knicks	4-2	Lakers	2-0
76ers	4-2	Pistons	1-1
Jazz	3-3	Nets	1-1
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Hornets	0-6		

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with a nine-point run of their own, the first five coming from Denise Williams and the last four from Mary Bieniewicz. In the final 10:35 of the half, Madonna outscored Olivet 28-11. Bieniewicz had 13 first-half points, with Shawn Brannum adding 11 and Jill Burt eight.

While the offense put the Crusaders in a position to win, their defense kept them there in

the second half. Example: From 16:53 until 12:21, a span of 4:32, Madonna managed just two points, on a Burt basket. Its lead was 54-38 entering that stretch, coming out of it, the Crusaders were still up, 56-45.

"It was a dominant, stellar defense," said Potter. "When you can keep a (NCAA) Division III team under 60, you're

doing a good job. When we needed a key steal or rebound, we got it."

The Crusaders were limited to 21-of-56 shooting from the field (37.5 percent), including 8-of-23 (34.8) in the second half. Even worse, they turned the ball over 31 times (Madonna had 17), with the Crusaders making 23 steals (Olivet had seven).

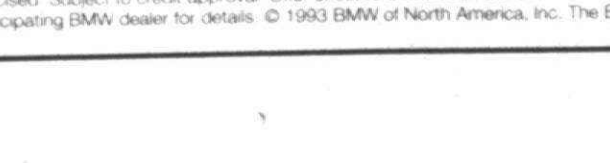
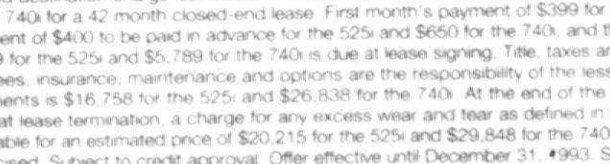
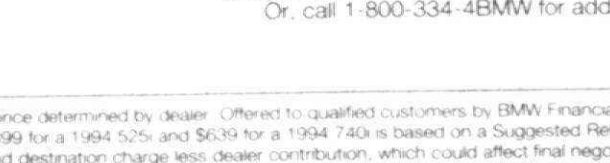
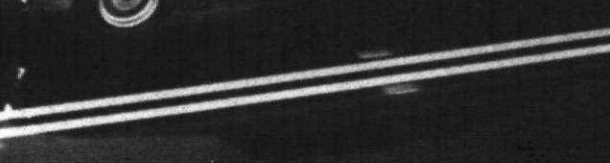
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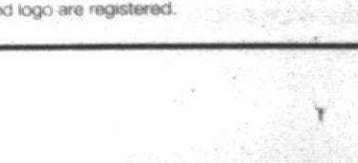
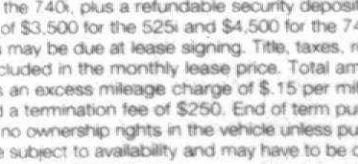
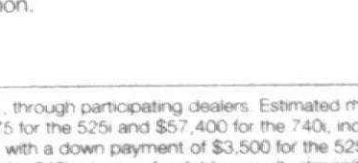
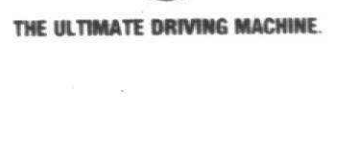
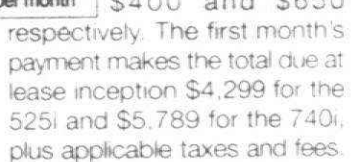
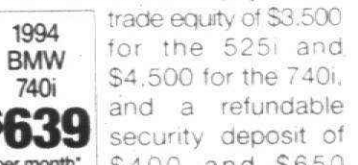
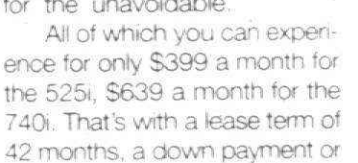
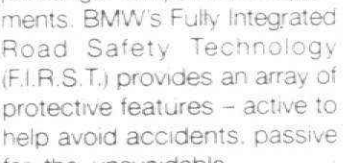


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Buying the right gift for your hunter or angler can often times be frustrating. Is he a bow hunter or a gun hunter? What type of gun does he use and what size arrows? Does he prefer fly fishing or spin casting? Should I buy a Silver Streak spoon, a Woolly Bugger, a Daredevil or a K&E Purple Worm? If the mere thought of an outdoor gift summons up pangs of frustration, take a deep breath and relax. There are a lot of fool proof gifts available that are sure to bring a smile to the face of any outdoorsman or outdoorswoman.

If you're shopping for an angler here are several ideas priced be-

low \$25. A pair of surgical forceps come in very handy for removing hooks from a fish's mouth while a Snap-master lure retriever can save an angler a lot of time and aggravation. A hook hone (sharpening), a pair of neoprene fishing gloves, a Tackle-Tamer to control leaders and harnesses, a new fillet board, a pair of polarized fishing glasses or a hard rod case are also valuable assets to any angler's collection of gadgets.

If you're in the \$50 and below market consider a telescopic ultra light fishing combo. These quality, compact outfits come in very handy and are easily stashed away in a glove box or trunk for "emergency" use.

A digital fish scale keeps your angler in check and helps control those fish stories. A new tackle box is also a welcome addition. The Magnum Sidekick, which features 29 compartments and measures 12 inches by 7 inches by 3 inches.

For those with a little more money to spend consider a float tube, which is basically a pair of

waders suspended in an inter-tube. Float tubes are exciting to fish from and allow easy access to those hard to reach hot spots particularly on inland lakes. Float tubes are also excellent for waterfowl hunting. A new trolling motor, a set of planner boards or a gift certificate for a charter fishing trip will provide a thrill for any angler.

Hunters are equally difficult to buy for but here are a few universal suggestions.

For stocking stuffers, consider a pocket or pin-on compass, a folding saw, a mini Maglight with extra batteries, a six-pack of throw-away hand warmers, a package of targets or a deer, turkey, duck or goose call. Another practical, inexpensive gift idea is a bottle of Hoppe's No. 9 gun cleaning solvent and a package of cleaning patches.

In the under \$25 category, consider a polar fleece fanny pack or day pack, a portable hunting stool or bucket, a pair of shooter's ear muffs and shooter's glasses, or a hot seat. Check your hunter's gun, and if one is lacking, a new sling is a great addition.

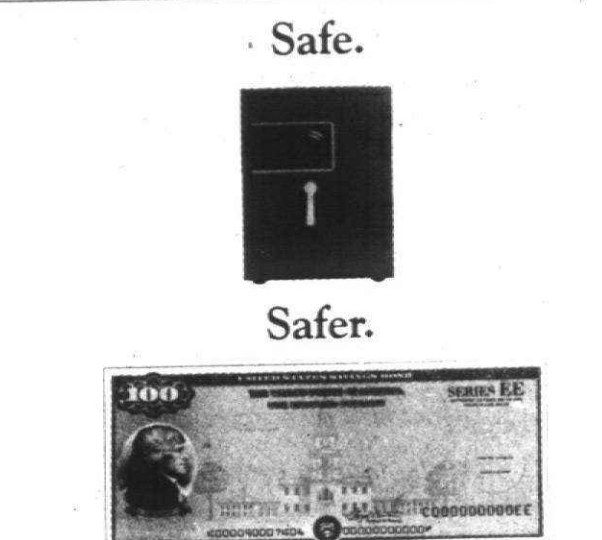
For a little more of an investment a new Buck knife, a pair of compact binoculars, a propane heater or an electric smoker will work wonders.

Is an archer on your list? If so, consider a lighted sight pin, a hard bow case, a fletching jig or a life-sized target.

Another idea to be considered is a renewal or new membership in the National Rifle Association or any one of a number of fine outdoors organizations.

There is also a multitude of how-to videos on the market covering all aspects of hunting and fishing. Check with your local video store for some of the top titles.

If all else fails a gift certificate to any local sporting goods store or outfitter is a sure-fire winner every time.



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COLLEGE SPORTS

BIG GOAL

The first goal of Dwight Parrish's collegiate career won't be forgotten, that's for certain. Parrish, from Farmington, is a sophomore defenseman for Ferris State. He scored his first goal for the Bulldogs Dec. 4 at Bowling Green State, and it came at a perfect time. Ferris had suffered a 5-2 loss to Bowling Green the previous day, but the 'Dogs battled back to tie it at 3-3 Dec. 4.

Parrish's goal proved to be the game-winner in a 4-3 victory. Parrish had a goal and three assists through that series. Ferris is 6-9 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and 6-11 overall.

TWICE HONORED

Jeff Gray, a senior at Beloit College from Livonia (Dearborn Divine Child), was a double-winner for the Buccaneers' football team. Gray, a 6-foot, 190-pound defensive lineman, led his team with 138 points on 48 unassisted tackles, 27 assisted and 56 forces. He had eight sacks and recovered two fumbles.

For his effort, Gray was named to the all-Midwest Conference team. He also won a pair of team awards: the Carl Nelson Team Player Award, presented to the player who displays the best team

attitude and spirit during the season, and the Hardest Hit Award. Beloit (located in Beloit, Wisc.) finished second in the Midwest's North Division.

SINGLED OUT

Brigitte Dery, a senior at University of Detroit-Mercy from Farmington Hills (Mercy HS), was honored with the women's Coach's Choice Award at the 25th annual Cross Country Awards Banquet Dec. 2 at the Rivertown Saloon.

Jerry Prieskorn, a senior at Northwood University and former star at Oakland Community College, was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference men's basketball player of the week. Prieskorn (Waterford Mott) was instrumental in a pair of Northwood wins, scoring 38 points and grabbing 25 rebounds in upsets of Hillsdale and Ferris State. For the season, Prieskorn is averaging 18.3 points and 11.5 rebounds a game.

Kevin Hankerson, a senior at Saginaw Valley State from Wayne (Memorial), just missed a school record when he made eight steals in the Cardinals' 113-75 triumph over Concordia Dec. 6. Hankerson is averaging two steals per game in GLIAC play, and he leads the conference in field goal percentage (69.2 percent). SVSU is 6-1 overall, 2-0 in the GLIAC.

Shutout puts CC at 4-0

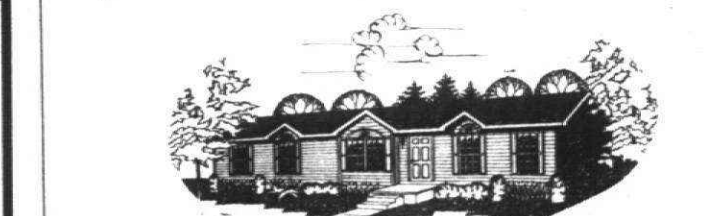
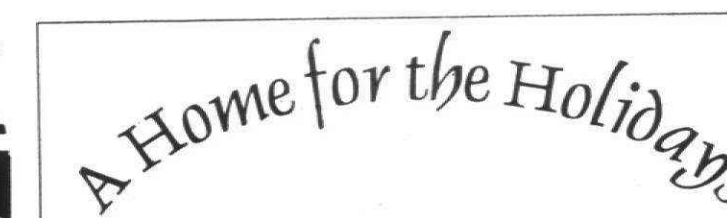
Senior goalie Mike Brusseau posted his second shutout of the year Saturday as Redford Catholic Central beat Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-0, in a Michigan Metro High School Hockey League encounter at Redford Ice Arena.

Brusseau made 12 saves. State-ranked CC, off to a 4-0 start, has given up only three goals all season.

HOCKEY

Jazson Couture scored what proved to be the game-winner in the second period from Jon Heady and Brad Przysiecki.

Ken Lauer added a third-period goal from Andre Jurkiewicz. CC outshot the Pioneers, 27-12.



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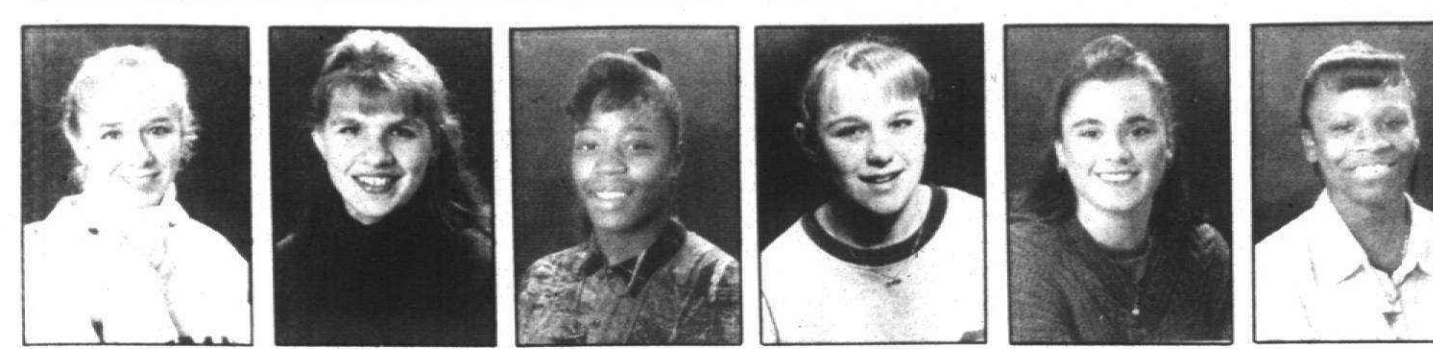
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Observerland's best small, but play tall

BY BRAD EMONS

Good things come in small packages, especially the 1993 All-Observer girls basketball team.

This year's seven-member squad of mighty mites does not boast a player over 6 feet, but each stood tall in their own right.

Three repeat selections highlight the All-Area team — senior Maureen Drabicki of Livonia Stevenson, junior Tara Overalls of Livonia Ladywood and sophomore Maxann Reese of State Class C champion Redford Bishop.

Dave Mann of Borgess, who guided the Spartans to a 23-4 overall record, was named Observerland Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season.

Borgess and Plymouth Canton each landed a pair of players on the first team as selected by the Observer sports staff.

Here is a closer look at this year's squad.

FIRST TEAM
Mo Drabicki, senior, Liv. Stevenson: The 5-foot-6 point-guard, who has signed

with Valparaiso (Ind.), enjoyed a banner final high school season.

Drabicki set season school records for points (422), steals (154) and assists (151).

She hit 73.5 percent from the free throw line (75 of 102) while averaging 18.3 points per game.

With Drabicki as Stevenson's catalyst, the Spartans finished 38-6 overall during her junior and senior years.

She was also named Detroit Free Press All-Suburban and All-Metro, and was an All-Metro and Class A All-State pick in the Detroit News.

Drabicki also excels in the classroom, carrying a 3.9 grade-point average.

Tara Overalls, junior, Liv. Ladywood: Nobody in Observerland was tougher in the low blocks than the 5-10 Overalls.

She gave opposing teams fits in the Catholic League, averaging 22 points and 10 rebounds per game.

Overall, Overalls averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per game while shooting an astounding 57 percent from the field and 67 percent from the free throw line.

Overalls also averaged four assists and four steals per game.

The Ladywood standout was also named to the Detroit Free Press All-Catholic and All-Metro squads. In the Detroit News, Overalls was a first-team Class A All-State selection.

Overalls is also a standout in the classroom, sporting a 4.0 grade-point average.

LIVONIA HARRIER 7TH
Kelly Travis, an eighth grader at Holmes Middle School in Livonia, placed seventh in the 2 1/2-mile run with a time of 16:17 at the USA Junior National Track Athletic Congress Cross Country Championships held Saturday in Rhode Island.

Kelly is the daughter of Bob and Ronnie Travis.

HOOP SHOOT CHAMPS
Joe Pawlik posted the top score, hitting 20 of 25 free throws, to win the Boys 10-11 age division Saturday at the 22nd annual Elks Hoop Shoot

The Livonia Mite Kings, sponsored by Concord Dental, recently finished first in the Little Caesars Thanksgiving hockey tourney.

The Kings defeated Southfield Oscewa in the finals, 6-3.

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HONORABLE MENTION

Redford Bishop Borgess: Nikki Garmes, Marie Dubois, Yolanda Holt; Plymouth Canton: Sarah Warrick; Livonia Ladywood: Kerry Duggan, Anne Rogers; Livonia Stevenson: Jill Van Tien, Kim Olszewski; Farmington Hills: Mary Kelly, Felicia Brooks, Liz Weber; Redford Thurston: Jean Herron, Heather Wohlfelt; Plymouth Salem: Kelly Lukask, Shelly Sisk, Livonia Franklin: Tracy Rytkevicz; Kelle Mann, Jaclyn Deane; Farmington Harrison: Krista Snow, Amanda Ault, Garden City; Yvette Siskie, Farm. Harrison; Wayne Memorial: Krista Snow, Plymouth Canton; Nancy Kesteven, Farm. Harrison; Red Thurston, Farm. Harrison

Maxann Reese, sophomore, Bishop Borgess: The 5-foot-7 sophomore guard put on quite a show in the state championship game with six three-pointers.

