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Christmas story: With keen memory, a variety of hand gestures and hand gestures as varied as the stories she tells, Dinghy Sharp spins a Christmas tale with a surprise ending. /1C

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

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 passing lane.

planned.

"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-

gartner dream of Christmas.

formed into an illuminated gingerbread replica of Plymouth.

merchants, and business folks to see is a recreation of everything from the McDonald's at Five Mile and Haggerty 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

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

See CREATIONS, 4A

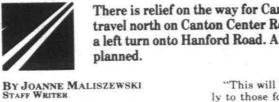




BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Christmas visions: From bottom left, Nicole Hoffman, Catherine Soodawa and Ryan Baum-

In colorful splendor for parents,

Burns.



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BILL BRESLER/STAFF PI

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





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.

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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, his is certainly the most suitable. The devastation in Bosnia is unelievable," said Robert Gardella,

he owner of Midwest Moving and storage at 8150 Ronda Drive in Gardella donated time, space and money in an effort to help de-

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-

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 liver more than 18,000 pounds of 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 Georgclothing 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.



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.

hristmas 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 Flori-

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 we averaged a visit 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 spend what turned out to be her watching the little ones come

The Independent Insurance

Agents of Wayne County have de-

livered some 200 boxes of food to

needy families in the Detroit met-

More than 20 independent in-

surance agencies and companies

in Wayne County participated in

the food drive. Included with each

box of food was a smoke detector

ropolitan area.

and battery.

themselves while dad gets the movie camera set up to film their first reaction to all that Santa left

But with much excitement and 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 fatherin-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 heap lots of toys upon my chil-This year, however, she parely knew it was Christmas. Little did we all know that this would be the last Christmas for both my mother and my motherin-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 last Christmas with my mother-

at 13000 Inkster Road in Redford

The filled boxes were then de-

livered by insurance agent volun-

teers to local charities and dis-

A spokesperson for the Inde-

Township.

this week.

We could have missed all that if we had stayed home to have a received a beautiful dress for "White Christmas." Even though we didn't have a white Christmas, that Christmas showed me you a little apprehension we loaded can make Christmas whatever we had been good children all you want it to be no matter where year and that he would come back you are. To our family, Christmas is being with family and friends, making happy memories and rejo-

icing 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!)

PS My father-in-law is coming up from Florida to spend Christmas with us this year! I suspect

is braving the cold to spend the

y 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 my Mom woke

us up and said, "Look out the

window!" My sister and I went to

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.

Next thing we knew, Santa

the steps and opened the door. He

opportunity to help those within

"It's important that insurance

agents demonstrate that their

auto insurance," said Denise

McHenry of Cambridge Un-

the community they serve.

Merry Christmas," he said.

holidays with family.

Santa's special

the window.

From Becky Krohn, Canton

he too realizes how previous Favorite dress Christmas memories are since he

later in the evening.

t's Christmas Day, and all I can say . . . , is you made my day, by again going out of your way.

of us. My sister and I each

church in the morning. Each of us

sat on his lap as he asked us what

we wanted for Christmas. He said

We went back to bed. The next

morning we went down the steps

and saw a Christmas tree all dec

orated with sparkling lights! Un-

der the tree was a 4-by-8 platform

with a train running around the

It wasn't until years later that

we heard the story that it was dad

that dressed up as Santa Claus,

From Barbara Secord of Plymouth

visiting the neighbors' houses.

tree. Presents were everywhere!

My beautiful yellow dress is the present I liked best. I will always member this particular year. If 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, Cancame to our house! We ran down



Insurance agents donate food to needy

Timemaster Business Forms Inc. donation presents agents with the

tributed to needy families during concerns are not limited to selling

The boxes of food were dropped pendent Insurance Agents of derwriters in Livonia. off Thursday and Friday at Wayne County said the food drive

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

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 toys, clothing, books and food, and organized and wrapped the gifts for delivery to the Salvation Army. Their colorful wrapping

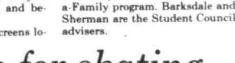
paper and bows were handmade. 'This is a Student Council activity we've done for eight years in a row," said teacher Karen Barksdale, who worked with fellow teacher Sena Sherman on the

"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 ong-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

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-



Local ice rink open for skating

available through Jan. 2 at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena, 525 Farmer.

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

Ice skating open to the public is 8:30-9:30 a.m., 10:50 a.m. to 2:30 iors and \$1.25 for skate rental. 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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Fees for non-city residents are \$3.25 for adults, \$2.50 for children, \$2 for seniors and \$1.25 for

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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.

come good shoppers.'

portant than to receive. They've cal, needy families for the Adoptbecome good bargainers and be-The Salvation Army screens lo(P,C)3A

Building inspections part of Tots safe after fire planned township survey Parents of two young chil-

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI Staff Writer

By the year's end, more than 600 residents in the Brookside subdivision will receive surveys asking about Canton Township's municipal and building services, and their general experience with township government.

"We're asking more than just building questions," said Casey Hans, township municipal services information coordinator.

The surveys were prompted at a meeting in October when members of the Homeowners Advisory Council voiced residents' concerns about the then-proposed property standards ordinance.

At that time, advisory council secretary Judy Linna told township trustees that residents in her Brookside subdivision had plenty of complaints about township inspection services and quality of uilding

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ier access to residents and emergency vehicles. When the extension opened in October, motorists immediately complained because of a left-turn prohibition from Canton Center Road

Complaints continued even though the prohibition was limited to 6-9 a.m. and 3-7 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

The turn prohibition was established because of traffic backups on an already congested Canton Center Road where there are no passing lanes.

"Enforce the ones (building requirements) we currently have," said Linna when she offered opposition to the proposed mandatory pre-sale home inspections, which has now been taken off the drawing board.

Brookside subdivision homeowners are the first who will be questioned about township services, particularly municipal, ouilding and inspection services.

The survey also will ask residents their overall perceptions of township government, whether they have had contact with the municipal services department, and what type of information they need from the township.

The survey will further ask residents if they wish to participate in a focus group, Hans said. In the New Year, homeowners in new subdivisions will receive surveys, based on the township's list of certificates of occupancy.

"It will provide a chance to find out how homeowners are doing in the newly constructed subdivisions," Hans said. "It will help spot problems with the builders and the new subdivisions. The surveys that will go to

homeowners in the new subdivisions will ask more details about township inspection services.

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the kids," Campbell said. "We used math in calculating ratios take the gingerbread buildings to for the biggest and smallest buildings. We brought in geometry and art by designing and constructing. "We sent letters to the mer-

chants, signed by the kids, invit- of homemade holiday goodies.

ing them to come today and to their stores when we're done, added Campbell. The dozens of business people and parents who attended the open house were treated, after their tour, to oodles

Linna spoke up in October

when would be home buyer Jim

Miles of Georgia complained

about his problems with Uniland

Homes Inc. He criticized town

ship inspection services and told

trustees that the inspectors

should not be allowed to conduct

inspections under any type of

you're going to let people who in-

spected my house inspect other

people's houses, you might as well

let these people go and let an orangutan do it," Miles said.

