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Lane to ease left-turn woes



There is relief on the way for Canton residents who travel north on Canton Center Road and need to make a left turn onto Hanford Road. A new passing lane is planned.

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

No doubt some motorists are unhappy they can't make left turns onto the new Hanford Road extension, west from Canton Center.

But Canton Township officials are doing something about that — a passing lane.

"This will be a great relief obviously to those folks who travel north on Canton Center and need to turn left at Hanford. You really can't do that at peak hours," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Township trustees recently approved the engineering design for a passing lane — by Finkbeiner, Pettis

& Strout Ltd., Canton for \$11,275. The company also designed the Hanford Road extension.

"The board has made a commitment to this," said township engineer Tom Casari. "We will have to come up with the money to build it."

Casari estimates the passing lane, which will begin near Henderson Glass on Canton Center, and run about 75 feet past Hanford Road and taper for 150 feet, will cost about \$60,000.

"We would like not to involve the county," Yack said.

Two new businesses, Community Federal Credit Union and an office building, which are not yet constructed, are expected to benefit from the passing lane. The office building's owners, Casari said, will be asked to help with some of the costs because it will have an entrance onto Canton Center Road. The credit union will not.

The Hanford extension was built from Sunflower Village subdivision west to Canton Center to provide eas-

See LANE, 4A

Student creations map out Plymouth perfectly

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Walk into Farrand Elementary School, turn down a hallway and you've entered a magical fantasy land. An entire wing has been trans-

formed into an illuminated gingerbread replica of Plymouth.

In colorful splendor for parents, merchants, and business folks to see is a recreation of everything from the McDonald's at Five Mile and Hagger-

ty to Unisys, Danny's supermarket and downtown Plymouth. The creators are four third grade classes and their teachers, Kristin Bertoia, Cathy Campbell, Ann Coker and Lynn Burns.

Student Cody Lobenherz explained how he and his classmates built an elaborate, edible model of Unisys.

"We put boxes together and graham-crackered 'em. We used a glue gun and sometimes frosting to stick it together. For the soccer field, we used a Styrofoam base and pipe cleaners and onion net for the nets. It was fun."

The Unisys clock was made of frosting, pretzels and Tootsie rolls.

On other buildings, candy canes doubled as shutters, licorice as shingles and cotton as snow. The creations are currently on display in the lower level of the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday.

The Farrand staff and students hosted an open house for all the merchants and employees whose buildings were recreated. On display, to name a few, were City Hall, the Penn Theater and Schrader's Funeral Home. Milk cartons served as the structure for some of the buildings, and adorning them were graham crackers, untold varieties of candy and frosting, and strings of tiny colored lights.

Third-grader Theresa Edwards said recreating Danny's supermarket "took us a long time; about two weeks. It was fun, but hard work."

The project ties in with the four classes' social studies unit on community. "Buildings were photographed and then divided up among



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Christmas visions: From bottom left, Nicole Hoffman, Catherine Soodawa and Ryan Baumgartner dream of Christmas.

See CREATIONS, 4A

Happy holidays



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

From us to you: We at the Canton Observer didn't have time to write all our readers Christmas cards, so we're doing the next best thing. We're wishing everybody happy holidays. Here is the staff from left to right, starting at the bottom row: Joanne Maliszewski, Canton reporter; Christina Fuoco, Suburban Life reporter; Nancy Pennington, receptionist; and Dan O'Meara, sports. Second row: Kevin Brown, Plymouth reporter; C.J. Risak, sports; Sue Mason, Suburban Life editor; Jeff Counts, Canton community editor; M.B. Dillon, schools reporter; and Bill Bresler, photographer.

Holiday cheer



STAFF PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER



Friendship: Teacher Kathy Harenda and her third grade class from Hoben Elementary School in Canton lightened the hearts of seniors at Canton Place recently. The students sang carols for the residents and presented them with a friendship chain they made. Pictured at left is Agnes Irwin.

Business aids Bosnian relief

BY JILL HALPIN
STAFF WRITER

With the Christmas holiday fast approaching, a Canton businessman has decided to share in the spirit of the season by helping with the Bosnian relief effort.

"Of all of the times of the year, this is certainly the most suitable. The devastation in Bosnia is unbelievable," said Robert Gardella, the owner of Midwest Moving and Storage at 8150 Ronda Drive in Canton.

Gardella donated time, space and money in an effort to help deliver more than 18,000 pounds of new and used clothing to Bosnian refugee camps overseas.

The Canton business owner was first moved to action after speaking with Jane Seymour, a fellow member of a Livingston County Republican group.

Seymour had toured the war-torn countries and told Gardella of the need for a large-scale relief

effort. Aware that Gardella's company was an agent for a national trucking firm, she asked if he would be willing to help.

"There is a time for talking and a time for action. I felt this was a very important cause, you have to get involved and that's it," said Gardella.

He responded to Seymour's request by setting aside a warehouse and tables to collect and sort the donations of clothing that were coming in from churches all over metro Detroit. He also donated boxes and tape to help package the clothing, and even handled the loading of the truck. Gardella completed his good deed by picking up the tab for the transport of the clothing from Canton to Atlanta, Ga., Seymour said.

"He has been marvelous. He picked up the entire tab for shipping these things down to Georgia," she said, adding Gardella was instrumental to the success of the

clothing drive.

The 450 boxes of clothes, which included a donation of 20 cartons of new shoes from a Grand Rapids-area manufacturer, were to arrive in Atlanta and be loaded into a 40-foot overseas transport container and shipped out from Savannah, Ga. Caritas, a nonprofit organization involved in the relief effort, will pay for the overseas transport of the clothing through donations.

Gardella is hopeful that the clothing will reach the refugees by Christmas.

"It's good to get a chance to help out. The inhumanity that is going on over there is terrible. I hope we never have to go through that in our country," he said.

Although this is Gardella's first experience involving the Bosnian relief effort, he is already planning for the future.

"I would like to see if we can do this twice a year or even more," he said.

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Readers share stories of Christmas magic

We asked our readers to provide their memories of those special Christmases of years gone by. These stories are offered for your holiday enjoyment.

Christmas in Florida! No snow! An artificial tree! No way! That was probably my first thought when my husband, Frank, and I began discussing the possibility of packing up our two children, Kristen and Stephen, and driving down to Florida with Frank's sister, Karen, her husband, Rick, and their two children, Casey and Cody, to spend the holidays with my in-laws.

Frank's parents had moved to Florida seven to eight years earlier and had been back to Michigan for one Christmas. They said never again. They had gotten much too used to the warmer climate in Florida.

So it looked like if we wanted our children to spend the Christmas holidays with their grandparents it was going to be up to us to make the plans and go to Florida.

Now don't get me wrong. I like Florida and love spending time with grandpa and grandma in Florida (since they had moved down there every 18 months). But I've always enjoyed Christmas in Michigan. Even when we weren't blessed with snow, I grew up in Canton and my father sold Christmas trees to many of the residents in the Plymouth-Canton area for as long as I could remember from various places in Plymouth and finally right out of our front and back yard.

And there's something to be said for waking up in your own home on Christmas morning and watching the little ones come

down the stairs unable to contain themselves while dad gets the movie camera set up to film their first reaction to all that Santa left them.

But with much excitement and a little apprehension we loaded up our van and Karen and Rick's car with presents and luggage and headed for Florida one early December morning amid the sleet and snow.

The memory of that Christmas is a bittersweet one. In order to spend Christmas with my father-in-law and mother-in-law, I had to leave behind my mother who was in a nursing home.

This was hard to do as I had never in my 37 years spent Christmas without my mother. And grandma had always been around to help lots of toys upon my children. This year, however, she barely knew it was Christmas.

Little did we all know that this would be the last Christmas for both my mother and my mother-in-law, Marilyn. They both passed away within three weeks of each other the following August/September. My mother's death, not unexpected, was a relief, she was out of her pain from a brain tumor. Marilyn, however, died very unexpectedly in her sleep, at the young age of 62.

As I look back and remember that Christmas and all we did together as a family, shopping with grandma, going to the movies (the men took the boys to see "Star Trek" while Grandma, Karen and I took the two girls to see "My Girl," and especially Christmas Eve riding in the van to the Christmas Eve service singing Christmas carols, I now realize how blessed we were to be able to spend what turned out to be her last Christmas with my mother-

in-law. We could have missed all that if we had stayed home to have a "White Christmas." Even though we didn't have a white Christmas, that Christmas showed me you can make Christmas whatever you want it to be no matter where you are. To our family, Christmas is being with family and friends, making happy memories and rejoicing in God's love for us.

May we all look at Christmas each year and rejoice in the blessings bestowed upon us (even if it means spending Christmas in Florida).

P.S. My father-in-law is coming up from Florida to spend Christmas with us this year! I suspect he too realizes how precious Christmas memories are since he is leaving the cold to spend the holidays with family.

From Becky Krohn, Canton

Santa's special

My favorite Christmas memory was one year when mom and dad told us we had to go to bed. Dad was going bowling, so mom tucked us into bed. It was dark. Just as we were falling asleep Mom woke us up and said, "Look out the window!" My sister and I went to the window.

There was frost on the window. We had to wipe away the frost. We couldn't believe it. The snow was falling all around. Walking down the street was Santa Claus! He was bright as could be. The street light shone behind him. He was ringing a bell. "Ho, ho, ho. Merry Christmas," he said.

Next thing we knew, Santa came to our house! We ran down the steps and opened the door. He

had presents for each of the four of us. My sister and I each received a beautiful dress for church in the morning. Each of us sat on his lap as he asked us what we wanted for Christmas. He said we had been good children all year and that he would come back later in the evening.

We went back to bed. The next morning we went down the steps and saw a Christmas tree all decorated with sparkling lights! Under the tree was a 4-by-8 platform with a train running around the tree. Presents were everywhere!

It wasn't until years later that we heard the story that it was dad that dressed up as Santa Claus, visiting the neighbors' houses.

From Barbara Secord of Plymouth

Favorite dress

It's Christmas Day, and all I can say . . . is you made my day, by again going out of your way.

My beautiful yellow dress is the present I liked best. I will always remember this particular year. If I didn't get my yellow dress, I would have been in tears.

Just sitting around Christmas Eve, looking at the beautiful tree. Wondering what our gifts would be, hoping the yellow dress was there for me.

I didn't even know that you went out into the cold. Had the owner open the store, so that you could get in the door.

And what a delight to find, that the yellow dress was there and mine. I just have to thank you one more time, for a wonderful Christmas, and for you again being so very kind.

From Fran Crane Bernard, Canton

Insurance agents donate food to needy

The Independent Insurance Agents of Wayne County have delivered some 200 boxes of food to needy families in the Detroit metropolitan area.

More than 20 independent insurance agencies and companies in Wayne County participated in the food drive. Included with each box of food was a smoke detector and battery.

The boxes of food were dropped off Thursday and Friday at Timemaster Business Forms Inc. at 13000 Inkster Road in Redford Township.

The filled boxes were then delivered by insurance agent volunteers to local charities and distributed to needy families during this week.

A spokesperson for the Inde-

pendent Insurance Agents of Wayne County said the food drive donation presents agents with the opportunity to help those within the community they serve.

"It's important that insurance agents demonstrate that their concerns are not limited to selling auto insurance," said Denise McHenry of Cambridge Un-

derwriters in Livonia.

McHenry added that the free smoke detectors are designed to increase the chances of early fire detection during the holiday season.

Anyone wishing to contribute boxes of non-perishable food items can contact McHenry at 525-2442.

Middle school students have holiday spirit to spare, share

Students at Pioneer Middle School have had the Christmas spirit since September, when they began raising money to make this holiday season a bright one for five families they adopted.

The students raised \$2,500 at dances, and through sweat shirt sales, a Santa's Workshop and "candygrams" sent to fellow students. They then shopped for toys, clothing, books and food, and organized and wrapped the gifts for delivery to the Salvation Army. Their colorful wrapping paper and bows were handmade.

"This is a Student Council activity we've done for eight years in a row," said teacher Karen Barksdale, who worked with fellow teacher Sena Sherman on the project.

"The big thing we are really most proud of is that kids get a sense of doing for others in this age of me, me, me," said Barksdale. "We like to focus on what we can do for others. This really is a long-term project."

Many students have spent their own money on items for the families, she added. "It makes them feel real good, and we feel real good," the teacher said. "We tell the kids that we know the stores make it sound like it's the season for you, but it's the season for others."

Students have perfected the art of bartering and finding the best deal, Barksdale said. "One kid went to the manager and explained who the purchases were for, asking if she could do any better on the price. The manager knocked 10 percent off."

"Through it all, students have learned that to give is more im-



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Big hearts: Thanks to students at Pioneer Middle School, local families will have a happier holiday season. The middle school students began in September raising money to buy books, toys, clothing and groceries for the "adopted families" with which the Salvation Army paired them. Andria Johnson and Laurie Bilik are among the students.

portant than to receive. They've become good bargainers and become good shoppers."

The Salvation Army screens lo-

cal, needy families for the Adopt-a-Family program. Barksdale and Sherman are the Student Council advisers.

Local ice rink open for skating

Ice skating open to the public is available through Jan. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena, 525 Farmer.

Times for open skating are 9:40-10:40 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Mondays; 9:40 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:35-5:50 p.m. Tuesdays;

8:30-9:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays; 8:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and 4-5:20 p.m. Thursdays; 9:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Fridays and noon to 2:50 p.m. Sundays.

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Church musicians share sounds of the season

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Brightly-wrapped presents are nice to get, but musicians at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church prefer to offer the gift of music to concert-goers.

"It's our gift to the community," said Dr. Michele Johns, director of music at the Catholic church in Plymouth. "It's called 'Christmas Collage.' It pulls our own community together, working on a project."

The annual concert was presented the evening of Thursday, Dec. 9, at the church. The tradition started in 1985, with about 50 musicians performing that year.

"It's always bigger because we keep having more people involved. This year, it's over 200," said Johns, who's on the music faculty at the University of Michigan, where she teaches organ and church music.

The recent concert featured six bell choirs, two children's choirs with a combined membership of more than 100 youngsters, the parish folk group and the parish choir. A choir for men and boys, formed last year with more than 40 current members, also performed.

Typically, the yule concert attracts about 500 people, including some from the community who don't worship at Our Lady of Good Counsel, said Johns, who earned a doctorate in organ music from U-M. The Rev. John Sullivan, pastor of the church, narrated the concert, as he did last year.

"He loves children, so this is just right up his alley," the concert featured a variety of holiday selections.

"It's all pretty familiar Christmas stuff," she said. A team of music directors from the parish met in the summertime to discuss possible selections. "We see the strengths of our groups."

Rehearsals began in earnest in October, with musicians putting in many hours to polish their holiday performance. Soloists are featured each year; this year, four boy sopranos performed a portion of the "Messiah."

"They're terrific at it," Johns said of the four sixth-grade musicians.

The concert gives audience members a chance to sing such familiar carols as "Silent Night" each year. In fact, this year's concert ended with audience members lighting candles and singing that song.

"It's real pretty once everybody gets those candles lit. We all have everybody sing between the numbers the choirs sing," Johns said. "It's fun to sing Christmas carols, and people don't have very much opportunity anymore."

In recent years, Omnicon has taped the concert and shown it on local access cable TV. Parish members have gone through training at Omnicon, so they are able to handle the taping duties.

Music-lovers have the opportunity to see the concert on TV, but that doesn't mean the parish musicians plan to give up their holiday performance.

"We'll be doing it every year. People have it to look forward to that way," Johns said.

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Yule sounds: Susan Lindquist directs the Singasons children's choir during the holiday concert at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

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Plymouth duo seeks hosts for exchange students

BY SUSIE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

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Volunteers Lynn and Gideon Levenbach, of Plymouth, are looking for you.

Host families are needed for high school students from foreign countries.

These teenagers, ages 15-17, will be here from mid-January to mid-June and will attend the host family's public school.

"They are eager to learn as much as possible in five months about life and customs in the United States," said Lynn Levenbach, a placement coordinator.

"In return, they'd like to share their cultures from their homelands with their host family and American friends," she said.

The Levenbachs donate time to two non-profit agencies: World Learning (formerly Experiment in International Learning, which started in the 1960s) and American Institute for Foreign Studies.

Foreign countries represented include Argentina, Peru, Columbia, Brazil, Germany and Poland.

The couple estimate they have placed 80 students.

For more information, call 453-8562 or 453-6851.

Lynn works as a transcriptionist for Citizen Insurance in Livonia and Gideon is a management consultant.

All of the exchange students have studied English for at least three years, have full medical and liability insurance and have enough money to cover their personal expenses.

Students receive academic credit, on a case by case basis, for studies done in the United States. Lynn said. Students from Brazil and Spain always receive credit, she said.

"Every high school has a quota of how many exchange students they will accept into a school," Levenbach said.

In addition to finding host families, the Levenbachs keep track of which high schools have space for more students. Some schools don't want second semester students, she said.

Levenbach also strives to clear away some commonly held misconceptions. Exchange students are also welcome in private schools. The student pays for his own tuition. Tuition is not the responsibility of the host families.

A German female student has made a special request to attend Ladywood, Levenbach said.

Host families are expected to provide a bed and meals for five months. The natural parents provide clothing, medical insurance and spending money. Students are told to budget \$200-\$250 a month for expenses and are always expected to offer to pay their fair share, Levenbach said.

The Levenbachs hosted a Spanish student five years ago, who is now attending college in California. "We just received a Christmas card from him that read, 'Every year, I think about the wonderful Christmas I spent in Plymouth,'" she said.

Most exchange students build relationships with their host families that last a lifetime. People with or without children of their own can become a host family.

"Sometimes families are afraid they will have to entertain the students," Levenbach said. Students are quick to become involved in school activities. About every three weeks the Levenbachs organize parties and outings. Families travel to places like Niagara Falls, Cedar Point, Gov. John Engler's office, the Cadillac Assembly plant. This year they walked the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day.

Host families select the student whose interests and lifestyle most seem to fit theirs.

"I start getting applications in February for (placement) the end of August," Levenbach said.

The Levenbachs have two children of their own, Stuart, 19, a sophomore at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Gary, 13, a student at West Middle School in Plymouth.

making their escape.

"We realized that we had to teach children how to help themselves," Basch said.

So, AAA developed a school assembly program that teaches five important concepts:

- Be sure there are two exits from every room. Children need to know how to unlock doors as the first choice, and learn a second emergency exit, as well.
- Children should know to touch a closed bedroom door to feel for heat to determine if there is a hallway fire. The back of the hand is more sensitive than the palm. A burned palm would impede progress.
- Crawl low under smoke. Toxic gases -- produced by burning synthetics in carpet, counter tops, upholstery -- rise with smoke. The air closer to the floor is less toxic and cooler.
- Have a pre-determined, safe, family meeting place outside the home.
- Stop, drop and roll. In the unlikely event that children find their clothes on fire, they are instructed to immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll to smother flames.

To reinforce these concepts, AAA safety education consultants visit schools throughout the state and help children act out the steps. A smoke chamber simulates smoke and flames triggering a smoke detector. A cot and door recreate a child's bedroom. Children have the opportunity to roll off the cot, crawl under the "smoke" (a dark cloth billowed low to the ground with the help of classmates) and make it to the door to touch it to determine safe exit.

After the presentation, each student is given a take-home reminder for his or her parents. The letter describes what was learned and gives valuable suggestions. For example, parents are asked to hold practice drills with all family members.

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Number of kids killed in fires rises

Children younger than 10 accounted for 41 percent of Michigan's fire deaths in 1992, a 7-percent increase from the previous year.

"Children need to know the sound of a smoke detector and what the proper reactions are for fire emergencies," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

"We are working with fire departments to reduce casualties by conducting school safety programs for kindergarten through sixth-grade students," he said.

Results of AAA Michigan-conducted research indicated that to escape fires children were often crawling under beds and hiding in toy bins instead of independently

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Circuit judges aid recorder's judges, wonder if it helped

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Eight Wayne County Circuit Court judges have successfully completed the disposition of almost 500 Recorder's Court cases as a favor to the 29 Recorder's Court judges, but now wonder how much good they did.

Circuit Court Chief Judge Richard Kaufman said Thursday that the Recorder's Court docket is still pretty crowded. "There are some of us who thought there would be a greater impact on the docket than there appears to be," he said.

Circuit Judge Michael Talbot said the Recorder's Court backlog

of cases is growing. "I think that instead of getting better it's getting worse. Informally I've heard numbers that say they're not in good shape at all."

Three Observer phone calls to Recorder's Court administrator George Gish in the last three weeks have not been returned. Chief Recorder's Court Judge Dalton Roberson didn't return a phone call Friday.

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Roberson had promised to make administrative changes to speed up the process. It's unknown if that has occurred.

The circuit judges who heard all these cases are William Cahalan, Michael Callahan, Richard Hathaway, Susan Beike Neilson, James Rashid, Michael Stacey, Edward Thomas and Andrea Ferrara.

Kaufman said that only the Circuit Court's efficient processing of civil cases made it possible to cut eight judges loose for this special duty.

In 1985 Wayne County Circuit Court had more than 17,000 civil cases that had been pending more than two years, Kaufman said. Recently there were 194.