For the season, Reese averaged 15.5 points, 5.8 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 7.7 steals per game. She made 48 percent from the field and 66 percent from the free throw line.

If you play her one-on-one for the most part, you'll take her against anyone in the state," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "She does more, however, because she's a complete player."

But the thing that's so spectacular about her is that you can't stop her one-on-one. She has that explosive first step.

Reese, who carries a 3.1 grade-point average, should be among the favorites for Miss Basketball in 1995. She made first-team All-State (Class C) in the Detroit News and Free Press.

Britta Anderson, senior, Plymouth Canton: The 5-8 senior placed the 21-2 state-ranked Spartans with a 15-point per game scoring average.

She was also the team's second leading rebounder and had a season total of 58 assists.

A fierce competitor, Anderson was a big reason why Canton captured the Western Lakes Activities Association playoff title for the second consecutive year and won the tough Class A district final at Northville.

"She'll do a little bit of everything — scores in the post, offensive rebounds, and is a good jump shooter," Canton coach Bob Bloom said. "She's very versatile, a solid player."

Alyson Nounne, senior, Plymouth Canton: Though only 5-11, Nounne stood tall for the Chiefs in 1993.

She averaged 10 points per game and shot 40 percent from three-point range. As a free throw shooter, Nounne made 82 percent.

Nounne also had a season total of 50 assists and 50 steals.

Her career shooting percentage totals are 50 field goal and 70 (free throw). "Alyson's a great floor leader, she ran

the show for us," Bloom said. "She got the ball to the right people and when you left her alone, she'd hurt you."

Nounne may be best remembered for her career-high 19-point performance in the district championship final against Livonia Ladywood.

Adriane Bryant, sophomore, Bishop Borgess: The 5-3 dynamo proved to be a smooth operator from the point slot, complementing Reese at the other guard position for the Spartans.

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War, Depression shaped holidays for local seniors

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

It's been just about 60 years, but Archie Bunch's memories of that 1933 Christmas back in his California hometown are vivid.

Bunch, 70, was assigned the task, along with several of his grade school classmates, of getting the school Christmas tree. Bunch's best friend, Charles Pape, volunteered for the task at the school in Eureka, Calif., a lumber and fishing town.

"He volunteered. When he volunteered, he volunteered all of us," said Bunch. Plymouth Township resident who's retired from Tola-Warren Lumber Co. in Dearborn Heights. The friends headed for the woods to search for that perfect tree.

"Out there in California every vacant lot was growing redwoods or Douglas firs. I wanted him to get a fir tree. He saw this beautiful Sitka spruce. It was about 40 feet tall. He had a brand-new Boy Scout axe, so he hacked away at it."

The boys dragged the top half of the tree, now a protected species, back to Marshall Elementary School, a distance of some two miles. They set up the tree, which was about 20 feet tall, and it was decorated.

There was just one problem — the tree was one that dries rapidly and sheds its needles. That's just what happened; the students returned to school on that December Monday to find a rather pathetic looking tree.

That humorous story of Christmas was found in the December issue of the "Senior Sentinel," sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging and edited by Bunch and his wife, Mary. The Bunches, who have two grown children and six grandchildren, were happy to share the story with the Observer.

Certain themes emerge when talking to seniors about Christmas: gone by. Gifts of the 1930s tended to be practical, such things as needed clothing and perhaps one special toy. Wartime Christmas of the 1940s were often spent far from the warmth of home.

Special presents

In the 1930s, "your hopes were toward one significant gift you were going to receive," said Wallace Baker, 70, of Canton. Baker, who was raised in northern Michigan, remembers such special gifts as a sled and bicycle. Clothes needed for school were also often given.

"Still you looked forward to Christmas morning," said Baker, who's retired from Eloise, where he was longtime supervisor of records at the hospital complex. Baker remembers that he and his two younger siblings would get

their parents up at 5:30 or 6 a.m. to unwrap presents on Christmas.

Baker went on to serve three years stateside in the U.S. Army during World War II. "I got home one Christmas, as I recall, on a lull," he said. He and his wife, Lucille, who have three grown children and 10 grandchildren, are looking forward to this year's Christmas celebration.

Bunch served in the Air Force from 1942 to 1945, stationed in Africa and Italy. Like Baker, he doesn't have strong memories of wartime Christmases, but does remember the turkey dinners served on each Dec. 25. Efforts were even made to get turkey dinners to men on the front lines.

Margaret Hamel's husband served in the Army in Panama during World War II. Hamel, a former Canton resident living in Westland, gave birth to the couple's oldest child in 1943. Her husband didn't see the child until February 1946.

She and her late husband had three children, Hamel, 68, has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She remembers Christmas when her children got up early and opened their presents while their parents were still asleep.

"Just the expressions on the children's faces when they opened their gifts" each year stay in Hamel's memory. Her childhood Christmas memories include

playing games in front of the family's four-car garage and in the backyard.

Sometimes they'd flood the backyard behind the two-family flat and do some skating, said Hamel, who's a Tele-Care aide for Canton Township, making daily phone calls to check on area seniors.

She remembers her father losing his job during the Depression. "Oh, it was terrible, yes. He didn't work for two years. It was really bad."

Many of the people who gather at the Canton Senior Center on Michigan Avenue remember their own childhood Christmases, said Dianne Neihengen, seniors coordinator for Canton Township. Their memories of the Depression prompt them to support the Goodfellows' effort to help needy kids.

"Very much so," Neihengen said. "Our program raises hundreds of dollars every year. We have all kinds of fund-raisers for the Goodfellows."

Going to work

When Margaret Hamel's husband was in the service during World War II, she did housework at a three-acre chicken farm at Meridian and Plymouth roads. Bunch's family was fortunate during the Depression; his dad continued to work, including a stint with the Civil Works Ad-



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Remembering: Archie Bunch, 70, of Plymouth Township has fond memories of his childhood Christmases in California.

ministration, the predecessor of the Works Progress Administration.

Gertrude Allen, "82 going on 83," was married in 1931. The Canton resident has four grown children, "10 (grandchildren), I think it is, and 10 great-grandchildren. But they're spread all

over the country so we don't get together very much."

She remembers that 1931 Christmas. "We were alone in '31. We had gone from Michigan to Maine. We lived in Maine. My husband couldn't get a job here. I was a city girl and that was in the woods, so you can imagine what I

went through." Allen doesn't have strong Christmas memories from her girlhood; her family was Jewish and celebrated Hanukkah, although Christmas was celebrated at school. Her late husband was Catholic and the couple's children were raised in that faith.

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ON THE MARQUEE



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Local 'Nutcracker' ballet to air on TV

There's still time to see "The Nutcracker" performed live, but you can also see a local production on TV in the comfort of your home. A special adaptation for television of Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker" ballet featuring locally and nationally known artists will be shown on Channel 56 — 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24.

It will also be aired on these local cable stations: Booth (Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills) 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 22-23; Continental (Southfield) 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1; TCI (Rochester) 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20 and Dec. 27; 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 21-22, and Dec. 28-29; 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, and Dec. 30.

Broadcasts are also scheduled on Metrowest, Comcast, McClean Hunter, and Continental Dearborn Heights/Westland. Check your cable guide for times.

See MARQUEE, B3

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

■ Spend a fun-filled evening on New Year's Eve at the fourth annual First Night Celebration in downtown Birmingham.

■ The musical comedy "Little Me" featuring Worth Gardner and Charles Busch opens at the Birmingham Theatre on Dec. 29.

Lively musical celebrates the 1960s



BOB WEIBEL

The Ellie Greenwich musical "Leader of the Pack" celebrates the tumultuous '60s rock 'n' roll scene. It's a joint venture of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford and the Creative and Performing Arts program of the Livonia Public School system. The Guild produces the theater — CAPA the performers and musicians.

Director/conductor Steven Kosinski has created a lively and energetic show, with the CAPA students capturing the magic and mystique of great old rock 'n' roll hits.

Style-wise, the show mixes a lot of Dick Clark's "American Bandstand" with a little of Ralph Edwards' "This

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Is Your Life," which is probably all for the better because the dramatic moments didn't always measure up to the musical numbers.

The show recounts the careers of songwriters Ellie Greenwich, Jeff Barry and Phil Spector, who churned out hit record after hit record. It's hard to forget the rhythmic "Da Doo Ron Ron," the pulsating "Do Wah Diddy," the happy "Chapel of Love," and of course, the title song, "Leader of the Pack."

Renee Carriere is very good in the role of Ellie Greenwich, who had her dream of becoming a successful songwriter come true, only to lose her marriage in the process. And she can sell a song as well as create a sympathetic

character. The part of Jeff Barry is played by Ray Stannas. He was the epitome of "Mr. Kool" with his dark shades — and he certainly can do a step or two!

Patrick O'Reilly, was very effective as Gus Sharkey, a record producer who cares more about the next hit song than people's personal life.

Roseanne Thomas, as Darlene Love, was in excellent voice in several numbers including the rousing closer, "River Deep, Mountain High."

Jackie Quinn, as Annie Golden, is featured in several songs and does nicely with each of them. Also appearing as backup singers and dancers are Leslie Soranno, Jennifer Shields, Brandee Torakis, Carrie Firth, Austin Rocha, Jeremy Leland, Jason Wilhoite, Rob McDonald, Andrea Carlomusto, Danielle Carlomusto and Emily O'Reilly.

ON STAGE

"LEADER OF THE PACK"

Theater: Joint venture of the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford and the Creative and Performing Arts Program of Livonia Public Schools at the Theatre Guild Playhouse, 15136 Beech Day, (1 block south of Five Mile), Redford.

Curtain time: 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-18.

Tickets: \$8 and \$6; call 538-5678.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

Magic of 'Aladdin' lights up the stage

Magic is in the air at Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn, and Marquis Theatre in Northville. Both theaters are presenting the musical "Aladdin" during this holiday season.

"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," playing at Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn through Dec. 30, tells of a worthy young man who uses his wits and faith to outwit an evil magician and save a beautiful princess.

Tickets are \$5.75 each for reserved seats, available at the museum box office, one hour before each performance, or by calling 271-1620. Shows 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 27-30, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

At the historic Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, Northville, the

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magical musical "Aladdin," is playing through Jan. 2. Tickets are \$6.50, shows 2:30 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 18 and Jan. 1; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2; 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Dec. 27-31. Call 349-8110 for tickets.

The original musical play was adapted for children from the traditional "1001 Arabian Nights" tale. Lisa Andres of Livonia created the music and lyrics for the production at Henry Ford Museum Theatre.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Andres, who also appears in the show as the princess. Eric Jungwirth of Birmingham portrays Ben-Ali, the evil wizard.

The show will be especially exciting for one lucky boy and girl from each



HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Enchanting tale: Aladdin (Craig Bentley) performs a love song with the Princess (Lisa Andres of Livonia) in "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp."

audience. Just before curtain time, a member of the production staff will ask for volunteers to appear in small, but important parts.

Jeffrey Weiner and Todd Hoffman of Farmington Hills, take turns portraying Aladdin, and Heather Dailide of Canton portrays the princess.

Old shoes collected for needy

The Red Wing Shoe Store in Canton is one of eight metro area Red Wing stores that has launched a month-long charity shoe drive for the underprivileged, that began Dec. 1.

The store, 5948 Sheldon, is a drop-off center for the public to bring in used shoes and boots to be reconditioned and donated to the Capuchian Soup Kitchen and Annex in Detroit. Store manager Rob Maskey will restitch and replace insoles as needed. The shoes are then sized and individually boxed for easy distribution.

Father Jim Leary, spokesman for the Capuchian charity, said this effort is part of their overall program of feeding and clothing the hungry and the poor. The Red Wing stores are considering running the program on an annual basis, and possibly throughout the year.

"This is a nice opportunity for us to use our knowledge and shoe repair skills to help fill a need in the community," Maskey said.

Mike Collison, Red Wing Shoes regional sales manager, said that while not all of the footwear will be serviceable, the stores will accept all types of shoes and boots.

"If the soles are completely worn down or the leather is ripped, we won't be able to do anything with them," Collison said. "But our goal is to get as many shoes as possible into good, wearable condition."

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Oakland Festival Ballet, DSO present 'Nutcracker'

There's no need to wait until the night before Christmas. The visions of sugarplums are dancing through heads at the Birmingham Theatre, 231 S. Woodward, where Oakland Festival Ballet is presenting the "Nutcracker" through Dec. 19.

Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. for Friday performances (Dec. 17); 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for Saturday and Sunday shows (Dec. 18-19). Tickets available through all Ticketmaster outlets and at the Birmingham Theatre box office, 644-3533. Seats for Friday matinees are \$10 each; prices for all other performances are \$15 for children and seniors, \$17 for adults.

Featured guest artists from Detroit's newly formed Metropolitan Ballet Theatre are — Randi Ulevog as Clara, the little girl whose visions of sugarplums leap to life; Robert Royce, Nutcracker Prince; and Dennis Lue, Mouse King.

Internationally acclaimed Peter Jacobson, currently performing with the Twyla Tharp Dancers, will dance as Cavalier.

The ballet is choreographed by Cornelia Sampson, founder of Oakland Festival Ballet Company, and director of the Rochester School of Dance. The production features dazzling costumes, striking scenery, a sky-scraping Christmas tree, bushes of artificial snow, candy canes and lollipops dangling overhead.

Oakland Festival Ballet Company members are selected every fall in an open audition before a panel of visiting experts.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra is presenting "The Nutcracker" ballet at the Fox Theatre in Detroit through Dec. 30. Call 645-6666 for tickets and show times. There are a number of local talent youngsters performing in the show including Sara Tull of Troy.

Santa Bear will visit the Fox Theatre prior to all performances



Holiday treat: Dancers from the Oakland Festival Ballet Company in a scene from "The Nutcracker" ballet at the Birmingham Theatre.

Dec. 16-19. Kids can meet him in the lobby.

"The Nutcracker" tells the story of a young girl, Clara, who is given a nutcracker doll for Christmas. During the night, the doll comes to life to lead the toys in a battle with the house mice, led by the Mouse King. As the nutcracker is about to be attacked by the

King, Clara strikes him with her slipper, and the nutcracker turns into a prince and invites her to the Kingdom of Sweets as her reward. There, she is entertained by subjects of the court, including the famous pas de deux by the Prince and the Sugarplum Fairy. At the end, Clara awakens to realize it has all been a grand dream.

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The presentation is a joint project of Oakland Community College and Oakland Festival Ballet Co. The piece was adapted for television by OCC trustee Judith Wiser, co-chair of the Oakland Arts Council. It is directed and choreographed by Cornelia Sampson of the Oakland Festival Ballet Company, based in Rochester.

Featured artists include Shawn Black, soloist with the American Ballet Theatre, who will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Peter Jacobson of the Twyla Tharp Dance Co. who will perform the role of the Cavalier, Michael Anderson of the Joffrey Ballet who will dance as the Nutcracker Prince, and Laura Skousen, an alumna of the Oakland Festival Ballet Co., who will dance the role of Clara.

Arts council member Jack Costello, owner of JCP Advertising in Madison Heights, is the producer.

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Twins sought for movie

Paramount Pictures and Brody & Schroeder casting are searching for male African American identical twins and triplets, between the ages of 2 and 4 to star in an upcoming feature film.

Auditions will be 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Marriott Courtyard, 30653 Flynn Drive in Romulus. Bring a recent photo. For more information, call (312) 527-4931.

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Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington star in thriller

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Terrified and exhausted, Darby has decided to put her faith in a stranger, Gray Grantham, an investigative reporter whom Calahan had admired. Calahan, her lover and mentor, now a fatality in this deadly chase, Darby will tell Grantham exactly what's in the speculative brief — "the pelican brief" — she wrote about the Supreme Court justice assassinations — about the man behind it all, about the growing cover that extends to the highest levels of government.

An perhaps, if Grantham can confirm the information and break the story before the killers figure out where she is — perhaps she and Grantham will both survive.

Warner Bros. presents "The Pelican Brief," starring Julia Roberts and Denzel Washington and directed by Alan J. Pakula. The suspense thriller, based on the best-selling novel of the same name by John Grisham, has a screenplay by Pakula. Pakula and Pieter Jan Brugge are the producers.

"The Pelican Brief" also stars Sam Shepard, John Heard, Tony Goldwyn, James B. Sicking, William Atherton, Robert Culp and Stanley Tucci.

For two-time Oscar nominee Julia Roberts, the dual attractions of a strong heroine and producer-director-screenwriter Alan Pakula, convinced her to play the lead role of Darby Shaw, whose insight into a troubling series of murders targets her as the killer's next victim.



who plays the assassin, Khameel, said his research for playing an international assassin "didn't include killing anyone," but he did read about the enigmatic and infamous Abu Nidal. "I also spent time with some FBI agents who specialize in terrorists and their makeup," Tucci adds. "The ideal terrorist is a classic sociopath,

someone who is not purely evil, but can be very charming and even average."

Slow-paced 'Geronimo' noble effort

By AP NEWSFEATURES
A part of American history that will always live in infamy is the white man's systematic destruction of the Indian. It has taken the American film industry the better part of its own history to try to make some sense of it all.