In October, Township Supervi

sor Tom Yack said the proposed

mandatory pre-sale house inspec

tions were on hold. He told trus-

tees at the time that he wanted to

wait to see how Public Act 92,

which goes into effect in January,

plays out, as well as the effect of a

decision regarding sidewalks.

recent Michigan Supreme Court

Public Act 92, known as the

sellers disclosure act, requires

home sellers to sign an affidavit

In mid-September, homeown-

ers made it clear - through the

advisory council board of direc-

tors — that they were opposed to

the township's pre-sale proposal.

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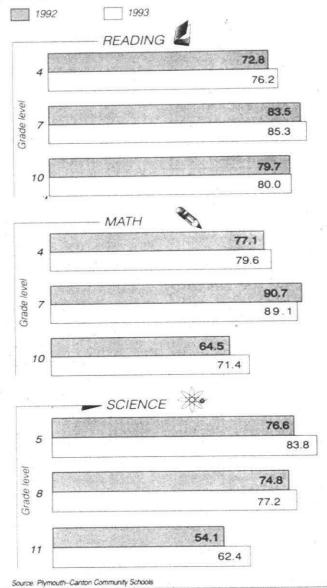
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"This is just my opinion, if

township-mandated program.

Measuring the MEAP

Here's a district-wide breakdown of the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. The MEAP numbers represent the percentage of students who have at least a satisfactory mastery of the subject. "Satisfactory" is defined as achieving 75% or more of the subject.



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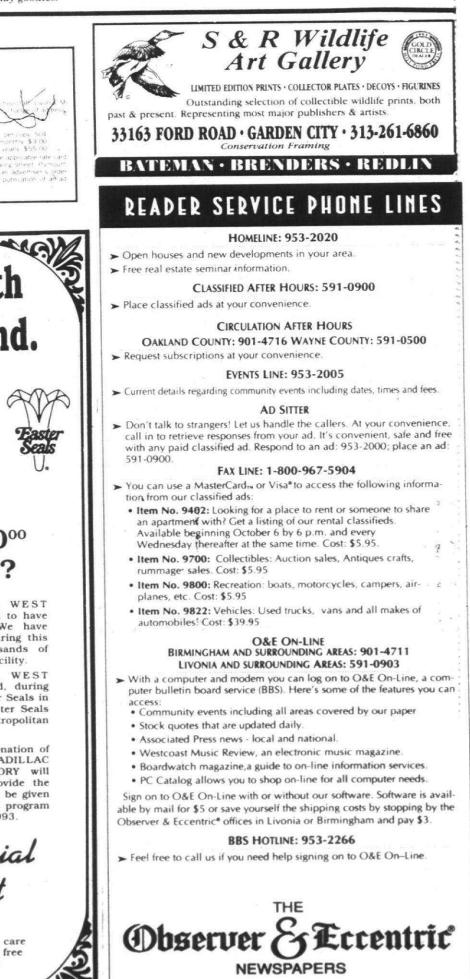
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Monday

dren, aged 3 months and 2

years, dropped them out a

second-story window to two

young men who caught them

in a sheet as smoke from a

fire filled a Plymouth Town-

ship apartment building

The children, and other

residents at the Plymouth

Heritage Apartments as the

fire broke out in a basement

at 1:52 p.m., were uninjured

in the blaze, Plymouth

Township fire Chief Larry

The apartment complex is

located at 12811 Heritage

near Sheldon and North

Three firefighters were

treated for injuries at St.

Mary Hospital. The fire

started in the basement,

where damage was exten-

Groth reported.

Territorial roads.

sive.

Smoke detectors boost home safety

If you or members of your family could avoid certain, death for an investment of \$20 or less, would you pay the money? Sure, who wouldn't?

In 1992, more than 200 people died in fires. Many of those deaths could have been prevented with the early warning of a smoke detector. For instance, one Michigan resident had no way of knowing that his Christmas tree lights would overload the electrical outlets. The house had no smoke detector to wake his sleeping family, even though a city ordi nance requires one. As a result, the homeowner, his wife and their three children died of smoke inhalation.

Although smoke detectors play a key role in reduction of life and property loss, many people choose to ignore the eary warnings that detectors can provide, AAA Michigan re-

According to the Department of State Police, Fire Marshal Division, in 1992 there were no fire detectors present in 62.3 percent of the residential structure fires which occurred in Michigan.

In an additional 12.7 percent of those fires, a detector was present, but did not operate. 'A properly maintained smoke detector is the best protection in a home fire because

about three minutes from the sound of the first alarm to get out safely before being overcome by smoke and gases,' said AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry

Basch Basch added that two-thirds of all residential fires involving a fatality occur between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m., when occupants are likely to be sleeping.

Both a 1974 state law and lo cal ordinances require smoke letectors in new homes, but isually they don't provide for spection. In many communi ties, local ordinances also re quire smoke detector checks whenever a home changes own ership or undergoes a major home improvement. Check with your local fire or building department for more specific information in your communi-

Fire departments and other groups, such as AAA Michigan, spend a great deal of time and money to help educate people on smoke detectors. But unless fire safety inspections are made routinely, the installation of smoke detectors will not adequately protect home owners and their families.

Sometimes, tragedy influ ences the sensitivity of an en tire community, according to it can give family members AAA Michigan.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioners were mad last Thursday when they learned of a letter from the county attorney declaring a recently enacted county car ordi nance "void and unenforceable." The ordinance, written by com missioner Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and enacted in Octo

ber by unanimous vote, forbids future county elected officials and most senior staffers from using county cars. The ordinance also mandates meticulous record keeping in regard to county cars and makes it

more difficult to buy luxury cars when economy cars will do. Commissioners believe county Executive Edward McNamara is behind the opinion and wonder if

he's trying to torpedo the ordi-

Kitchen on Detroit's east side

provides Christmas gifts for

mests who come for Christmas

They are now running short of

toys for children, ranging from

newborn to 13 years of age. Soup

dinner.

Written by county attorney Patricia Irving-Cwiek, the opinion says the car ordinance violates the separation of power between legislative and executive branches of county government. Therefore, Irving-Cwiek concludes, the ordinance "represents an unlawful usurpation of executive authority the legislative body of Wayne

ounty. Commissioner Bryan Amann D-Wavne, said that Irving-Cwiek eally thinks she must be Judge (Richard) Kaufman." the chief judge of Wayne County Circuit Court. Amann, who also represents Canton, noted that only a judge can strike down a county ordinance.

Commission Vice Chair Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City, said she

Counselors determine which

families are eligible for the pro-

gram. Many are single parents or

grandparents with custodial care

of their grandchildren. On Dec.

22-24, these families come to the

best holiday deal.

Capuchin Warehouse and select

thinks McNamara doesn't intend

County car ordinance challenged

to obey the ordinance. 'What it looks like to me is that they're just going to ignore Township and Livonia east of it," she said. "They think they're Middlebelt, agreed with above the law, which is sad. It really is.

McNamara, who was unavailable for comment last week, cooperated with McCotter, whose district includes Plymouth and Northville, when the ordinance was being written last summer. Two McNamara aides, Dave Katz and Bob Biga, worked directly with McCotter on the ordinance.