The administration system Wayne County Circuit Court uses to process civil cases has been "adopted exactly" by the Washington, D.C. Circuit Court and the St. Louis County Circuit Court, Kaufman said.

Madonna hosts visitation day

Madonna University will host a Campus Visitation Day from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17.

Prospective students will have the opportunity to tour the campus, meet with faculty, staff and students, and learn about the more than 50 undergraduate majors and growing number of graduate degrees offered at Madonna.

Day, evening and weekend classes are available and transfer students are welcome.

For more information, call (313) 591-5052.

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

Schoolcraft offers European food tour

Schoolcraft College is accepting reservations for its second-annual Culinary Educational Tour of France and Switzerland.

The tour will occur March 4-13, but only 25 spots are available, so call soon. The cost will be about \$2,800, which includes airfare, hotels (based on double occupancy), continental breakfast, ground transfers and some meals. Call 462-4448.

Highlights of the tour include visits to Paris and Lyon, France, and Lausanne, Switzerland, visits to cooking schools, restaurants, a winery and a marketplace. Schoolcraft Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will be the guide.

SC teaches CPR

Schoolcraft College offers a course called "Basic Cardiac Life Support" 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6.

Fee is \$40. Call 462-4448.

Designed for nursing students and health-care professionals, this course presents infant, child and adult CPR as well as airway obstruction management.

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Ballet performance

Canton resident Jillian Mitchell will perform when the Children's Ballet Theatre presents its holiday performance at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Edsel Ford High School auditorium, 20601 Rotunda, Dearborn.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. They can be bought at the door. Children's Ballet Theatre offers gifted youngsters ages 9-16 a showcase for their talents. The children's company, under the direction of Karen Milligan, will perform "The Tales of Beatrix Potter," "Les Patineurs" and "Corelli's Christmas Concerto."

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, Friday, Dec. 31, and Monday, Jan. 3.

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

Musical beginnings

KINDERMUSIK Beginnings classes will start the week of Jan. 10 at Arnoldt Williams Music on Canton Center Road in Canton.

Classes are scheduled Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and perhaps Wednesday afternoons. Classes run through May 2. Parents who wish to register their child, age 18 months to 4 years, or who want more details, should call teacher Norma Atwood at 981-5969.

KINDERMUSIK is a program of learning and enrichment through singing, moving, listening, playing simple percussion instruments and creative activities. The musical stimulation encourages musical instincts and fundamental skills. It also fosters a lifelong love of music and a positive attitude toward learning.

Hall of fame nominations

Nomination forms for the annual Canton Community Achievers and Hall of Fame awards are available at township hall, the Canton Public Library, Canton Chamber of Commerce, Palermo's restaurant, Big Boy restaurant and the Canton Community Foundation office.

The forms should be submitted to the Canton Township clerk's office no later than Jan. 28, 1994.

Reaching out

Cheer Club's cheerful givers brighten holiday



Christmas Cheer Club donations this year helped the Salvation Army help needy people in the Plymouth-Canton community. This is the third year for the Observer's Cheer Club.

From Monday through Wednesday this week, the Plymouth Salvation Army distributed to the needy items collected by the Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club and by other community groups.

Salvation Army corps commander Lt. Jeffrey Beachum said that while the distribution of toys and food — along with coats and mittens — was mainly wrapped up on Wednesday, "On Thursday and Friday we'll be having stragglers who didn't realize what was going on coming in."

Beachum said the number of donations compares well with previous years.

"We're very surprised and pleased with the number of toys, we've got turkeys coming out of our ears and a good supply of coats and canned goods are coming in pretty good," Beachum said.

"It's going well especially for the (slow) start we had," he said.

Parents from families help from the Salvation Army go to the Plymouth distribution center and pick out items including toys their children might like.

"We try to have the parents give Christmas to their kids, they don't need to know it's the Salvation Army," Beachum said.

"If they do bring in kids we try to keep them busy in another part of the building," he said.

Plymouth Salvation Army office manager Linda Spilos said that for Plymouth, Canton and Northville — the area they serve — the kettle drive has netted \$71,848.

"It looks like the kettles might fall short," Spilos said, of the amount collected last year.

Yet, \$94,220 has been collected locally through direct mail appeals. Combined with the kettle collection, "We might make our total goal," she said.

Spilos reported that the Adopt-A-Family program is serving around 400 families, up from about 350 last year.

Last-minute donors can drop off checks by 1 p.m. Christmas Eve at the Salvation Army office, 9451 S. Main across from Silverman's Restaurant, or put money in kettles until 2 p.m. Christmas Eve.

We at the Observer want to send out a big "Thank You" to the 130 contributors who filled our office with donated toys, canned goods and boxed food. You made the third year of our Christmas Cheer Club the biggest yet.

Those who donated were:

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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTIST TEACHER Edie Jopich will speak at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at Plymouth Township Clerks meeting room, corner of Lilley and Ann Arbor Roads. Public invited; no charge. Sponsored by Three Cities Art Club.

VOLUNTEERS Plymouth YMCA needs help at its Coffee Tent during the Ice Festival, Jan. 12-17. 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, 555-0436.

COUPON BOOKS Orders for Entertainment '94 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 south-east Michigan, call Bill Von Clein, 453-9253; or Plymouth Community Family YMCA (also Gold Coupon Book), 453-2904.

FLAGS AVAILABLE Contact The American Legion, Passage-Gayle 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

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

FOR KIDS

YOUTH FREE THROW Boys and girls ages 10-14 may participate in local meet competition for 1994 Knights of Columbus International Championship, 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at St. Thomas a Becket gym, 555 South Lilley Road, Canton. Entry forms available at parish office or call F. Rodriguez, 459-6026.

"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, Plymouth Canton High School track, Call Mike or Betty Krafchak, 451-5966.

LEADERS CLUB National YMCA program for kids ages 11-15 offers

social and volunteer opportunities every other Tuesday, Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. Call Colleen Anderson, 453-2904.

CLASSES Plymouth Parks and Recreation: adult, preschool, youth and special events, 455-6620.

Plymouth YMCA youth classes include junior step aerobics and steppin' kids, ages 8-13; youth basketball league starts Jan. 3, third-ninth grades; gymnastics; tumbling bears gymnastics; kids 2-4; karate begins Jan. 4 at Isbister School, 8 years old and up; Kreative 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 today 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.

Blood donations will be accepted at two locations in Canton: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Jan. 22, at Calvary Baptist Church, 4065 Joy Road, 422-1425; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Jan. 23, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, 455-5910.

FREE EYE EXAMS Low-income families without health insurance must return applications by Jan. 25 for examinations to be performed during "Save Your Vision Week," March 6-12, 1994. Write for application: VISION USA, 243 N. Lindergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 3141, or call 1-800-766-4466.

WEIGHT WATCHERS Meetings are at 5:45 p.m. Thursdays, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, and daily hours at Weight Watchers Center—H, 44734 Ford, near Kmart. 1-800-487-7777.

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 Spitfire 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 C&D 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.

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SENIORS

HELP Information center offers senior programs, help with prescriptions, health-screening programs or in-home services. 422-1052. Senior Alliance links seniors with citizens willing to help with outdoor chores. Also, prescription assistance and holiday meals to eligible seniors, 722-2830.

Buy or sell used adaptive equipment (wheelchairs, motorized carts, walkers, van lifts, etc.), 1-800-237-3422, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

Focus:HOPE provides food to eligible Canton seniors at the Canton Recreation Center, 397-1000, Ext. 278.

Classes at Plymouth Parks and Recreation, 455-6620; Canton Recreation Center, 397-4464.

SENIOR WORKERS Child & Family Service LIFEWORK, a United Way agency, coordinates a senior community service employment program for food service, library, gift shop cashier and clerical positions. Call Sally Krueger, 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

CLUB CALL

CANTON NEWCOMERS Pizza and games night is 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Road, 453-9693 or 455-8352.

MONTHLY CLUBS Three Cities Art Club, 7 p.m. first Monday, Plymouth Township Hall, Programs include guest demonstrators. New members welcome. 397-0562.

Canton Democratic Club, 7 p.m. fourth Wednesday, Cherry Hill Schoolhouse, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads, 721-2170.

Experimental Aircraft Association, 8 p.m. third Thursday, EAA Hangar at Mettetal Airport, 453-8969. Plymouth-Canton community, 326-4444. Plymouth Arbor Health Building Urgent Care, and McAuley Health Building, Canton, 572-4159. Plymouth YMCA, 453-2904.

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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.

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.

WEEKLY MEETINGS Toastmasters Oral Majority Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's Restaurant, 9550 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Call Ken Morley, 277-2709 (evenings).

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

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

Great holiday stocking stuffer: a Michigan Golfers Coupon Book with 500 rounds of free golf for \$25 donation. Arthritis Foundation, 1-800-968-3030 or (810) 350-3030.

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

Schoolcraft College in-person registration is 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 3-5 in College's registration center, 462-4430; continuing education winter mail-in registration is Jan. 24, 462-4448.

Livonia Cooperative Nursery, at West Chicago and Hubbard Roads, has openings for 3 and 4 year olds 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 425-6075.

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.

"Little Red Riding Hood" will be performed at 2 p.m. Dec. 26 and 11 a.m. Dec. 27 and 28 at the Kerytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, Ann Arbor. 769-2999 or 874-8595.

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum gives demonstrations in its Science Circus, 1-3 p.m. Saturdays and 2-4 p.m. Sundays. Family Camp-In season is here. Inquire, 955-5439.

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.

Childbirth classes are available any evening, 7-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday at St. Mary Hospital, Livonia. 591-2922.

Support group for well children, ages 6-16, who have a parent, sibling or significant other with cancer meets for four weeks beginning Jan. 18 at Michigan Cancer Foundation's Jean & Samuel Frankel Community Services Center, 18831 W. Twelve Mile Road, Lathrup Village. Call 833-0715, ext. 770.

SCHOOLS Schoolcraft College's second annual culinary education tour to France and Switzerland is March 4-13. Enrollment limited to 25 participants. College's first annual history tour highlights New England foundations of American History, 10-14 days in mid-July. Register, 462-4448 or 462-4452.

Toy train appraisal benefits Detroit Historical Museum's Alfred R. Glancy Jr. Lionel operating Toy Train Exhibit, noon-3 p.m. Dec. 26, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. 833-1805.

Schoolcraft College is accepting applications for crafters to feature their work during spring craft show March 12. 462-4417.

LAURA A. WIENER of Plymouth graduated from Michigan State University with an education specialist degree in K-12 education administration.

LAURA E. HANIS of Plymouth Township was awarded the 1993 St. Catherine undergraduate achievement award at Madonna University. Each year, the Detroit chapter of the Catholic honor society Kappa Gamma Phi honors one junior student from each Kappa-affiliated college. Students are then judged by their university faculty based on their academic achievement and leadership roles in church, campus and civic arenas. Hanis is a

learning-disabilities major with a 3.74 grade-point average. Among many activities, she is involved with the Council for Exceptional Children, Student Michigan Education Association, and the Community Opportunity Center, group homes for developmentally disabled adults. She is also an active member of St. Kenneth Church in Plymouth Township.

EDWIN J. WENSLEY of Plymouth, son of Ed and Lois Wensley, was named to the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He was selected based on academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Plymouth fights railroad crossing bill

By KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

City officials and Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, are rallying support in hopes of derailing an effort by railroad companies to extend the time trains can block street crossings.

A bill to increase that time to seven minutes was debated in the state House on Thursday and Friday. On Monday, Vorva told city commissioners a vote on the bill could come in the next week or two, or more likely after the state Legislature resolves the school financing issue.

On Thursday, Vorva failed to win enough support for two amendments to the bill that

would benefit the city of Plymouth.

The first would have kept the maximum time trains can block crossings to five minutes. The second amendment would have removed a provision sought by the railroads.

That provision requires a municipality that fines railroads for blocking crossings to put collected fines in a fund. That fund would be earmarked for future grade improvements. City officials reject this provision, saying the railroads shouldn't be allowed to tell the city what to do with its money.

The amendment to scrap that provision failed by just eight

votes. But city officials and Vorva say they'll try to lobby state legislators to get the votes necessary to win approval for the amendment — if Vorva is allowed to bring it up again.

"We want to strike the fund idea altogether," said Vorva, who with city attorney Ron Lowe presented an update on the activity in the state House.

Lowe, who testified before the House Transportation Committee in recent weeks, told city commissioners the city was fortunate to win a compromise that extended the time the railroad can block a crossing to seven minutes.

That's because there was much support for the time limit originally proposed, 10 minutes, he said.

Commissioner Robert Jones asked what is driving legislators to support the railroads on the issue. Vorva said the railroads had won points with the House Republican Caucus in saying Michigan law is more restrictive on railroads than law in other states, and restrictions hurt the railroad's ability to do business.

"Ron and I said the railroads are a very important service," Vorva said, "but it's incumbent on them to be good neighbors also."

City commissioners now have a list of legislators who voted no on the amendments proposed by

Vorva. "Look at that list of no voters and see if there's anyone you know you can contact," Mayor Doug Miller urged.

Lowe said his argument — that restrictions on how a municipality can earmark railroad fines take away from its home rule autonomy — "is playing well" among some legislators.

The action in the state Legislature follows a 1992 suit by CSX Transportation Inc. against the city of Plymouth for levying fines when trains block crossings for more than five minutes.

The suit is awaiting resolution in federal court.

OBITUARIES

REV. LEONARD KOENIGER

Services for the Rev. Leonard J. Koeniger, 73, were Tuesday, Dec. 21, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

He was born July 16, 1920, in Raymond, S.D. He died Saturday, Dec. 18, in Ann Arbor. He graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, Wis., in 1942. He then served as an assistant pastor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, then was ordained at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. He served the congregation until 1953 when he was called to Emanuel Lutheran Church, Lansing. In 1968 he was called to serve at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. He retired in 1988.

In addition to his service to his parishes, Koeniger had a record of service to the synod and the community. He was a member of Plymouth Rotary Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Margaret I. Koeniger of Plymouth; one daughter, Kristine Wolfe of Livonia; three grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Kirt of Wauwatosa, Wis., and Lenore Winter of Milwaukee, Wis.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, WELS Lutheran World Relief and WELS Lutheran World Missions, 2929 Mayfair Drive, Milwaukee, Wis. 53222, and the Rotary Foundation.

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Services for Myrl W. Schantz, 73, of Middleville, Mich., were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Caledonia United Methodist Church. He died Sunday, Dec. 19, at Butterworth Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Betty J. Schantz; two daughters, Barbara Judd of Owosso and Nita Hotchkiss of Milford, Mass.; two sons, James R. Schantz of Dexter and David M. Schantz of Plymouth.

from Kansas. He was a mechanic at Michigan Bell Telephone for 25 years. He served in World War II and was a member of the VFW Post in Plymouth.

He is survived by four nephews and four nieces, several of which are from the Plymouth community; and one sister, Lucille Skaggs of Missouri.

The Rev. Mel Stout officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army.

Services for Frank L. Whitten, 71, of Canton were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Burial was in Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Ind.

He was born March 25, 1922, in Oakland City, Ind. He died Sunday, Dec. 19, in Livonia. He was employed as a sales engineer at DeVilbiss Company in Fort

Wayne. The past 10 years he worked in the Detroit area as a consulting engineer with the automotive industry. In 1946 he transferred his membership from Indianapolis Masonic Lodge to the Fort Wayne Masonic Lodge No. 25 F & A M. In Fort Wayne he was a member of the South Side Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce A. Whitten of Canton, formerly of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Jill T. Whitten of Louisville, Ky., and Kim D. Sprunger of Fort Wayne; and one grandson.

The Rev. Eugene Vickery officiated the service. Arrangements were made by Schrader Howell Funeral Home.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 93-9
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.31 OF TITLE 1, CHAPTER 3, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CEMETERY BOARD FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS.
The City of Plymouth ordains:
Section 1. Section 1.31 of Title 1, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows:
1.31. City Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board of Trustees heretofore established for the operation, control and regulation of the City's cemeteries or burial grounds is hereby continued. The Cemetery Board shall consist of six (6) members, one of whom shall be the City Manager or his or her designee, and five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Commission.
The first five appointive members of said Board of Trustees shall be appointed, two for a term of one (1) year, two for a term of two (2) years, and one for a term of three (3) years, beginning on and dating from the first day of July following such appointments. Thereafter, succeeding appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years. Vacancies for any reason shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Commission.
Section 2. Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this ordinance are not affected or abated by this ordinance.
Section 3. Should any section, clause or paragraph of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.
Section 4. All other ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such inconsistencies hereby repealed.
Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after enactment hereof and after publication hereof.

DOUGLAS A. MILLER
Mayor
LINDA J. LANGMESSER
City Clerk
December 20, 1993
Published December 23, 1993

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SNOW PLOWING
The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals from interested firms to provide snow removal services to its Middle Rouge and Lower Rouge Equalization basins and pump stations. The contract will be awarded for March through December 1994. Multi-year contracts will be considered. The contract will be based on a per-push price.
Proposals must be received by 4:30 p.m., January 24, 1994. Interested parties may receive the full RFP or additional information by calling WTUA, 453-2793.
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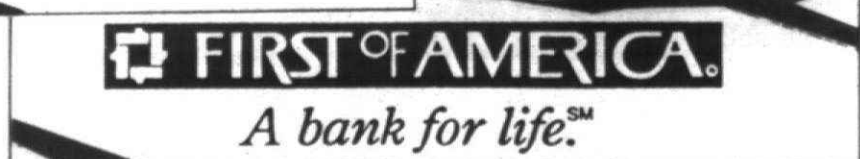
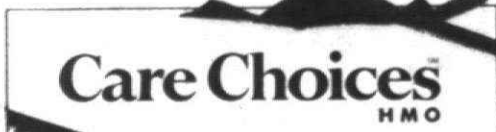
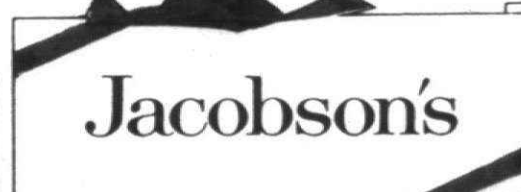
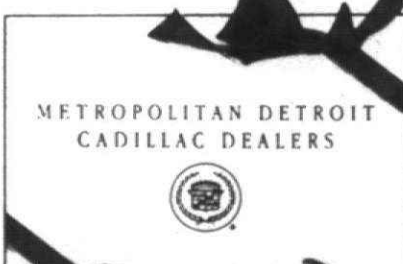
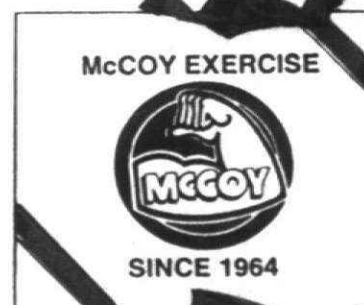
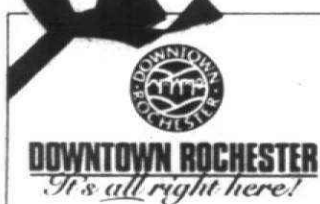
DECEMBER 24

- 6 AM A Festival of Lessons and Carols from King's College, Cambridge
- 7 AM To Catch A Christmas Star, with the Roger Wagner Chorale
- 8 AM James Galway's Christmas Carol
- 9 AM NOEL: A Christmas Celebration from The National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.
- 10 AM The First Nowell, with The Robert DeCormier Singers
- 11 AM A Festival of Christmas, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra
- 12 N Sing We Now Of Christmas, with the Crystal Cathedral Choir of Garden Grove, California
- 1 PM Joy To The World, with the Empire Brass and Friends
- 2 PM Star of Wonder, with the San Francisco Choral Artists
- 3 PM A Christmas Festival with Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops
- 4 PM Masters in This Hall, with the Washington Men's Camerata
- 5 PM A Merry Christmas with Simion Stanciu ("Syrinx") and Friends
- 6 PM Christmas with The Westminster Choir
- 7 PM A Carnegie Hall Christmas Concert, featuring Kathleen Battle, Frederica von Stade, Wynton Marsalis, and Andre Previn
- 8 PM Essentially Christmas, with the East London Chorus and the Locke Brass Consort
- 9 PM A Dickens' Christmas...Inside Fezziwig's
- 10 PM Christmas Eve at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine
- 11 PM An English Christmas with the Choir of Westminster Cathedral, the Alexandra Choir and the Cantorum Choir

DECEMBER 25

- 12 M CHARPENTIER: A Midnight Mass for Christmas
- 1 AM CELEBRATION! Christmas Fanfares and Carols with the BBC Welsh Chorus

- 2 AM On Yoolis Night: Medieval carols and motets sung by Anonymous 4
- 3 AM The Bach Choir Family Carols
- 4 AM Old Christmas Return'd, with The York Waits
- 5 AM Christmas Carols sung by Musica Sacra
- 6 AM An American Christmas, with Joel Cohen and the Boston Camerata
- 7 AM The Many Moods of Christmas, with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus
- 8 AM A Procession With Carols from King's College, Cambridge
- 9 AM Christmas Carolling with the Gregg Smith Singers and Friends
- 10 AM Christmas Day in the Morning, with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers
- 11 AM A Little Christmas Music, with The King's Singers
- 12 N Sleighride! Classic Christmas Favorites
- 1 PM Sing the Carols of Christmas, with St. Michael's Choir School of Toronto
- 1:30-
- 4:30 PM The Metropolitan Opera
- 4:30 PM Silent Night, Quiet Night with Musicke's Pleasure
- 5 PM Carols From Cleveland, with the Cleveland Orchestra and Chorus
- 6 PM Christmas in Vienna, with Placido Domingo, Diana Ross and Jose Carreras
- 7 PM MENOTTI: Amahl and the Night Visitors — the original cast recording
- 8 PM A St. Paul's Christmas Concert from London
- 9 PM Sounds of the Season, with Maggie Sansone and Friends
- 10 PM Christmas Night: Carols of the Nativity with John Rutter and the Cambridge Singers
- 11 PM Joy to the World! A Christmas Celebration with Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra and Chorus



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

CANTON
SPORTS
SCENE

C'ville spikers 1st

Tracy Sledz had 21 kills in 35 attacks Saturday, leading Livonia Clarenceville to the Southfield Christian volleyball tournament championship.