Unfortunately, the majority of movies served up between the 1920s and now have been "romantic" shoot-'em-ups that painted a one-sided vista of the American West: good, hardworking cowboys vs. evil, crazy Indians.

A few films, such as "Dances With Wolves," "Broken Arrow," "A Man Called Horse" and "Windwalker," attempted to portray Indians more realistically and tell the story of the West through their voice.

Now comes Wes Studi's epic, "Geronimo: An American Legend." It is a noble effort, but any impact it may have had is dashed by an overdose of political correctness.

The story of Geronimo, a great Apache leader and warrior, is told through the voice of a young, white soldier, making the screenplay by John Milius and Larry Gross just another tale of how the West was "won" by strong, brave white Americans.

The movie is not Geronimo's story, despite a mesmerizing performance by Wes Studi ("The



American legend: Cavalry Lt. Charles Gatewood (Jason Patric) escorts Geronimo (Wes Studi) into the cavalry compound at San Carlos in "Geronimo: An American Legend."

last years of the Apache nation, focusing primarily on the ambivalence of a few good men.

Lt. Charles Gatewood (Jason Patric) has a tremendous amount of respect for the Indian but is given the thankless task of bringing in Geronimo, knowing he will be imprisoned. He later is ban-

ished to a distant post so he can't remind the Army of what it had done.

And there is the ambivalence of the film's narrator, Lt. Britton Davis (Matt Damon), the young officer who believes in honor and duty, and also is proud that he never killed an Indian.

UPCOMING MOVIES

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:
■ **Opening, Friday, Dec. 17:**
■ "Beethoven's 2nd" — Our favorite canine is back and causing trouble in this sequel to the original hit. Cast includes Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt, Nicole Tom, and Christopher Castle.
■ **Opening Saturday, Dec. 25:**
■ "Batman: The Mask of Phantasm" — Gotham City is being besieged by a strange new villain, and Batman is determined to get to the heart of the matter. Features voices of Kevin Conroy, Efram Zimbalist, Jr. and Mark Hamill.
■ "Tombstone" — The story of Wyatt Earp and the events that occurred before and after the infamous battle at the O.K. Corral. Stars Kurt Russell, Sam Elliott, Dana Delany.
■ "Grumpy Old Men" — Story about two elderly men, neighbors, who have been feuding since high school over a girl, and the beautiful woman who enters their lives, and pours fuel on an old fire.

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Beauty: Laura Buono will play the part of Beauty in the musical "Beauty and the Beast."



Papa: Diedrich Steljes will appear in the role of Papa in "Beauty and the Beast."

Youth theater to present musical

Kids Koncerts, which is part of the Southfield Cultural Arts, with Nancy Gurwin, will present the Tedd E. Bear Youth Theatre production of the Lee Ahlin and Philip Hall musical "Beauty and the Beast," Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18-19.

The program will be performed in luncheon theater format in room 115 of the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, beginning with lunch at 1 p.m. followed by the show at 2 p.m. Admission for lunch and show is \$10, admis-

sion for show only is \$7.50. Call 554-4717 for reservations. Laura Buono of Rochester will play the part of Beauty. She has been on the stage since the age of four, and appeared as young Cosette and young Epionine in the first national tour of "Les Miserables."

Diedrich Steljes, of Troy, in the part of Papa, recently appeared on Broadway as Col. in "The Secret Garden."

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EARTHA DEYAMPERT

It's the sign of the times

Remember back in the olden days when it was common for children to wear the same outfit to school at least twice a week? You came home from school, changed clothes before you did anything else. Your "school wear" was neatly placed on a hanger or spread across a chair to keep it clean and crisp for another day's wear.

There wasn't any need to puzzle your brain over what five outfits to mix and match for those school weeks. The best you might hope for, and it being OK with mom and your friends, since they, too, were "in" with the replay attire, was an occasional switching of a skirt, shirt or blouse. Even so, you could bet on getting at least two wears from most clothing pieces in the same week.

Those were the days parents laid down the law about what children, even teens, wore, especially to school. Honestly speaking, wearing an outfit twice in the same week back then in my mind was somewhat repulsive and often met with complaints. While attending junior high school, the complaints were a little louder, more frequent, but many times met with "until you're able to buy your own clothes, you have no complaints." If parents did give a kid a break - some did in my neighborhood - it was understood you weren't allowed to prance the streets, visiting friends after school, in your "school wear."

Children were taught the important value of taking care of their personal items, especially clothes. Children were taught to conserve, to budget. "care more, waste less" was our family motto. To conserve back in those days wasn't as real an issue as today. Important, yes, but most children were taught at home, not necessarily in the classroom. Children experienced thrifty, conservation practices right at home by watching mom and dad.

As for clothes and making a fashion statement, parents today spend big dollars on everyday "school wear," including designer name gym shoes at \$65 to \$125 a pop. Today's spending of the top dollar for youth clothing could have been a more realistic option in the olden days. Ironically enough, since children were expected to get more wear out clothes, it seems reasonable to expect to pay more money for quality and long-lasting clothing. I guess you can say "more bang for your buck." Parents back then sure knew how to stretch a dollar.

The '90s parents are buying more clothes for youth and teens, spending more money, and kids are wearing the outfits less. Although that's not true for some kids who wear and wear and wear a particular outfit until you beg them to let you buy a new one for them. Parents find themselves constantly being hounded by their children about needing the latest designer shirt or whatever clothing piece being sported in the hallways at school. It's a must to stay in style whether it's outrageous or viewed as a little different, keeping in mind that different still means following someone else's style or expanding on it.

On a wider peer fashion scale, staying in style and making a statement means wearing the most baggy, colorful jeans. Girls and boys parade around in pants and tops so big you never know their true size. (I should try that.) The military boots and designer pro sport jackets worn with the sleeves rolled a few inches is a "must have" in most young people's wardrobes.

How important is it to keep your child in step with the current fashion trend? Children as young as six will tell you that they can't play with certain children or fit into a peer group unless they have designer shoes that glow at the heels when they walk.

More common among older children, male and female, is the need to "fit in," to blend in with their peers. Although individuality is significant, not standing out too much is equally important. When parents today choose not to buy an occasional familiar name brand fashion clothing more than likely experience repercussions, one way or another.

It's unfortunate, but true, that children are hassled, snubbed or ignored all together, if their clothing is behind the times. Children then become defensive, pretending it doesn't bother them that they're not considered fashion smart by their peers. Often these children become withdrawn, dislike going to school and resent their parents' choice not to be a little more fashion conscious.

I listen to my three teens, niece and nephew, as well as friends of my children talk about a "fresh" outfit they saw. Occasionally, conversations, detailing how other children were exposed by wearing bogus or imitation designer clothes. (Kids call this "perpetrating," slang for fraud.)

Where do parents go from here? Breaking the bank to buy every new "in" outfit or clothing piece advertised is certainly not the answer just to satisfy fashion whims. (My pockets can't stand the pressure.) We adults know only too well that styles go around like a glittering, loud carousel, like an old familiar song sung by a different artist with a different flair, but the words are the same. Such is

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Gramma Louise

Helping hand:
Gramma Louise Vorel takes time to talk with Cory Fosgart, 4, one of her "grandchildren" at Webster School in Livonia.



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Her kids help keep her 'young'



BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Being a grandmother is nothing new for Louise Vorel. New are the faces of the "grandchildren" she meets each fall at Webster Elementary School in Livonia.

"Hello, Gramma Louise," follows her as she walks down the halls, greetings extended by students, parents and staff. Twice a week, Vorel reports to the school to work with special youngsters. She's a foster grandparent. In fact, at age 92, she's the oldest active participant in the Foster Grandparent Program of Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

"They keep you young because you have a reason to get up in the morning and go to work," said Vorel, fingering building blocks one of her "grandchildren" gave her. "You feel better when you're working and doing something."

Vorel has been a foster grandparent for 25 years. She got involved after being solicited for the program that was just starting up at the Plymouth State Home and Training Center in Northville Township.

The year was 1968, Vorel was 65 years old. Forced to retire from a cleaning job she had had in Cleveland, Ohio, she was getting just

Louise Vorel was unhappy when she was forced to retire at age 65, but in a way, it opened the door to a new job that has kept her busy for another 25 years, doing something very natural for a 92-year-old.

\$92 from Social Security. The chance to work was inviting, so was the tax-free stipend.

"I graduated from one job to another," Vorel said. "I was a cleaning lady and had worked for 10 years. When they told me I had to retire I cried because I wanted to work until I was 70."

It was Joe Rytel, himself a foster grandparent, who enticed Vorel to look into the program. She did and was hired that day. She was one of four seniors assigned to the Plymouth state home.

"I liked it so much; I had a total of 50 grandchildren at one time," she said. "I miss it."

She worked at the state home until it was closed in the early 1980s; she was then assigned to Webster School where she works with two children each school year. She recalls the principal paying for the grandparents' lunches out of his own pocket and asking if it was all right to call her Gramma Louise.

"At first, he was hesitant to have us; he didn't know how we'd react in the classroom, but I guessed he liked me," Vorel said. "Now, he comes here once in a while and when he sees me says, 'My God, you're still here.'"

According to Dorothy Smith of the Foster Grandparents Program, it

was established in 1965 to help low-income senior citizens by finding them jobs in institutions and in homes working with children with special needs.

The grandparents receive 40 hours of training before being placed and work four hours a day five days a week. In return, they receive a stipend of \$2.45 per hour, insurance coverage and mileage reimbursement or transportation.

Being a foster grandparent is logical work for Vorel, who as the oldest of 13 children helped care for her brothers and sisters. Born in the former Czechoslovakia, she came to this country in 1911 with her mother and three other siblings.

The family settled in Cleveland, where Vorel met and married her husband and raised their two children after he died in 1956.

When her daughter and son-in-law moved to Livonia because of a job transfer, Vorel decided to sell her home and come with them. She divided up what she got for the home three ways - some for herself, some for her son who needed a bigger home for his family, and some for her daughter who needed a down payment for their new home.

It wasn't an easy transition for Vorel, who didn't unpack her things until she had lived here for two years. Before the Foster Grandparent Program, she filled her time baby-sitting for families in the neighborhood and participating in the senior program at the local church.

"I had so much pep then," she said. "Now, the doctor tells me I have to slow down."

At Webster, it's Vorel's task to make sure her grandchildren do things for themselves the right way. She admits it's hard to stand by and watch, but she does make sure to "always whisper to them what they forgot to do."

All her grandchildren are her favorites and she has little stories about most of them. One 7-year-old told her how much he liked her and lamented her having to leave him each day.

"He wanted me to come to his house and sleep in his bed, and he'd sleep underneath it," she said. "Then I had one who chose me for himself, and a 16-year-old who would kiss me on the cheek every morning because it would give him courage. They like to hug you. They just like to fly up and hug you."

A heart condition has forced Vorel to scale back her schedule. Now she's at school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, working with kindergartners and 8- and 9-year-olds. When the school is closed for summer vacation, she works at a shelter for abused women.

Watching as her grandchild heads out the door for a field trip to an apple orchard, Vorel admits that the thought of having to give up her job is an unpleasant one.

"I feel better doing this than if I were cooped up all the time," she said. "I'm going to keep doing this, but it depends on how my body is doing."

Her work reflects her philosophy

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Some 15 years ago, Mary Lou Longeway, a Providence Hospital nurse, fused faith and hard work, and implemented her family birthing philosophy.

Today Longeway is nurse manager of the Family Birthing Center at Providence Hospital, Southfield. She also was among 50 U.S., Canadian and Swedish health care professionals who attended the 75th anniversary Maternity Center Association (MCA) seminar recently held in New York City.

She has continuously volunteered her time to the MCA group.

The seminar developed recommendations to inspire MCA's programs for professionals and families. These recommendations will also be



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Her way: What Mary Longeway does for a living - nurse manager of Providence Hospital's Family Birthing Center - is an indication of her philosophy about having children.

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Writer has a desire to have a stellar role in life

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

Dear Lorene,
As I wrote your name, I realized I know a lot of people whose names start with L. I've always wanted to have my handwriting analyzed. So, I look forward to your response.

Thank you,
T.

No city given

An overly embellished handwriting and signature tend to obscure the real purpose of writing, which is to communicate with others.

Today's writer has a desire to

express her individuality and wants to follow her own unique way. She appears to have original and/or exclusive tastes.

This is the handwriting of a woman who desires a stellar role in life and knows how to propel herself into the limelight. She has a tendency to dramatize reality which could limit her ability for practical application.

Extreme restlessness is here. She wants change, spice and variety to fill her days. She is searching and may also be trying to escape from some situation or person in her life.

She is highly energetic and nervous on the move. At this particular time she may have her iron in too many fires. This suggests difficulty in prioritizing.

Seemingly, she was raised with strong imperatives from her par-

ents. She had difficulty in expressing her feelings. She may also have felt no one was listening to her needs. At times she would like to move away from some of the past but also finds it difficult to do so.

A desire for recognition is inherent in all of us to a degree. One's past has a great deal of influence on the present and future. The early deprivation our writer feels has left her with a strong need for understanding, love and status. Attention from the opposite sex would also be welcomed.

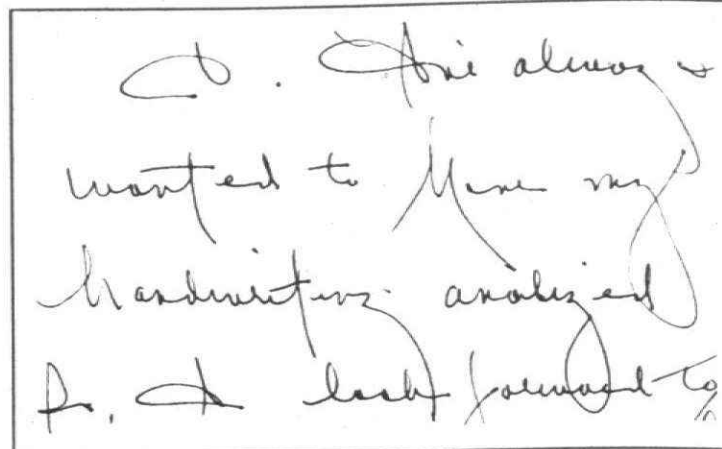
Often this writer is cautious and likes to keep her options open. Although she comes on strong and may appear self-assured she can also be hesitant and unsure at times. Her outward behavior may be masking inferior feelings within.

I can see there is something in her life to which she has resigned herself. Quite possibly she feels she can't change it, so is learning to live with it. This seems like a healthy sign, as does the optimism regarding some of her personal goals.

She wants involvement with people and may go to fanciful extremes in her interaction with them. This next statement may sound paradoxical, but she also needs time away from people. A little problem during the day can cause her to brood or worry until she falls asleep at night.

I can't help wondering if our writer has psychic interests or the gift itself.

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Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first-

person singular. Handness, age and full signature are all helpful, and objective feedback is always welcome.

NEW VOICES

DAVID and SUSAN BAUER of Westland announce the birth of MICHAEL GABRIELLE Oct. 22 at Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Sarah, 11. Grandparents are George and Frances Bauer of Plymouth, Ted and Mary Ann Sherwood of Westland and Alfred and Elaine Pischke of Benzonia, Mich., and Naples, Fla.

PATRICK and LINDA HAWRYLAK of Westland announce the birth of CLARA DAWN Sept. 8 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She has a sister, Heather Danielle. Grandparents are Joseph and Georgia Hawrylak and Gordon and Judy Bullock.

MR. and MRS. VICTOR ZAMMIT of Brighton, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of JACOB JOSEPH Sept. 15. Grandparents are Victor and Irene Zammit of Livonia and Joe and Gerry Billiaou of Sterling Heights.

BRIAN and DAWN BURNS

of Westland announce the birth of COURTNEY RENEE Oct. 15 at Ann Arbor Hospital in Wayne. She has a sister, Stephanie, and a brother, Ryan. Grandparents are Betty and Larry Dimberg of Westland and Norma Burns and Thomas Flower of Canton.

ROBERT and PAMELA WARD of Livonia announce the birth of COURTNEY ANN Oct. 5. She has a brother, Bobby, 16 months. Grandparents are Richard and Charlotte Cushing of Tulsa, Okla., Joyce Ward of Walled Lake and Robert Ward of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Dan and Marge Dalton of Florida, formerly of Livonia, Helen Ward of Westland, Robert and Lucille Rippey of Hendersonville, Tenn., Johnny and Lena Cushing of Madison, Tenn., and the late Willie Ward of Westland.

ROBERT and MARY ZOLLER of Canton announce the birth of EMILY RUTH Oct. 1 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a brother, Zachary, 11, and a sister, Ka-

thryn, 3. Grandparents are George and Florence Dvirnak of Greeley, Colo., and James and Grace Zoller of Omaha, Neb.