'We worked on this for about five months with these guys," McCotter said. "They had input the whole way."

McCotter stressed, however, that he's not worried. "This fancy vehicles when more austere changes nothing," he said. "They models would have done the same have to implement the law.

Soup Kitchen. Each week it pro-

vides 5,000 to 6,000 meals for the

poor, as well as counseling ser-

Unwrapped toys may

vices and household items.

Commissioner Plawecki, D-Dearborn Heights who also represents Redford McCotter. "We thought this ordinance was a good example of how the branches of government should work together." she said. McNamara's chief deputy, Mi chael Duggan, did not return the Observer's phone call regarding

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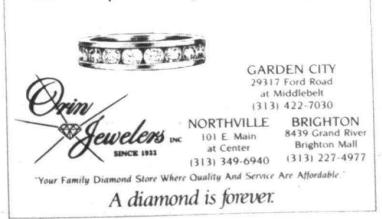
this issue by press time. The commission decided that an ordinance regarding county cars was needed after an audit of county cars was completed in June. The audit report concluded that record keeping in regard to county cars was sloppy and that sometimes departments bought



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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 communi ty," 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

"It's always bigger because we cert featured a variety of holiday 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 met in the summertime to discuss much opportunity anymore.

church music The recent concert featured six strengths of our groups." 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 per-

formed. 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 con-

selections "It's all pretty familiar Christmas stuff," she said. A team of music directors from the parish carols, and people don't have very

possible selections. "We see the

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 musi-The concert gives audience members a chance to sing such fa

miliar 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 lighted. We always add Christmas carols and have everybody sing between the numbers the choirs sing," Johns said. "It's fun to sing Christmas

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

nity to see the concert on TV, but that doesn't mean the parish musicians plan to give up their holi-

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

day performance. 'We'll be doing it every year. that way," Johns said.

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Plymouth duo seeks hosts for exchange students

BY SUE BUCK

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Levenbach, of Plymouth, are Learning (formerly Experiment in ooking for you.

high school students from foreign can Institute for Foreign Studies. ountries. These teenagers, ages 15-17,

will be here from mid-January to mid-June and will will attend the nost family's public school. "They are eager to learn as

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 International Learning, which Host families are needed for started in the 1960s) and Ameri-Foreign countries represented

> bia, Brazil, Germany and Poland. The couple estimate they have she said. placed 80 students.

For more information, call 453-

nia 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 Volunteers Lynn and Gideon two non-profit agencies: World enough money to cover their personal expenses.

> Students receive academic credit, on a case by case basis, for studies done in the United States, include Argentina, Peru, Colum- Lynn said. Students from Brazil and Spain always receive credit,

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

In addition to finding host fam-

for more students. Some schools fair share, Levenbach said. don't want second semester stu-

dents, she said. away some commonly held California. "We just received a misconceptions. Exchange stu- Christmas card from him that own tuition. Tuition is not the re- in Plymouth," she said. sponsibility of the host families.

A German female student has relationships with their host fammade a special request to attend ilies that last a lifetime. People Ladywood, Levenbach said. Host families are expected to own can become a host family.

provide a bed and meals for five months. The natural parents pro- they will have to entertain the vide clothing, medical insurance students," Levenbach said. Stuand spending money. Students dents are quick to become inare told to budget \$200-\$250 a volved in school activities. About

ist for Citizen Insurance in Livo- ilies, the Levenbachs keep track month for expenses and are alof which high schools have space ways expected to offer to pay their organize parties and outings,

> Spanish student five years ago, Levenbach also strives to clear who is now attending college in dents are also welcome in private read, 'Every year, I think about schools. The student pays for his the wonderful Christmas I spent Most exchange students build

with or without children of their "Sometimes families are afraid

Families travel to places like Ni The Levenbachs hosted a agara Falls, Cedar Point, Gov John Engler's office, the Cadillac Assembly plant. This year they walked the Mackinac Bridge on Labor Day.

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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 chil dren of their own, Stuart, 19, a sophomore at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Gary, 13, a student at West Middle Schoolig Plymouth.



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

"We are working with fire departments to reduce casualties by Children should know to touch smother flames. conducting school safety programs for kindergarten through sixth-grade students,' he said. Results of AAA Michigan-con-

escape fires children were often crawling under beds and hiding in Crawl low under smoke. Toxic a smoke detector. A cot and door are inoperable due to dead or retoy bins instead of independently gases -- produced by burning syn- recreate a child's bedroom. Chil-

selves," Basch said. So, AAA developed a school as- Have a pre-determined, safe,

important concepts: what the proper reactions are for Be sure there are two exits from Stop, drop and roll. In the unevery room. Children need to likely event that children find

> first choice, and learn a second structed to immediately stop, emergency exit, as well. a closed bedroom door with the

back of the hand and feel for heat AAA safety education consultants to determine if there is a hallway visit schools throughout the state fire. The back of the hand is more and help children act out the ducted research indicated that to sensitive than the palm. A burned steps. A smoke chamber simupalm would impede progress.

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thetics in carpet, counter tops, dren have the opportunity to roll 'We realized that we had to upholstery -- rise with smoke. teach children how to help them- The air closer to the floor is less toxic and cooler.

sembly program that teaches five family-meeting place outside the home.

know how to unlock doors as the their clothes on fire, they are indrop to the ground and roll to

To reinforce these concepts, lates smoke and flames triggering

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 saf

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.

It also reminds parents to check smoke detectors regularly Studies indicate that nearly twothirds of battery smoke detectors moved batteries.



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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

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. THINKING ABOUT

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. Since 1987 the Recorder's

Court has been aided by five ro-

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tating Circuit Court judges who help try criminal cases. In the recent experiment, eight additional

circuit judges completed 493 Recorder's Court cases in less than four months. Talbot said that

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

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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.



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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993



Ballet performance

anton 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

A ll 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

INDERMUSIK 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

omination 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.



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 Can-

ton Observer Christmas Cheer Club

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

Beachum said the number of dona-

"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,"

"It's going well especially for the

Parents from families getting help

from the Salvation Army go to the

Plymouth distribution center and

pick out items including toys their

Christmas to their kids, they don't

need to know it's the Salvation

keep them busy in another part of the

Plymouth Salvation Army office

manager Linda Spilos said that for

Plymouth, Canton and Northville -

the area they serve - the kettle drive

'We try to have the parents give

'If they do bring in kids we try to

tions compares well with previous

what was going on coming in.'

(slow) start we had," he said.

years.

Beachum said.

children might like.

Army," Beachum said.

building," he said.

has netted \$71,848.

and by other community groups.

"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:

Mark, Elise, Jeffrey and Courtney Simmpson of Canton; Eugene and Gloria Hammonds of Canton; Tom and Barbara Tucker of Plymouth; Rosita Smith of Plymouth; Stephanie LaGosh of Plymouth; Cathy Rakozy of Plymouth; Ed Andryziak; Andy and Sarah Stolaruk of Plymouth; Paul Sincock of Plymouth; Sheila Place of Plymouth; Harold and Joann Rocholl of Plymouth Township; John and Kristine Lamphear of Plymouth Township; Kristofer Wellman of Livonia, previously of Plymouth; Suzanne Russell of Canton; Emily, Andy and Barb Swanson of Canton; Lauren and Lisa Valentine of Plymouth; Susan Gronau of Canton; Lucy Portelli of Plymouth Township; Emerson and Diane Coates of Plymouth Township.