Clarenceville beat the host Eagles in the finals, 15-2, 15-6, after downing Dearborn St. Alphonsus in the semifinals, 15-1, 15-0.

The Trojans also scored preliminary round victories over Lutheran High Westland (15-1, 15-2), St. Alphonsus (15-1, 15-0) and Southfield Christian (15-7, 15-0).

Jaime Zemke and Wendy Roy added 17 and 14 kills, respectively, for the victorious Trojans.

Chris Nunnery served 13 aces and had 12 digs. Elizabeth Trybus added eight aces.

Setter Kristen Przeglenda collected 46 assists in 82 attempts.

Wayne sinks Glenn

Matt Ferguson figured in four first-place finishes, propelling Wayne Memorial to a 115-69 boys swim victory Dec. 14 at Westland John Glenn.

Ferguson, brother of Wayne head coach Randy Ferguson, captured the 50- and 100-yard freestyles with times of 24.5 and 53.9, respectively.

He also teamed up with Tony Smith, Greg Barber and Jason Garlough to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:46.4). The foursome of Jim Henley, Randy Jackson, Barber and Ferguson took the 400 freestyle relay (4:02.2).

Barber added firsts in the 200 freestyle (2:07.4) and 100 breast stroke (1:15.0). Other Wayne individual winners included Garlough in the 200 individual medley (2:30.9) and Jackson in the 500 freestyle (6:11.1).

Glenn firsts were garnered by Jason Baker, diving (168.0 points); Darin Draper, 100 butterfly (1:10.6); Jon Ramesbottom, 100 backstroke (1:07.1).

The foursome of Ramesbottom, Jamie Freese, Dennis and Darin Draper took first in the 200 medley relay (1:58.2).

■ On Dec. 16, Wayne ran its record to 2-0 with a 59-34 victory over host Allen Park, as Ferguson and Garlough were double winners.

Ferguson finished first in the 200- and 500 freestyles with times of 2:01.1 and 5:23.8, respectively. Garlough added firsts in the 200 IM (2:30.2) and 100 butterfly (1:10.9).

Garlough, Ferguson, Jackson and Smith won the 200 medley relay (2:00.7), while the quartet of Ferguson, Garlough, Barber and Henley won the 400 freestyle relay (3:58.6).

James Darden, Henley, Smith and Barber made it a clean sweep in the relays, taking the 200 freestyle in 1:47.0.

Other individual firsts were recorded by Clint Nemeth in the 100 backstroke (1:13.8) and Barber in the 100 breast stroke (1:14.5).

Wayne alumni swimming

Wayne Memorial High will stage its annual alumni swim meet beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the school's pool.

Last year, graduates from 1974 through '92 participated in the meet.

Warmup begins at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Randy Ferguson at 721-3025.

Hawks indoor champs

The Livonia Y Michigan Hawks under-12 girls soccer team, coached by John Buchanan, recently won Total Soccer's Division A title with a 4-2 win over Sport Club. The Hawks also beat Little Caesars teams from Birmingham, Canton, Rochester and Troy en route to the title.

Livonians Kristin Leszczynski, Deanna McGrath and Stacey Supanich each scored goals in the championship. Laura Grode (Sterling Heights) added the other goal.

Other team members include Susan Bear, Renee Kashawlic, Brianna Roy and Megan Urbats, all of Livonia; Megan Kelley and Stephanie Krieg, Redford; Christen Shull, Canton; Andi Sied, Dearborn Heights; Kristi Arrington, Novi.

Jerry Beigler is the assistant coach.

Wayne-Westland soccer

Spring registration for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League (boys and girls ages 3½ and up) will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1 and 8; Wednesday, Jan. 5 and 12; Feb. 2 and 9 at the Wayne Community Center.

For more information, call 458-7786.

Trojans split matches

Livonia Clarenceville defeated the Novi JV squad (36-29) and lost to Madison Heights Lamphere (36-3) in a triangular wrestling meet Saturday at home.

Jason Caspers (130), Eric Lantto (135), Steve Spisz (160) and Dan Gasser (171) each scored two pins on the day for Clarenceville.

Heavyweight Sean Lynch had a pin and won by void.

Adam Caspers (103) and Scott LeBlanc (189) also won on voids.

Clarenceville is 2-5 overall.

Cha-Ching!

Oakland registers record 189-107 victory over Madonna



BY CHRIS MCCOSKY
STAFF WRITER

Here's why a first-year Division III basketball team should never, under any circumstances, schedule a game against an established, Division II team: Madonna University scored 107 points Monday against Division II Oakland University — and lost by 82, 189-107.

How bad was it? Check it out:

■ Oakland scored 91 points in the first half, 98 in the second. It scored in 85 of its 124 possessions. And the team was playing without two of its top three scorers (Tom Eller, 23 points per game, and Ty McGregor, 13).

■ Eight Pioneers had career-high scoring nights, three of them set their marks by halftime.

■ Nine of the team's 11 players scored in double figures.

■ Nine team records were set including: points in a game, points in a half, victory margin, field goals made (63), 3-pointers made (27) and rebounds (83).

How bad was it? With just four seconds remaining in the first half, Oakland was set to inbound the ball from underneath Madonna's basket. The Madonna gym was silent. Coach Greg Kampe stood up and yelled, "One to Buza, one to Buza." Everybody in the gym knew the ball was going to No. 22, Dan Buza.

Everyone except the Crusaders. The ball was inbounded and fed inside to Buza for an uncontested layup.

That was basically the game story. Everything OU did went virtually uncontested. The Pioneers attempted 57 triples, yet throughout the game they were left free on the perimeter. No wonder they hit 27 of them.

"I know a lot of people are going to wonder if we ran up the score," said Kampe, whose team stunned Division I Toledo by 21 points Saturday night. "But I don't think so. They scored 98 points in a half. That's something these kids are going to talk about the rest of their lives. They'll be talking about it at their 50th reunion. I subbed as much as I could. The guys that were in there hadn't played much this year, but they work hard in practice. I can't tell them not to play. That wouldn't be fair to them."

No, Kampe would have had to remove his team from the floor to keep the score down. The more relevant question would be, why? Why would Madonna schedule such an opponent in its own gym?

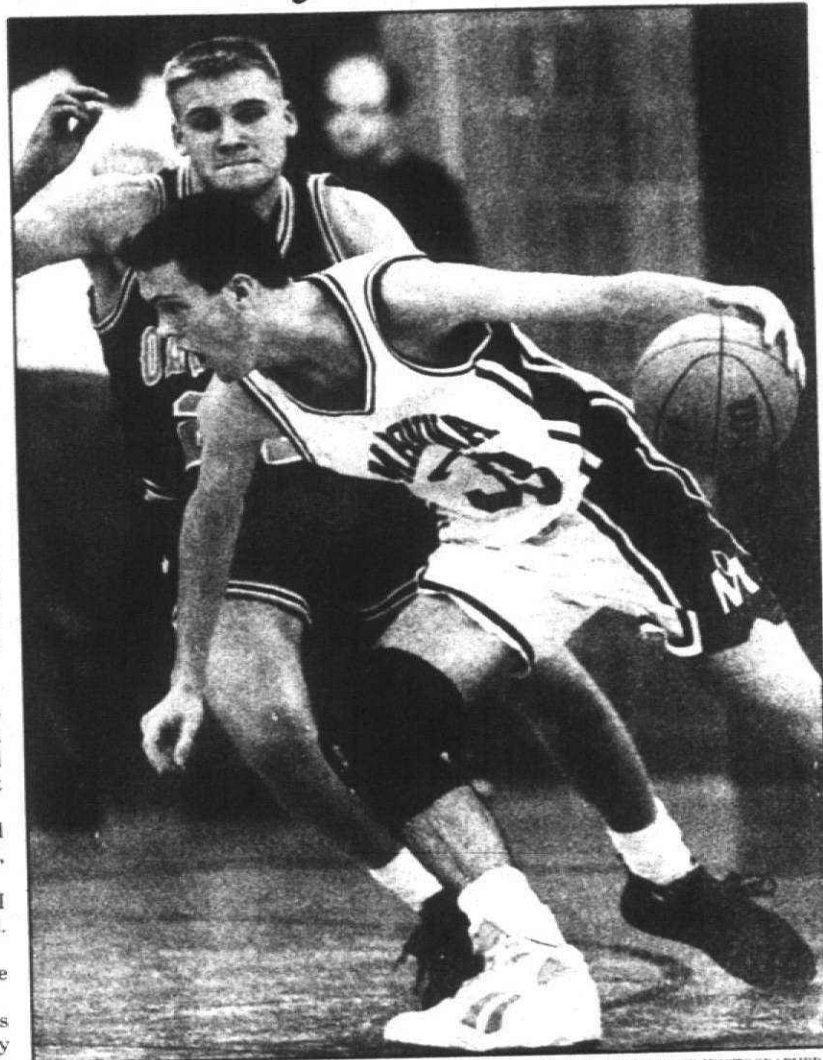
Madonna coach Bill Sharpe would be the guy to answer that question, but he wasn't talking.

"We got our butts kicked and I don't have anything to say," he said. "I'm done, I'm not talking."

Kampe said he accepted the game as a favor to Sharpe.

"He's a friend of mine and he was having trouble getting people to play him here," Kampe said. "We just worked it out where I'll play here and

See SHOOTOUT, 2B



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Closed lane: Mike Slone (front) of Madonna tries to find an opening against Oakland University's Dan Buza.

Ocelot calls North Pole home

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

You'd think opponents would be a bit nicer to Jennifer Samson, particularly at this time of year.

You'd think they'd give her a gift or two — a couple of baskets (not the kind filled with fruit, either), a few uncontested rebounds, something like that.

After all, she's in good standing. She must be.

And opponents should realize it can only be advantageous, knowing someone on the inside — right?

Well, it hasn't worked out like that at all for Samson. And in the second half of Schoolcraft College's basketball season, she'd like nothing more than to deliver, in person, the consequences for being naughty instead of nice.

No toys for you, not after the way you treated Samson on the court through SC's first 10 games. And believe me, she's in prime position to make good on her threats.

She is, after all, from the North Pole.

It's true. Really. Samson can prove it, and has, on more than one occasion.

"Even in Alaska, people wouldn't believe me," she said. "They just laughed. I had to show them my driver's license."

Samson graduated from — where else? — North Pole High, located in



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

S'no joke: Schoolcraft College basketball player Jennifer Samson is too tall to be an elf but she's from Santa's neighborhood: North Pole High School in Alaska.

North Pole, a small town situated (contrary to popular belief) 20 minutes outside of Fairbanks.

She moved there nine years ago with her family. Her father, an electrical engineer, decided to relocate for a good reason: "He could make more money," said Samson. He now owns his own business.

The differences between Michigan and Alaska are like night and day — at times, quite literally so. Yes, winter lasts from October until May, and it is cold. Samson said Michigan winters seem so mild to her, she's tempted to unpack her shorts.

But there's also that night and day thing. Because Fairbanks is located

so close to the Arctic Circle, the winter solstice allows only a few hours of daylight. "When you go to school it's dark, and when you come home it's dark," she said.

But in contrast, the summer solstice is a joy — nearly 20 hours of sunlight. And, according to Samson, the weather is mild, with temperatures comparable to Michigan's in summer.

So what led Samson back to Michigan and, ultimately, to Schoolcraft's basketball team? "It's so isolated up there," she said. "You end up seeing the same people, over and over again."

Her grandparents still reside in Brighton, where she lived prior to Alaska, so she came back here after graduating from North Pole HS. She enrolled at Central Michigan, where she met current teammate Leandra Hoffman, a Livonia Clarenceville graduate.

At CMU, they shared a common interest: "She was the only one who wanted to play basketball all the time, like me," said Samson. When they came back to the metro-Detroit area last summer, they started making weekly trips to the open gym at Schoolcraft. That's where SC women's coach Jack Grenan spotted them.

The rest, as they say, is history.

See SAMSON, 2B

Cooley escapes Wayne in OT gem, 72-69

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

When Sylvester Dotson's number 52 was detected as being omitted from the official scorebook for Detroit Cooley, referee Angelo Gust was in the process of awarding a technical free throw to Wayne Memorial.

But Wayne coach Chuck Henry, showing the true Christmas spirit, told Gust that he did not want the foul shot. Gust then had Dotson's name entered and waived the 6-foot-6½ Cooley sophomore center into the game as a sub without penalty.

The potential point loomed large later on as the Cardinals beat Wayne in overtime, 72-69.

But Henry, who treated his opponents to a pizza party afterward, said he would have done it all over again.

"We wanted things to go right tonight," he said. "It's something I chose not to do and I really don't regret it. I wanted the game to get off right and end right."

A lot of good things happened in between as fans were treated to a fast-paced game between two of the state's top 10-ranked teams in Class A.

Wayne, which suffered its first loss in five games, battled back from an eight-point third-quarter defi-

cit to send the game into overtime.

A steal and layup by Courtney Howard with 36 seconds to go in regulation followed with a drive by Gerald Adams with 17 seconds left tied the game at 65-all.

But point-guard Brian Williams, the only senior starter for Cooley, went to work in the three-minute extra session, scoring five of his seven points to secure the victory.

Dotson's block of Lorenzo Guess' three-point attempt from the corner as time expired sealed the victory for Cooley.

Tramaine Bullock led Cooley (2-1 overall) with a game-high 22 points. Dotson added 15, while Dawson Hale and Brian Ponder contributed 12 and 11, respectively.

Guess, a 6-3 freshman, led the Zebras with 18 points.

Adams, the senior point-guard, added 15. Rod Hardison, who heated up in the second half, scored 11 of his 13 to help erase a 36-26 deficit at intermission.

Wayne got back into the game using a full-court press.

"They (Cooley) are a clever basketball team," Henry said. "You're not sure you can be effective,

but the press was our last option. We were fortunate because the refs let it go. We were able to bang them and get some steals."

Cooley coach Ben Kelso was glad to come away with the victory.

"We've played each other so many times that you can't fool anyone," Cooley coach Ben Kelso said. "We were very lucky to get the ball at the end when we did. Wayne did a very good job. They shot well, and we were doing a pretty good job of guarding them. They had a good game plan."

Cooley shot 50 percent from the floor (32 of 64), while Wayne was slightly lower at 46.8 percent (30 of 64).

Wayne committed 19 turnovers, while Cooley had 21.

"I'm disappointed we didn't win, but we hope we can improve by watching this videotape," Henry said. "It was a good game for us to play. Our league (Mega-Red Division) is really tough with teams like Belleville, Monroe, Woodhaven and (Dearborn) Fordson coming up. For us to win we have to beat a good basketball team like Cooley."

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MARQUEEIt's time to make your
New Year's Eve plans

Be sure to let us know about your favorite places to spend New Year's Eve. Check out the listings in this week's Entertainment section, and make plans for the biggest night of the year.

For something different, spend the evening in Birmingham at First Night (see related story) or downtown with the Detroit Symphony at Orchestra Hall.

The symphony's New Year's Eve Gala, "Night In Old Vienna," offers guests an evening of elegant celebration that concludes with dancing on the stage. Neeme Jarvi returns to conduct this spectacular event 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

Accompanying the program of waltzes and other Viennese favorites will be several ballroom dancers demonstrating their professional steps, plus an outstanding vocal soloist. The Matt Pitt Orchestra will play for dancing revelers as they welcome in 1994.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$75. Call 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. The symphony is also presenting the "Nutcracker" ballet at Fox Theatre in Detroit. Evening performances are scheduled 8 p.m. Dec. 21-23; Dec. 26, 28-30; matinees, 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and Dec. 26; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 24. Tickets available at the Fox Box office, or by calling, 645-6666.

If "the weather outside is frightful," turn on the TV, put your feet up and tune in Channel 56, or your local cable TV station for a local production of "The Nutcracker."

The presentation is a joint project of Oakland Community College and Oakland Festival Ballet Co. It is directed and choreographed by Cornelia Sampson of the Oakland Festival Ballet Company, based in Rochester.

The ballet featuring locally and nationally known artists will be shown on Channel 56 — 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. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1, 7 p.m. (Rochester) 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 27, and 9 p.m. Dec. 28-29; 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30.

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

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Entertainment next week:

- Meet Charles Busch, star of the musical "Little Me" now playing at the Birmingham Theatre.
- Find out what's new at the movies.

Count down to new year at 'First Night'

■ Put on your dancing shoes, sharpen your skates, gather family, friends for a fun-filled, affordable New Year's Eve at First Night in Birmingham.

BY KEELY WYGNONIK
STAFF WRITER

In ancient times, and even now, New Year's Eve is a time of reflection of the year gone by, and resolve to make the new year better. Old traditions like sitting around a bonfire telling stories and writing down New Year's resolutions, and new traditions like spending an evening with family and friends enjoying top-name local entertainment in an alcohol-free setting are what makes First Night in Birmingham a New Year's Eve to remember. This year's headline acts at the fourth annual celebration of the arts, include Carvin and Michael of the Grammy Award-winning Winans.

"You have to come experience it," said First Night producer Jill Riddle. "The weather can be cold, but you forget it, and get caught up in all the wonderful performances. The downtown setting is beautiful, all the trees are lit up, it's a wonderful reprieve."

During the First Night celebration, which begins 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, and concludes at midnight in Shain Park with a countdown to 1994, downtown Birmingham churches, community centers and schools host a variety of entertainment.

"People will start gathering in Shain Park around 11 p.m. At 11:45 p.m. Pat Roan Judd will say the farewell benediction for 1993. We'll herald the new year with the Trinidad Steel Band, dancing in the park, special effects, and a surprise."

Admission is \$7 per person, the price of a First Night button, which allows patrons access to all events. Children under 5 are free, and children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Buttons can be purchased until 3 p.m. New Year's Eve at participating Birmingham/Bloomfield locations including Crowleys, Jacobson's Women's Apparel Store, Birmingham Ice Arena and City Hall.

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After 3 p.m. on New Year's Eve, First Night buttons can be purchased at the Celebration Center on the corner of Pierce and Merrill, Seaholm High School, 2436 Lincoln, First Presbyterian, 1669 West Maple, and First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple.

Helping defray the cost of the celebration are over 30 corporate sponsors. "It's so affordable," said Riddle. "Whether you go to one show, or stay all night. If we didn't have corporate sponsors, the cost would be about \$45 or \$50 per person."

Volunteers are also a critical part of the event's success. Last year, over 300 people volunteered to help with First Night. For more information about becoming a sponsor or volunteer for First Night, or about button sale locations, call 540-6888.

Free parking will be available for First Night goes in city-owned parking garages from 3:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Depending on where you park, you can walk to events, or ride the free shuttle buses which will start at 3 p.m. and run until 2 a.m.

New this year are three outdoor events — the Celtic Stone Circle, The Oracle, and Resolution Wall.

At the Celtic Stone Circle, nationally-known mime and story-teller Pat Roan Judd of Birmingham, and Terry Woolen will be telling stories and legends around a bonfire.

The Oracle is a pyramid shape in which an actor is sitting. "People can go up to the oracle and ask questions about the new year," said Riddle. "It's all for entertainment. You can write your resolutions for the new year in charcoal on the Resolution Cave Wall."

This year's First Night theme is "Hot Arts for a Cold Winter's Night." There's plenty of entertainment to choose from — theater, classical music, jazz, bluegrass, and dancing.

Carvin and Michael of the Winans



Headline act: Brothers Carvin and Michael of the Grammy Award-winning gospel singers, The Winans, will perform at First Night in Birmingham.

will be performing songs from their newest release "All Out," 8 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Seaholm High School Auditorium. Born and raised in Detroit, the Winans began their recording career in 1981 with the album "Introducing: The Winans." Their major label debut "Let My People Go," was their second of four gospel Grammy winners.

Here's a sampling of the groups that will be performing:

- For children — Sally Rogers and Howie Bursen's, "Big Laughs" version of "Jack and the Beanstalk," which involves lots of audience participation. "The Brainstormers!" a combination comedy club and classroom where kids learn a lot. The Pippin Puppets, "Cinderella," presented by Birmingham's own Village Players Ensemble, the Dinosaur man.