RAYMOND and SANDI CASSAR of Livonia announce the birth of CHAD RAYMOND Oct. 20 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He has a brother, Larry, 3½. Grandparents are Larry and Dee Little of Dearborn Heights and Alfred and Mary Cassar of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Marie Little of Westland.

LLOYD and AMY WORK of Carmel, Ind., announce the birth of STEVEN ISAAC at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Ind. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Keith Davis of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Genola Smith of Carmel, Ind., and Mrs. Lloyd Bondy of Amherstburg, Ontario, Canada.

JOHN and KAREN CLINTON of Detroit announce the birth of ELLEN MARGERY

Aug. 8 at Providence Hospital Birthing Center in Southfield. She has a brother, Charles James, 6, and a sister, Alison June, 4. Grandparents are Ian and Sheila Clinton of Plymouth and James and Clare Mueller of Plymouth Township.

STEVEN and KAROL GRANETT of Garden City announce the birth of NIKOLE LAUREN Sept. 12 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Grandparents are Wayne and Delphine Wenk and Alan and Karin Ganett of Phoenix, Ariz.

THEODORE and KIMBERLEY LONIECKI of Westland announce the birth of SARAH JANE Oct. 21 at Ann Arbor Hospital. Grandparents are Linda Gross of Detroit and Kathryn Sedlar and Ted Loniacki of Detroit.

KURT and DEBBIE HENNEMAN of Canton announce the birth of RACHEL KAYE Oct. 11 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

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true with fashion style and trends.

The baggy pants worn today by both girls and boys were also the duds of the late '20s and '30s. The stretch or riding pants of the late '40s and '50s are sported now with low boots. How about the bandanas worn in the back today like in the '60s. (In my old neighborhood, bandanas were called do-rags.)

Smart parents should keep in mind through all this fashion hype what their parents taught them about thriftiness and making wise purchasing choices. The dollar may be harder to stretch today, but we can still take pride in teaching our children to take care of what they do have. It only takes a minute to hang up clothes. We can teach our children to use the "yellow light" (caution) when it comes to trading expensive clothes with friends.

Create opportunity for youngsters to work and be responsible

for completing chores and various tasks to earn monetary rewards. The big lesson learned is in recognizing the value of a dollar is a priceless lesson that's always up to date, never out of style.

Let's face it, resisting the powerful lure of fashion and closing our eyes to its influence or shaping our children's perception of themselves and how others might view them is difficult. Even though the fashion battle fought on the run way of school and/or other places teens congregate to parents may seem trivial, but it's real. Commit to instilling in your children dollar smart shopping, smart clothes that look good, last longer and are appreciated.

If you have a question or comment for Eartha DeYampert, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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forthcoming in a MCA book.

Providence Hospital is the only nationally accredited freestanding birthing center in the state of Michigan, Longway said. That center will hold its 15th Birthday Party in January.

"We're expecting our 5,000th birth in a month or two," Longway said.

A Livonia resident since 1978, Longway has worked in the Family Birthing Center at Providence Hospital in Southfield for 11 years. In 1979, she joined the hospital's maternity and labor nursing staff. A year later, she became part of the nursing staff of the birthing center and was promoted to nurse manager in 1982.

Longway is also chair of the

National Commission for the Accreditation of Freestanding Birth Centers. Providence Hospital helped to write the standards required to accredit birth centers, she said.

"I believe in the birth center concept," Longway said. "I practice the philosophy that I have always believed in. Birth is a healthy, normal experience that is an opportunity for women to grow. Women are empowered by their birth experience."

Longway praised Providence Hospital for taking the chance and the initiative to create the Family Birthing Center at a time when the public and medical community was still learning to accept new concepts like Lamaze childbirth and whether to allow

fathers in the delivery room. Having the whole family present at birth to assist and encourage was a novel concept, she said. Likewise, the U.S. was still grappling with the acceptance of midwives into the labor and delivery arena.

The United States has progressed further ahead with the birth center concept than Sweden, Longway said. But, Longway said Sweden is more progressive with its overall national health care system.

Honorees like Kitty Ernst, Phyllis Farley, Anna Quindlen and Linda Randolph were at the seminar where they were recognized for their service to childbearing families.

According to Longway, Ernst is considered the "mother of the

birth center movement." Farley is a tireless volunteer for outreach education. Quindlen, a New York Times columnist, has written many columns on childbirth centers. Randolph, a New York pediatrician, has worked to implement child care and child health programs.

Longway holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Wayne State University and is working toward a master's degree in health services administration from Central Michigan University. Her husband Herbert is an A&P employee. They have two children who are both Churchill High School graduates — Jeffrey, a mechanical engineer, and Kristin, a sophomore at Central Michigan University.

ANNIVERSARIES

Stock

John and Rosamond Stock of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 20, 1943, in Phoenix, Ariz. She is the former Rosamond Bunell.

They have lived in Livonia for 35 years and have four children — Michael, Pat, Karen and Jill — and one grandchild, Danielle.

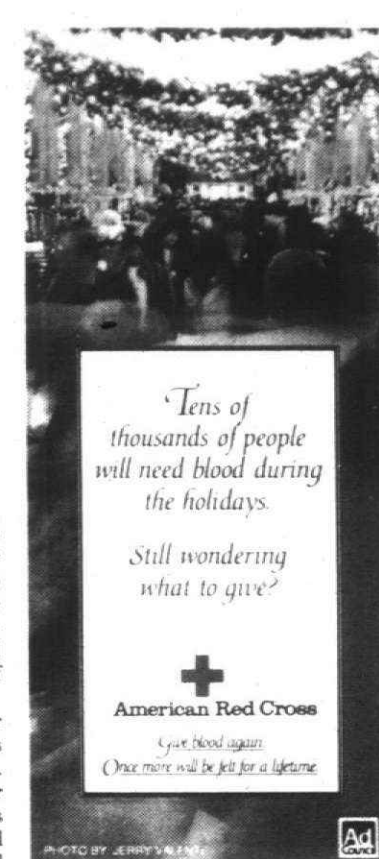


Winterhalter

Jim and Charlotte Winterhalter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 30 with their two sons, Greg and Robert, and their families in Columbus, Ohio.

She is a native of Plymouth. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jolliffe and her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jolliffe.

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PUBLIC ACT 333 OF 1982 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHANGES IN SUMMER TAX COLLECTIONS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

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7:00 P.M.

Current tax collection calendar

Summer 50% of school property taxes assessed
Winter 50% of school property taxes assessed

Proposed tax collection calendar

Summer 100% of school property taxes assessed
Winter NO school property taxes assessed

Public Act 333 requires the Board of Education of a school district to adopt a resolution to impose a summer property tax levy of either one-half or all of school property taxes. For the past several years, the Clarenceville Board of Education has limited the summer tax levy to one-half of the assessed school property taxes.

Because of a substantial reduction in millage for local tax collections due to the change in funding for schools, and because of a need to borrow funds for cash flow (projected at \$1,500,000 for 1994-95), the Clarenceville Board of Education is considering a change from the collection of one-half of the assessed school taxes in the summer to the collection of all school taxes in the summer. This action would offset the interest charges incurred by the district for borrowing, and interest losses incurred as a result of the changes in school funding.

The Board of Education will adopt a resolution concerning the summer tax levy change at a meeting which will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 1993, in the Administration Building Board Room at 7:00 P.M.

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LISA M. BURR, Secretary
Board of Education

Published December 16, 1993

Estate holds Toys for Tots Day

On Sunday, Dec. 19, the Henry Ford Estate, a national historic landmark on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, will host a Toys for Tots Day to celebrate the spirit of holiday giving and pay tribute to the late Ford's traditional generosity toward children at Christmas.

On this special tour day, visitors to the estate will enjoy music, refreshments, Santa and Mrs. Claus and \$1 off tour admission with a toy donation.

Also on hand will be members

of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve who will collect the donated toys and distribute some of them to a select group of deserving Detroit area children.

As a collection sponsor in the 1993 Toys for Tots campaign, the Henry Ford Estate is offering special incentives to visitors to the estate. Those who donate a new, unwrapped toy now through Dec. 19 will receive special tour/event discounts and a chance to win some exciting prizes.

Toy donors will be entered in prize drawings which include a grand prize weekend getaway for two to Chicago, compliments of Southwest Airlines and Guest Quarters Suite Hotel. Other prizes include a handmade Christmas quilt and gift certificates, redeemable in the Estate Shop and Pool Restaurant.

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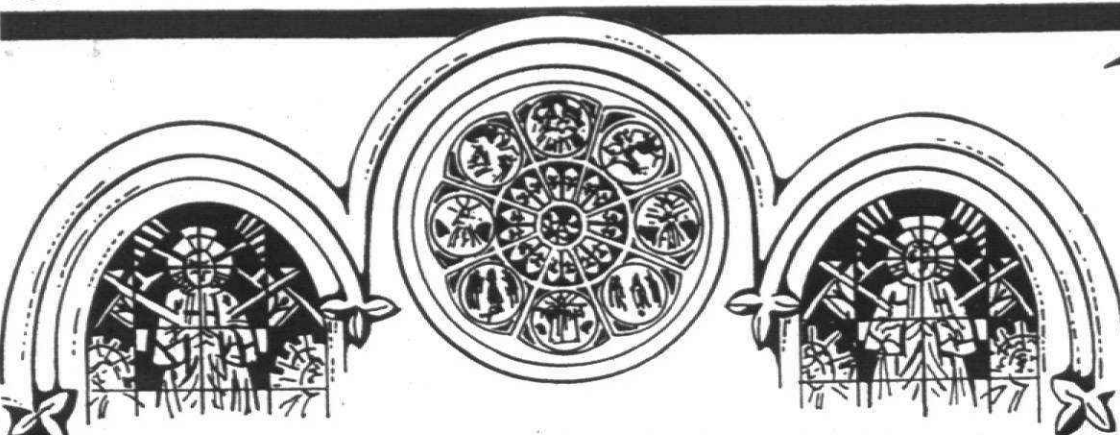
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Come Sense The Freshness

Living tree is gift to community

BY DIANE HANSON
SPECIAL WRITER

If you're tired of the hustle and bustle, materialism and stress of the holiday season and looking for a way to regain the true spirit of Christmas, there is a time and a place to do just that.

It's a place where the treetop glitters. And it's not only glitters; it sings!

The tree is an all-steel structure that stands 25 feet tall and holds 60 singers, according to Jim Talbott, minister of music at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene. This is the second year the church has used the structure in their special Christmas presentations, billed as "a spectacle in sight and sound." The church is presenting its "Living Christmas Tree" concerts, free of charge, to the community.

"One of the reasons that we do not charge is because this is our gift to the community," said Talbott, a Canton resident who has been the music minister since 1985. Before that, Talbott, a 20-year member of the church, was associate music minister.

"We just feel that it is a unique service that we offer to our community that is giving the assignment," added Rev. Mark Barnes, pastor at the church. "We try not to overlap ministries with anyone else. In our immediate

area this is not done, so it gives us a vehicle to reach out to people and significantly impress them with the message of Christmas."

The living Christmas tree concept was started by the church more than 10 years ago when it was located on Ann Arbor Trail. The original tree was a homemade structure that while decorated to look like a tree, it was not quite as dramatic as the current one, according to Talbott.

There was a three-year hiatus from any living tree productions after the congregation moved into the present church.

"Last year we resurrected this program again with a totally different structure," Talbott said. "The tree is 25 feet tall and approximately 25 feet in diameter. The thing about the present tree, of course, it's designed to hold people and it's very safe. But the other thing I like about it is it's vertical. This is what I call a real tree. It looks like a tree."

The tree was created by a Texan who had built a tree for his own congregation. He was employed in the heating and plumbing business as a structural engineer and "was given the assignment to come up with something," according to Talbott.

The tree designer has changed and refined his structure over the years. Each tree is custom made

and can be designed to hold anywhere from 25 to 200 singers. Choir members climb up to their position via a walkway up the back of the tree and must stand on the structure during the performance.

The tree is erected in the sanctuary where the ceiling is high enough to accommodate the structure. Talbott likened it to a "giant erector set."

"That's what it looks like," he said. "We literally lay pieces out all over the floor of the sanctuary. It looks like a kit. It takes us about two days to erect and another three or four days to decorate. We have anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000 lights on it."

"It takes a very sophisticated state of the art system to run these lights and we can do a lot of different things with it. Last year, there was one place where I turned out all the lights except for a select few in the form of a cross."

The tree cost some \$15,000 and the lighting package was another \$5,000. So, it represents a major investment for the church. The tree was completely paid for this year strictly through donations from the congregation.

The free-will offering collected at the performances "is used exclusively to help needy people," said Barnes, who is in his 10th

year as pastor. "We adopt an inner-city pastor's family; they are on very low income." The family is given a significant cash gift for their Christmas season.

Some of the money also is used by the church's Compassionate Ministries which is active with local needy people.

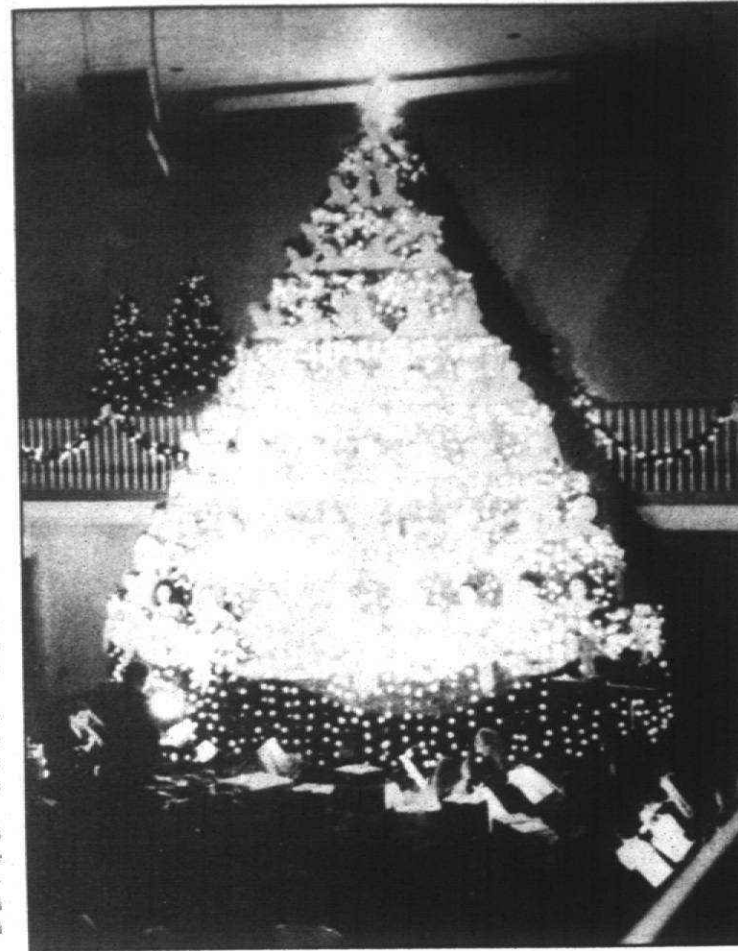
About a quarter of the nearly 500 member congregation is involved in the actual production of "The Living Christmas Tree." Talbott's oldest son, Jim Jr., will be one of the soloists. The pastor's wife, Lucy, is Talbott's accompanist.

The entire adult choir will perform a 90-minute program consisting of a potpourri of sacred music taken from nine different works. There also is a 16-piece orchestra nestled beneath the choir-filled tree.

"We did three performances last year and couldn't get all the people in," said Talbott. "That's why we increased it to four this year."

The first two performances were Dec. 12-13. Two more will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17-18. The church's can seat approximately 500 for each performance.

Plymouth Church of the Nazarene is at 45201 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 453-1525.



Oh, Christmas tree: Members of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene are surrounded by lights and greenery as the living Christmas tree.

Assisted suicides: Absolute answers no longer work today

MORAL PERSPECTIVES



REV. DAVID STRONG

With all of the news coverage of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the issue of suicide is before us. Our problem is that we live in a time when absolute answers no longer work in solving such difficult problems. Just saying "no" is not enough.

Faced with such ethical problems I go to my favorite sources, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Ethics" and the Bible. Bonhoeffer is important to me because he struggled through ethical and spiritual decisions while living in the midst of the Nazi terror. Parts of this book were written and hidden from the police. Other portions were smuggled out of Bonhoeffer's prison cell. My point is that his Christian ethics were forged in the midst of fire.

Humans, he says, as compared with animals, have the freedom to

choose death. This capacity to give one's life over to death constitutes our freedom in relation to God. This freedom, however, is our human right and liberty only in so far as our death might serve a higher goal.

"Suicide is a specifically human action," writes Bonhoeffer. In this act a person may assert his or her power over fate. Suicide is a supreme act of self-justification even when it is done out of despair. If an individual cannot justify himself through joy and success, this person may still justify his life through the power to end his life. "Suicide is a man's attempt to give a final human meaning to a life which has become humanly meaningless." ("Ethics")

The point Bonhoeffer makes is that suicide is only wrong, ultimately, if one believes in God. If one believes in God, one must acknowledge that suicide cannot release us from our destiny before the Creator and Lord of all life. Our destiny is worked out in rela-

tion to the One who has created us. Suicide is sin precisely because it implies that we deny God's creation, God's love and God's purpose in our lives.