Juanita Fenkell of Plymouth Township; Judy Logan of Canton; Gayle Meade of Canton; Mildred and Charles Domke of Plymouth Township; Kris Karol of Canton; Roberta Hilbrandt of Canton; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Perry of Plymouth; Ann, Bill, Janet and Brian Confer of Canton; Susan Fennelly of Canton; Bea and Doyal Gray of Plymouth; Alan Shinn of Canton; Brad Kaufman of Canton; Matt Hurst of Canton; Jim Bonneau; Scott and Jay Obsniuk of Canton; Nancy Riemenschneider of Plymouth; Erv and Adeline Litobar of-Plymouth Township; Brian and Sheila Friedrich of Canton; Bev Bettega of Plymouth Township; Marilyn Alimpich of Plymouth; Brett Russell of Canton; Sarah and Andrew Cassidy of Canton; Sue O'Donohue of Plymouth; Peggy and Chris Soave of Plymouth.

Frank and Elaine Polgar of Canton; Andy and Elizabeth Day of Plymouth; Janelle, Justin and Jeremy Broadway of Canton; Erin, Kyle and Jean Ording of Plymouth; Ed and Betty Lane of Plymouth; Ryan and Kris Eggenberger of Canton; Diana, Kathryn, Joanna and Jessica McLean of Canton; Jody Trame of Canton; The Barnett family of Canton; Janice Pizii of Plymouth; Megan Camann of Plymouth; Joe and Fran Murawa of Plymouth; Katie and Jennifer Waldeck; Katy, Mark and Jack Tucci of Canton; Tim and Amy Boes of Canton; Carol and Beth Curd of Plymouth; The David Baranski family of

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.

Plymouth; Sue O'Donohue of Plymouth; Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth Township; James Dyer of Plymouth; Janice Jacobs of Westland; Karen Gould of Plymouth; Tom and Mary Ann Lehnis of Canton; State Farm Insurance; The Artleys of Canton; Childtime Child Care; Adam Gannons family of Plymouth; Larry, Maria and Jim Proodian of Novi; Ron, Dar and Todd Proodian of Plymouth; Bob and Carol Proodian of Canton; Mike and Nancy Skibinski of Novi; Cathy and Steve Szuper of Livonia; Brett Kavulich of Plymouth; The Plymouth-Salem Rockettes; Cindy and Tim Russette; Bill Parson; Dennis, Gloria and Tracy Good of Plymouth; Pisani family of Plymouth; Reliance Mortage of Livonia; Ryan family of Plymouth; Melanie Winslow; Adam Barbara of Plymouth; Lee and Erin Dreps: Jason Pennebaker of Plymouth; Dominic Bonell; and Joseph Mitchell.



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Farmer, 397-2973 or 397-

VFW Canton Post No.

6967, 8 p.m. first Monday,

Mill, Plymouth, 397-2444

Piecemakers, 7 p.m.

third Thursday, First Pres-

byterian Church of Plym-

outh, 701 W. Church, 455-

Guild, 6:30 p.m. third

building, 9451 S. Main,

Karen Rumptz at 420-

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Woolgatherers Knitting

Thursday, Salvation Army

Plymouth Township. Call

Toastmasters Oral Majori-

p.m. Tuesdays at Denny's

Restaurant, 39550 Ann Ar

bor Road, Plymouth, Call

Ken Morley, 277-2709

IN SUPPORT

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Multiple sclerosis exercise

neets 6-8 p.m. Fridays,

Livonia YMCA. 261-2161,

Stroke support for Can-

ton residents, call Marilyn

Schneider, 397-2241, after

second Thursday, Livonia

Parkinson group in

Western Wayne, 7 p.m.

Senior Citizen Center,

421-4208 or 459-0216.

15218 Farmington Road,

Heart patients, 7:30-9

p.m. third Friday, Arbor

Health Building Commu

vey and Ann Arbor Trail,

gna, 459-8787 (days).

SAFE, Setting Addicts

Free Eternally, 7:30 p.m

Tuesdays, Main Street

Baptist Church, 8500 N.

Morton Taylor, Canton.

Interpreted for the deaf

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Works, 455-4902.

Women's therapy group

ADDICTIONS

453-4785.

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program and support group

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ty Club meets 6:30-8:30

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Post No. 6695, 1426 S.

or 459-8027.

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

SPECIAL EVENTS

ARTIST SPEAKS Artist/Teacher Edee Joppich 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.

WVOLUNTEERS Plymouth YMCA needs

help at its Coffee Tent during the Ice Festival, Jan. 12-17.453-2904.

B FIREARM SAFETY Course is offered 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17. at Western Wayne County Conservation As sociation, 6700 Napier

Road, Plymouth Township. Evenings, 535-0436. **III COUPON BOOKS**

Orders for Entertainment '94 books can be bought for \$40 at three locations: Canton VFW Post 6967, 495-0465 or 455-8438; Plvmouth Optimists Club, proceeds to benefit children's causes throughout southeast Michigan, call Bill Von Glahn, 453-8253; or Plymouth Community Family YMCA (also Gold Coupon Book, \$10), 453-2904.

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

E PLYMOUTH CLASSES Parks and Recreation, 455-

YMCA adult and youth classes, 453-2904.

HOLIDAY

SANTA COLLECTION Collection displayed through Jan. 30 at Plymouth Historical Museum.

FOR KIDS

155 S. Main, 455-8940.

B YOUTH FREE THROW Boys and girls ages 10-14 may participate in local level 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.

E "DAY CAMP"

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

SATURDAY CLUB Arts, crafts, field trips and music for kids ages 6-12, 9

a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main, Plymouth. 453-8480.

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

Plymouth 48170.

CAMPUS PIPELINE

To submit your academic honor or graduation an-

printed or typewritten to: Nancy C. Pennington,

Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing Street,

CANTON RESIDENTS were among 1,758 to

receive bachelor's degrees, 435 earning master's

Michigan State University. Commencement was

Saturday, Dec. 11. Receiving bachelor of arts de-

grees were Larry L. Allman, MLM - purchasing

and operation management; Julie A. Foxworthy,

advertising; Dennis D. Hanson, telecommunica-

tion; and Gregory M. Speaks, finance. Jeff S. So-

degrees, and 142 receiving doctoral degrees at

nouncement to Campus Notes, send the material

44800 Warren, Canton, social and volunteer opportunities every other Tuesday, Plymouth YMCA office, 248 S. Union. Call Colleen Anderson, 453-2904.

CLASSES Plymouth Parks and Rec-

reation; 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, thirdninth grades; gymnastics; tumble bears gymnastics, kids 21/2-4; karate begins Jan. 4 at Isbister School, 8 years old and up; Kreatives 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, 43065 Joy Road, 422-1425; and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 23, St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, 455-5910.

FREE EYE EXAMS Low-income families with-

out 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. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 3141, or call 1

WEIGHT WATCHERS

800-766-4466

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, 1 800-487-4777.