- For the first time, there will be participatory events for adults too. Tell your family legends at the Celtic Stone Circle.
- Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes. There will be country line dancing lessons at the First Presbyterian Church-Knox Auditorium. Dance to contemporary and Top 40 sounds of The Big Picture, Michigan's own premier dance band in a cabaret setting at First United Methodist Church-Fellowship Hall. A dance 7-11 p.m. at Seaholm High School Gymnasium will feature the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and Francisco Mora's Nuevo Mundo Jazz Band.

Classical events include performances by the Detroit Brass Society, Emmon Scott's re-creations of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig von Beethoven, and Detroit Symphony flutist Jeffrey Zook.

Jazz lovers will enjoy The Wendall Harrison Jazz Ensemble. The blue grass band Cypryn will perform at First Presbyterian Church-Sanctuary.

There will be family and teen open skating at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Food and refreshments will be available for sale at many First Night stops.



Holiday show: Lori Flynn (left to right), Michael Kelly, Gary Thompson and Mary Bentley-LaMar, star in the "All Night Strut Holiday Show," at the Gem Theatre.

Classy musical celebrates
1930s at the Gem Theatre

"The All Night Strut! Holiday Show!" a classy, sassy musical celebration of the 1930s and 1940s continues through Jan. 2 at the Gem Theatre in Detroit. "Strut!" is a musical melting pot of blues, swing, jazz, gospel, pop and dreamy Christmas favorites in a cabaret-style setting.

Tickets are on sale now at the Gem Theatre and all Ticketmaster outlets. Weekday shows, matinees and Sunday performances are \$19.50. Friday and Saturday 8 p.m. performances are \$24.50. For more information, call 963-9800 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

The cast featuring Gary Thompson, Mary Bentley-LaMar, Michael Kelly, and Lori Flynn sing songs from Christmas past and present including "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer," and "White Christmas."

A three-piece combo, led by Ed Wells, turns out old favorites like "In the Mood," and "Tuxedo Junction."

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AUDITIONS

■ THEATRE GUILD
Need nine men, ages 20 to 70, one woman in her early 20s for John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men," 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the playhouse, 15138 Beech Daly, 1 1/2 blocks south of Five Mile. Readings from script, no prepared monologues required. Call 537-4145. Performance dates, Feb. 18-19, 25-26, March 4-5.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS

Adult singers and dancers of all ages needed for "Lil Abner" based on the Al Capp comic strip at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road Troy, (between Crooks and Livernois) 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. Show dates are March 4-6, 11-13, 18-20. Come prepared to sing, bring sheet music in your key. Call director Gene Garner, 852-7228 for information.

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■ COMEDY
Ridgedale Players present "Catch Me If You Can," a comedy murder mystery written by Jack Weinstock and Willie Gilbert, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 7-9 and 14-16. Tickets \$8 with \$1 discount for seniors on Sundays. Call 433-1572.

■ NANCY GURWIN
"The Wiz" opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Shows Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 30. Call 661-1000 or 354-0545.

YOUTH

■ GENITTI'S
Mary Bremers Lunch Bunch Players present "Wizard of Oz" at Genitti's Hole in the Wall restaurant, 112 E. Main Street, Northville. Spaghetti dinner at noon followed by luncheon. Shows Dec. 23, 30 and Jan. 8. Tickets, \$11.50 for kids, (\$7.50 show only), \$13.50 adults (\$8.50 show only). Call 349-0522.

■ HENRY FORD MUSEUM THEATRE
"Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp," playing at Henry Ford Museum Theatre in Dearborn through Dec. 30, call 271-1620.

■ MARQUIS THEATRE
Magical musical "Aladdin" at the theater, 4135 E. Main Street, Northville, through Jan. 2. Call 349-8110.

PROFESSIONAL

■ JET
"The Price" continues through Dec. 26 at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Call 788-2900 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

MEADOW BROOK

"A Christmas Carol" continues through Dec. 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Call 377-3300 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. "Shirley Valentine," opens Jan. 6 with shows through Jan. 30.

ATTIC

"Beehive" the musical tribute to the girl groups and pop queens of the 1960s is Rockin in the new year at the Attic Theatre with a New Year's Eve performance. Catered by the Rhinoceros restaurant, the evening includes the show, hot and cold appetizers, soft drinks, champagne toast at midnight, coffee and dessert and cash bar. Doors open 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 875-8284.

Magical musical



HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Enchanting tale: There's enchantment in store for young and old alike as "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp" takes the stage at Henry Ford Museum Theatre. The original musical play was adapted for children from the traditional "1001 Arabian Nights" tale and features Timothy Campos (from left), Irene Hubick as the flying Genie, and Lisa Andres of Livonia, who also created the music and lyrics. Performances through Dec. 30. Call 271-1620.

BIRMINGHAM

Musical comedy "Little Me," opens Dec. 29 through Jan. 30 at the Birmingham Theatre, 211 S. Woodward. Call 644-3533 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

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'Little Me' opens Dec. 29

Birmingham Theatre will present its third production of the season, "Little Me," Dec. 29 to Jan. 30. Worth Gardner returns to direct this musical parody with actor Charles Busch playing the role of Belle Poitrine.

Performances run 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; 7 p.m. Sundays. Matinees are 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Sundays and Tuesday, Jan. 27. Special New Year's Eve performances begin at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$19.50 to \$37.50. Call 644-3353, or Ticketmaster, 645-6666.

Author, Patrick Dennis (Auntie Mame) wrote the original book "Little Me" in 1961. One year later, Neil Simon adapted it for the Broadway

stage and Cy Coleman composed the score.

"Little Me" comically dramatizes the life of Belle Poitrine, stage and film star, in her efforts to acquire wealth, culture and social status.

Charles Busch has been selected to play the female narrative role of Belle Poitrine. Following in the fashion of Greek and Shakespearean theater in which men played women's roles, Worth Gardner is using the element of non-traditional casting, both men and women exchanging roles, to achieve a more inventive, tongue-in-cheek production.

As an actor, comedian, playwright and author, Busch is well known for the female characters he brings to life on stage.

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■ LSO
Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present two chamber concerts — 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28 and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The Jan. 28 concert will feature the music of Prokofiev, Poulenc, and Scott Joplin's "Rags." The Saturday children's concert "Paint a Picture," will feature caricaturist, Chuck Barshanian. Call 421-1111 or 464-2741.

SERIES

■ AMERICAN ARTISTS
Series continues 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9 with a recital by the Ann Arbor based duo, Bolcom & Morris, at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook Campus, 1221 N. Woodward, north of Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills. Call 851-5044.

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Guys, send us your favorite recipe, and we'll send you an oven mitt with the words "Mrs. Doubtfire" printed on it. The mitts are part of our "Mrs. Doubtfire" promotion for the newly released movie starring Robin Williams. We've received quite a few recipes for "his speciality" already, but still have mitts to give away, so we're extending the deadline.

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Comedy reunites two 'Grumpy Old Men'

PREVIEW

"Grumpy Old Men," a rollicking romantic comedy, reunites one of the great screen duos of all time, Oscar-winners Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, in the story of a lifetime rivalry that only two fiercely individualistic curmudgeons could sustain. And the jolt that relationship undergoes when a lovely, romantic and available widow, played by Ann-Margaret, moves in across the street.

Filmed on location in Minnesota, Warner Bros.' "Grumpy Old Men" examines the decades-old love-hate relationship between next-door neighbors John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon) and Max Golden (Walter Matthau).

John's and Max's greatest pleasure consists of thinking up new ways to embarrass, ridicule or ambush each other in the course of their everyday campaign of revenge and retribution.

Max and John might recall the shadowy beginning of this lifetime love-hate relationship, but they're not telling. They greet each other every morning, it's true — but their greeting usually consists of profanity mixed with insulting one-upmanship.

They're ice-fishing buddies, to be sure — but they mock each other's catch and hurl invective when they share a "friendly" chat about their hobby.

Not even John's daughter Melanie (Daryl Hannah) or Max's son Jacob (Kevin Pollak) know what started their father's feud. But with John and Max wifeless and retired, and the indignities of the "golden years" encroaching, hating each other's guts has become their greatest pleasure in life.

Their greatest pleasure, for 56 years, to be exact, until radiant, free-spirited and enchantingly eccentric college teacher Ariel Truax (Ann-Margaret) moves in right across the street from them.

Ariel gives both grumpy old men new leases on life, as she innocently escalates their mutual loathing to new heights (or depths), with each furiously jockeying for first position in her affections.

"Grumpy Old Men" is directed by Donald Petrie, whose "Mystic Pizza" impressed audiences and critics with its humor and humanity. The producers are John Davis ("The Firm") and Richard C. Berman ("December"), with Dan Kolsrud ("Falling Down") as executive producer.

Darlene Chan is the associate producer. The film is written by Mark Steven Johnson.

"Grumpy Old Men" is a very personal project for me," said Johnson. "It's a valentine to my home state of Minnesota, and the character of John Gustafson is based on my own grandfather."



Rollicking comedy: John Gustafson (Jack Lemmon, left) and Max Goldman (Walter Matthau) are the best of enemies in "Grumpy Old Men."

Animated feature reveals Batman's secret past

PREVIEW

Batman — a hero to the citizens of Gotham City, the nemesis of criminals, a mysterious figure to those who want to uncover his secret identity — was he ever simply an ordinary man, with ordinary longings to find happiness, to be loved, to forget the dark past that sent him on his lonely career as a crimefighter?

Now, for the first time, Warner Bros. brings to the motion picture screen an extraordinary saga of the Dark Knight, an adventure that reveals Batman's most difficult battle, as well as his confrontation with a mysterious killer, the Phantasm, who holds the key to his secret past.

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When television's "Batman: The Animated Series" premiered on Sept. 7, 1992, viewers immediately knew they were seeing something unique and very special. It's striking appearance, consisting of stylized characters against strong, graphically designed backgrounds, were characterized by the show's producers as "Dark Deco."

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In addition to its memorable look, "Batman: The Animated Series" carried the legend of the popular DC Comics hero to new heights, bringing infamous villains to life on the screen in all-new stories that built on the sensational success of Warner Bros. two live-action films about the Dark Knight, "Batman" and "Batman Returns."

"I was very interested in doing a Bruce Wayne love story," explains Alan Burnett one of the co-producers whose contributions are primarily as a writer and story editor.

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Restaurants, hotels offer lots of ways to greet 1994

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■ **SEBASTIAN'S GRILL**
New American Feast, open seating 5-7 p.m. at 9 p.m. a four-course menu prepared by Chef Greg Ervin will be offered followed by dancing to the Ken Wolsinski Band. Cost \$50 per person. Call 649-6625.

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■ **MORTON'S**
Morton's of Chicago, The Steakhouse in Southfield, provides an alternative for New Year's Eve partygoers who want to design their own dinner, and not be limited by package deals. Morton's regular menu at regular prices and a selection of champagnes and sparkling wines. Reservations available for three seatings, 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., a \$25 per person deposit is required. Call 354-6006 for reservations.

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Michigan Opera Theatre's First Annual New Year's Eve Opera Gala in the Westin's Renaissance Ballroom, black tie event begins 8 p.m. with dinner at 9 p.m. Dinner followed by a performance of Act II of Johann Strauss' Die Fledermaus, champagne toast at midnight, dancing to the Emil Moro Big Band. Tickets \$85 per person, \$299 for an overnight package for two. Two other options are dinner at The Summit or River Bistro and lounge party. Call 567-XMAS for reservations and information.

Pointers for planning holiday parties

When hosting a holiday party, AAA Michigan recommends emphasizing food and fun activities to take the focus off of alcohol. Here are some tips:

- **Schedule only a short cocktail hour and serve measured drinks.** Also offer alcohol-free alternatives. Don't be a "pour" host by forcing drinks on guests.
- **Stock your buffet table with starchy and protein-rich foods** such as pasta and potatoes to help retard the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
- **Encourage "designated drivers"** and make sure they don't drink alcohol during the party. Do not allow an intoxicated guest to drive. Call a cab, drive the guest home or make other arrangements.

Here are some holiday party pointers from Marjorie Reed-Gordon, a consultant to Stouffer Foods.

- **Plan on 2 1/2 drinks per person.** Separate the drink serving area from the buffet to control traffic flow. Make ice cubes ahead of time and store them in plastic bags in the freezer or in an ice chest. One pound of coffee yields 24 cups.
- **Allow for six to eight appetizers for each person.**
- **Fit in a 6 to 8-ounce entree serving per guest.**
- **Serve fruit and two other dessert choices.** Prepared grapefruit sections, marinated overnight in cranberry juice for color and served in a large bowl, is festive and low in calories.

Add a caterer's touch with garnishes of fruits, vegetables, evergreens, flowers or herbs.

- **For a party of 25, you will need 35 wine glasses, 75 cocktail napkins, 32 dinner plates, 32 sets of silverware, 30 dinner napkins, 32 dessert plates, 30 coffee cups, and 30 dessert forks and teaspoons.**
- **To create a dramatic centerpiece for a buffet, float two white lilies in a shallow glass bowl filled with fresh cranberries and a little water. Surround the bowl with boughs of evergreens and continue them down the table, along with various size candles for height.**

Here's a recipe to try. Submitted by Laura Huzar of Reese, it was a third place winner in the Alpena Regional "Great Pretenders," contest sponsored by AAA Michigan.

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY

- 1/4 cup pineapple juice
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Shooting ranges would benefit from legislation

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Local governments would have a more difficult time pushing shooting ranges out of business under two controversial bills passed by the state Senate.

"It's totally unregulated. You can have them open 24 hours a day," protested Sen. George Z. Hart, D-Dearborn, whose hometown had an indoor range just a block from a high school.

"This would take away the right of local units to control hours of operation," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, an opponent. "I believe people who live in the neighborhood need to be able to turn to local elected officials for protection."

"These regulations have one purpose: to harass sport shooters," said the bills' sponsor, Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton. "I have 60 townships in my district, and they would have 60 different sets of regulations," said the rural Jackson County lawmaker.

"I used to think the National Rifle Association was unreasonable," said Sen. Don Koivisto, D-Ironwood. "NRA said there would be licenses, taxes and harassment. It turned out to be true. The NRA was right. You (opponents of Hoffman's bills) want to license, tax and take guns away."

The Senate Tuesday passed, 25 to 11, the key measure declaring

■ **'It's totally unregulated. You can have (shooting ranges) open 24 hours a day.'**

Sen. George Z. Hart
D-Dearborn

"a sport shooting range is not a public or private nuisance" if its operation "conforms to generally accepted operation practices." Those practices are defined as standards of NRA, although NRA isn't named in the bill.

The bill, opposed by the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association, also prohibits local units from restricting shooting ranges already in operation but not from writing restrictions prior to establishment of a range.

Area lawmakers voting yes: Republicans Michael Bouchard of Birmingham, Mat Dunaskiss of Lake Orion, Robert Geake of Northville and David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

Voting no: Democrats Jack Faxon of Farmington Hills, William Faust of Westland and Hart, whose district includes Garden City.

Faust offered an amendment that would allow local units to impose "impact fees" on target ranges and use the money to buy nearby houses that are affected by noise. It drew only nine of the

necessary 20 votes.

"This says, 'Soak 'em,'" said Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, opposing Faust's amendment. "This Legislature has expressed strong aversion to impact fees." Dingell said the Dearborn range attacked by Hart has moved out.

The debate turned bitter with religious and ethnic remarks.

Said Pollack: "We can get re-elected even if we're not blessed with the holy water of the NRA." Added Virgil Smith, D-Detroit: "You white folks may be afraid of them (NRA). I'm not."

The Senate's position was the same as it took in prohibiting local units from having tighter handgun restrictions than the state. It asserts the state's pre-emption of gun regulation.

Michigan's constitutional protection of gun ownership, stronger than the U.S. Bill of Rights, says: "Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

The bills have been sent to the House. Refer to Senate Bills 788 and 789 when writing to your state representative.

New area code kicks in

Blame it on the fax machines.

For the first time since 1947, southeast Michigan has a new area code, 810, which splits the former 313 code area in half along Eight Mile Road.

Wayne County residents, except for a few Livonia inhabitants, retain 313 for an area code. All Oakland County residents get 810.

Ameritech officials say the new area code is necessary because new ways to use phone lines keep being invented. "Designers of the original area code plan back in the 1940s could not have anticipated just how quickly available numbers would be used up by the skyrocketing popularity of personal pagers, cellular mobile tele-

phones, computer modems and fax machines," said Ameritech area code manager Dean Hovey.

More than three million new phone numbers have been created by the new area code for southeast Michigan. Even so, Ameritech expects to reach capacity again in 20 years.

Ameritech spokesman Leon Sowell reports that some people have had difficulty getting calls to go through when they dial the new area code. But the fault lies in non-Ameritech phone-line switches that haven't been programmed to recognize 810 as an area code, Sowell said. This problem is expected to be fixed soon, as the switch owners are notified.

Ameritech is anxious to have it

known that the new area code won't make anyone's phone bill higher. Calling Southfield from Redford will still be a local call, even though the caller has to dial 1-810 to do it. No call that was local before will be long-distance now, Ameritech says.

Also, calls will still go through using 313 until Aug. 10 so that we all might grow accustomed to the change. After that, Wayne County residents calling individuals in Oakland, Sanilac, Lapeer, St. Clair, Genesee and Macomb counties must dial 810 to do so. Oakland County residents calling folks in Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties must dial 313.

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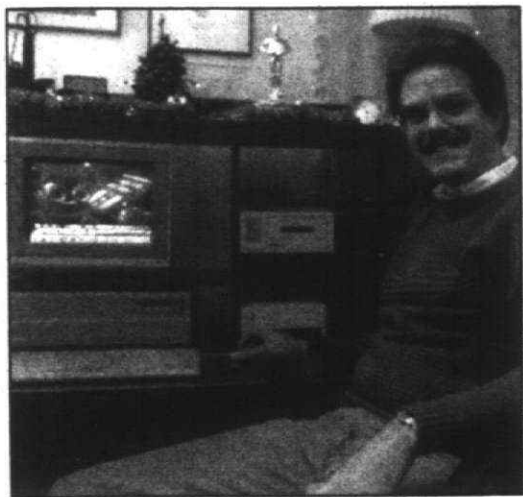
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SUBURBAN LIFE

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Bill Hansen

At home: Dale Myers used his home computer to create his "Robo Jr." cartoon.

He 'toons' at home with his Amiga

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

It doesn't take millions of dollars or a prestigious studio to produce an award-winning cartoon. It could take just an Amiga home computer.

Dale Myers of Livonia used that to create the endearing story of "Robo Jr.," a mischievous young robot/space alien who causes a little trouble while his parent searches for motor oil. It debuts on WDIV-TV Channel 4 at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve.

So far the seven-minute cartoon has received rave reviews during the SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group on Graphics) 1993 convention and in October earned a Joey Award at the San Jose Film & Video Festival for best computer animation.

"SeaQuest" and "Unsolved Mysteries" (television shows) are using the same software. Compared to those things, mine was impressive because it was one guy... as opposed to Amblin Entertainment," Myers explained in an editing suite at WDIV-TV.

WDIV vice president of programming and production Henry Maldonado agreed. When he saw it for the first time, he had big plans for it.

"I showed it to him and he flipped out and said, 'Let's make a half-hour special with it.' I said, 'OK. Let's talk,'" Myers said with a laugh.

The half-hour special will include the cartoon as well as a step-by-step demonstration of how Myers created the character of Robo Jr. The show opens with the tuxedo-clad Myers emerging from a limousine to attend the "world premiere" of "Robo Jr." at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. ("We're playing up the whole star aspect of it," he said.)

Kids pile into the theater following Myers. When the hype dies down, he tells them, "Something that's more fun than watching cartoons is making them."

The story is told through flashbacks. He tells the children that he came up with the idea while playing Frisbee with his dog. Any human situation lends itself to a cartoon storyline, he said.

"Ideas are all around; you just gotta pick one," he said.

Myers explained that unlike most animated specials that are created in production companies, Robo Jr. was done entirely on Myers' home computer system. After conceiving the story idea, he scripted, directed and spent close to a year animating the short by using a myriad of sophisticated desktop computer programs.

"The big appeal to the kids is that they can do it (at home) and it doesn't have to be done at Disney studios or something," he said.

Myers has produced computer graphics for industrial and broadcast films on a free-lance basis since 1989. A former WNIC-FM disc jockey, he has worked a total of 20 years in radio and video production. He began his career in computer graphics as a writer/producer for the Detroit branch of CBS/Fox Video.

When the division that produced industrial training films folded, he bought the Amiga for word processing. In his spare time, he started fiddling around with the graphics programs. He decided to pursue it seriously in 1989.

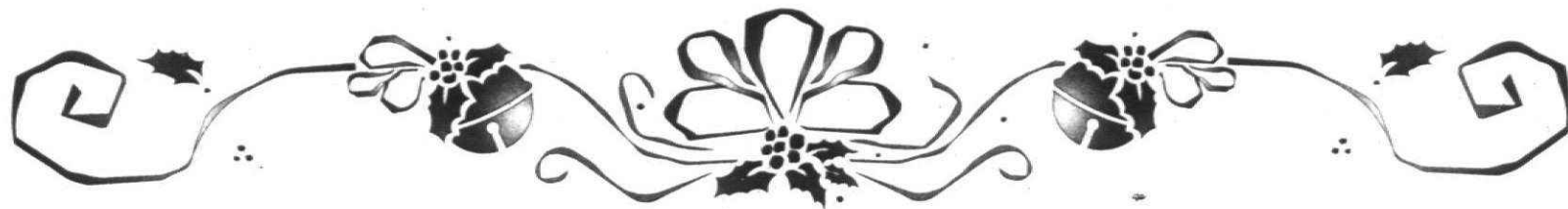
Although the 38-year-old would ideally like to see Robo Jr. the subject of its own TV series, it's a nice surprise to have WDIV's interest, he said.