From a psychological standpoint, suicide is wrong because it implies that a problem cannot be solved unless the person disappears from this earth. Psychological suicide is wrong because it always leaves a sense of horror in those who survive. The guilt and the pain left for the survivors never goes away.

It is for this and other reasons that counselors must seek a promise from anyone contemplating suicide. The promise is that the person considering suicide will not hurt or kill him- or herself no matter what. The threat of suicide must be taken seriously.

The Bible does not specifically condemn suicide. However, where suicide occurs in the Bible, it takes place under conditions of a very grave sin. One example is the suicide of Judas.

An answer I find in the Bible is the great commandment to love God and neighbor as much as we love ourselves. In the light of this challenge to live in love, suicide is almost always an extremely selfish act. One refuses to see the effect of his or her act on others.

Bonhoeffer, however, mentions two specific exceptions to this stance against suicide. The first exception is a suicide under extreme conditions such that the person seeks to protect others from harm. An example would be the prisoner who fears torture or he or she might be forced to betray others and lead to their deaths.

The second exception brings us to the issues raised by Dr. Kevorkian. This is the issue of suffering from an incurable disease. Bonhoeffer sees this exception to be a situation in which one sees that his or her disease might cause terrible material and psychological harm to the family. The decision would be to release the family from their burden.

It is interesting that Bonhoeffer's treatment of the subject of suicide does not mention pain. A current article in "The Christian Century" magazine addresses this very issue of pain.

Pain is an issue of theology and ethics. Pain can be a tissue pain or it can be the pain of rape or of other violence. In "The Christian Century," Arthur Frank lists up "the difficulty of telling the truth of suffering and the complementary difficulty of learning the truth and helping those in pain to tell their stories."

Pain speaks of horrible things which no one wants to hear. I hear that those who experience physical or emotional pain discover that most people do not want to know about their suffering. Our society quickly tires of such difficulties.

The problem is that chronic pain is seldom addressed by two acknowledged categories of healers: physicians and psycholo-

gists. Pain drives people either to God or to suicide.

We need a new theological and ethical approach to suicide. To do this we must listen to those who live in pain. One such person is quoted by Frank: "Suffering is defined as time lost." Another insight is that those who live in pain lose touch with what is true. For those who suffer, doubt grows. The Biblical story of Job is our best example of this struggle with the will to live.

The issues which Dr. Kevorkian raises need careful examination in relation to new directions in ethics and theology. The only guidelines regarding suicide for those in pain no longer answer the questions. We must forge new and effective answers to the question of suicide.

The Rev. David Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit. If you have a question or comment, call him at 953-2047, mailbox number 1878, on a touch-tone phone.

RELIGION CALENDAR

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

You can also obtain current information about events, speakers and service schedules, etc., by calling 901-4750 or 953-2048 on a Touch-Tone phone. You must have your four-digit church I.D. ready. For more information about the service, call Bryan at 953-2297.

CANTATA
The Farmington Hills Baptist Church Choir will perform a cantata, "City of Light," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. The program is free, however an offering will be taken. Refreshments also will be served after the Friday performance. The church is on Middlebelt Road north of 12 Mile Road.

GOLDEN GIRLS
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites women over 50 to join "God's Golden Girls," an organization that meets the third Friday of the month. The next get-together will be at noon Friday, Dec. 17, and the theme will be Christmas Swets. There will be lunch, Bible study and a craft. Call Patti at 981-0286 for information. The church is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

CHRISTMAS PRELUDE
Schoolcraft College's Community Choir will present its annual holiday concert, "A Christmas Prelude," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$4 for adults and \$2 for students. Donations will be accepted during the intermission. For more information, call choir president Shari Clason at 349-8175 or Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services at 462-4448.

NATIONAL EXPOSURE
The choir of the Church of the Di-

vine Savior of Westland will be featured on the nationally syndicated television show, "U.S. Farm Report," Saturday, Dec. 18, to preview their appearance on the show's Christmas program.

The longest-running, most successful half-hour agricultural show in syndication, "U.S. Farm Report" taped the Divine Savior Choir as part of a holiday program for Christmas Day. The taping was done at Greenfield Village in Dearborn and when the show's producer wanted a local choir for background music, Lori Ann Dick, their contact at the village and a choir member, suggested the Westland group.

The choir will premiere an original composition by music minister Mark Kesson, "An Angel's Lullaby," as well as perform "A Christmas Carol Fantasy" by Craig Courtney, Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," "Silent Night" and an instrumental, "Away in a Manger," arranged by David Avey.

The television show is broadcast on 189 stations, including WGN out of Chicago (8 a.m. Saturdays). It also is broadcast on WADL Channel 38 out of Mount Clemens (6 a.m. Saturdays).

COOKIE WALK
Grand River Baptist Church will have a cookie walk, starting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the church, 34500 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK
Spoke Ministries will have its annual Christmas potluck at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, in the Fellowship Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The meat will be provided. Participants should bring a dish to pass that serves at least 10 people. For more information, call Dave Burley at 663-0014.

COLLAGE CONCERT
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas

Collage Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the church, 3601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. The concert will be presented in a darkened sanctuary with special lighting effects and will feature vocal, instrumental, drama, dance and more. A dessert will follow. For more information, call the church at 422-0494.

SING-ALONG
The St. John Neumann Praise Choir will host a Christmas Sing-Along at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, in the church sanctuary, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. Song sheets will be provided and children are encouraged to bring instruments to play. Cookies and punch will be served after the sing-along. Optional is bringing a dozen cookies to share. For more information, call Shariene Burke at 459-5515.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
The choir of St. James Presbyterian Church will have a special presentation of the sounds of Christmas at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. A guest trumpeter will be an added feature. St. James is at 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. For more information, call 534-7730.

DEAF CHOIR
Prayer Baptist Church of Westland will host the deaf choir of the Deaf Missionary Baptist Church of Cincinnati when it performs at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

The

900 number lets you complain about the news

BY SANDRA ARMSTRONG
STAFF WRITER

A former Waterford Township woman and her mother think you ought to have a voice on Dr. Jack Kevorkian's incarceration and a host of other issues. And to do it, they have started up a company that will record your opinions on those issues and forward the responses to the appropriate party.

Working through MCI, Lisa Cardele, 30, now of Fenton and her mother, Sandi Harrell, 48, who moved to Georgia from Monroe in 1980, have set up a 900 number. It was published in Observer & Eccentric Newspaper classified advertisements on Dec. 9.

"I'm quite familiar with your newspapers; I'm concentrating on the smaller papers," Cardele said. "People don't read the News or Free Press classifieds unless they want to buy a car."

"The purpose of the company is to decrease voter apathy. People don't write letters because it takes too much time, but your opinion does count," Cardele added.

Now engaged to be married, she has worked as an intensive care nurse at area hospitals ranging from Annapolis in Wayne to Pontiac General and St. Joseph's in Pontiac.

The Dec. 9 ad read: "Kevorkian. Should the Courts be allowed to force Jack Kevorkian to end his hunger strike?" The 900 number and disclaimers on age and cost were listed. Cost is \$1 to record a yes or no answer. Of that amount,

50 cents goes to the phone company and answering service. In addition, callers have the option of an additional five minutes to record their opinions or make suggestions for an additional fee.

"I promised the Lord that if He guides me in this, 10 percent of the profits would go to charity," Harrell said. The fledgling company isn't yet a profit-making venture.

Both Cardele and Harrell insist the company has nothing to do with politics.

"I'm ultra conservative, and my mother is ultra liberal," Cardele said.

"I'm not affiliated with government," said Harrell, who has been running the business for six weeks now.

Harrell, who has three sons besides her daughter, said she had thought about starting up the business for a long time, but the real impetus came from watching a segment on Current Affair after which she said 80,000 some viewers called in their concerns about saving a dog's life.

"We're all so busy with things in our lives," Harrell said. "We hear it, we see it, we get mad for a minute, and then another thing comes along and we go on."

But for Harrell, "Some things just make my blood boil." She envisions the company eventually as a nationwide "man-on-the-street" poll. Cardele, the "Michigan connection" for the project, said she will give her mother three months of effort to get it going locally. Harrell said after the New Year, her brother, who is in real estate in Skag Harbour, N.Y., will take up the business there.

In the meantime, Harrell has a host of hobbies to keep her busy, such as knitting, quilting, putting up jellies, playing the guitar, singing and, of course, talking,

Santa to visit Redford YMCA

On Saturday, Dec. 18, Santa Claus, CEO of Christmas is for Kids Inc. will share a power lunch with children from preschool age through age 12 at the YMCA Northwest, Grand River at Beech Daly in Redford Township.

Space is limited. Reservations should be made by Dec. 15. Santa will be listening for who is naughty or nice while guests play games, work on crafts, watch movies, sing songs and eat lunch. Santa will give a door prize and be available for pictures with guests. Call 537-8400.

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Local Civitan Club announces citizenship essay contest

New technology and its impact on a shrinking globe are the focus for the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club's 1993-94 Citizenship Essay Contest.

This year's topic, "The Electronic Information Highway: Implications of the New Communications Technology," is open to interested high school students in the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Student interest and response are high and appear to be growing, said Jerry Thompson, an English teacher and contest chairman. Many students are relating positively to this topic because of its significance in the development of new and creative employment opportunities in the near future, he said.

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club sponsors the annual essay contest in the hope that students develop a greater awareness of, and appreciation for, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Other benefits from involvement include refinement or enhancement of the student's ability to:

- Examine and use resources;
- Accurately document source material;
- Present a point of view convincingly; and
- Use proper grammar and spell correctly.

Any student enrolled in high school and living in the Plymouth-Canton area is eligible.

Prizes are \$125 for first place, \$75 for second and \$50 for third. To provide more incentive for participation, prize values will be increased by \$25 at each level for each additional block of five entries beyond a minimum of 10 contestants. Prizes will be capped at \$300, \$200, and \$100 for first, second, and third place, respectively.

The judging panel will include three faculty members from Canton High School and three faculty members from Salem High School, representing the English and social studies departments. Representatives from the Community Crier and the Observer Newspapers will also serve on the panel.

All essay contest entries must be submitted no later than midnight Tuesday, March 15. Entries should be submitted to Jerry Thompson, English Department, Room 224, Plymouth Canton High School.

Additional information is available from Thompson, 451-6600, ext. 344, or from Joe Henshaw of the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, 453-7569.

OBITUARIES

ILA E. MARCHEWITZ
Services for Ila E. Marchewitz, 79, of Renton, Wash., were Tuesday, Dec. 14, at Greenwood Memorial Park Funeral Home, Washington. Burial was in Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery in Renton.

She was born Jan. 30, 1914 in Romeo, Mich. She died Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Plymouth. She was a homemaker. She lived in Romeo and Detroit 30 years ago.

She is survived by one son, Raymond Marchewitz of Farmington Hills; two daughters, Louise Cohen of Renton and Carol A. Norris of Plymouth; 20 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and one brother, Russell Blumerick of Utica.

Memorial contributions may be given to American Diabetes Association or a charity of choice.

GEORGE TATSAK
Services for George Tatsak, 90, of Canton were Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Stephens Byzantine Catholic Church, Allen Park. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Aug. 7, 1903, in Fennelton, Pa. He died Tuesday, Dec. 7, in Westland. He came to the Canton community in 1986 from Detroit. From age 3 to 17 he lived in the former Czechoslovakia, then moved to Detroit. He was a line worker at GM Cadillac for 43 years. In earlier years, he worked for the railroad in Pennsylvania. He was a member of St. Stephens Byzantine Catholic Church. He was a member of the Holy Name Society and a trustee at the church.

He is survived by three daughters, Marguerite Stieler of Sterling Heights, Mary Ann Stager of Canton and Frances J. Wilson of Saline; two sons, John Tatsak of Sterling Heights and Joseph Tatsak of Newark, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Cyril Attak officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ROSELLA A. WALL
Services for Rosella A. Wall, 81, of Plymouth were Friday, Dec. 10, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

She was born July 24, 1912, in Caro, Mich. She died Wednesday, Dec. 8, in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community in 1941 from Detroit. She was a kitchen helper for the Northville Schools and St. Mary Hospital. She retired in 1978.

She is survived by two sons, William Wall of Ionia and Gary Wall of Northville; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Floyd Petiprin of the Rev. and Donald of Caro.

The Rev. Gilson Miller officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to American Heart Association.

DORIS L. REXINE
Services for Doris L. Rexine, 75, of Dearborn and Canton were Saturday, Dec. 11, at Paulus Funeral Home, Canton. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

She was a member of First Congregational Church of Dearborn. She is survived by four sons, Alex Longridge Jr., John Longridge of Canton, Richard Longridge and Jay Rexine; two brothers, William Hart and Daniel Hart and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Kenneth L. Kuebler officiated the service.

MICHAEL C. FARRELL
Services for Michael C. Farrell, 46, of Redford were Thursday, Dec. 16, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

He was born Sept. 25, 1947, in Detroit. He died Sunday, Dec. 12, in Redford. He was a truck driver. He was a member of the Northville Eagles Lodge.

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, City Clerk

Published December 6 & 16, 1993

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
Summary of Ordinance No. C-93-08
MOTOR VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96, MOTOR VEHICLE SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD RESTRICTION ORDINANCE; REQUIRING MOTOR TRUCKS OR TRUCK TRACTORS IN EXCESS OF 5,000 POUNDS AND ALL TOWING OR PLATFORM BED WRECKER ROAD SERVICE VEHICLES TO HAVE THE NAME, CITY, AND STATE OR REGISTERED LOGO OF THE OWNER PERMANENTLY ATTACHED ON EACH SIDE OF THE CAB IN LETTERS NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) INCHES IN HEIGHT; PROVIDING THAT, EXCEPT FOR TOWING OR PLATFORM BED WRECKER ROAD SERVICE VEHICLES, THE IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS MAY BE MET THROUGH THE USE OF REMOVABLE DEVICES, SECURELY ATTACHED IN A HORIZONTAL POSITION; PROVIDING THAT THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO TRUCKS ELIGIBLE FOR AND EQUIPPED WITH FARM LICENSE PLATES; PROVIDING THAT VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE A CIVIL INFRACTION; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.
This Section amends Section 96.140 of Ordinance 96 to require certain identification information to be painted on certain trucks and other vehicles, to provide that the information be permanently affixed to towing or platform bed wrecker road service vehicles, and to provide that this section does not apply to trucks with farm license plates; and provides that violation of this Section shall be a civil infraction.

SECTION 2.
This section provides that a violator of this Ordinance shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 3. - SEVERABILITY.
This Section provides that should any portion of this Ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. - SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This Section provides that the repeal and amendment provided herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution or any right established, or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. - REPEAL.
This Section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. - EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Section provides that this Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

The preceding is a summary of a proposed amendment to the Motor Vehicle Size, Weight and Load Restriction Ordinance presented for first reading to the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on December 14, 1993. Copies of the complete ordinance are available for inspection at the Clerk's Office in the Plymouth Township Hall at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Telephone Number 453-3840 X 224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Plymouth Charter Township

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Newton re-elected head of Livonia's arts board

To stabilize its leadership at a time when two key members chose to leave, the Livonia Arts Commission re-elected Betty Newton as president Nov. 30.

And she's thankful for the vote of confidence. "In the first year as president," she said, "you learn what to do and how to do it, then boom, it's time for elections again. So I decided to accept another term."

Dan Kachnowski and Jack Olds, hardworking commissioners whose insights were invaluable, both stepped down this fall.

Newton's top goal for the new year is to bring a juried indoor fine arts show to the city next fall. "It would feature just fine art, as opposed to the variety of art at our outdoor arts and crafts festival at Greenmead," she said. "We think it's something the whole city would enjoy."

The show would complement the group and individual fine art exhibitions held throughout the year in the Livonia City Hall lobby and Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery. Those exhibitions are curated but not juried.

Drawing quality artists wouldn't be hard, given the multitude of distinguished fine artists around Observerland. But funding to pay for a juror, a hall, a reception and awards wouldn't come easy. Across-the-board budget cutting forced the city council to trim arts commission funding from \$16,900 in 1992 to \$7,000 in 1993. Thanks to Mayor Bob Bennett, the 1994 city allocation is back up to \$9,000.

Creative fund-raising nonetheless has become the norm for the arts commission. Corporate sponsorships are one pursuit. Midwest Guaranty Bank has underwritten two Livonia cultural events in the past two years — a Michigan Opera Theatre performance and a Music Under the Stars concert. A matching grant from the Detroit Council for the Arts and the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs helped cover the cost of two Art Gallery receptions.

The arts commission's 1994 operating budget is \$23,000. Major costs include: Music Under the Stars (\$6,000), Livonia Arts and Crafts Festival (\$6,000), Livonia Civic Center Library Art Gallery exhibitions (\$2,000), Livonia Churchill High School Children's Traveling Theatre (\$2,990), Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium noontime concerts (\$2,000), grants to local cultural groups (\$1,000).