SMOKE STOPPERS Stop smoking/weight control clinic is offered 6-8:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at Plyouth

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-

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.

455-9042.

EDUCATION **I PRESCHOOL/NURSERY** Canton Parks and Recre-

ation 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, 4501 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 4year-olds, 453-5464. FREE CLASSES For non-high school gradu ates, IBM training and

GED training, Plymouth-Canton Community Education, 451-6555. **READING ASSISTANCE** Free adult tutoring and confidential skills assess

ment. Community Literacy

Council, 451-6555.

VOLUNTEERS

NOLUNTEER 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 Mi-

chael 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 pro-

gram, 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, healthcreening programs or inhome services. 422-1052.

Senior Alliance links eniors with citizens will ing to help with outdoor chores. Also, prescription assistance and holiday meals to eligible seniors, 722-2830. Buy or sell used adaptive equipment (wheel-

chairs, 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, 397-5446.

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 Kruger, 483-1418 or 1-800-242-6120.

CLUB CALL

E CANTON NEWCOMERS Pizza and games night is 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at Sunflower Clubhouse, 45956 Gainsborough Road. 453-3693 or 455-8352.

MONTHLY CLUBS Three Cities Art Club, 7 p.m. first Monday, Plymouth Township Hall. Pro grams 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 Jaycees, 7:30 p.m. fourth Thursday, Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer WAF (Women Aglow

First Baptist Church, Fellowship), 7:30 p.m. 45000 N. Territorial, Plymfourth Tuesday, Plymouth outh Township. Call Lois FORM CALENDAR

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

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bell received a bachelor of science degree in pack-

PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS received bachelor of

They are Shelly K. Bertell, psychology; Gregory J.

neering (with honors); Dave J. Miller, packaging;

THREE PLYMOUTH residents received bache-

lor of arts degrees at Michigan State University.

They are Kristina A. Krumbach, communication;

Daniel J. Mcneil, social science — international

relations; and Tricia L. Miller, MLM - purchas-

and Renee L. Rice, computer engineering (with

science degrees at Michigan State University.

Brenny, packaging; John W. Kostyo, civil engi-

Additional info.

ing and operation management.

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

II 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 Pi 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

Turpel, 522-3022, or Audrey Harrison, 453-0384. Families Anonymous, 8 p.m. Sundays, Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 Sheldon, Canton. 397-8595.

MORE SUPPORT

Meet Your Needs, 7 p.m. Mondays, Full Gospel Church, 281 E. Spring, Plymouth, 453-0323. Starting Over for young widows and widowers, 7-8:30 p.m. first and third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth

Township, 677-0500. NEARBY *

HOLIDAY Battle Creek Festival of Lights continues each eve ning through Dec. 31. Fire

works 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 Founda tion scholarship application deadline is Feb. 28 for Schoolcraft College students. 462-4433.

Schoolcraft College inperson 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. 5-24, 462-

4448. for adult children of al-Livonia Cooperative coholic and dysfunctional Nursery, at West Chicago families, call Elizabeth and Hubbard Roads, has openings for 3 and 4 year Never Say Never obsesolds 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 425-6075. sive-compulsive group, p.m. every other Thursday

VOLUNTEERS

Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan needs volunteers to present program on helping kids nderstand disabilities, at area schools and day care enters. 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.

IN 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.

outh Township.

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

7850 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, 995-5439.

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

. Mary Hospital, Livonia. 591-2922. Support group for well

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

Schoolcraft College's sec-

ond annual culinary edu

cational tour to France and

Switzerland is March 4-13.

Enrollment limited to 25

highlights New England

foundations of American

History, 10-14 days in mid-

July. Register, 462-4448 or

efits Detroit Historical

Museum's Alfred R. Glan-

cy 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.

Toy train appraisal ben-

annual history tour

participants. College's first

ADULTS

462-4452.

learning-disabilities major with a 3.74 grade-point

average. Among many activities, she is involved

with the Council for Exceptional Children, Stu-

dent Michigan Education Association, and the

Community Opportunity Center, group homes for

developmentally disabled adults. She is also an

EDWIN J. WENSLEY of Plymouth, son of Ed

and Lois Wensley, was named to the 1994 edition

Universities and Colleges." He was selected based

on academic achievements, service to the commu-

nity, leadership in extracurricular activities, and

potential for continued success.

of "Who's Who Among Students in American

active member of St. Kenneth Church in Plym-

also.



BY KEVIN BROWN

City officials and Rep. Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth, are rallying maximum time trains can block support in hopes of derailing an crossings to five minutes. The effort by railroad companies to exsecond amendment would have tend 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 issioners a vote on the bill could come in the next week or grade improvements. City offitwo, or more likely after the state cials reject this provision, saying Legislature resolves the school financing issue.

On Thursday, Vorva failed to win enough support for two amendments to the bill that provision failed by just eight support for the time limit origi- the amendments proposed by

REV. LEONARD KOENINGER

Services for the Rev. Leonard J Koeninger, 73, were Tuesday. Dec. 21, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth Burial was in Glen Eden Ceme tery, 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 graduated from Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis., in 1945. He then served as an assistant instructor 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 narishes Koeninger had a record of service to the synod and the community. He was a member of

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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 benefit the city of Plym-

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would be earmarked for future the railroads shouldn't be allowed money

The amendment to scrap that

Plymouth Rotary Foundation. He is survived by his wife, Margaret I. Koeninger of Plymouth; one daughter, Kristine Wolfe of Livonia; three grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Kirst of Wauwatosa, Wis. and Lenore Winter of Milwaukee, Wis.

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

HOWARD L. CARSON

Services for Howard L. Carson 81, of Plymouth were Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home. Burial is in Oakland

Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. He was born May 8, 1912, in Cherryvale, Kan. He died Friday, Dec. 17, in Plymouth. He came to the Plymouth community in 1935

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votes. But city officials and Vorva nally proposed, 10 minutes, he say they'll try to lobby state legis- said. lators 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 to tell the city what to do with its the time the railroad can block a crossing to seven minutes.

That's because there was much list of legislators who voted no on

OBITUARIES

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 communi ty; and one sister, Lucille Skaggs Missouri. The Rev. Mel Stout officiated

the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Salvation Army.

MYRL W. SCHANTZ

Services for Myrl W. Schantz, 73,

Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Caledonia United Methodist Church. He died Sunday, Dec. 19, at Butterworth Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bet ty J. Schantz; two daughters, Barbara Judd of Owosso and Nita Hotchkin of Milford, Mass.; two sons, James R. Schantz of Dexter and David M. Schantz of Plym-

outh; 10 grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; one sister, Edna Wood of Middleville and many nieces and nephews.

to support the railroads on the is-

sue. Vorva said the railroads had

won points with the House Re-

publican Caucus in saying Michi-

gan law is more restrictive on rail-

and restrictions hurt the rail

are a very important service.