"Doing a local broadcast is a nice thing," although it wasn't his ultimate goal, he said.

"It came along the way. It's one of those situations that fall out of the sky. You grab it and run with it," he said.

"The World Premiere of Robo Jr." will air 8-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, on WDIV-TV Channel 4

Endearing:
Robo Jr. is
Myers's mis-
chievous
space alien.



'Twas the night

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Dinghy Sharp sure knows how to tell a story. With keen memory and hand gestures as varied as the stories she tells, Sharp spins a Christmas tale with a surprise ending.

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER



There are different ways of experiencing a story. You can write the story; you can read the story; or you can tell the story.

For Florence Dinghy Sharp, telling the story is the favored course. A longtime member of the Detroit Storytellers League, Sharp has a way with stories that leaves an audience hanging on her every word.

With hand gestures, facial expressions and voice inflections, she makes even putting on a microphone sound interesting - "Getting wired is difficult; I feel like an astronaut on a tether."

The main "dessert" for the last of the three fall luncheons sponsored by Schoolcraft College's Women's Resource Center, Sharp left participants with holiday cheer as she recalled a childhood story and some of the history of our very American Santa Claus.

A former Farmington special education teacher who has been recognized as a pioneer in remedial education, Sharp works as a consultant with school systems across the country and as a speaker for educational groups. She also performs storytelling programs for organizations and schools as well as libraries and hospitals.

She offers a wealth of knowledge about the jolly old elf. She quickly tells of his evolution from the European St. Nicholas to a Santa Claus who lives at the North Pole, has elves help make toys, and travels with reindeer. The talk is interspersed with explanations of Victorian customs.

"Thomas Nast put Santa Claus at the North Pole and had the elves help make the toys, but Mrs. Claus didn't come along until 1927," Sharp said. "The reindeer came from



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Magical: Using her voice, facial expressions and hand gestures, Dinghy Sharp casts a Christmas spell over her audience.

Washington Irving."

Nast was a 19th century political cartoonist and illustrator who spent 44 years entertaining people with his work. His version of Santa Claus debuted in 1868. The original of the highly recognizable lithograph that shows Santa with a clay pipe and holly wreath is at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, according to Sharp.

Deep interest

Her interest in Santa includes 187 versions - old and new - of Clement Moore's "A Visit From St. Nick," better known as "The Night Before Christmas." And her story repertoire includes a Cajun version of the poem that has Santa riding a skiff and being pulled by eight tiny alligators.

But interesting tidbits aside, it was the story with its surprise ending that kept the audience transfixed. It comes from Sharp's childhood, from her grandfather who lived in Maryland. Normally, the family didn't visit at Christmas because of the weather, but one year they did visit, much to the delight of her grandfather.

"Grandpa was excited because he never got to really share Christmas with us," she said. "He said, 'There's a story I want to share with you that I've wanted to share since you were born, but couldn't. It was told to me by my grandfather.'"

The story centered on Christmas Eve in 1822 and Sharp's great-great-grandfather, whom the family called Papa. The family lived on a six-acre estate in New York; Papa was a professor of Greek, Latin and Hebrew at what was then Columbia College in New York City.

Papa had figured he had done all of his chores for the holiday, including making a new

wax candle, when Mama reminded him still had to go to town to get the Christmas goose and make up a story for their oldest daughter, who was seriously ill with tuberculosis, Sharp said.

Papa hitched up the team of horses to the sleigh to head to town. It was snowing so heavily that he couldn't see, but he knew the horses would get him there like they did every day.

"The snow was so heavy and so wet, he couldn't see, but then a miracle happened," Sharp said. "Like turning the handle on a pump, the snow stopped and the wind blew down the Hudson River, freezing it into icicles. The moon came out and it looked like a dream."

Among the things Papa saw was Peter, the town handyman, with his big, round tummy and flowing beard and wearing a red parka.

"The children would tease him, wanting to know if he tucked his beard in his nightie to sleep," Sharp recalled. "He was always telling the children stories of his homeland, Denmark, especially about St. Nicholas. He told wonderful folk tales about his homeland, and the children were always anxious to hear them, especially at Christmas."

Peter would chop wood and deliver it to the homes in town. On Christmas Eve, he was busy "giving the only gift he could afford, the gift of his labor. He was leaving wood at every home so no one would be cold for Christmas," Sharp explained.

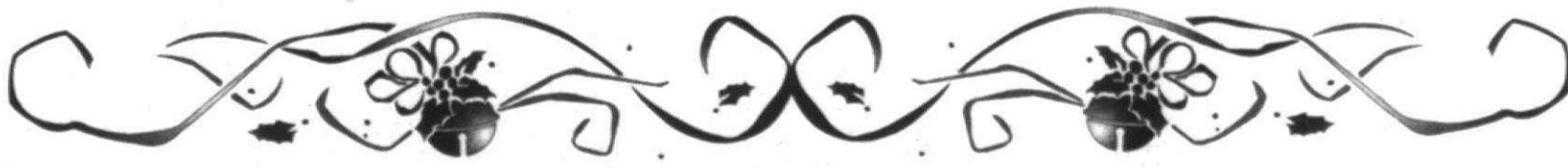
Papa's story

Papa got the goose and headed home. The children were busy getting ready for bed. They washed in a pan of soapy water water Mama

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Sharp has a way with stories that leaves an audience hanging on her every word.



Writer likes orderliness and has a place for everything

GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

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In this handwriting sample is a spirit of orderliness. Her surroundings would be neat, tidy and attractive. She has a place for everything and likes things in their place.

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though they may also be a source of annoyance sometimes.

Good concentration is evident here. She can zero in on one thing at a time and lends exclusive attention to whatever it is. She probably has a retentive memory also.

Here is a keen mentality and an innate love of mental activity. In addition, she may have a good mind for figures or money. This is a woman with a strong sense of responsibility. She is efficient, conscientious and disciplined.

She is also thorough and works hard. Those who know her best have learned she can be counted upon to fulfill her obligations.

Her foundation was laid in a conservative upbringing and she has not strayed too far from it. Her attitude regarding morality and ethics is rather rigid and her conscience is her guide.

Dignity is much in evidence here. She is a sensitive woman.

She fears criticism and can usually be found conforming to the mores of society.

This is a modest woman. She does not feel the need to be in the limelight to be happy. There is little pretense about her. She is the same personality in public as she is in private life.

At times she feels she has been taken advantage of and has her guard up to prevent this from recurring. Sarcasm is her defense when she feels threatened. Perhaps this is the reason for a little irritability I see.

Close friends are chosen with care. She tends to keep her own counsel and is reluctant to reveal too much of her inner life. Although emotional, she appears to have a strong need to exercise control.

The empathy in her handwriting tells us she is caring, friendly and often helpful. The lessons of life have taught her not to be

I am trying to write a (that's not easy). At times my good, and at other times it's write: uphill. I don't think I because I'm aware of my penman

wasteful with time, talent or her resources.

With regard to her question: If she writes uphill most of the time and considering the rest of her handwriting, I see a positive person with faith in a higher being.

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handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and full signature are all helpful, and objective feedback is always welcomed.

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had made for them, then rinsed out their stockings, hanging them by the chimney to dry. When they were done, they gathered around Papa and he told his story.

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house," Sharp said, waving her hands in an all encompassing motion. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse."

Her presentation of Moore's poem was a memorable one, but it wasn't until she finished with the "Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night," did she let on why she chose to use it for Papa's story.

"That was written by my great-grandfather, Clement Moore, in 1822," she said. "Actually, written is probably the wrong word. I think he must have put down some couplets on the back of an envelope, but it was never written down."

Moore's poem was such a hit that even more relatives came the next year to hear him tell it.

"A cousin came from Yonkers and wrote it down on the back of the envelope," Sharp said. "She

■ **'Thomas Nast put Santa Claus at the North Pole and had the elves help make the toys, but Mrs. Claus didn't come along until 1927.'**

Florence Dinghy Sharp

went home and had it published in the Troy Sentinel. She was so excited she hurried back to show Papa. He was so furious because she had given away his Christmas present that she was banished from the house for many years."

Parts of the published poem reflect the cousin's lack of knowledge of the Danish language. According to Sharp, Donner and Blitzen should have been "dunder and blitzen," meaning thunder and lightning.

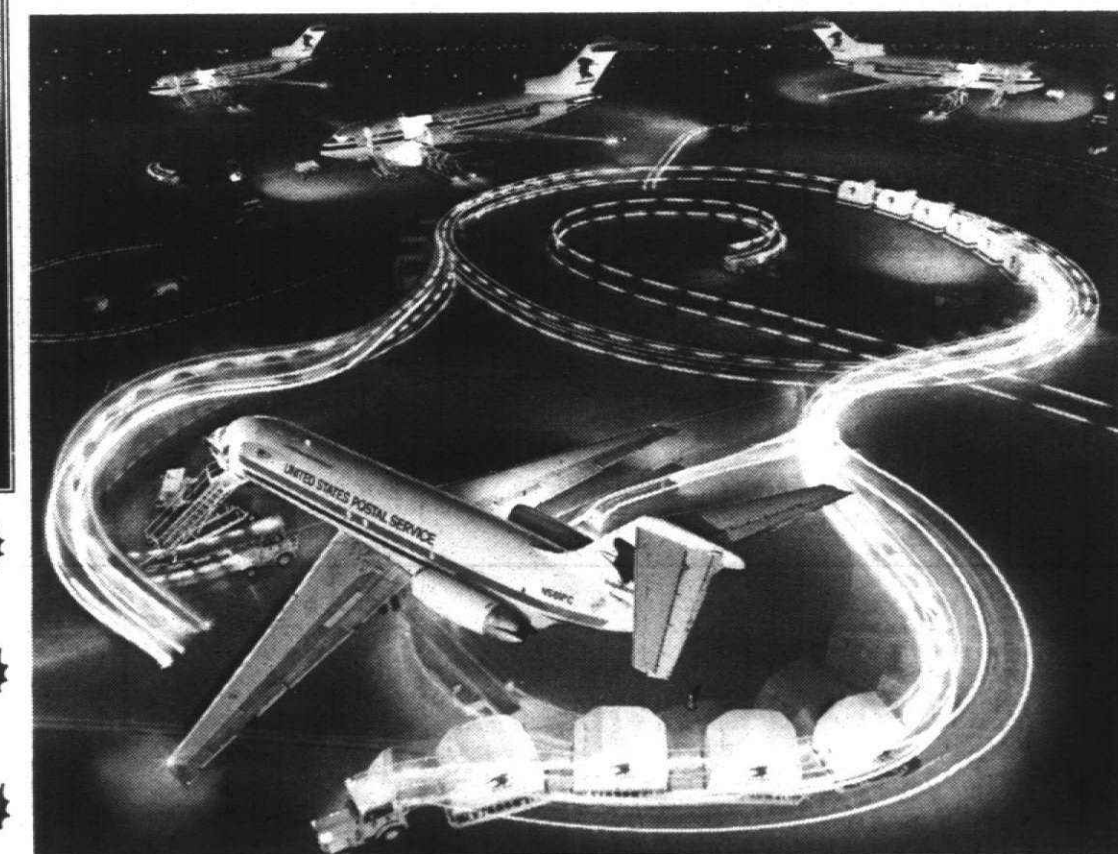
The poem became part of public domain because of its appearance in the newspaper, but in 1848 Moore did an anthology of children's stories and the last one in the book was his beloved "A

Visit from St. Nick," Sharp said. Moore willed his estate to Columbia, which maintained it as a children's museum. "It was kept going by the pennies of New York school children," Sharp noted. Today, what's left of it can be found "on Ninth Avenue between 21st and 22nd Street by the Big Boy and the Gap."

Up in years, Sharp has had to curtail her travels, although she said her holidays will take her to Charlotte, N.C., and San Diego, Calif., with a stop in Chicago. "If you care to come along, just hop on my sleigh."

So, with the help of Visual Specialties of Farmington Hills, Sharp has come up with video presentation about Papa and his poem. The cassettes cost \$20 each, plus 4-percent sales tax, payable by check, Visa or MasterCard, and are available in a regular version and signed for the hearing-impaired.

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Alzheimer's: More than memory loss

Memory loss. Disorientation. Night wandering. Tactiturn. These have become the all-too-familiar signs of someone suffering the degenerative effects of Alzheimer's disease. Recently, however, several other characteristics have been added to the list.

According to research conducted at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, people with Alzheimer's who live at home — even those who are still relatively young and physically fit — are far more susceptible to falling than elderly people who do not have the disease. In many cases, all it takes is one serious injury from a fall to start the downward spiral toward death.

There are two large contributors to the increase in falling in the Alzheimer's population, said Dorothy Booth, assistant professor of nursing. "The cognitive impairment caused by the disease has something to do with it, but home safety may also play a critical role."

In a yearlong study, Booth and two graduate nursing students followed 11 people with Alzheimer's who were living at home with a full-time caregiver. The median age of the patients and the caregivers was 68, although some patients were, as young as 59. In that year, 36 percent of the Alzheimer's patients fell at least once while none of the caregivers fell. One patient even fell 10 times in a month.

■ **'These patients don't know where their body is in space. When you ask them to grasp an object, they may come in way below or above it.'**

Dorothy Booth

"These patients don't know where their body is in space," Booth said. "When you ask them to grasp an object, they may come in way below or above it. That's why pathway clutter, stairways and poorly lit areas are particularly hazardous for them."

To protect those with Alzheimer's from dangerous tumbles, and in the process keep them living at home as long as possible, Booth urges caregivers to have a health professional skilled in this area conduct a home safety evaluation.

Often, the suggestions will be as simple as switching to a cordless phone or improving the lighting. But in other cases, pieces of furniture that emerge as obstacles may have to be removed or relocated.

"It behooves us to preserve the dignity of people afflicted with Alzheimer's by keeping them active and preventing injury," Booth said. "And safety-proofing the home is a big step caregivers can take in that direction."

A significant but sometimes overlooked reason behind the falling is that Alzheimer's creates ha-

voc with visual-spatial perception. According to Dr. Jonathan Trobe, professor of ophthalmology and associate professor of neurology at the U-M Medical Center, poor visual judgment is an early warning sign of the disease.

Common symptoms include difficulty recognizing people, interpreting pictures and distinguishing between objects, especially when their borders are obscured or overlap. For example, someone with Alzheimer's may have difficulty identifying a bottle of beer in a crowded refrigerator or a particular article of clothing in a full drawer.

Yet when such people get their eyes checked, the results are normal. This is because the vision problems associated with Alzheimer's have nothing to do with the eye itself, but with the way the brain interprets the eye's signals.

It seems as if their problems are visual, but they aren't; they're spatial," Trobe said.

After years of research, Trobe and collaborator Charles Butter, a U-M professor of psychology, have come up with a simple

screening test for the visual-spatial impairment typical of Alzheimer's, a test that may lead to earlier diagnosis of the disease. It is a user-friendly screening designed to help optometrists and ophthalmologists easily distinguish between a visual-spatial impairment and a merely visual one.

"Often these patients are told they are crazy, that there's nothing wrong with their eyes," Trobe said. "This test allows us to make the diagnosis early and keep them from circling around trying to figure out what the problem is."

Trobe emphasized, however, that the test itself cannot make a diagnosis of Alzheimer's. Rather, it is designed as a screening tool that tells eye-care providers when a patient should be sent for a full neurological evaluation.

Trobe's screening test, described in a recent issue of "Archives of Ophthalmology," consists of four exercises. Patients must identify a simple line drawing, a drawing embedded in a grid of lines, drawings that overlap each other, and images that are fragmented and have deleted parts.

Currently, Trobe is sending the test to selected eye-care providers around the country who will use it on their patients and report back on its effectiveness. He eventually hopes to distribute the test to optometrists and ophthalmologists nationwide.

Memories



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Holiday event: Mary Letters, director of special events, hangs special remembrance ornaments on the Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc.'s Tree of Memories. Set up in the J.C. Penney Court of Westland Mall, the tree helped raise money to help terminally ill patients and their families.

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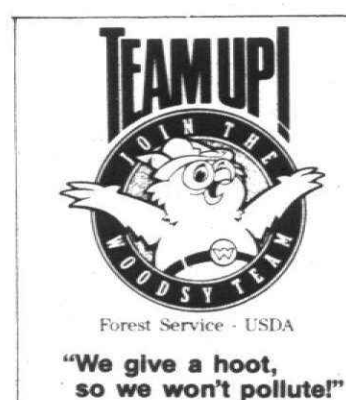
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ANNIVERSARIES

Douglas

Eugene and Eleanor Douglas recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a family dinner.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 18, 1948. She is the former Eleanor Pfau.

Twenty-year residents of Livonia, the Douglases have three children — Edward of Texas, Ruthann of Canton and Sheila of Rochester Hills. They also have five grandchildren.

He is a retired Detroit Police sergeant. Members of St. Collette's Church in Livonia, they recently returned home from a trip to Europe.



Elmendorf

Leonard and Mary Kathleen (Kitty) Elmendorf of Garden City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 28.

The couple exchanged wedding vows in 1943. She is the former Mary Kathleen Pritchett.

The Elmendorfs together built the home they have lived in since 1949. They have four children — Leonard Jr. of Livonia, Robert of Garden City, Darlene of Livonia and Claudia of Garden City —



and two grandchildren — Bryan and Christina Joy.

He is currently the superintendent at Schreiber Roofing Company where he has worked for more than 42 years. He also is a private pilot and enjoys making frequent scuba-diving trips to the Caribbean.

She also is very active in water sports and swims five days a week at the YMCA. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Together, they have enjoyed many activities, such as roller skating, dancing, square dancing, boating and water skiing.

MICHAEL and TISH LINDMAN of Garden City announce the birth of **MATTHEW MICHAEL** Oct. 27 at Annapolis Hospital. He has a brother, Brent. Grandparents are Bob and Doris Lindman of Plymouth and Virginia Kozakowski of Southgate.

DREW and JAN STIRTON of Northville, formerly of Plymouth, announce the birth of **IAN ROBERT** Oct. 7 at Providence Hospital. He has a brother, Alec. Grandparents are Ned Stirton of Novi and the late Carol Stirton and Robert and Sandra Briggson of Saline.

CRAIG and CATHY GIBSON of Inkster announce the birth of **ALLISON RENEE** Oct. 30 at Annapolis Hospital. She has two sisters, Cateyann Elizabeth and Samantha Ruth. Grandparents are Al and Sandy Harrison of Garden City, Carl Renard of Alpena and Roy and Rachel Gibson of Curtis.

RANDY and MICHELE BIRDWELL of Plymouth announce the birth of **MEGAN DANIELLE** Oct. 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. She has a brother, Trevor.

ROGER and KRISTIN COPE of Inkster announce the adoption

of **CHRISTIAN MICHAEL**, born Dec. 8, 1992. Grandparents are Dolores Voss of Canton and the late Harold Voss, William and Bertie Cope of Symsonia, Ky. William Chambers of Springfield, Mo., and the late Diane Chambers, and Bill and Kim George of Springfield, Mo. Great-grandparents are Hoy and Opal Cope of Benton, Ky. Gladys George of Springfield, Mo., and

the late Leland George, and Dale and Elizabeth Chambers of Nixa, Mo.

PHILLIP and VALERIE CARMACK of Livonia announce the birth of **MOLLY KATH-LEEN** Oct. 29 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has three sisters, Allison, 6½, Melanie, 4½, and Andrea, 2½.



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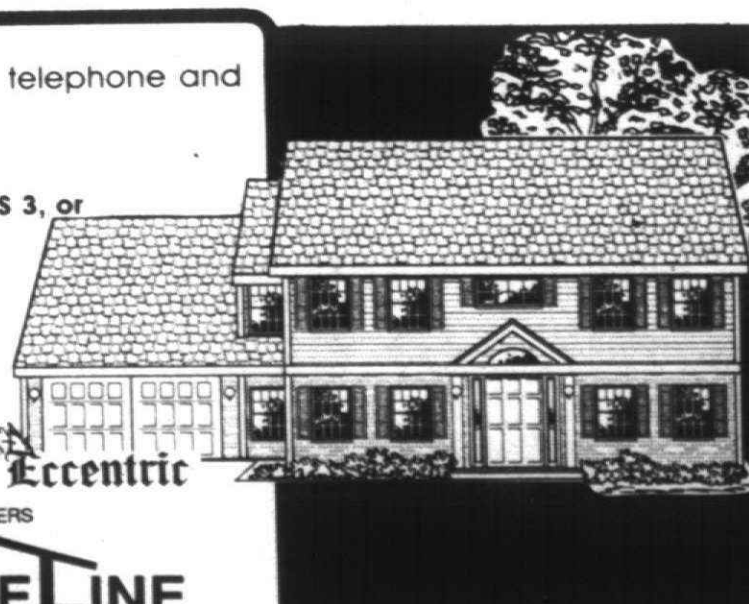
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Services celebrate spirit of Christmas

On Christmas Eve 175 years ago, the popular Christmas carol, "Silent Night" was first written. Franz Gruber, organist of the little church in the village of Oberndorf, Austria, found that the organ was out of order and could not be used for the Christmas service the next day.