The biggest source of revenue is the arts and crafts festival, which clears about \$20,000. Each year, this money replenishes the fluctuating trust fund, made up of accumulated event fees. "The trust fund subsidizes our programming. It's kept us in business to the extent that we are," said treasurer Bob Burger, an arts commissioner since 1985.

Despite trying times financially, Burger loves helping enrich Livonia's cultural choices. "It's very enjoyable giving something back to the city, making a contribution, instead of just taking from it," said the former Music Under the Stars chairman, a Livonia resident for 21 years.

Her interests diverse

Newton, who also has called Livonia home for 21 years, has been an arts commissioner for almost half that time. She's not an artist but she appreciates culture of all kinds: music, paintings, sculpture, books.

The arts commission, she says, is "terribly important to Livonia's cultural fabric. It gives the city a cultural centerpiece, something all cultural activities can be built around."

Its bottom-line aim: to bring as many cultural events to the city as possible and to assure they appeal to as many residents as possible.

While committed to the fine arts show, Newton says she won't dim her energies toward such arts commission signature events as Music Under the Stars, the Livonia Arts and Crafts Festival and Livonia Civic Center Library chamber concerts, art workshops, showcase displays and puppet shows.

Through the trust fund, the commission supports a variety of local organizations: Livonia Symphony, Livonia Public Schools, Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, Visual Arts Association of Livonia (VAAL), West End Productions. It helped the Friends of the Livonia Library outfit the Art

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Sample Livonia resident Federico Acerri's "Postmarks from the Heart" display in the Livonia Civic Center Library.
- Marty Figley's Garden Spot column.
- Monte Nagler's Focus On Photography column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



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Family business: Jewelry maker Suzette Heath of Garden City shares her craft booth with her father, a candy maker, and her sister, a sweatshirt designer.

Crafts and antiques fill new mall

■ **Countryside Craft Mall & Antiques** is a megamarket for craft lovers and antique buffs, who'll find everything from finished furniture and fish fossils to vintage juke boxes — with lots in-between.

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER



You won't find shopping baskets and a cappuccino bar at most craft shows, but Countryside Craft Mall & Antiques in Livonia isn't an ordinary show — it's the granddaddy of all.

Linda Macchiarolo, manager and co-owner, opened the craft mall knowing it would draw shoppers throughout southeast Michigan, but the superstore's opening weekend, Nov. 13-14, was overwhelming.

"I got here about a half-hour before we opened the first Sunday and people were lined up at the door. For a minute, I didn't realize they were waiting to get in," said the former Livonian who previously managed a string of craft malls in Texas.

See CRAFTS, 5D



Brisk business: Ellen Bredow of Canton reports brisk sales of her seasonal decorations and hand-drawn quilts. She visits her booth after work to check inventory.

Quilters help warm kids at Safe House

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Celebration was in the air as quilters gathered at the Plymouth home of Nancy Meyer to put the finishing touches on 31 handmade quilts before presenting them Nov. 20 to representatives of Safe House, a shelter that assists battered women and their families.

Since late September, this generous group of needle workers has given of their time and hearts to craft quilts

for the children of Washtenaw County-based Safe House. The quilters were part of a project initiated by the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild to ensure every child leaving the shelter would be able to choose his or her own quilt from the linen closet made from love.

Lise Newland of Farmington Hills says the children of Safe House need quilts now. That's why the vice president of Plymouth Piecemakers joined the initiative, volunteering her time

along with other members of the group to hand-craft the quilts.

"When you have been quilting, you just jump right in. Quilters have a sharing nature. We hope they bring joy," said Newland who took some of the money she received as a birthday present to buy fabric suitable for boys. "Safe House said they need quilts for boys."

Starting around 9:30 a.m. the quilters at this last stitch-in before Presentation Day had started to drift

in. Many of them brought their children. Others brought sandwiches for a lunch break.

Working on a pink and blue baby quilt with Newland was Pat Ingersoll of Ann Arbor. She had been quilting since the late 1960s.

"I'm a member of the Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild and this is our charity of choice. The first year the

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■ ART AS GIFT

Works on canvas, glass, paper and wood by 14 area artists are spotlighted at Art As Gift, a holiday show running to Jan. 5 at Nelson's Gallery in Terrence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia.

Meet the artists 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18: Janelle Agar (abstracts in mixed media), Richard Arthur (nature photography), Carl Angevine (surrealist oil paintings), Tom Dyer (portraits in pencil and lithographs), Christine Fleischer (handblown glass paperweights), Audrey Harkins (floral watercolors), Ton Igel (watercolors and pen and ink lighthouses), Robert Mekus (handpainted folding screen furniture), Diane

Art Beat

Mitchell (Southwest oils and gouache), Jaqui Suleski (abstracts and floral watercolors), Marie Tuthill (landscapes in oils and watercolors), Brian Walker (geometric abstracts in acrylics), Joe Wisniewski (handblown glass paperweights, vases and vessels), Christina Wong (watercolor florals, landscapes and calligraphy).

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, to 8 p.m. Thursday and to 5 p.m. Saturday.

■ TRACKING ART

The Livonia Arts Commission re-elected Betty Newton president and Stephanie Skaggs president-elect at its 1994 organizational meeting

Nov. 30.

Robert Burger and Andrea Taylor continue as treasurer and corresponding secretary. Clayton Evenden is the new recording secretary.

Two seats are open on the 15-member, mayoral-appointed commission. Prospective members should contact Mayor Robert Bennett's office in the Livonia City Hall. Applicants must be Livonia residents and have a keen interest in promoting the cultural arts.

Commissioners meet at 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month in the fourth-floor conference room of the Livonia City Hall, Farmington Road and Five Mile. The pay is \$25 per meeting attended.

Other current members are Shirley Gorski, Linda Wilczewski, Lee Alanskas, Carole Binder, Alan Drake, Ed Ferguson, Janice Landis and Gene Stadnik.

Quilters from page 1D

director of Safe House accepted the quilts she cried," Ingersoll said.

Some of the quilters are members of the Plymouth Piecemakers, others of GAAQG. Some belong to both. Each, however, has her own reason for participating in this hands-on project.

Christine Kenney of Plymouth Township, a member of GAAQG for 10 years, sat piecing a boys' quilt sporting a racing car theme. "It's kind of a bad time in their lives. The quilts give them something good to remember."

Livonia quilter Patti Harlow, a 10-year member of both quilting groups, does it for nearly the same reason — "for the kids so they can have something they can call their own."

Meena Schaldenbrand of Plymouth says it's her "way of giving back to society," and since her quilting abilities were a gift, "you have to pass it on."

Virginia Carnes of Canton Township said, "These kids may have never owned anything in their life. The quilt is a security thing. It belongs truly to them." She added, "I have kids so I think they're kind of lucky. So I want to help other kids who weren't so lucky."

Helene Neely of Canton Township concurred:

"I'm blessed to have two healthy children and a loving husband. Every time I hear about abuse, it makes me mad," said Neely. She made her first quilt when her son was born four years

ago after taking a class at Dian's Quilting Shop in Plymouth. "I wanted to take something I love and share it with someone who needs love. It brings battering into focus for people. It deserves national attention. Our children are our future."

Other quilters who contributed their talents to the project but were unable to attend this last session were Plymouth Piecemakers member Sandie Olenczuk of Livonia and Gerri Mrozowski of Grosse Pointe.

Quilts filled with Superman, sneakers, racing cars and teddy bears could hold their own with any art quilt created in the area.

"It changes your idea of quilts, doesn't it?" asked Sandra Weed of Westland. "You won't call them blankets anymore."

"This is becoming fine art. They're coming from pieces but they're works of art," said Weed, a sewer for 35 years.

Quilt artist Nancy Meyer, who Kenney says is the driving force behind this generous bunch of quilters, had asked for donations of fabrics, batting and helping hands in a Creative Living story Oct. 28.

Since then, the group has received many boxes and bags of fabric, some of which had simply been taking up closet space for years. They would gratefully accept any donations that people would still like to make, including fabric, preferably 100-percent cotton and batting, also, the helping hands of anyone to make the quilts, even if they've never sewn before as this is an annual project.

The benefits are many, not only for the children of Safe House but for the quilters.

"People have come to quilting at times of crisis. Quilting gives you a lot of time for thinking to work out problems," said Meyer. "A lot of people come to it for family tradition. It's tactile. They're can be a lot of memories involved in fabrics."

Staff photos by Bill Bresler

If you would like to join next year's quilting project or donate fabrics, call Nancy Meyer at 454-5749.



Team spirit: Lisa Newland (left) of Farmington Hills and Pat Ingersoll of Ann Arbor piece together a pink and blue baby's quilt for the children of Safe House.

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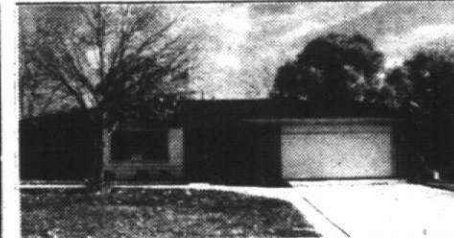
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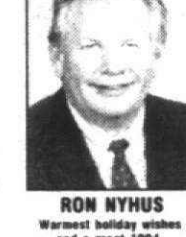
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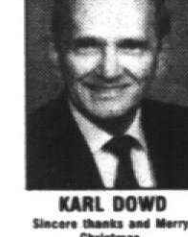
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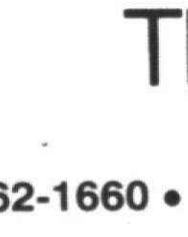
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NELSON'S GALLERY

Continuing — "Art As Gift." Janelle Agar (abstracts in mixed media), Richard Arthur (nature photography), Carl Angevine (surrealist oil paintings), Tom Dyer (portraits in pencil and lithographs), Christine Fleischer (handblown glass paperweights), Audrey Harkins (floral watercolors), Tom Igel (watercolors and pen and ink lighthouses), Robert Mekus (handpainted folding screen furniture), Diane Mitchell (Southwest oils and watercolors), Jaqui Suleski (abstract and floral watercolors), Marie Tutill (landscapes in oils and watercolors), Brian Walker (geometric abstracts in acrylics), Joe Wisniewski (handblown glass paperweights, vases and vases), Christina Wong (watercolor florals, landscapes and calligraphy). Meet the artists 1-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. To Jan. 5. Terrence Corners, 16376 Middlebelt, Livonia. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Friday, to 8 p.m. Thursday, to 5 p.m. Saturday.

LIVONIA CITY CENTER LIBRARY ART GALLERY

Continuing — Veteran Livonia artists Richard Culling and Ed Farhat exhibit paintings and sculpture to Dec. 18. Sponsored by Livonia Arts Commission, Southeast of Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

LIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES

Continuing — Livonia resident Federico Acceri's bookmarks and abstract collages. To Dec. 29. Second-floor circular showcases. Southeast of Farmington Road and Five Mile. Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

TRIUMPH GALLERY

Continuing — South Lyon artist Dyan Hesson, who uses the color technique of pre-Impressionists to create dramatic oils. Layering color on color and blending shades, she illuminates each petal of a flower. Also: Marilyn Blinder of Southfield (watercolors and mixed media paintings), Suzanne Young of Berkeley (raku), Stan Megdall of Birmingham (glass), David and Kami Turner of Madison Heights

(jewelry). 109 N. Center, Northville.

MICHIGAN DESIGN CENTER

To Dec. 16 — "Industria: Recent Works of New Modernism." Included in the exhibit are works by artists David Cole, Tammis Donaldson, Susan Logan, Rochelle Martin, Donald Miedema, Sedar Omar, Propeller, Blake Shauman and Mark Wilson. Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1700 State Drive, three blocks east of Coolidge and north of Maple in Troy, 649-4770.

SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER

To Dec. 17 — The winning photos of the Focus on Michigan photography contest are presented, and the Goodfellows display their exquisite dolls, each doll in an original costume. A wealth of talent is represented in the photo show. The public was invited to enter photos or slides depicting nature landscapes, visual or performing arts or recreation enthusiasts enjoying their favorite activities in a public park or recreational facility in Michigan. The exhibit is sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Co. in cooperation with Southfield Parks and Recreation, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Call Cultural Arts at 354-4411 for information.

GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

To Dec. 17 — Works in bronze by Alice Riordan. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 390 E. Maple, Birmingham, 313-540-8505.

COMMUNITY ARTS GALLERY

To Dec. 17 — An exhibit and sale of art works presented in the tradition of the French salons, featuring pieces by the Wayne State University alumni, graduate and undergraduate artists. In the salon tradition, all art works will be removed from the show at the time of sale. A portion of all sales will be used to enhance fine art programs within the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed Nov. 25-26, at WSU at Cass and Kirby in Detroit, 577-2423.

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THE WETSMAN COLLECTION

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graphic works of art. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 132 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-6212.

SANDRA COLLINS

To Dec. 24 — Holiday selections by gallery artists. The gallery will be open until 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 23. Call 642-4799 for other hours or information.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET

To Dec. 24 — "To the Market," a holiday show, and an all-media juried exhibition. The holiday show features clothing, furniture, jewelry, glass, ceramics, two-dimensional work and much more at various price ranges. The all-media exhibit includes the work of 20 to 30 Michigan artists chosen from hundreds of entries. Holiday gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 300 River Place, Suite 1650, Detroit, 393-1770. Hours: Dec. 20-24 are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

LA BELLE PROVENCE

To Dec. 25 — A French nativity scene will be displayed in the window, featuring handcrafted Santon dolls dressed in unusual provincial clothing, expressing the characters of a traditional nativity scene as well as other residents and workers from a typical French village coming to witness the birth of Christ and bringing the fruits of their labor as gifts. The store, specializing in European antiques and interior design, is at 119 N. Center in Northville. Call 347-4333.

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARTISTS GALLERY

To Dec. 30 — "Renowned visual artist Vernetta P. Honeywood's work in collage, watercolor and acrylic. 216 Fisher Building, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

GROOVE GALLERY & BOUTIQUE

To Dec. 30 — "Shop the Groove," a holiday show exhibiting five local artists' work. The artists are Barbara Pekala (ponchos, handpainted cards, ornamental angels, handsewn scarves), Janet Kelman (glass tables, pins, mirrors framed in geometrical shapes, glass bowls with flowers etched inside), Cecilia Seidler (watercolor paintings of architectural scenes, gardens and windows with sunny views), Linda Littlefield (necklaces, bracelets, earrings and rings incorporating semiprecious materials) and Claudia Calson-Keg (collage art with found objects and handmade paper). A holiday tree will be festooned with ornaments from Africa and some trinkets from one of the featured artists. Hours: noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1230 E. Lincoln, between Main and Campbell in Royal Oak, 398-8151.

RUBINER GALLERY

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throughs with Merry Silber and do-cent tours available. Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, 661-1000, Ext. 470.

PEWABIC POTTERY

To Dec. 31 — The Pottery's annual Holiday Invitational Show, featuring pottery, tile, jewelry, ornaments and more for holiday giving by Pewabic's own and invited artists. Holiday hours (through December): 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, 822-0954. Visitors may bring a canned or dry food item for a holiday food drive. Closed Christmas. New Year's Day.

SYBARIS GALLERY

To Dec. 31 — New work by internationally known fiber artist Lillian Elliott, a native Detroit. Washington Square Plaza Building, 306 S. Washington, Royal Oak. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 202 E. Third, Royal Oak, 544-3388.

DONNA JACOBS GALLERY LTD.

To Dec. 31 — The gallery's 14th annual holiday show of ancient art. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 1-5 p.m. Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham, 540-1600.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

To Dec. 31 — "The Fair View: Representations of the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893." Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 525 S. State, Ann Arbor, 764-0395.

ARTSPACE

To Dec. 31 — New works in clay by Kaiser Suidan. The gallery is at 534 N. Woodward in Birmingham. Call 258-1540.

PIERCE STREET GALLERY

To Dec. 31 — Impressionist photographs by Karen Nederlander of Birmingham. Hours: noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham, 646-6950.

ALEXIS LEE GALLERY

To Jan. 1 — Opening Exhibition: "Part 2." On the second floor, above the post office, at 201 Nickels Arcade in Ann Arbor. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and by appointment. Call 663-8800.

MATRIX GALLERY

To Jan. 1 — "Bones, Buttons, Beachcombs & Memories," objects passed by the way, recovered and reconsidered as art, assemblages by Ed Stokpe of Ann Arbor. At Sweetwater Cafe, 123 W. Washington. Hours: 7 a.m. to midnight weekdays, 9 a.m. to midnight Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sundays.

REAL ESTATE LISTINGS

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MORTGAGE RECORDS

Daniel B. Smith of Republic Bancorp. Inc.-Plymouth set a new corporate record for loan applications for August: 88 loan applications totaling \$8.7 million in new business.

He also set a new record for closings in October: 71 closings totaling \$7.4 million.