Vorva said, "but it's incumbent

on them to be good neighbors

City commissioners now have a

road's ability to do business.

roads than law in other states,

"Ron and I said the railroads

The Rev. Bobby Dale Whitlock officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Heart Association or Caledonia United Methodist Church. Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

FRANK L. WHITTEN

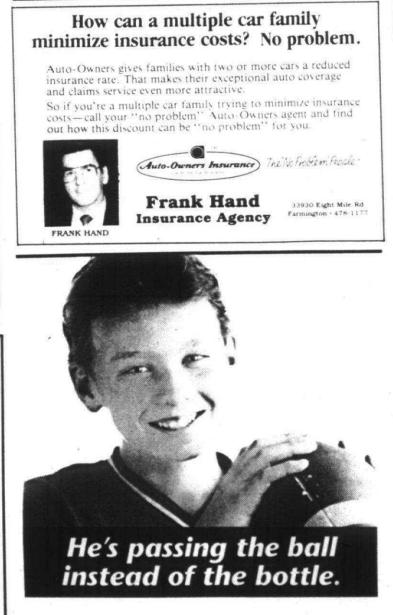
Services for Frank L. Whitten, 71, f Canton were Wednesday, Dec. of Middleville, Mich. were 22, at Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. Burial was in Green Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, rt Wayne, Ind. He was born March 25, 1922, in

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

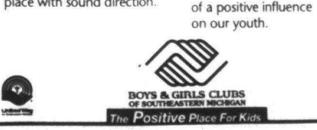
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SNOW PLOWING

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. Publish December 23, 1993



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Vorva. "Look at that list of no voters and see if there's anyone Commissioner Robert Jones you know you can contact," Mayasked what is driving legislators or Doug Miller urged.

Lowe said his argument - that restrictions on how a municipali ty can earmark railroad fines take away from its home rule autonomy - "is playing well" among ome 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

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 & AM. In Fort Wayne h was a member of the South Side Church of the Nazarene.

Wayne. The past 10 years he

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.

> **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** LAWN AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE SERVICES

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The Western Townships Utilities Authority is requesting proposals FOR lawn and landscape maintenance 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

A full RFP and additional details may be obtained by calling WTUA, 453-2793. Fublish December 23, 1993

PROPOSED ADVERTISEMENT JANITORAL SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

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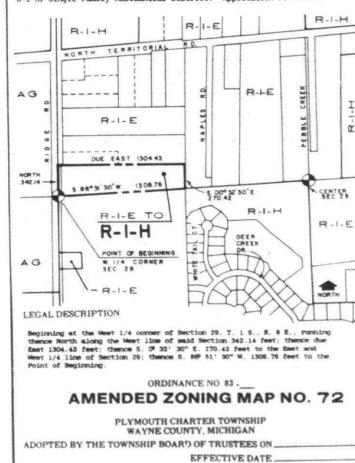
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

O REZONE FROM R-1-E. Single Pamily Residential District OREZONE TO R-1-H, Single Family Residential District DATE OF HEARING Wednesday, January 19, 1994 TIME OF HEARING 7:30 p.m.

PLACE OF HEARING Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone the following described property from R-1-E. Single Pamily Residential District, 9.18 acres, more or less, to R-1-H, Single Pamily Residential District. Application No. 1230.



NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Hall, Community Develop ment Department, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Writte comments will be received prior to the meeting. The application review, meeting and address for written comment is: Plymouth Charter Township, Community Development Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may rec

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ommend rezoning of the premises to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 83

Donald Sprogel , Secretary Planning Commission



AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1.131 OF TITLE 1 CHAPTER 3, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREAS-ING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE CEMETERY BOARD

FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS. The City of Plymouth ordains: Section 1. Section 1.131 of Title 1, Chapter 3, of the Code of Ordinances of the

City of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows: 1.131. 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 ex officio, and five (5) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the

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 e City Commissio

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

> DOUGLAS A. MILLER Mayor LINDA J. LANGMESSER

City Clerk

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

Help needed Salvation Army fund drive lags



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erhaps people are just too busy this year or maybe it's the weather. But whatever the reason, Salvation Army bell ringers in Canton and Plymouth

aren't hearing the clink of change or seeing folding money being stuffed into kettles at the same rate as in past years.

This is especially troubling because of this year's problems with the Salvation Army's direct mail solicitation. It seems that about 150,000 letters seeking donations didn't make it out in time.

Salvation Army officials contend that a drop in the amount of donations doesn't mean people don't care, it's just that they haven't been reminded by a letter.

Well, we're giving the Salvation Army a hand with delivering its message. If you didn't receive a letter, you have now

Meanwhile, in Canton and Plymouth the army of local bell ringers has come up with a

little more than \$71,000, much short of the goal of \$100,000. That's the amount raised last year. But there is something folks here can do

about it. The kettle drive ends at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve. All you have to do is find a kettle and drop some money in it.

In Plymouth, bell ringers are at Kmart, Danny's Market, Kroger, Arbor Drug, National Bank of Detroit, the post office on Penniman, and Ann Arbor Trail at Forest on Saturdays.

In Canton, kettles are at Meijer, Kmart, Kroger, F&M Drugs, Target and Farmer Jack.

The money buys food, clothing, toys and other gifts for Christmas. Prescriptions, utility oills and rental payments are also covered by contributions.

It's time for all of us to count our Christmas blessings and make a donation to the Salvation Army

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. A donation is the least we can do for our fellow citizens.

Give schools forfeiture funds

oming up with new and continuing revenue sources for public education has consumed the Michigan public for years climaxing (we hope) in the current efforts in Lansing. But one revenue stream that could be a year 'round Santa Claus for education seems to have been overlooked.

A source of supplemental income that ought to be considered is drug forfeiture funds. Forfeitures made under federal laws require that the money be spent specifically on drug-related programs. Forfeitures made under state law give the police more leeway. Each local police department gets to keep money and property that is confiscated during a drug-related arrest.

In either event, earmarking forfeiture money for education could go to provide a better education, probably the most effective tool against drug use. An education offers opportunity. Those who take advantage of opportunities are less likely to be involved with drugs. And they won't be as vulnerable to the desperation of the semi-literate.

Another advantage is that the money would stay in the community where drugs are a problem. That makes it equitable since those communities with less of a problem will see fewer dollars going to their public schools, while those communities where drugs threaten the coming generation will see an increased amount deposited in their general funds.

For example, if an arrest is made in Livonia, the forfeiture money would be earmarked for that district. In all of 1992-93, Birmingham took in only \$63,953 from drug sources. Under this plan, the money would go to the Birmingham Public Schools rather than be used to purchase new squad cars or traffic counters. Similarly, large cities with larger incidents of drug use — Detroit, Flint, Pontiac — would get a larger piece of the pie.

The investment would be with the kids, rather than with the police departments. For The forfeiture money earmarked to education would be used to provide a better education, which is an effective tool against drug use. An education offers opportunity. Those who take advantage of opportunities are less likely to be involved with drugs.

years, the lip service has been to "save" the new generation. This plan would do more than tell the students that they are the future; they'll be the prime beneficiaries of the money.

The police shouldn't object to this solution. It's their job to arrest law-violators so the change in funneling funds shouldn't have an impact on the professional performance of our police officers. And they should be pleased with any plan that will steer people clear of drugs, preventing the problem rather than trying to stop it once the wildfire starts.