Desperate, he thought that perhaps a new song would help. So he asked his friend, Josef Mohr, the pastor, to write verses for the song and those verses he set to music.

At the Christmas service the next day the new song was sung by Gruber, Mohr and a young soprano to the accompaniment of a guitar. The song was "Silent Night."

The tradition will be continued at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia when the Christmas carol will be sung during the 11 p.m. Choral Candlelight Service of worship. Worshipers will receive a votive candle to be raised during the singing of "Silent Night," accompanied by guitar, as it was 175 years ago.

The candlelight worship will follow a variation of the "Lessons and Carols" service that comes from King's College in Cambridge, England. Through song, scripture, prayer, Christmas selections by the Choir of Christ Our Savior and carols by the congregation, the Christmas story will unfold.

A pre-service concert will be at 10:30 p.m. Featured will be the Brass Choir, Woodwind Ensemble, Handbell Choir and organ. The Cherub, Choristers and Handbell Choir will be featured at 7 p.m. in the family Christmas Eve worship, under the theme, "Stranger in the Straw." A special children's message will be shared.

On Christmas Day, Dec. 25, worship will be at 10 a.m. with the theme, "The Best Present." Communion will be celebrated. Christ Our Savior is at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96. For more information, call 522-6830.

There will be two services of worship at Good Hope Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. Family worship will be at 7 p.m. and will include junior choir anthems, a children's sermon, a motion picture and a carol Communion service.

The candlelight worship at 11 p.m. will include senior choir anthems, a traditional Communion service and candle-lighting ceremony involving all worshipers. Good Hope is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City.

Christmas at Newburg United Methodist Church will include programs, pageants, carols and candles pointing the way to Bethlehem.

And to celebrate the birth of Christ, Newburg will have three special Christmas Eve services. At 6:30 p.m. will be the special

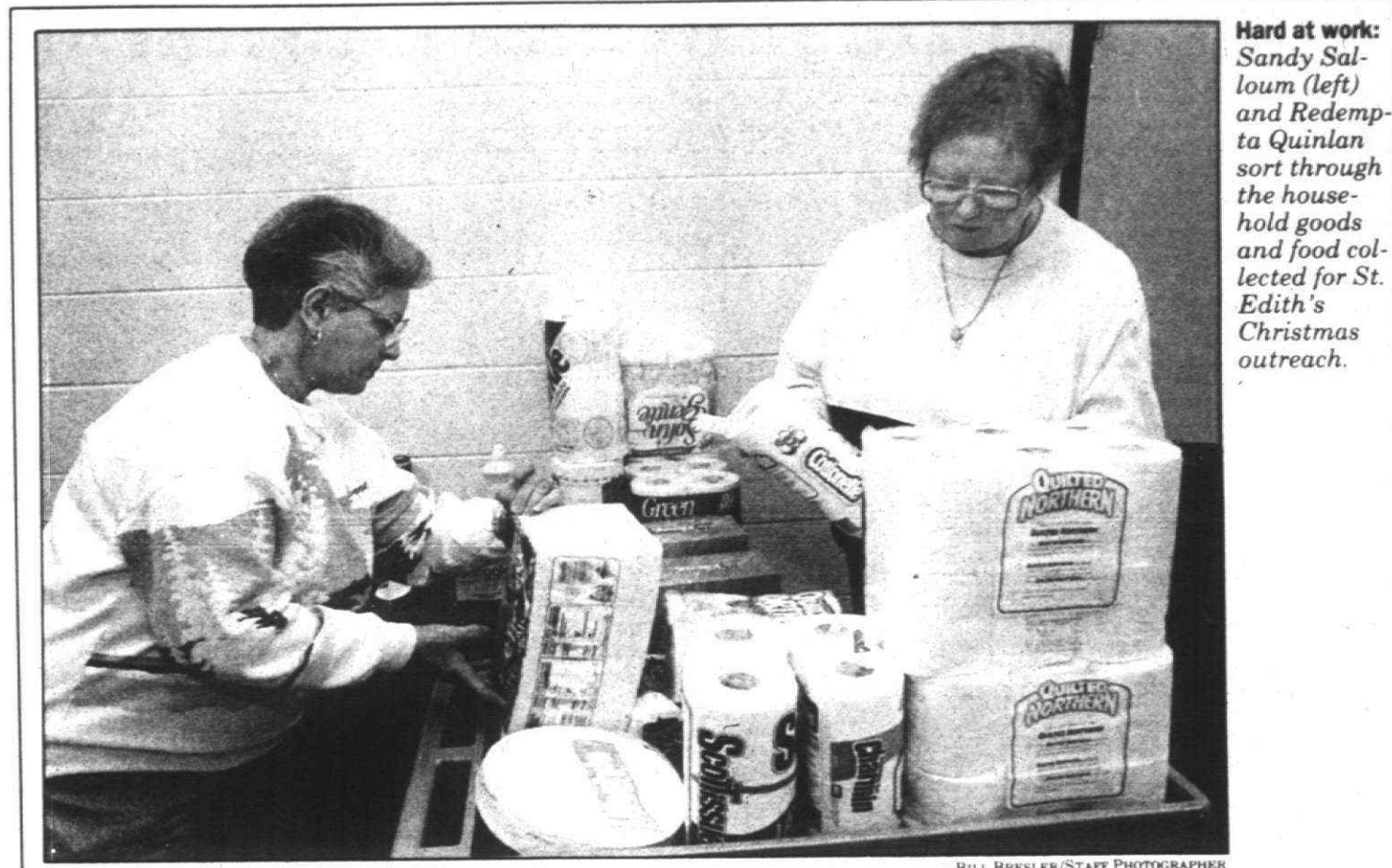
the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host "Light & Live!" an evening with the Silver Bell Banjo Society, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Fellowship Hall. Pop, poppers and chips will be available. For more information, call 349-0911. The church is at 200 E. Main, Northville.

TRUE STORY
The film "Scars That Heal," the true life story of Dave Roever, will be shown at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at the Garden City Christian Center, 33111 Ford, west of Venoy, Garden City.

Roever was a soldier in Vietnam who was burned over 40 percent of his body, lost the sight in his right eye and the hearing in his right ear when a grenade went off in his hand. The film recounts his physical healing and emotional and spiritual recovery through his faithfulness to God and the support of his wife, Brenda.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton, will have a New Year's Eve worship at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31. People are invited to join in closing the year in worship and thanksgiving. For more information, call 981-0286.

LIGHT & LIVELY
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Reaching out is year-round job

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

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40TH ANNIVERSARY
Our Lady of Loretto Church in Redford began commemorating its 40th anniversary the weekend of Dec. 10.

The celebrations, led by the Rev. Joseph Esper, included a Mass, with Bishop Walter Schoenher officiating, and reception on Dec. 10, the Feast of Our Lady of Loretto.

Archbishop Adam Maida celebrated Mass on Dec. 12, and at 3 p.m. that day members of the parish gathered at the Roodbein Family Center for four hours of karaoke music, games for the children, character drawings, a hall of history, dinner and evening prayers.

Our Lady of Loretto is at 17175 Olympia, Redford.

TALK IT OVER
Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors "Talk It Over" the second and fourth Fridays of the month in Knox Hall of the church, Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854.

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Savage has found support for the outreach from not only the parishioners, who filled most of the 900 requests, but people like the grade school students who adopted a family with eight children. Each grade — there are eight — was responsible for gifts for one of the children.

Students in the religious education program also got involved. The two fourth grade classes combined to buy a gift for a child, then had a Polaroid picture taken to attach to the present. The sixth grade class made a huge card to go with their gift.

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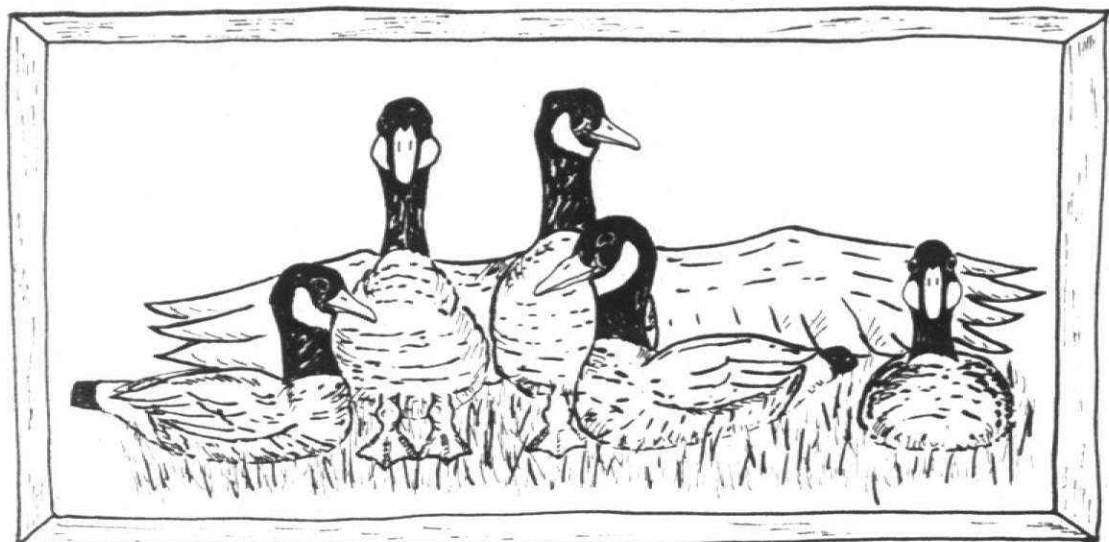
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Single Point Ministries sponsors a men's fellowship group at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Garden City. For more information, call the Single Point office at 422-1854.

BIBLE STUDIES
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church offers "Inquire" and "Lighthouse" Bible studies at 9:35 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the large classroom of the church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. For more information, call the church at 981-0286 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Natural world provides interesting family portraits



Family reunion: Mallards begin pairing in fall. Courtship activities can be seen before ice forms on ponds and lakes. A pair that has bonded together will stay close to each other, demonstrating their attachment.

NATURE TRAILS



TIMOTHY NOWICKI

holidays.

When you look out your window into the back yard, you are also looking at some family gatherings. Though it is hard for us to recognize the Corvus from the Brachyrhynchos in the crow family gathering, or the Branta from the Canadensis in the Canada goose reunion, there are family units making up the group.

Not all birds stay in family units after nesting. Many birds actually force their young from the area in which they were raised. When the young return from migration, or establish their own nesting territory next season,

they will return to the general vicinity of where they were raised.

Some adult birds, like cardinals for instance, remain close to their mate of the previous season. If that season was successful, and both birds are alive, they will likely mate and raise another brood. Maintaining a bond through winter allows early nesting in spring.

Mallards begin pairing in fall. Courtship activities can be seen before ice forms on ponds and lakes. A pair that has bonded together will stay close to each other, demonstrating their attachment. In winter, when food can be scarce, it has been shown that bonded pairs are dominant over pairs that are not bonded. So it is to their advantage to pair early.

A small group of crows seen in our yard is a family unit made up of the two adults and their young of the previous nesting season. Large groups are composed of two

or three family units. Next nesting season the young from the previous season will help the adults gather nesting material and feed the young — their brothers and sisters.

Small groups of Canada geese seen in winter are also family units made up of the adults and surviving young of the year. Adults help to protect inexperienced young, and if they migrate, the adults show the young where to go. It was once thought that all animal behavior was inborn, or innate. Behavioralists are now recognizing that there is more learning involved in all kinds of animal behavior.

Next time you look out your window, you may be framing a family portrait of backyard birds.

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

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Book beat's rich with good reads

This is such a busy time of year that once in a while we need to put our feet up and read or study a good book. Following are a few for your consideration:

■ "Enjoying Roses" (Ortho Books, \$39.95) is a beautiful and beautifully written account of these popular flowers. The history of the rose is fascinating reading and is just the beginning of the abundant information. Major classes of roses are presented in very clear terms so that the proper rose can be selected for a particular site. Information about planting roses in the ground or containers guides the most novice gardener. Nothing has been omitted — from their care, arranging, displays for judging, propagation and hybridizing, to enjoying them in crafts and recipes and photographic tips. The encyclopedic section of the "most outstanding roses available commercially in the U.S." is icing on the cake.

■ In "Designing a Garden" (Camden House, \$19.95 paper), author Allen Peterson guides us through the seasons in his one-acre garden in southern Ontario. He explains how the garden is an extension of the home and how and why he combines many kinds of plants for great effect and continuous bloom. Peterson gives design ideas that can easily be adapted to our own gardens. I like the way he correlates everything and the naturalness of his garden. A wealth of information.

■ "The Living Garden: The 400-year History of an English Garden," by George Ordish (Houghton Mifflin, \$10.95 paper), describes a tract of land first cultivated in 1556: the first garden planted by the homemaker, with herbs. We become acquainted with and follow the family and the subsequent owners, and learn about the earth and all the intricacies of plants and animals (domestic and wild) and their relationships to the ecology and each other. Captivating narrative.

■ "Invitation to the Garden: A Literary and Photographic Celebration," edited by Ferris Cook (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$45), contains exquisite photos taken by nine distinguished garden photographers that artfully illustrate the plants. Cook reminds us that the garden season begins at different times of the year for gardeners and there is hope and anticipation whenever that is. The photos are accompanied by poems and essays that relate to the garden and the plants.

■ Enjoy a section of "The Secret Garden" by F.H. Burnett (when Mary opens the door for the first time); H.G. Wells' account of orchids; a letter by William Morris in 1888 to his daughter; and much more. This is a volume to treasure at any time of the year, to reflect upon nature and its meaning. Beautiful.

■ "Willows, The Genus Salix," by C. Newsholme (Timber Press, \$34.95), may surprise you with the number of these plants suitable for home gardens. Newsholme takes us through the selections by size, which will help in siting them. They have grown throughout the world since before the Ice Age and have been used in medicine, for crafts and as ornamentals and ecological plants in the landscape. The line drawings show the complexity of the various species.

■ "Miniature Orchids," by Jim and Barbara McQueen (Timber Press, \$24.95), is just the book for orchid lovers with limited space. The McQueens operate an orchid nursery in Australia and write from personal experience. The descriptions and growing needs of 298 of these small plants are accompanied by color photographs.

■ "Improving Your Garden Soil" (Ortho, \$8.95) gives all the lowdown on how to accomplish this goal and suggests plants for problem places. Several public gardens that had poor soil and their success in improving conditions are featured. A good basic book on the subject.

■ "Wild Woodlands: The Old-growth Forests of America," by Bill Thomas (Taylor, \$35), eloquently tells the story of the native forests from under-water forests and deserts to alpine peaks. Thomas describes the life that exists here — birds, mammals and the vegetation — and explains the way they are interrelated; how the forests can regenerate through natural progression. He shares his personal experiences in these forests. His photographer's eye takes us on a visual visit with fascinating photographs.

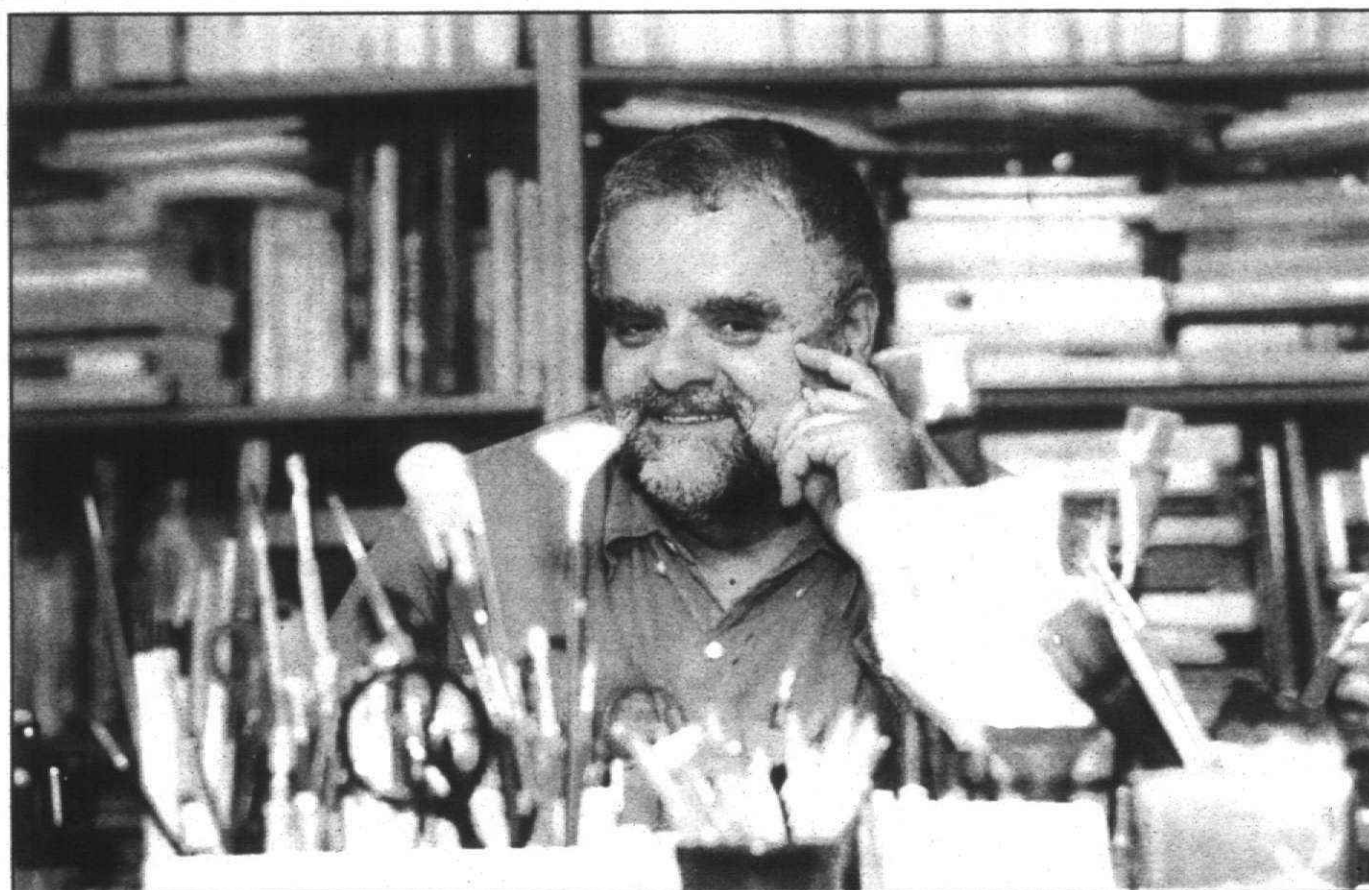
A most happy holiday season to you all!

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is 644-1314.

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- "Art As Gift" at Nelson's Gallery in Livonia features the work of area artists.
- Bob Sklar's Creative Encounters column.
- Exhibitions, art gallery event listings.



BILL HANSEN

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Acerri displays
the power of
prose in an
exhibition
"Postmarks
from the
Heart" at the
Livonia Civic
Center Library.

Bookmarks, collages carry his feelings

■ Feast on food for the soul at an exhibition by the Mad Monk. Federico Acerri brings his words of wisdom to the Livonia Arts Commission showcases in the Livonia Civic Center Library.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Federico Acerri's words of wisdom color bookmarks and abstract collages in a one-man show entitled

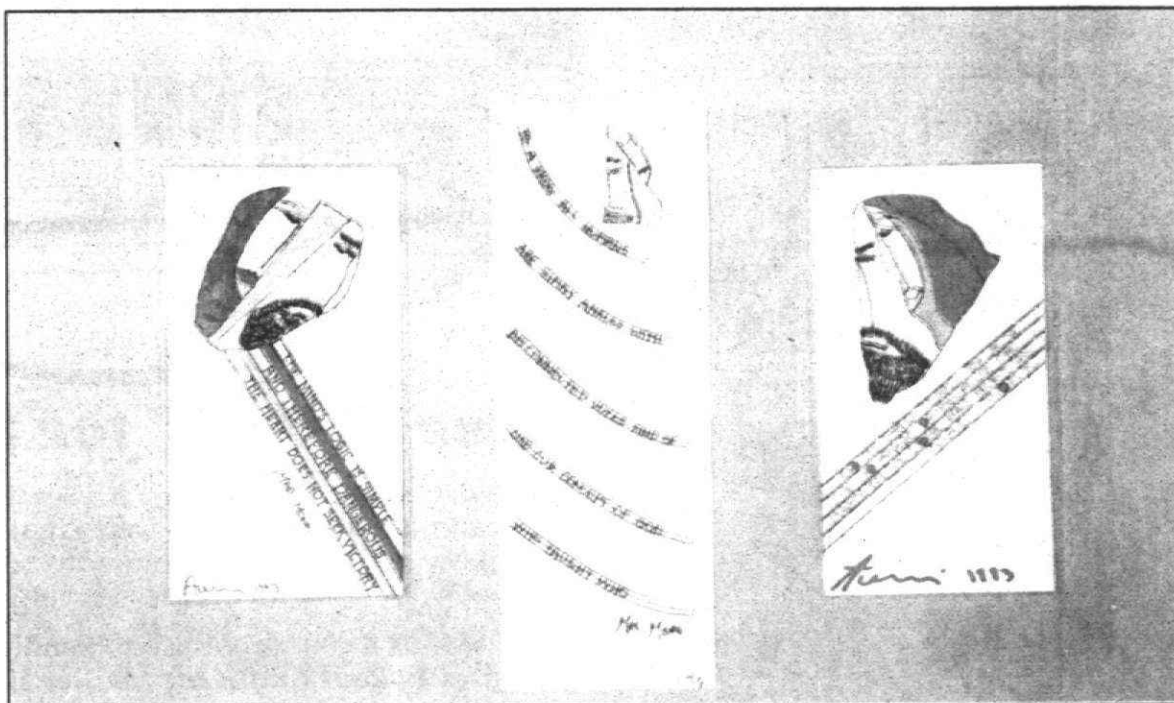
"Postmarks from the Heart" through Dec. 29, courtesy of the Livonia Arts Commission.