Republic is a \$1.2-billion registered bank holding company headquartered in Ann Arbor.

BOARD MEMBER

David N. McNabney, president of Bloomfield Hills-based McNabney & Associates, was elected as 1994 director at large representing the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

SIOR is an international organization whose members are specialists in commercial real estate.

He has been a licensed office real estate broker since 1975 and has held the SIOR designation since 1989. His firm specializes in the leasing, selling and management of office properties.

McNabney also is 1993 president of the South Oakland County Board of Realtors and 1994 president of the Michigan SIOR Chapter. He serves on the Board for Professional Association Services, which provides administrative services for three boards of Realtors.

NEW VPS

Jan Healy and Sharon Ansteth have been appointed vice presidents of Universal Mortgage Corp., Southfield.

Healy has been in the mortgage banking field 25 years.

Ansteth has been in the field for 30 years and will continue to be responsible for loan production.

There's no question that owning a home can be costly but home ownership also is replete with tax-saving opportunities.

To help you make the most of these opportunities, the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants points out how the tax law can impact your home ownership decisions.

Points deductible

Your tax savings begin with the points you pay to the mortgage lender to secure a mortgage. Points paid to acquire your principal residence are generally fully deductible in the year you pay them. Points paid for refinancing or purchasing a second home normally must be deducted over the life of the loan.

In a recent reversal, the IRS ruled that points paid from mortgage proceeds are deductible up front as long as the fees you pay at closing, such as those for attorneys, appraisals and abstracts, are at least equal to the amount of points withheld. Before this ruling, deductions for points paid out of the loan proceeds had to be spread over the life of the mortgage.

Other deductible costs

Deductions for mortgage interest and real estate taxes also can help offset some of the high costs of home ownership. You may deduct interest paid on up to \$1 million in acquisition debt as long as you use the loan proceeds to buy, construct or improve your principal or second residence.

Real estate taxes you pay on your property are generally tax deductible.

If you buy or sell property during the year, the real estate tax deduction is allocated between the buyer and seller based on the part of the year you each owned the property. But this tax deduction, and certain other itemized deductions, are phased out for some high-income taxpayers.

Improvements pay off

The money you spend for home improvements provides another opportunity for tax savings. For tax purposes, an improvement is anything that adds value to your house, pro-

Tax deductions can cut homeowner costs

longs its life or adapts it to new uses. The cost of improvements of a lasting nature, such as adding a bathroom, installing a new roof or building a deck, add to your home's basis or total cost.

When it comes time to sell your home, the higher your basis, the lower your gain and the lower your taxes. Be sure to save bills, canceled checks, and other documents that support the cost of the improvements you make.

Sellers get tax breaks

If you sell your home and realize a profit, you can generally defer paying taxes on your gain by meeting two conditions: 1) you purchase or build a new house within the period beginning two years before and ending two years after the sale date of the old residence, and 2) the cost of the home you buy is equal to or greater than the adjusted selling price of your old home.

Your adjusted selling price is the amount realized on the sale, reduced by certain expenses of fixing up the old residence to sell it. The amount realized on the sale is the selling price, reduced by selling expenses, such as real estate commissions, advertising, legal and title fees.

Fixing-up costs are expenses you incur in preparing your home for sale, such as the cost of painting, carpeting and general repairs. You must do the fixing up during the 90 days before you sign the contract to sell your house and you must pay for the repairs within 30 days after the sale. These expenses must not be capital expenses that add to the basis of the property sold.

No doubt your condominium documents contain a prohibition on obnoxious or offensive activities conducted by co-owners. If you don't have such a provision or if you have the opportunity as a board to promulgate rules and regulations, I would specifically pass a rule that says that no co-owner shall traverse the common areas, including the community facility, when they are in an intoxicated condition.

Presumably, there are ordinances in effect in your municipality that preclude intoxicated persons from being in public places, which perhaps would cover the community facility. In any event, I would bring to the attention of the offending co-owner the fact that his conduct is not acceptable to the rest of the association in a letter form, requesting his cooperation in the future.

If the problem does not subside, you will have to seek whatever legal remedies you have under your documents in regard to the offensive activity.

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The IRS allows you to postpone taxes on the gain from the sale of your principal residence only. A vacation home doesn't qualify for this tax treatment.

If you are age 55 or older when you sell your home, you may be entitled to a special once-in-a-lifetime break that allows you to exclude from your taxable income up to \$125,000 of the gain realized from the sale. You qualify for the exclusion if you have owned and lived in the home for at least three of the five years leading up to the sale. CPAs point out that married couples can take only one exclu-

sion between them.

Report the sale

Whether you owe, defer or exclude the taxes on the sale of your residence, you must report the sale on IRS Form 2119 in the year that you sell it. Since each sale affects the basis of your next home, retain these forms for future reference.

The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants is based at 28116 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call 855-2288.

Guard against drunks roaming common areas

We have a problem in our marina condominium with some of the boat owners who unfortunately become intoxicated and then become abusive at the community facility. How can we limit these boaters from utilizing the community facility in these situations?

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SAVE \$500
1 & 2 Bedroom Apts.
Great location

RENTAL PHOS
356-RENT

BERKLEY: 3 bedroom, 1 bath; ranch, basement & garage, immediate occupancy, \$250/mo. 268-0100
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FREE TRIP FOR LANDLORDS
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RENTAL. Spacious ranch in prime
location. Three bedrooms, 2 baths
plus 2 car garage. Brand new

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BIRMINGHAM-Lovely 3 bedroom
brick home, new carpet & appls.
ancient, new kitchen, garage
very clean \$825/mo. Year lease, No
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Birmingham - Maple/Hunter
3 bedroom brick colonial, replica
1 1/2 baths, dining room, sun porch,
newly basement, 2 car, air, avail.
1999 \$1,200/mo. Call
D & H PROPERTIES 737-4000

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For your RELOCATION NEEDS
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BIRMINGHAM quaint 2 bedroom,
2 bath colonial with natural oak trim
and tile floors. Large kitchen with
2 car garage. Appliances include
\$1,000/mo. For more information
call 541-0000. Aged 20-25.

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LEASE - Maple-Cranbrook area
Starting Jan. Total furnished
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BIRMINGHAM Spacious 3 bedroom
cape cod dining room, new appliances,
air conditioning, 2 car garage.
Call 5895 547-0171.

BIRMINGHAM Unique & charming
2 bedroom 2 bath fireplace, yard
with pool, air conditioning, central
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and larger or made than it appears.
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BIRMINGHAM 3-bedrooms, 2-
bathrooms, 2 car garage, 1000 sq. ft.

BIRMINGHAM 4 bedroom 2
garage, large finished basement
with 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, central
vac immediate occupancy
1985 646-63

BLOOMFIELD EXECUTIVE - \$2
1/2 million. 2 1/2 baths, central
vac. immediate occupancy
1985 Pets OK. Opt. Pool
Call 646-63

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Walnut
Lane. Traditional 4 bedroom
cottage 3200 sq. ft. game room,
bar, 2 1/2 baths, central vac.
air brk w/ pool. \$2000/mo.
Call 737-47

BLOOMFIELD 2300 Sq Ft. Queen
2 acres w/ pool. 4 bedrooms,
baths, all appliances, new carpet,
central vac, 2nd floor laundry,
closets lawn care removal. Birm.
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BRIGHTON Stearns/Dn 23 1/2
acre 1988 colonial. 2 baths,
3 sq. ft. great room, appliances,
central vac, 2nd floor laundry.
Backs to commons. 1120/mo.
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BRIGHTON Wiman/Peasgood
1/2 acre. One of a kind. 4 bedroom log

CANTON Brick ranch on cul-de-sac, 1500 sq. ft. 1983 3 car garage, 1 1/2 baths, family room, air, fireplace, central air, \$44,900. Call 548-1110. **AVAILABLE 1/11/90**

CANTON Spacious 2000 sq. ft. bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod style home, appliances, central air, fireplace, 2 car garage, \$48,900. Call now, 525-2950. **AVAILABLE 1/11/90**

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CANTON 2 bedroom home, set back on 1/2 acre, 1983, 1200 sq. ft., 660 Lots RD. \$495 month. Call after 5pm. \$71-1110

CANTON-423 1/2 acre, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1983, 1800 sq. ft. Immediate occupancy. Call \$88-1110. **AVAILABLE 1/11/90**

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Totally remodeled 2 bedroom, 2 bath, newly furnished \$7800. Call 548-9611

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1983, 1400 sq. ft. level with 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, fireplace, porch & large private yard. \$49,900. Call 548-1110

month + deposit 374-
DEARBORN HTS: 3 bedroom
bath, 3 car garage, semi-finished
basement, new carpet, finished
spotless. \$750/mth. 474-
DEARBORN: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2
story, 2 car garage, basement
Outr Dr & Southfield \$700
Days: 442-1446 Even: 863-
OUTER DR./SCHOOL CRAFT:
Brents 2 bedroom, tile
hvac, \$250 + security. 350/
DETROIT: 3 bedroom ranch,
garage, no basement, \$440/
Inferences: 6031 Aanton
Southfield, N. of Ford Rd.
Agent. 476-

A black and white photograph of a two-story house. The house has a tiled roof and a chimney on the left side. There are windows on both floors, some with flower boxes underneath. A flower bed with various plants is in front of the house. The house is set against a dark background.



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404 Houses To Rent

FARMINGTON & ALL CITIES
TENANTS & LANDLORDS
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642-1620

FARMINGTON FANTASTIC
2 bedroom, fenced, appliances.
Pets OK. \$615/mo.
RENTAL PROS 358-RENT

FARMINGTON: Grand River/Gill
1900 sq ft brick ranch, fenced,
trees, 3 bedrooms, cathedral ceilings,
fireplace, freshly painted, 1 car,
air, no basement. \$1100/mo. plus
D & H PROPERTIES. 737-4002

FARMINGTON HILLS: 13 Mile/Oak
Lake Rd. 3 bedroom brick on corner
contemporary tri-level, cathedral ceilings,
hardwood floors, new kitchen,
corner fireplace, no pets. \$1375/mo.
D & H PROPERTIES. 737-4002

FARMINGTON HILLS: Prestigious
Wood Creek Farms Sub-newly
remodeled 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths,
family room, appliances, neutral
fireplace, finished basement, 2 car,
air, \$1300/mo. 737-4002

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LIVONIA - 5 Mile/Newburgh - 1600
sq ft. 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2 1/2
baths, family room, appliances, neutral
fireplace, finished basement, 2 car,
air, \$1300/mo. 737-4002

LIVONIA - 5 Mile/Merriman, 3 bedroom
family room, short term
lease available. Immediate occupancy.
\$750/mo. + security. 348-1039

NORTHVILLE - Lease w/option. 4
bedrooms, 2 bath contemporary
home on 1 1/2 acre lot. \$1800 per month.
EPA Layton. 810-486-1507

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NOVI - LAKEFRONT HOME
Compact, clean 2 bedroom, new
carpeting, near 12 Oaks Mall.
1-96 & 1-275. \$675/mo. 624-1400

NOVI - 1 bedroom home on Walled
Lake. Clean, appliances, storage.
\$650 plus security. 681-8061

OAKLAND COUNTY SOUTH
1 - 4 bedroom houses/flats, no fee.
Oakland Rental Housing Association.
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OAK PARK - Beautiful 3 bedroom
home, full basement, fenced yard,
garage, appliances, pet friendly.
Call Mon-Fri. 9-5. 557-4970

OAK PARK - 10150 Kenwood, S. of
666, 10 Mile Freeway, E. of Scotts 3
bedroom, full basement, fenced yard,
garage, includes stove, refrigerator,
newer remodel kitchen, central air,
burner schools. \$675/mo. + deposit.
Call Open House Sat. Dec. 18, 1-3pm.
Call Evenings 5-7pm. 626-0166

OAK PARK - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath
ranch, finished basement, full
basement, appliances, pet friendly.
Call. 651-6907. Ext. 60

OAK PARK - 3 bedroom, basement,
carpeted, garage, fenced yard, 2 car
garage, new appliances, \$595/mo. +
security. 420-0056

ORCHARD LAKEFRONT - executive
home, very private setting, beautiful
view of Orchard Lake, all built-ins
provided including washer & dryer,
\$2600/mo. 1 yr lease min. 313-3333

PLYMOUTH - beautiful 1 bedroom
lower, dining, sunroom, fireplace,
basement, garage, lease & security.
No pets. \$725. 455-1228 or 591-6530

PLYMOUTH - 4 bedroom,
refrigerator, pet friendly, 2 car
garage, fenced, appliances, \$795
mo. 453-4355 or 347-3050, ext. 40

PLYMOUTH - Desirable Lake Pointe
Sub. 3 bedroom ranch, 4th bedroom
with fireplace, 2 car garage, available
Jan. 1. \$950/mo. + security.
420-0056

PLYMOUTH - Three bedrooms, garage,
basement, formal dining room,
great location, \$950/mo. Call Delaney
and Company. 349-6200

PLYMOUTH - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath,
carpeting, refrigerator/stove, basement,
fenced yard, great location.
\$595/mo. ARC. 513-7544

SOUTH REFORMED 3 bedroom
brick ranch, 2 1/2 bath, full basement,
1 1/2 baths, Florida room, finished
basement, excellent location. \$750
per month. 737-4002

CENTURY 21 ELITE
JOHN MARKER
722-7626 or 870-0282

REDFORD - Cozy 2 bedroom, appliances,
garage and pet friendly. Immediate
occupancy. Call. 255-2053

REDFORD - cute 2 bedroom, new
plumbing, carpet, ceiling fan, immediate
occupancy, \$510 per month. 534-6631

REDFORD REGAL
2 Bedroom, garage, appliances.
Pets welcome. Just \$525/mo. RENTAL
PROS. 356-RENT

REDFORD TWP. Home Information
Center has a free rental housing
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Redford Community Center, 12121
Hemmingway, 1 blk W of Plymouth
between Beech & Inkster. 721-8111

REDFORD TWP. - 2 bedroom, garage,
new carpeting, \$550 per month.
\$550 security deposit. 281-8736

REDFORD TWP. - 2 bedroom, brick,
newly decorated, carpeted, appliances,
fenced yard, \$750. 937-3523

REDFORD - 3 bedroom ranch, basement,
1 1/2 car garage, appliances, washer/dryer,
very clean, \$600/mo. + security.
Call after 6pm. 684-8933, 684-6456

REDFORD - 4 bedroom ranch, family
room, central air, attached garage,
fenced yard, \$1000 per month. 355-2467

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom, basement,
garage, Middlebelt/Puritan, \$725
+ security. 422-0309

LIVONIA - 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, refrigerator/stove,
fireplace, carpeted, garage, river front, nice home.
\$600/mo. ARC. 513-7544

LIVONIA, 3 bedroom split, 2 baths,
family room, 2 car garage, 1550
sq ft. 165135 lot. Great location.
\$850 mo. or \$1290/mo. 681-0883

LIVONIA - 3 bedroom ranch, garage,
fireplace, 1 bath, carpeted,
newly decorated, no pets. \$695/mo.
471-2047

LIVONIA - 5 Mile/Farmington Rd. 3
bedroom brick ranch, 1 1/2 bath,
family room, fireplace, freshly painted,
new kitchen, basement, 2 car,
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ROCHESTER HILLS - 2600 sq ft. 3
bedroom split level colonial, 1st
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Lawrence M. Dudek of Livonia, an attorney in the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, now chairs the State Bar of Michigan Real Property Section Special Committee on Construction Law and Liens. He practices commercial litigation.



Dudek

Linda Dean of West Bloomfield was promoted to business development director for metro Detroit by Southfield-based Manpower Temporary Services. She joined the international temporary help firm in 1989 and is a former Farmington Hills branch manager.



Dean

D. Larry Sherman of Birmingham, president of Birmingham-based Sherman Shoes, was re-elected to a three-year term on the Michigan Retailers Association board of directors. He's the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce 1992 Business Person of the Year.



Sherman

Barbara L. Putman of Southfield was named to the newly created position of manager of quality and customer satisfaction at Southfield-based Chrysler Credit Corp. She formerly was a branch manager in Orlando, Fla. She joined Chrysler Credit in 1968.



Putman

Kim Gaynor of Bloomfield Hills was named president of Bozell Worldwide's Chrysler Plymouth team, Detroit. He joined the advertising firm in Dallas in 1987 and moved to the Southfield office in 1990.