Taking drug forfeiture money from the police budget and putting it into school budgets seems the wisest way to convert something harmful into a benefit for the children. It also takes away any suspicion that a police department more strongly enforces drug laws because there is a direct pay-off.

School districts should latch on to this as a new revenue source.

And legislators, scrambling to put a package together, should see this as a valuable addition - much like the Lottery money designation.

And if the legislators are too shy to make the suggestion, perhaps some anti-drug units will DARE to make a difference, and ask that the spoils of drugs be used for a more long-term solution to the drug problem.

COMMUNITY VOICE



What are your predictions for 1994?

We asked this question at the Canton Post Office.

Upheaval in Russia. I think the country will come apart.' Kaler Bennett Canton

ter for Canton. They are changing and I'm impressed." **Phillip Wooliver** Canton

'Clinton's health plan will work out." **Ruth Emeric** Plymouth



Holiday spirit: As busy a season as it is for the post office, Birmingham postal worker Mike Nixon plays a ready and willing Santa for Brittany Totten. There's still time to make sure no child goes without a holiday wish coming true.

LETTERS

Moral obligation

n regard to the Dec. 2 article, "Parent angered by charge;" as the parent involved, I was furious to see that pertinent facts were omitted from the story

School records contained the information needed to clear up any suspicions Mrs. Kuhn or Mrs. Martin may have had about my son Ben's story. However, they both failed to check the records. No one checked to see that I have two other children enrolled at Farrand, a fifthgrader and a third-grader.

No one checked to see if the boys were enrolled in the Extended Day Program at Farrand as my son Ben had told his teacher, Mrs. Martin. No one checked the boy's emergency cards to see that there was no work phone number entered in the space provided. There was no number because I was not working outside of the home at that time. I can't imagine anyone mistaking a tiny bike lock key for a house key.

Mrs. Kuhn and Mrs. Martin could have pared five minutes of their time to check my child's school records to clear up any suspicions they might have had. This could have been done while Ben was still in school. If they had done their jobs this entire incident could have been avoided. I find it very disheartening that the school administration feels there is no legal obligation on their part to apologize for a wrong . . what about a moral one?

Kristen Schneider, Plymouth

A conquest

would like to congratulate the editor of the supplement to the Observer, "Conquest," for the courage to print an article that needs to be addressed by the media but rarely

It is called "The Miracle of Christmas" by John MacArthur Jr. and dealt with the fact that 'A subtle but sure erosion is eating away the season's true significance.'

"What Christmas is really about is the birth of Jesus - Immanuel, God with us, the promised Messiah - who came to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)."

His column was an excellent antidote to the prevailing philosophies that are stealing Christmas - the tendency to mythologize and secularize it.

I believe most of us get caught up in the giftgiving, parties, etc., but his article is a reminder that the true joy should come from the realization of what Christmas is all about and from knowing the One whose birth we celebrate.

Which reminds me, why doesn't Canton have a beautiful display in front of City Hall similar to Westland: Santa, reindeer and the manger scene? Take "Christ" out of "Christmas" and just

what are we celebrating? Barb Schmid, Canton

Fence preserves

iller Woods, our own old-growth forest. finally has its fence. This nature pre-IV serve, like most other preserves, now has its border defined, its space set aside for its own special purposes: Study and enjoyment in a very rare setting.

The gifts from hundreds of local residents have made the fence possible. Friends of Miller Woods extend thanks to all. They invite you to walk the trail often to enjoy four seasons of beauty.

I'm still being asked, "Why fence it?" says FMW president Emily Kemnitz. Seventeen years of vigilance by our group, with records of the growing abuses, convinced us of this need. Other preserve managers and naturalists say that it cuts down on the serious problems of dogs, bikes and off-road vehicles. University of Michigan professors, who bring their students here, urged us to add the fence.

FMW members plan to encourage and add native vines and shrubs along the fence to obscure its shiny unnaturalness and to aid the inhabitants with increased food and cover.

FMW will hold a community celebration during spring flower time to express appreciation of this gift to our community

Emily Kemnitz, president Friends of Miller Woods

There's always a knife

hen composing this letter, I could not get a pencil. I was then informed that I would have to wait five days to buy a pencil legally. I certainly was not going to abandon my purpose, so I considered my options. I could

Wait five days and write my letter as intend-

Buy an illegal pencil in some alley and write my letter.

Steal a pencil Use an alternative method, such as my word processor

This is exactly how I feel about The Brady Bill. Wake up America, this will not stop anyone from using a gun to kill.

If one intends to murder someone, five days will not change their mind. In fact, they would have just that much more time to plan the perfect murder, ensuring that they'll never be caught.

President Bill Clinton apparently thinks that if getting a gun immediately is illegal, nobody will be able to get a gun on impulse. Sounds logical, maybe it will work as well as Prohibi-

The simple truth is, anyone can buy almost

anything. If all else fails, well, there's no waiting period for a knife.

Erica Werpetinski, Troy



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'The economy will be better. The automotive industry is improving. But we'll be involved somewhere else in the world with our military.

AI Kim

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POINTS OF VIEW

Tax questions separate new lawmakers from old

here's bad blood between some of our state representatives in Lansing I'll just report it. I won't get into the

Some troops who have been around awhile — two or more terms — are unhappy that many freshmen voted for SB 1, the \$6.9 billion school property tax cut, and against replacement taxes

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, studied the roll calls. Her chart shows how everyone voted on SB 1 and five replacement taxes (income tax, single business tax, real estate transfer and two property taxes). "It's interesting to see who voted for SB 1 and who oted to keep schools open," she said. Of those who voted against the replace ment taxes, she said, "They must believe in the tooth fairy.'

Tim Skubick, dean of the Capitol orrespondents, took Dolan's side, accusing the other side of "profiles in hypocrisy.

Let's see whom they're talking about

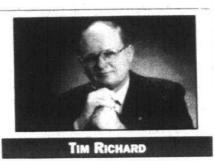
Perhaps Penny Crissman, R-Rochester - for SB 1, against the income tax and SBT, for the real estate transfer tax and property taxes.

Perhaps John Jamian, R-Bloomfield Township - for SB 1, against the income tax and SBT, for the real estate transfer and property taxes

Likely Jerry Vorva, R-Plymouth for SB 1, against the income tax, SBT and real estate transfer, for the proper ty taxes

Certainly Deborah Whyman, R-Canton - for SB 1, against all the replace ment taxes

On the other hand, Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, Barbara Dobb, R-Union Lake, Dolan, Shirley Johnson, R-Royal Oak, and Richard Young, D-Dearborn Heights, all voted for SB 1 and all or most of the replacement taxes. Voting against SB 1 but for the re-



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placement taxes were Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, and William Keith, D-Garden City

Before using a remark like "profiles in hypocrisy," let's examine the rea-sons of those who voted against the replacement taxes

Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, issued statements on virtually every bill. citing a poll in his district showing Troy-Rochester Hills folks asked for cuts in overall spending, not dollar-for dollar replacement. "It (the package) is a net tax increase, not the net tax cut

supported by the majority" of his con-Kaza also objected that pensions of governmental retirees again were exempted from the income tax. He was on the short side of a 101-2 vote on industrial facilities taxes because his constituents opposed giving industry 50 percent tax breaks.