At least one is sure to stir you to thought.

Why not drop by on your lunch hour to feast on a little food for the soul in the two circular showcases on the second floor of the Livonia Civic Center Library, Farmington Road and Five Mile.

By day, Acerri is a mild-mannered librarian; by night, the Mad Monk, a thespian acting through an alter ego crafting prose. Culled from 54

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Mad Monk: Federico Acerri crafts bookmarks to fill with thought provokers like, "A broke heart gives one more flexibility because the cracks allow the heart to expand."

DiBlasi applauded for artistic excellence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Francesco DiBlasi's trombone-playing grandfather started him on cornet at age 3½, inspiring a lifelong love affair with music.

By age 12, DiBlasi had played the 1939 New York World's Fair. At 19, he made his conducting debut at Town Hall, directing the New York Little Symphony, comprised of 50 New York Philharmonic members.

On Dec. 14, the 66-year-old conductor/music director of the Livonia Symphony Orchestra received recognition for a lifetime of musical accomplishments. He received the Wayne County Artistic Excellence and Community Commitment Award from the Wayne County Council for

The Arts at a reception in the Historic Wayne County Building in Detroit.

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, a former Livonia mayor, presented the awards to 13 recipients in honor of Italian-American history. Other winners were Joseph Maniscalco, Tony Spina, Steve Antoniotti, Edward Baker, Florence Maiullo Barnes, Louella Barons, Andrea di Tommaso, Reno Garagiola, John Lobbis, Mary Castelvetero Siciliano, Frank D. Stella and Oreste J. Verlardo.

"It was an honor to be associated with Joseph Maniscalco, Tony Spina, Frank Stella and the other recipients," said DiBlasi in an interview at his Livonia home of 24 years.

DiBlasi has had a long and illustrious career as both a musician and

conductor, his training rooted in the most prestigious music schools, including The Juilliard School of Music, L'Ecole de Pierre Monteux and Detroit Institute of Musical Art.

In 1948, he left Juilliard to accept a position conducting and playing with the famed Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo for three seasons.

Over the past 45 years, he has conducted the International Symphony of San Diego, Buffalo Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, Detroit Little Symphony, Michigan Opera Company, Philadelphia Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony, Juilliard Opera, Canton (Ohio) Symphony, St. Cecilia Orchestra (Rome) and Scandinavia Symphony as well as performed under conductors Stravinsky, Copeland,

Bernstein, Mitropolous, Paray, Stokowski, Fritz Reiner and Arthur Fiedler.

One of the high points in his career came in 1950 when he "joined the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as assistant first trumpet playing on all the famous 1953-62 recordings at old Orchestra Hall."

While with the DSO, he organized the Pontiac Symphony, which recently celebrated its 40th season. At the same time, he was music director of the Michigan Opera Company for five years.

In 1964, DiBlasi went to New York for four years to play with the Metropolitan Opera, Stokowski's American

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COLOR IT BLUE

The \$1,400 in proceeds from the Livonia Historical Society's eighth annual progressive dinner Nov. 13 is ticketed for the Alexander Blue House restoration project at Greenmead Historical Village.

Local history buffs envision the 142-year-old, white-clapboard house becoming a self-supporting setting for receptions, conferences, meetings and parties. Period furniture will reflect 1880s Livonia Township.

The money will go toward expanding the road-house kitchen and living room in the back of the

Art Beat

house into a banquet room that seats 150.

The eight dinners have raised about \$25,000.

Overall, more than \$65,000 has been raised toward the \$700,000 needed to restore the two-story, 12-room house, once home to a Livonia Township civic leader on Middlebelt and Greenmead's only example of Italianate architecture.

The house was moved to Greenmead in 1987.

EXHIBITERS WANTED

Superior Arts, in conjunction with Westland Parks & Recreation, will sponsor the Westland

Spring Craft Show March 25-27 at the Melvin G. Baily Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road.

The new event will become a twice-yearly show, in spring and fall.

There's room for 120 artisans at the 17,000-square-foot site. Call Westland Parks & Recreation: 313-722-7620.

VERY SPECIAL ARTS

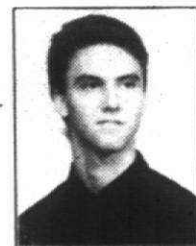
Very Special Arts Michigan's southeast regional committee will host a "Celebration of Arts Ability" May 6-7 at Wonderland Mall in Livonia, it was announced last week.

Meanwhile, a Very Special Arts regional art exhibit will be held March 11 to April 4 at Trappers Alley in Detroit.

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Still gift hunting? Consider a book



VICTORIA DIAZ

By now, you've probably read and heard more than enough advice about what books to choose for all the avid readers on your holiday list this year.

This won't be more of the same. But it can help with your holiday shopping. Even if, at this late date, you still can't decide on the perfect book for your favorite book lover, not to worry. Just relax and remember that the aforementioned not only enjoy books, they usually enjoy anything related to books, too. You really can't go wrong with any of the following.

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■ Consider calendars. You'll find the best selections in bookstores. "A Literary Companion" for 1994 is assembled from the collection of the Library of Congress.

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years of life experiences. Aceri, as his signature Mad Monk, beckons us to practice the art of contemplation.

"The secret of my heart is that no doors are closed" reads one bookmark. "Love is so powerful, it is frightening. If it is not, look elsewhere" warns another.

"People seem to like what I do. What I write about, everyone's pretty much experienced. I think it reminds people of what happens in their life. It reminds them of their wife, or boyfriend or relationship," said Aceri in an interview at his Livonia home.

"I want people to learn to appreciate themselves and whoever they're with. I think when someone is around for a long time, we take them for granted. Then when they're gone, we realize."

To add a dash of spice to the prose, Aceri renders simple line drawings in ink, accentuating them with colored pencil and watercolor. He spends some 30 hours a week writing and drawing and writing some more.

"It's not a hobby. It's an integral part of my life," Aceri said. "I think everyone's creative. My parents encouraged creativity."

Although Aceri's father had only a fourth grade education, he instilled in him the love of words by taking him to the library often.

Born and raised on the east side of Detroit, Aceri attended Nativity of Our Lord elementary

Featuring 12 great black-and-white photos of noted writers like Faulkner, Joyce and Chekhov, the large calendar contains comments by and about each. Pomegranate Calendars and Books; \$10.95 at Borders.

For the storybook set: "Children's Classics" is a lusciously colorful group of illustrations from favorites like "Rapunzel," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Ugly Duckling." Such noted artists as Victoria Lisi, Ruth Sanderson and Robyn Officer have contributed an excerpt from each story accompanies the artwork. Andrews & McMeel; \$10.95 at Borders. Keepsake quality.

■ Speaking of the marking of time (and the storybook set), you might want to take a look at the unusual Alice in Wonderland clocks offered at the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop. The faces of the analog timepieces are adorned with pastel scenes from the Lewis Carroll stories, as they were originally illustrated by John Tenniel. Licensed by Pan MacMillan Children's Books, the battery-powered clocks are priced from \$37.95 to \$39.50.

■ Don't forget puzzles and games. Check out "Burning Evidence," a challenging jigsaw puzzle, complete with a secret image that helps players identify the deadly arsonist bent on turning the fictional Metro City into an inferno.

The puzzle kit contains the short whodunit (written by John Lutz) plus 1,000 puzzle pieces. By BEPUZZLED; at Jacobson's, \$20.00. Other mystery puzzles are available.

and high school. He graduated with a bachelor's of art degree from Wayne State University where he majored in political science. After four years in the Air Force, he returned to Wayne State to earn a master's in library science.

Basically self-taught as an artist, Aceri has taken classes in calligraphy, printmaking and pottery at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. He has exhibited abstracts, photographs and prose/drawings at the library where he has worked for the last 22 years.

Aceri says he is particularly fond of the Dada school of art with its reliance on text and drawings to convey meaning. As an information specialist for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, where he is head of reference, Aceri searches for meanings.

"When kids ask me what I do for a living, I say I'm an answer man," Aceri said, laughing.

Aceri uses symbols frequently in his work. He uses roses and dominos. "I use the rose because it means beauty. The swan is fidelity," Aceri said.

Between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. is his most creative period; however ideas seemingly spring from nowhere into his thought, sometimes at work and other times while driving a car.

able. More for the armchair sleuth: Try a mystery party game. Each game enables players to assume the roles of characters in a mystery story and to solve the whodunit. Game "packages" include everything from menu suggestions for the party to invitations to secret clues to the short mystery story at the center of it all — and much more. Various whodunits are available, all of them starring the clever detective Jack McClew. At Murder Ink, New York; \$19.95. Call 1-800-488-8123.

■ Arrange for a year's subscription to the New York Times Book Review. Subscription rate is \$39. Call 1-800-631-2580.

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■ Go in a slightly different direction. Take a friend on a leisurely tour of the Main Branch of the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward. Make sure to set aside time for the Rare Book Room, where you'll discover some very special, but little-known Detroit treasures.

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■ And don't forget: bookends, bookplates, bookmarks, sweatshirts and t-shirts with a literary theme. Ditto posters, postcard collections, even postage stamps.

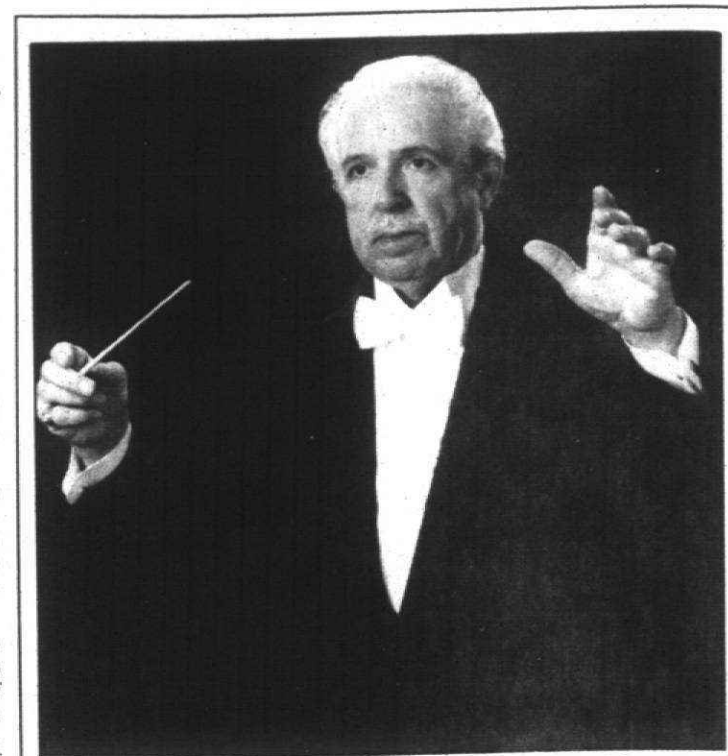
■ Finally, a generous offer to build bookshelves for a disorganized book collector has never been refused. Some of the best gifts simply don't come in glittery, gift-wrapped boxes.

Last words: A copy of longtime Ford publicist John Sattler's memoir, "Fifty Years Ahead of the News" will be included in a time capsule assembled to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Public Relations Student Society of America. The capsule will be opened in 50 years and the material inside it displayed at Walt Disney World.

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In tune: Francesco DiBlasi, music director of the Livonia Symphony, now in its 20th season, has won a Wayne County Artistic Excellence and Community Commitment Award.

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Symphony Orchestra. While there, he was a member of the orchestra that gave the first seven concerts at Lincoln Center under German conductor Herman Scherchen.

In 1969, DiBlasi was appointed assistant conductor and assistant first trumpet with the Buffalo Philharmonic under Lukas Foss. He returned to Michigan in 1973 to organize the Oakway Symphony, later to become the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, now in its 20th season.

DiBlasi, who founded the LSO's Young Artist Competition 15 years ago, serves on the faculty of Madonna University in Livonia. He believes the future of classical music lies in exposing young people at an early age. That's why he introduced the LSO's popular children's concerts last season.

In regards to why he founded the Young Artist Competition, he says you can't teach talent. It's inborn and you pick it up with experience. The competition provides aspiring young musicians and vocalists the opportunity to gain just that.

What's next for the man who earned a bachelor of arts degree at Madonna College and a master's degree in performance from Eastern Michigan University?

DiBlasi, at age 66, says he "doesn't want to be so busy that he doesn't have time for life." Instead, he wants to make the LSO a state and nationally respected orchestra.

Since his uncle in Italy lived to be 106, DiBlasi figures he has another 40 years of contributions to make to the world of music. His future plans include taking a promising Livonia pianist to New York to debut the young artist's award-winning piano concerto.

The Wayne County Council For The Arts was formed in 1989. In 1991, the first year the awards were given, six artists were honored, including Livonia photographer Carlos Diaz.

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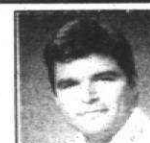
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Catherine A. Peters of West Bloomfield was named information service department director for the Ann Arbor-based Michigan Peer Review Organization, an independent group that ensures medically necessary health care services are delivered effectively and efficiently.



Peters

William G. Watters of Troy has joined First of America-Southeast Michigan as vice president-floor plan group manager of commercial banking. He comes to the bank with 25 years experience in commercial banking.



Watters

David F. Murphy of Plymouth was named senior partner of the Southfield office of Source Finance, a national executive recruiting firm specializing in accounting and financial searches.



Murphy

Lisa Pilzner of Livonia was named a supervisor of the Chrysler-Plymouth Dealer Planning Team in the media department at the Southfield office of Bozell Worldwide Advertising. The former senior media planner has been with Bozell 12 years.



Pilzner

Gregory Stein of Bloomfield Hills has joined Southfield-based BBDO advertising as senior vice president-management supervisor for the Dodge Car account. He had been national advertising manager for Volkswagen of America.



Stein

Marc A. Borovoy of Farmington Hills was named president of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association president. He's chief of podiatric surgery at Providence Hospital, Southfield.



Borovoy

Lisa Morris of Livonia was promoted from assistant account executive to account executive at Hermanoff & Associates, a Farmington Hills public relations firm. She'll continue to work on the agency's health care, real estate, service and nonprofit accounts.

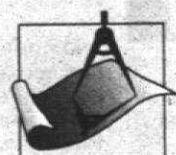
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Breaking ground: Farmington-based Hughes Management Group will convert to steel framing by 1994. The cost of lumber is causing builders to look at this building alternative.

Builder lays framework for steel houses



The high cost of lumber, partly caused by government restrictions limiting the harvest of our forests and dwindling supplies of old-growth trees, has spurred builders nationwide to consider alternatives to wood framing.

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER
SPECIAL WRITER

As Hughes Management Group winds up construction at McGee's Grove, a 35-home site condominium in Westland, it is initiating some groundbreaking work that's causing area builders and home buyers alike to take notice.

The last three homes in the subdivision, off Palmer between Newburgh and John Hix, will be framed in steel.

Buyer acceptance of this new concept has been excellent, according to Bill Bliss, Hughes marketing manager. All but one of the homes is sold (an 1,850-square-foot split level priced at \$115,000), and the company has received numerous inquiries from potential buyers.

Like builders nationwide, John Hughes, owner of Farmington-based Hughes Management, has tracked lumber prices for a couple of years and is alarmed by the upward trend. By 1994, all of Hughes residential developments will be steel framed, a building alternative that is widely catching on across the country.

"We didn't decide to convert to steel overnight. We've done a tremendous amount of homework to re-engineer our existing plans," said Hughes, who's also built high-end wood framed homes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

For starters, the builder worked out construction details with The American Iron & Steel Institute and consulted with residential steel frame builders worldwide. For several months, he worked with Southfield-based LBA Engineering to convert his plans to steel.

Smede & Son Steel Co., a Redford Township supplier of steel members used for wood framing, put Hughes in touch with Dale Industries, a Dearborn-based supplier of the

light-gauge steel used for steel framing. For the consumer, the cost for steel framing is the same as wood framing, according to Hughes.

"We've had a lot of cooperation from suppliers. Of course, there's a learning curve to this conversion, but all of the same building principles apply to steel. Our carpenters put down their hammers and pick up a screw shooter," Hughes said.

All structural and non-load bearing walls, headers, beams and floor joists are framed with channel-shaped, galvanized steel sections (called C-sections), ranging from 14 to 22 gauge. For now, roof trusses are fabricated on the job, but Dale Industries is working on a more efficient component, Hughes said.

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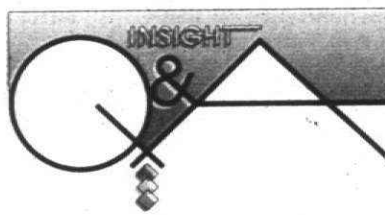
Trade group gives auto dealers a clearinghouse

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Some 260 members - "practically 100 percent of dealers in the metro area," according to Rod Alberts - belong to the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

Alberts is executive director of the association, which is headquartered in Troy.

"It's probably one of the oldest in the country, founded in 1907 or 1908," said James P. Tellier, owner of Chevrolet dealerships in Detroit and Grosse



Car guys: DADA president James P. Tellier (left) and executive director Rod Alberts work to promote the business interests of people who own car retail operations.



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See TRADE 2E,

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Suburban firms help boost Detroit

Southfield-based RK&A Design Group has designed and produced a logo for the Detroit Challenge, completing the initial phase of the metro campaign's visual identity.

Jim Graham, RK&A account executive, worked closely with his design staff to develop the logo.

"Our priority was to create a strong, instantly recognizable element that would unite and identify the many factors and participants in the Detroit Challenge," Graham said. "The primary objective in developing this logo was to portray Detroit as the solid, viable, approachable business community we believe it to be."

Other suburban firms that have joined RK&A Design Group in accepting the Detroit Challenge include Lee Somerville, attorney,

Bingham Farms; Edwards, Koshiw, Melton & Co., accountants, Troy; Brose Media Services, Southfield; Dalach & Zielinski, accountants, Troy; Dun & Bradstreet Information Services, Troy; Signature Associates, Southfield; Laser Recharge, Southfield; IBEC Computer Repair, Novi.

The Detroit Challenge is a business development effort launched by metro Detroit businesses with the goal of attracting 100 new businesses to the city in a six-month period ending May 6. To learn more about the Detroit Challenge, call 1-800-852-4520.

"One of the things we want to convey with the logo is that participating firms are actively involved in business growth in the Detroit area, and are seriously committed to achieving it," Graham said.

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Pointe and DADA president. "It was basically created for an auto show that was being put together, a very small show with eight or nine cars."

Seven hundred vehicles will be displayed and upwards of 50 new model introduced Jan. 8-16 at the North American International Auto Show sponsored by DADA at Cobo Center in Detroit.

But the dealers have other goals, too.

"An association is a group of businesses with a common bond," Teller said.

"So many issues are out there from federal legislative regulations on emissions to state regulations regarding certification of mechanics. The association is a clearinghouse of information so that every member is aware of what's going on," he said.

Following are edited excerpts of a recent interview with Teller and Alberts.

What do you think your image is out there?

Teller: That's a tough question. We're such a high-profile group. We're at different points of a scale. For some people, we're at the bottom. For others, the top.

Alberts: If someone has a bad experience or a problem, they think everyone is like that. Unfortunately, things are not always in our control.

Teller: When something goes wrong in a sales transaction or on a service basis and if a consumer, perhaps, isn't satisfied, if he gets to the media, it becomes a profile issue.

Dealers are now so concerned with customer satisfaction . . . they do everything in their power so that whatever a customer has coming, he gets.

What's the status of your dispute with the Federal Trade Commission on dealership hours of operations?

Teller: General terms of agree-

ment are there. We're waiting for final resolution in Washington. Who was more right? It was expensive litigation on government part and on the dealers' part. We went through three different presidencies. The whole issue became moot because many dealers, due to market conditions, opened on Saturday.

Alberts: Now a lot of dealers are open on Saturday. All we're looking to do is let it to individual dealers to decide and not let government dictate hours.

Teller: It's a very emotional thing. People who buy cars on Saturday aren't working. From a business standpoint, it (Saturday) is one more day of overhead. You need a switchboard operator, someone to wash cars, sales staff, management.