Gaynor

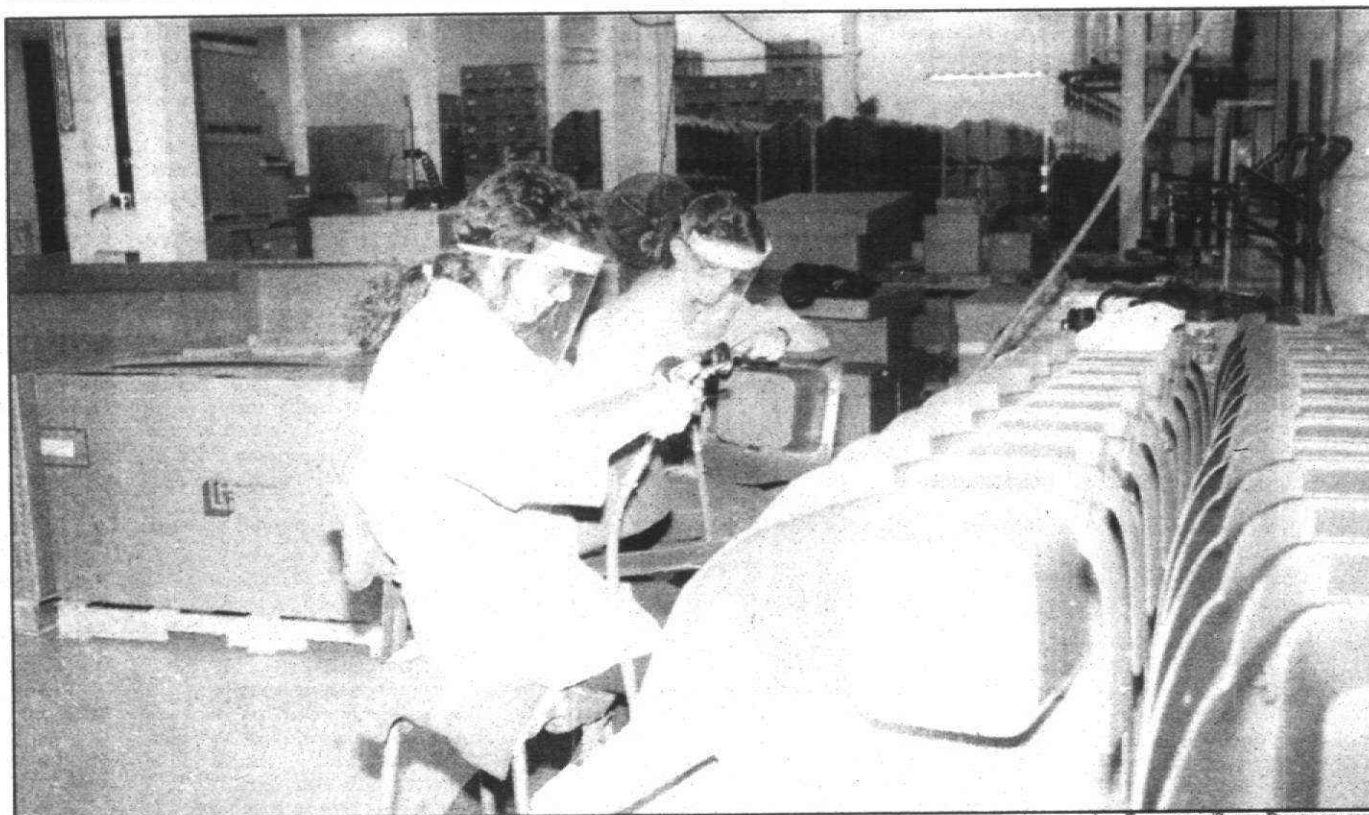
George T. Gulliver of Rochester Hills was named manager of the Chicago Region for Southfield-based Chrysler Credit Corp. He formerly was a branch manager in Springfield, Mass. He joined Chrysler Credit in 1983.



Gulliver

Janet Drass of Plymouth was named human resources director for Sandy Corp., a Troy-based training, communication and consulting company. She will be responsible for recruiting and orientation programs.

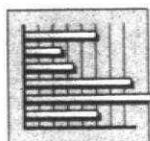
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Making consoles: Angie Vandecar (left) and Melissa Gonzales work on center consoles at the Libralter Plastics factory in Westland. A company spokesman, like several of his counterparts, said he expects business to pick up after NAFTA takes effect.

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NAFTA to help us, say auto suppliers



It's been a long haul crafting a new national trade agreement with our immediate neighbors to the north and south. It could take some time, too, before the measure's effects become known to the local business community.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement will mean more business and employment opportunities for auto suppliers with local roots, executives generally agree.

But exactly how much, where and when remains to be determined. "As a company, we estimate job growth at 1,500 in the next two years, not necessarily all in Detroit,"

said Paul Boudreau, director of government and community relations for AlliedSignal Automotive headquartered in Southfield.

AlliedSignal, which manufactures auto components including braking systems, seat belts, air bags and filters, currently employs some 60,000 in the United States, 4,500 in Mexico, Boudreau said.

Several hundred work in suburban Detroit, mostly in administration and research & development.

"What NAFTA does is take incentives away to run to Mexico," said Boudreau, who co-chaired a state lobbying effort to win approval of the measure.

"Up to now, if you wanted to do business in Mexico, you had to be there," he said. "By taking down tariffs, there's

more incentives for companies wanting to stay here to stay here."

George Phelps, NAFTA coordinator for Libralter Plastics, an injection molder of trim parts, said he expects that business should start picking up by the end of next year.

More cars going to Mexico from the U.S. and Canada will first need more parts provided by Libralter, which also exports parts to Mexico for assembly there, Phelps said.

Libralter employs about 500 now at factories in Westland, Walled Lake and Howell. "Increased volume should lead to more employment," Phelps said. How much more, he added, is hard to say.

Rockwell Automotive, headquarter-

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Employee leasing gains momentum

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

One thing employers can't get enough of these days is cost savings.

For many small to large companies, employee leasing is one way to realize significant savings and eliminate the paperwork that goes along with administering a payroll. Leasing companies put it this way: You're out of the payroll business and into the production business.

Until 1988, when the notion of outsourcing an entire workforce began to catch on in the Midwest, employee leasing was a hard sell in Michigan.

"Right off, we had to explain to companies what employee leasing is. It

was an educational process. Now, we go into a business and tell them why they need it," said Craig Vanderburg, president of Genesys Group, a Troy-based employee leasing firm he started in 1991.

What is employee leasing and what can it do for you? While temporary employers fill short-term job assignments, leasing companies supply a permanent staff with full benefits.

Firms like Genesys usually hire a company's existing staff, then lease it back to the employer. Genesys' fee for this is 2-3 percent of the gross payroll. The leasing company is the new employer, but you still make major decisions about hirings, firings and layoffs.



JIM RIDER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cutting edge: Craig Vanderburg started his company, The Genesys Group, in 1991, about the time employee leasing caught on in the Midwest.

Outsourcing labor usually is a good deal for the employer and employees -

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Ted Nugent to speak before builders group

Rock guitarist Ted Nugent, publisher of Ted Nugent World Bowhunters magazine and an avid outdoorsman, will be guest speaker at the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan's wild game dinner Feb. 8.

The specially prepared dinner of venison, duck and rabbit is open to all members of the Farmington Hills-based trade group. Door prizes will be awarded. Call 810-737-4477 for ticket information and reservations.

The dinner kicks off at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, at Vladimir's Banquet Hall, Grand River and Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

"This will be an evening of rock 'n' roll bowhunting and beyond," said Marsha Kabacinski of BASM. "Nugent, as most of you know, is well known for his musical ability - but did you know that he is also one of the country's most avid bowhunters? Nugent will be on hand to give expert advice and talk about his magazine."

The magazine is based in Jackson.

An outspoken critic of drugs and alcohol and a spokesman for the

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, Nugent actively promotes outdoor sports to American youth. He has a signature line of hunting gear, manages Ted Nugent's Archers Africa Safari Camp in South Africa, directs Ted Nugent's Kamp for Kids and authored "Blood Trails: The Truth About Bowhunting."

"The youth of America must be educated to the wholesome and valued world of hunting and conservation," the certified hunting safety instructor said. "Because rock 'n' roll plays a pivotal role in a young person's life, I will share my wonderful hunting lifestyle and experiences with them."

Nugent once wrote: "Our time-honored tradition continues because, in the face of global habitat destruction, those of us who cherish wildlife have demanded restrictions on its harvest, based on a sound and proven scientific equation of sustained-yield management."

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Brian Egan of Farmington Hills and Robert Marable of Livonia were promoted to operations officers of the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Egan, who previously managed customer service, will oversee the electronic customer support area. Marable, who managed the checking department, will oversee the bank's computer and data systems.

Theresa McCarthy of Birmingham was named project sales manager for S.R. Jacobson Development Corp.'s new single-family community in Auburn Hills. McCarthy has 10 years of new home sales experience in Orlando.

Doyle F. Browning of Rochester Hills was named to the new position of senior vice president of sales and underwriting administration for Southfield-based Chrysler Insurance Co. He previously was vice president of sales and marketing. He joined Chrysler Insurance in 1987.

Shelly Mishal of Bloomfield Hills was named senior attorney for Southfield-based AlliedSignal Automotive. She has been an associate attorney at Dykema Gossett, a Bloomfield Hills law firm, since 1991. She is a board member of the National Association of Women Business Owners.

Adam J. Rujan of Farmington Hills was named manager at Plant & Moran, Southfield accounting and management consulting firm. He joined the firm in 1988 and specializes in health care and education.

Michael K. Ho of Sterling Heights has passed the state of Michigan's architectural registration examination, reports Troy-based Ellis/Naeyer/Genheimer Associates. He has been with the firm since 1989 and has seven years of architectural planning and design experience.

Dale Carnegie Training instructor Susan Robach Humes of Novi has joined Ralph Nichols Corp., Southfield, as an account representative. She is the former director of communications and member services for the Farmington Hills-based Michigan Association of CPAs.

Ron E. Bray of Rochester was named president and CEO of Simplified Employment Services, Sterling Heights. He previously was vice president and CFO at the company. He's one of the founders of the employee leasing company.

Heather Robertson will head public relations for the 1994 Michigan Renaissance Festival. Peggy Burkhardt, who previously handled the event's marketing and public relations efforts, remains as director of marketing.

Robertson joined the Birmingham-based Michigan Renaissance Festival in 1991 as Burkhardt's assistant. Increased festival attendance since 1990 has resulted in the division of marketing and promotion duties, Robertson said. The 15th annual festival runs Aug. 13 to Sept. 25 in Holly.

Alfred Taubman, businessman and founder of the Partnership for New Education based at Michigan State University, is among four Michiganders who'll receive honorary degrees at Michigan State's fall commencement in Lansing. The Bloomfield Hills resident, a strong benefactor of education programs nationwide, also has established the Taubman Center for State and Local Government at Harvard. He was named Michiganian of the Year by The Detroit News. "His extraordinary commitment of time and resources has put The Michigan Partnership for New Education, with its innovative new concepts in teaching, on the cutting edge of new and exciting educational opportunities for all of Michigan's children," said Judy Lanier, MSU professor of education.

T. Paul Terova of West Bloomfield Township was named senior vice president of commercial lending at TCF Bank Michigan, Pontiac. He previously was senior vice president of commercial lending at First of America Security. Southgate, his 30-year banking career also includes 17 years at Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills, where he was first vice president of commercial loans.

Paul J. Boudreau of West Bloomfield, chairman and chief executive officer of Troy-based Executive Business Systems, also becomes company president. He replaces John Cosgrove of Rochester Hills, who'll relocate to Darien, Conn., as general manager of Executive Information Systems new video service division.

Jay M. Gerber of Farmington Hills was named vice president of Gordon & Co., a Troy-based accounting and consulting firm. His 35-year career includes tax and audit experience, business management and consulting. He previously ran his own accounting practice and was a shareholder in a midsize local accounting firm.

Neal Waring of Plymouth was promoted to vice president-office specialty of Southfield-based CB Commercial, a commercial real estate firm. David Giltner of Southfield has joined the company's industrial properties division.

Alex Shteynvil has joined Spalding, Decker & Associates, a Madison Heights consulting engineering and surveying firm, as a project engineer specializing in road and bridge design. His latest project was designing the Merriam Road/CSX Railroad grade separation and road expansion in Livonia.

William E. Grace was promoted from second vice president to vice president of Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills. He manages the accounting data base and assists budgeting, forecasting and management reporting for the bank's business units. The Huntington Woods resident joined the bank in 1985.

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The company often can eliminate or redesign its payroll department and workers get better benefits and greater perks.

"It's all about economies of scale," Vandenberg said. "We pool all of our client's employees, so we're able to buy better benefits than a small employer could get on his own. Basically, the small business gets the benefits structure of a Fortune 500 company."

In most cases, small businesses also have access to the leasing company's human resource staff — payroll, tax and worker's compensation experts, client relations director and even attorneys. Again, big company benefits without increasing your workforce, Vandenberg said.

Employee leasing first caught on in New York and California, where health benefits are highest, in the mid-1970s. Leasing companies then cropped up in Texas and Florida and, finally, in the conservative Midwest. Today, it's a billion-dollar industry, growing at a rate of 30 percent a year, Vandenberg said.

Turnover leasing first caught on in Troy, anticipates increasing exports to Mexico by \$75 million over a three-year period with NAFTA, said Ronald Roubush, president.

Growth will result from parts shipped down to Mexico for original assembly in passenger vehicle banking career also includes 17 years at Michigan National Bank, Farmington Hills, where he was first vice president of commercial loans.

Rockwell Automotive manufacturing components like transmissions, clutches, brakes, door systems and sunroofs for heavy trucks and passenger vehicles. The division, part of Rockwell International, employs about 17,000 worldwide — some 900 at corporate headquarters in Troy and 60 at a plant in Brighton.

Roubush, however, isn't necessarily looking for the trade agreement to produce more jobs for his automotive group. The projection is 1,000 over three years throughout the entire corporation, of which the automotive group accounts for about 20 percent of revenue.

"It's not really going to increase us significantly," he said. George Bashara, vice president and general counsel for Federal Mogul headquartered in Southfield, believes that NAFTA will result in more, not fewer, jobs in this country.

"In the past, because of severe tariff restrictions, it was necessary for companies like ours to build plants in Mexico," Bashara said. "We have four plants there. If we had NAFTA back then, we probably would have been putting them there. But with local content laws, that's the only way we could do business in Mexico," he said.

Federal Mogul, which manufactures and distributes engine parts, employs about 15,000 worldwide, 2,000 at headquarters, three research centers and two production plants in southeastern Michigan.

"Nothing happens overnight," Bashara said. "We believe we'll sell more products we're manufacturing. I can't tell you how many (employees) we'll add. I certainly think we'll be in a position to keep the employees we have and very likely we'll add to the workforce as a result of NAFTA."

Lear Seating, headquartered in Southfield, has confirmed that it will transfer 200 jobs from Mexico to the U.S. or Canada as a result of the trade agreement. However, Nick Feles, a spokesman for Lear, declined to be specific.

"Generally, as trade opens up, the market opens in Mexico, it's going to be positive for all of us," he said. "If we sell more goods, it will create more jobs here."

Exactly how many, where and when? "I can't answer," Feles said. "It's too early."

Management is starting to say, "I just want to do business and not hire three to four people to handle payroll and other forms," Gudeman said.

Additional government regulations, such as the Family Medical Leave Act and Americans with Disabilities Act, and the prospect of a government-run health plan also have caused companies to take a serious look at outsourcing labor, Gudeman said.

"There are more and more government regulations to follow today. It's a complex maze," said Melissa Henriksen, NSLA associate director. "Employers are finding that forms are time consuming, not time effective."

Though payroll becomes the lessor's responsibility, the NSLA says clients should ask their leasing company for a quarterly audit to show that taxes, worker's compensation and other expenses have been properly filed and paid. Before choosing a leasing company, check its financial condition, get client references and find out how benefits are funded, suggests the NSLA.

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Home Depot bringing hundreds of jobs to suburbs

By DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Now comes Home Depot, the granddaddy of all home improvement supply mega-stores founded in 1978 and headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., to the northern and western suburbs.

Home Depot will open a store in Pontiac at Orchard Lake Road and Old Telegraph in March to service the Bloomfield area.

Stores also will be opened in Canton at Ford and Lotz next spring and in Redford on Inkster between Plymouth and I-96 next fall, company officials said.

"We project an average of 200 jobs per store," said Ken Ubertino, vice president of Midwest expansion for Home Depot.

"Typically, we pay people what they're worth. If you have a 21-year-old going through an apprenticeship as an electrician, he'll get one rate. A guy who's owned an electrical contracting company will come in at a different rate," he said.

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"The Big Three will make it," predicted Marx, president of Marx Layne & Co. of Farmington Hills. "They have dollars behind them. They will put tremendous pressure on regionals and mom-and-pops unless they define their niche."

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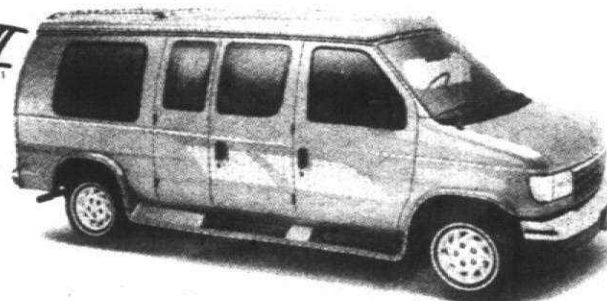
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