What about the trend to no-haggling sticker prices?

Teller: For every survey that said people are in favor of no-haggling sticker, another says people want to negotiate a price.

Alberts: That's why consumer satisfaction indexes are going into that.

Teller: Another thing you have to trade in (on a deal). You can get 20 qualified appraisers and you may get \$500, \$600 variance on a car. If a majority wants that (no-haggling), I assure you auto dealers will adjust to the trend.

Alberts: When you get into a big-ticket item, people want to negotiate price.

What kind of job opportunities are available at dealerships?

Teller: Obviously, you have different sized dealers. One statistic I've seen is that the average dealer hires 60 employees.

I have 92 employees (total) at my two dealerships. Now, the primary area a dealer needs employees obviously is technician. It's not like knuckle-busters. Today, technicians working on cars are very high tech.

When I was going through an apprenticeship, mechanic was not looked upon as an outstanding career. Today, a well-trained mechanic is an important asset to any dealership.

There's always a need for salespeople. A salesman today has to be a very sophisticated person. Cars are sophisticated. We have anti-lock braking systems. The consumer wants to know what they do, why they're safer. People want to know about airbags.

A parts counter person has to know how to find parts for repairs in the shop and consumers coming in. Everything is getting into computers.

We have consumer satisfaction experts, or whatever you want to call them, to make sure customers are satisfied and, if not, what we have to do.

What's the biggest issue facing your association today?

Teller: The immediate concern of dealers obviously is the change of taxes in Michigan, the (potential for increasing) sales tax to a higher figure. We have such a high-priced commodity, an increase of one or two percentage points has a big impact on us.

What are some of the things your members do that people might not know about or don't get a lot of attention?

Alberts: We raised \$1.1 million last year for children's charities with the auto show. Look at the good number of people we employ — 15,000. That's a lot of people feeding families.

Teller: Many are involved in community groups, Rotarians, Lions clubs. Members are active selling papers for the Goodfellow. We donate Resuscit-Ann dolls for people learn to do CPR. Driver's ed cars . . . come from dealers.

In general, I'm very impressed at how many dealers are very involved.

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Lynn Vernon of West Bloomfield was named executive vice president of the Bozell Worldwide's Chrysler Plymouth brands and dealer accounts. He's a 20-year Bozell veteran of the advertising firm and works from the Southfield office.

Brian Palmer of Birmingham was named executive vice president, director of strategic planning, for Bozell Worldwide's Chrysler Plymouth account. He joined the advertising firm and works from the Southfield office.

David P. Wilcox of Livonia was named chief field engineer for Hubbell, Roth & Clark, a Bloomfield Hills consulting engineering firm. He now coordinates assignments of construction inspectors and acts as a liaison between inspectors and clients.

Robert Washer of Farmington Hills was named vice president-business development at Perini Corp. He'll oversee marketing and sales for the company's Central U.S. Division.

David I. Wenzler of Bloomfield Hills was named vice president of marketing at Troy-based Findlay Industries. He's a 30-year veteran of the automotive industry, having served in management at Libbey-Owens-Ford.

Bill Hunt of Garden City is the school's new video instructor. The 1988 Specs Howard graduate was a master control operator, cameraman and producer for Ford Communications Network, PASS and WALD-TV. He's also been a cameraman for films shown on HBO and Cinemax. His latest production, a documentary on the lives of the Three Stooges, may be shown on the Turner Broadcasting System.

Matt Berg of Canton becomes director of administrative services for Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills. He previously was controller and director of finance for Marygrove College, Orchard Lake, and business manager for Stratton College, Milwaukee, Wis. He's responsible for budgeting, preparation and forecasting for all Cranbrook Schools accounts.

Gina Jaynes of Westland was named production coordinator at Film Craft Video, Farmington Hills. She previously worked at Cine Group, Bloomfield Hills, and in the marketing division of

Bradley & Associates, Northville. **Marguerite Tellish** of Westland was promoted from assistant vice president to second vice president at Michigan National Corp., Farmington Hills. She assists in the administration of the Internal Management Reporting System. She joined the bank in 1966.

Michelle Sudhoff of Westland was named administrative assistant at MacTemp, Southfield. She previously was a personnel administrator for American Furniture Co., Albuquerque, N.M. MacTemp specializes in temporary and permanent job placement for clients using IBM/Windows and Macintosh.

Richard Paul Probst of Northville earned the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation from the International Board of Standards and Practices for Certified Financial Planners, Denver, Colo. He's owner and principal of Linsco/Private Ledger, Northville, and a vice president and director of the International Association for Financial Planning for Southeast Michigan.

Alan D. Stuart of Plymouth was elected to a two-year term as president of the Public Relations Society of America's Senior Council of the Detroit chapter. He's president of Stuart Communications Group, Farmington Hills.

Frank A. Butler, Butler Public Relations president, Troy, is vice president; **Dale Jablonski**, Dale Corp. president, Troy, is treasurer.

Dennis Merlo of Livonia is the new account executive at WKBD-Fox 50 in Southfield. He previously was in sales at Ameritech Publishing and at The Detroit News.

Alex Shetyev 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 Meridian 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.

Lisa R. Banes of Royal Oak was promoted to associate at Plante & Moran, a Southfield-based accounting and consulting firm. She joined the accounting staff in 1988, specializing in municipalities and the nonprofit sector.

Ray Wezner of Rochester Hills was named vice president of MARS Advertising, Southfield. He'll direct Tactical Promotion Administration, the company's newest division.

D. Michael Jehle of Bloomfield Hills becomes president and chief operating officer of MCA

Mortgage Corp., Southfield. **Gloria Dopp** of Plymouth was named vice president of finance. **Spencer Silk** of Bloomfield Hills was named vice president of information systems.

Patricia Hahn of Farmington Hills is director of education at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts, Southfield. She previously was director of education at National Education Center, Detroit, and was program director for the three campuses of the Michigan Paraprofessional Training Institute.

William E. Judy, a graduate of Cranbrook School in Bloomfield Hills, was named sales engineer-automotive bearings for The Timken Co., an Ohio-based manufacturer of bearings and alloy steels. He joined the company in Canton, Ohio, in 1989 as an associate sales engineer-original equipment bearings.

Kathryn Peel has joined Childtime Childcare, Farmington Hills, as the company's first director of human resources. She previously was director of human resources services for Mercy Health Services.

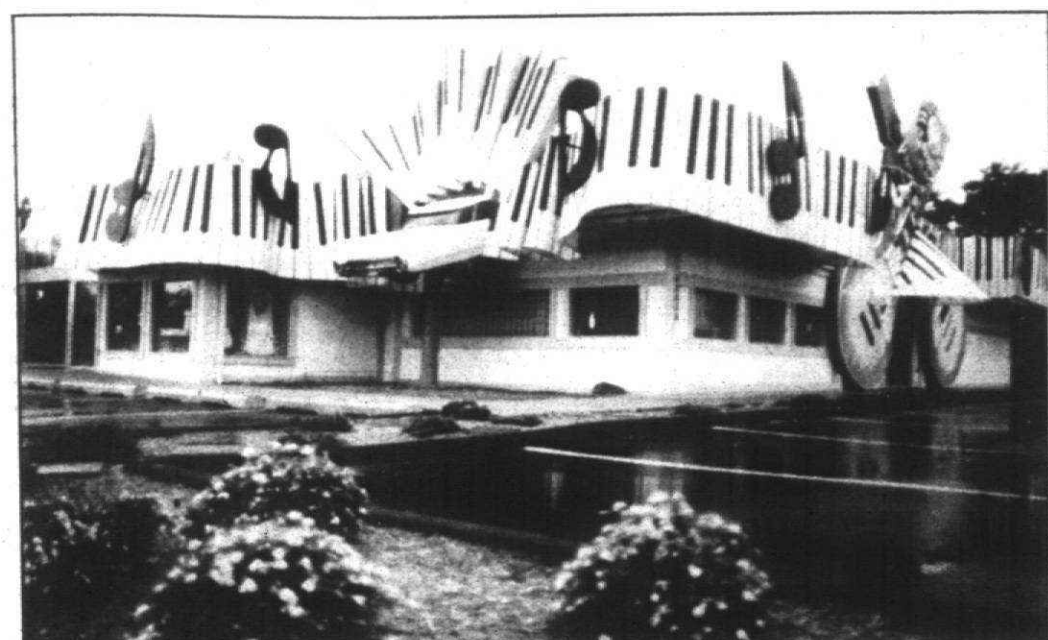
Dr. Maria Scafe of Rochester Hills was named vice president, dean and chief academic officer of Walsh College, Troy. The former chair of Walsh's management and marketing departments and director of the master of science in management degree has been interim dean for nearly 18 months. She's taught at Purdue University, University of Oklahoma, Tinker Air Force Base, Central Michigan University and St. Mary's College. Before joining Walsh in 1985, she conducted supervision and conflict resolution workshops for private industry.

Katie Hiotaky of Birmingham was promoted from assistant account executive to account executive at W.B. Doner & Co., Southfield. She prepares strategies, generates promotions and handles media for several accounts. She joined the company in 1990.

Debbie Sphear becomes design center manager for English Gardens. She'll oversee production and distribution of all fresh, silk and dried floral products for English Gardens stores in West Bloomfield, Clinton Township and Dearborn Heights. She previously was a designer supervisor for Nature Nook and also managed Expressions, Birmingham.

Robert E. Vince of Birmingham has joined T.I. Investments, Dearborn, as a registered representative specializing in private pensions and select tax favored investments. He previously was a trust officer for banks in Detroit and Richmond, Va.

Marie Delewsky of Farmington Hills was named 1993 Podiatrist of the Year by the southeastern division of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association. She has practices in Troy and Shelby Township. She was recognized for her work as past president of the southeastern division and for her involvement in other professional groups.



Eye catcher: Marygrove Awning employees were honored by an association of their peers for the whimsical awning they designed for Woolly Bully's on Seven Mile Road in Northville Township.

Coverup

Awning firm wins industry award

Livonia-based Marygrove Awning took first place in the commercial awnings category of the 1993 International Achievement Awards Competition for its wraparound awning resembling a winding, exploding piano keyboard for a 1950s-style restaurant in Northville Township.

The awards, sponsored by St. Paul-based Industrial Fabric Association International,

were announced Oct. 19. The winning whimsical, complex fabric structure creatively hides an existing mansard roof. The framework, whose projection from the building ranges from six inches to three feet, flows around the back end of a vintage Cadillac and two huge guitars.

The annual competition recognizes the latest advances in industrial/technical fabric design and manufacturing. Judging is handled by a team of industry experts, educators, and consumer and trade publication editors. There were 200 entries in this year's competition.

IFAI serves its membership by facilitating worldwide development, application and promotion of products manufactured by the technical fabrics industry.

Simulation focus: customer complaints

Human Synergetics International, a Plymouth-based international training materials publisher and management consulting firm, has introduced its newest Business Simulation, the Customer Complaint Situation.

The simulation teaches participating team members the skills necessary to effectively handle customer complaints and how to identify and initiate necessary changes within an organization to ensure the complaints are properly resolved and do not re-occur.

This off-site, cost-effective program is designed to be administered by an organization's own staff and includes participant materials and a leader's guide.

Eighty percent of North American jobs depend on the performance of a service rather than production of products, yet very few service providers know how to effectively manage the process of assisting a customer with a complaint.

When a complaint is properly handled, it offers an opportunity for product or service refinement as well as a chance to redeem a customer. If a complaint is mishandled, however, it could result in both the loss of a customer and lasting damage to a company's good name, according to the company.

The Customer Complaint Situation was designed to teach participants a process for effectively receiving a complaint, identifying and resolving the problem, and learning from the experience. The instrument was designed to be easily customized so that it would fit any organization.

Small teams of program participants are presented with a simulated but very realistic customer complaint situation and are asked to rank-order a series of action or activities involved in handling the complaint. In the process, they learn the different steps involved in handling a complaint and how they are interrelated.

The team decisions are then compared with the customer service expert's ranking and rationale; participants learn why these steps are important. At the same time, individuals learn the value of improved problem solving when working in groups.

The Customer Complaint Situation is the latest addition to Human Synergetics' series of widely used team-based Survival and Business Simulation.

To order or to receive more information, call 1-800-662-7584.

Insurance rep retires

Paul A. Kashawic of Redford Township retired as a representative for American General Life and Accident Insurance Co., Garden City, ending a 29-year career.

He joined the company's Detroit office in 1964, where he was an agent and later sales manager. He transferred to Garden City in 1969 and in 1971 was promoted to sales manager of the Redford district. He became field training supervisor in 1978, the year he became district manager of the Philadelphia west office. He returned to Detroit a year later. He became sales manager of the Redford office in 1987 and transferred to Garden City in 1990.

Kashawic has attended 10 of the firm's annual national leaders conferences, twice as a member of the President's Council of top producers. He also has received the National Sales Achievement Award from the National Association of Life Underwriters, Washington, D.C.

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James Thomas **Nicole Alonzo** **Mark McCaffrey**

Car dealership fills 3 positions

Tennysen Chevrolet in Livonia has named a new and used car manager and has welcomed two new employees.

James Thomas of Augusta Township was named new and used car manager. Formerly a new

and used car salesman, he has been a Tennysen employee for 15 years.

Nicole Alonzo has joined the dealership as a new and used car saleswoman. She has collected an automotive sales training

course and is in the process of completing the Truck Marketing Institute course. She brings four years of retail experience.

Mark McCaffrey of Livonia has joined Tennysen as a body shop porter.

DATEBOOK

Datebook features upcoming events around the suburban business community. To list an event, write: Datebook, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6
CAREER NIGHT
The Continuing Education Center at Oakland University presents a free career night to tout its legal assistant program. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Oakland Center on campus, Rochester Hills. Call 370-3120 for information.

INVESTMENT CLASS
The Activities Group and the Metropolitan Activities Group Investment Clubs present a basic investment class on the stock market, investment analysis and techniques beginning 7 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library, 100 Pine and Telegraph. The class lasts nine weeks. Fee of \$30 plus book purchase. How to Buy Stocks. Required. Class leader: William Wagoner II. For information, call 624-7777.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11
STOCK CERTIFICATES
The National Investor Relations Institute Detroit Chapter hosts a presentation on alternatives to retail investors holding physical certificates when purchasing stock. The luncheon meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. in the Renaissance Club at the Renaissance Center. Speaker: James J. Voipe, vice president at First Chicago Trust.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13
GROWING BUSINESS
Human resources consultant and trainer John Stemer kicks off the 1994 Human Resources Publications seminar series with a day-long offering, "Growing Your Business in the '90s." The seminar goes 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Topics include management tips, maximizing efficiency, corporate cultures, personal strategic planning and reducing turnover. Cost is \$95 in advance, \$105 at the door. Phone 581-2047 for reservations.

SUPERVISION PRACTICES
The American Society of Employers, a nonprofit association, presents a seminar "Principles & Practices of Supervision" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The seminar continues during the same times on successive Thursdays, Jan. 20 and 27. Speaker: Dick Warner, ASE's management education division. Cost is \$395 for members, \$475 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

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■ HIRE SERVICES
Robert William James & Associates, the executive placement arm of Express Personnel Services, an Oakland County temporary staffing and employee leasing company, has joined forces with Seek International, a Livonia personnel search and recruiting firm.

The merger of our two companies offers synergy for both organizations and enables us to provide our clients with an expanded array of services, including enhanced technical and executive search capabilities," said John Bower, CFA and owner of Express Personnel franchises in Farmington Hills and Troy.

Seek International brings to the venture an emphasis in engineering, manufacturing, technical sales and sales management placement, according to its founder, Thomas Kozler, who launched the company in 1986.

The merged companies will operate as Robert William James & Associates and will continue Seek International's focus of assisting manufacturing firms with their executive and other full-time staffing needs.

Internationally, Express Personnel Services, founded in 1983, has 200 offices throughout the United States, Sweden and Russia. The company projects 1993 revenues to reach \$325 million, surpassing 1992 revenues of \$250 million.

■ NEW MEDICAL SOFTWARE
SyMed Marketing Inc., Livonia, is licensed to sell and service the Physician's Decision 2000 (PD2000), the first medical decision using a Microsoft Windows-based application. It has multi-task capabilities that speed up electronic billing, payment processing and insurance filing.

SyMed is at 15500 Middlebelt, Suite 370-West. The phone number is 473-8850.

■ CHOOSE HOWIE'S
Livonia-based Hungry Howie's

was named the official pizza of the Palace of Auburn Hills. The franchise's fare can be delivered to suites or purchased from company, is represented locally by John Knopf, Canton.

"We are thrilled to be associated with the Detroit Pistons. The Palace is second to none. Hungry Howie's is committed to being an integral element in the Palace's success," said Steven E. Jackson, president.

The two-for-one pizza franchise is the 12th largest in the U.S. Howie's was named the official pizza of Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston, in May.

■ LAND CLEAN-UP
Livonia-based Millgard Environmental Corp. (MEC) was awarded a contract to clean up about 135,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil at the former Liquid Disposal Co., Utica. The site was added to the national priority list in September.

MEC will install a groundwater extraction system and treat the soil with an EPA-approved flyash/cement grout mix that solidifies the contaminated area.

The company's patented Toot system, a high-volume boring and mixing tool, will inject grout into the soil at pressures up to 200 psi.

■ FORD SUPPORTS SME
For the eighth consecutive year, the Ford Motor Co. Fund has pledged \$50,000 to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Manufacturing Engineering Education Foundation. The foundation helps fund university-level programs to attract engineering students to manufacturing careers.

Ford's 1993 grant helped bolster engineering programs at Miami University, Rochester Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

SuperTemp provides temporary staffing from offices in Southfield, Bloomfield Hills and Clinton Township.

■ LONG-DISTANCE REP
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■ MOST FOOD FEST
Lansing-based Centrum Management Corp. hosted Fall Food Fest on Nov. 20 to introduce the community and new clients to The Meadows of Livonia, a new apartment community for seniors. More than 300 visitors got a look at the 166-unit complex and tasted the fare of 27 Livonia-area restaurants, grocers, bakeries and dairies.

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Manufacturers represented by the club include Stroheim, Schumacher, JAB, Kravet, Swaim, Kron, Park Place and others.

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■ NEW LINE
Livonia-based Garwood, Buda, Knight & Associates will represent Auto-Owners Insurance, the sixth largest mutual property and casualty insurer in the U.S.

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The full-service marketing, advertising and consulting firm will open a Baltimore, Md. branch this month and begin work Jan. 1.

■ NEW SPONSOR
Troy Chamber of Commerce member ABB Paint Finishing is the newest sponsor of Family Works of Troy, an agency that provides family support services to Troy employees. One of Family Works services is helping more Detroit families find child and adult care.

Other sponsors include Troy Chamber of Commerce, a retail design firm, earned an honorable mention from the Institute of Store Planners and Visual Merchandising & Store Design Magazine for the design of Scott Shuptrine Furniture, Troy. The firm renovated the 80,000-square-foot building, formerly a warehouse, to highlight the store's new lifestyle-specific merchandising.

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The new store includes a customer education room with product information on video, a kid's room and a business center with phones for customer use. The service area includes an oversized bay for large vehicles, including tractor trailers.

"With our newest prototype store, we are looking to develop a unique concept of total customer service," said Don Kermin, senior vice president of Cellular One's northern region.

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■ TOP TUB
Tension Tamer Softub, Rochester Hills, is the local distributor for Softub spas. California-based Softub is ranked 100 on INC Magazine's list of the 500 fastest growing privately held companies in America.

Tension Tamer, the third largest Softub dealer in the U.S., has received Softub's gold award for sales and customer service for the past three years.

■ DESIGN AWARD
Southfield-based Jon Greenberg & Associates, a retail design firm, earned an honorable mention from the Institute of Store Planners and Visual Merchandising & Store Design Magazine for the design of Scott Shuptrine Furniture, Troy. The firm renovated the 80,000-square-foot building, formerly a warehouse, to highlight the store's new lifestyle-specific merchandising.

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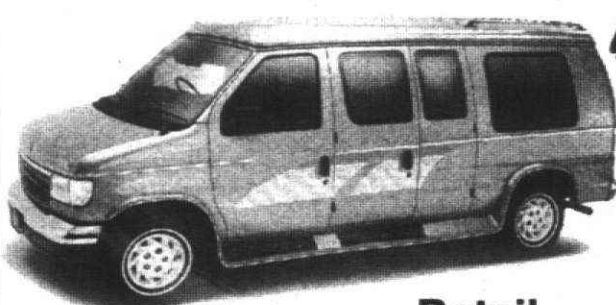
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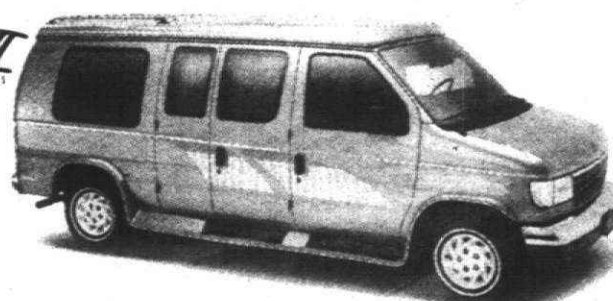
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