Whyman put a statement in the House Journal saying she opposed the real estate transfer tax because of the partial reinstatement of the property tax. She voted against the use tax because it would be applied to interstate telephone calls

Whyman also objected to the split rate for homes (16 mills) and business (20 mills). A farm adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 16 mills; a farm not adjacent to a homestead would be taxed at 20 mills. "This bill has serious problems constitutionally and lacks fairness," she said.

Most of the dissenters were in their first terms (Jamian is in his second). As I've noted in other columns, Vorva is sore at the way the leadership negotiates deals without consulting them and forces them into a take-it-or-leave it vote.

In this analysis, I left out Justine Barns, D-Westland. Her Wayne-Westland school district got such a royal shaft that she voted against SB 1 and almost everything else.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His touchtone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881

Eliminate portrayals of the wicked side to cut crime

GUEST COLUMNIST

rdinarily, when we talk about $\mathbf{\Omega}$ crime prevention, we mean tak ing measures to protect ourselves from criminal acts by others.

As a further precaution, we send people who commit crimes to prisons partly as a punishment, partly so that they, being confined, cannot commit more crimes, at least until they are released. We also hear proposals such as putting more policemen on the streets. making it more difficult to obtain weapons, even legalizing certain dan-

gerous crimes and criminal behaviors. All this is fine, and it may to a certain degree keep the rate of crime increase in check, but it is nothing more than treating symptoms and neglecting the causes of this disease.

It is a known fact that the behavior of people, especially the underaged and those having limited intelligence or some other mental disability, is greatly influenced by what they read, hear, and see others do. As long as we allow pornography, near-pornography, violence, and all kinds of other immoral presen tations in books, radio, movies, video cassettes, and most of all on television, corruption of minds will continue to take place. Crime, as one of the symptoms of the resultant malaise, will get

worse - not better. The sociologists and psychiatrists who tell us that observing, hearing, and reading about criminal, antisocial behavior has little or no negative effect on people's conduct are quacks unworthy of the names of their professions. They keep themselves busy inventing all kinds of nonsense theories lacking one of the most important aspects, common sense

The mind corrupters use and abuse the First Amendment, mostly for their own material gains, disregarding the vital interests of the society. Using powerful media, they were able to brainwash lots of judges and to a great extent the general public into believing that the First Amendment allows them

to teach and promote depravation, immorality, and crime techniques. The mind corrupters promote depravation, immorality and crime tech-

niques by portraying plots, incidents, and all kinds of gruesome, suggestive stories instructive of criminal behavior. Some plots are based on true-life happenings but most are created in the imaginations of unscrupulous writers, feeding this garbage to the public.

So far the mind corrupters have been successful in preventing society from seeking meaningful recourse, claiming that the First Amendment gives it no right to defend itself against this assault on its proven, traditional values. Moral decline is, to a great extent, the direct result of this constant dis-



semination, in many instances glorification of evil conduct, and of not-sosubtle hostility toward and attacks on religions (especially Christianity), which are the teachers and defenders of moral principles.

Where moral constraints are weak or nonexistent, the fear of being caught and punished is the only constraint one has against the commission of

In our slow and deficient judicial system, the punishment for crimes happens in a relatively small percentage of cases, hence the general belief is that the crime pays and the risks are small

Unless we do something radical to stop these incessant attacks on morality and vigorously reverse its downward

slide, there is no hope that crime will somehow magically go away, or even subside.

There is another significant aspect to the existence of the unusual high rate of crime within our society. Millions, perhaps tens of millions, of people profit directly or indirectly from crime and have little or no interest in its elimination or reduction. Some hold high governmental positions, or as organized groups are highly influential on government. Maybe that is why for many years now we have been hearing from Washington politicians how they are against crime, how they are enacting supposedly anti-crime legislation to show something is being done but, as we can see, not much good came om it all.

What needs to be done is to return the society to decent, old-fashioned moral principles; above all, not to allow the indoctrination of our people in the ways of crime, perversion, and other immoral behavior through literature, television, and other media. However, being realistic, we cannot expect much help in this from our government, which is neither willing, capable, or even allowed by the powerful forces of antisocial morality to rectify the situa-

It seems government is neither will ing, nor capable, nor even allowed by the powerful forces of anti-social mofality to rectify the situation in a meaningful way.

Recently we have heard about the anti-crime legislation President Bill Clinton promised during his campaign and has submitted to Congress. From what we know about it, the proposed legislation will have about as much impact on crime as his earlier anti-deficit package will have on the deficit. So not much good can be expected, unless concerned people of principle wake up and see to it that our minds are no longer poisoned by conveyors of harm ful ideas and portrayers of the wicked side of life. If so, then righteousness will prevail.

Some maintain that criminals aren't really criminals but victims and that the societies that produce them in excessive numbers are the real criminals. Undoubtedly, there is some truth to that

Guest columnist Joseph Wira of Livonia is a retiree and World War II veteran who holds a degree in electrical engineering from Wayne State Univer-

Violence in our suburbs forces us to seek answers

o matter how prettily we wrap the holiday season, the issue of violence keeps bursting through the gaily colored paper and shiny ribbon — even in our suburbs.

On a quiet Lathrup Village street, where Christmas decorations adorn lawns and outline trees, residents heard gunfire three times last week in what appears to be a related series of drive-by shootings.

No one was hurt; a 19-year-old and 16-yearold are charged with illegally firing into a building; the shootings are thought to be an extension of problems between two groups of students at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

As West Bloomfield and Rochester-area residents finished up their holiday shopping, also last week, they were shocked to hear that a former school administrator had been shot and killed while carrying out his duties as superintendent of Chelsea schools.

While still in his 20s, Joe Piasecki was an assistant principal at Rochester Adams High School where he had also been a teacher and assistant track, football and basketball coach. At 30, he was named an assistant principal at West Bloomfield High School. At 33, he was recruited by neighboring Orchard Lake St. Mary's to be superintendent/principal of that Catholic prep school - where he once had been a boarding student.

The first in his family to attend college, Piasecki had plans to be superintendent of everlarger districts. Eventually he wanted to be state superintendent of schools, according to St. Mary's chancellor, Monsignor Stanley Milewski. His dreams were cut short at the age of 47.

A disgruntled chemistry teacher fired shots, killing Piasecki and wounding the high school principal and another teacher.

School vacation was about to start in the West Bloomfield School District, but some unfinished business remained. Late last week, a West Bloomfield High School student was expelled and another was suspended for 30 days and required to perform community service. They had stun guns in their lockers at school.



LIDITH DONER BERNE

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Two guns - plastic weapons with a trigger that, when pressed, can produce up to a 70,000 volt shock - were found in the lockers of the two 15-year-olds. They did not contain the batteries necessary to activate them.

Another four stun guns were found at the home of the boy who was expelled. He had ordered all the guns through the mail, selling one The guns are both dangerous and illegal, according to the West Bloomfield chief of police. Generally, we don't deal with problems until

they touch us personally. We probably don't want to wait on this one. As we gather with our families and friends this holiday season, we should talk about what we may never have had to think about before violence in our own neighborhoods.

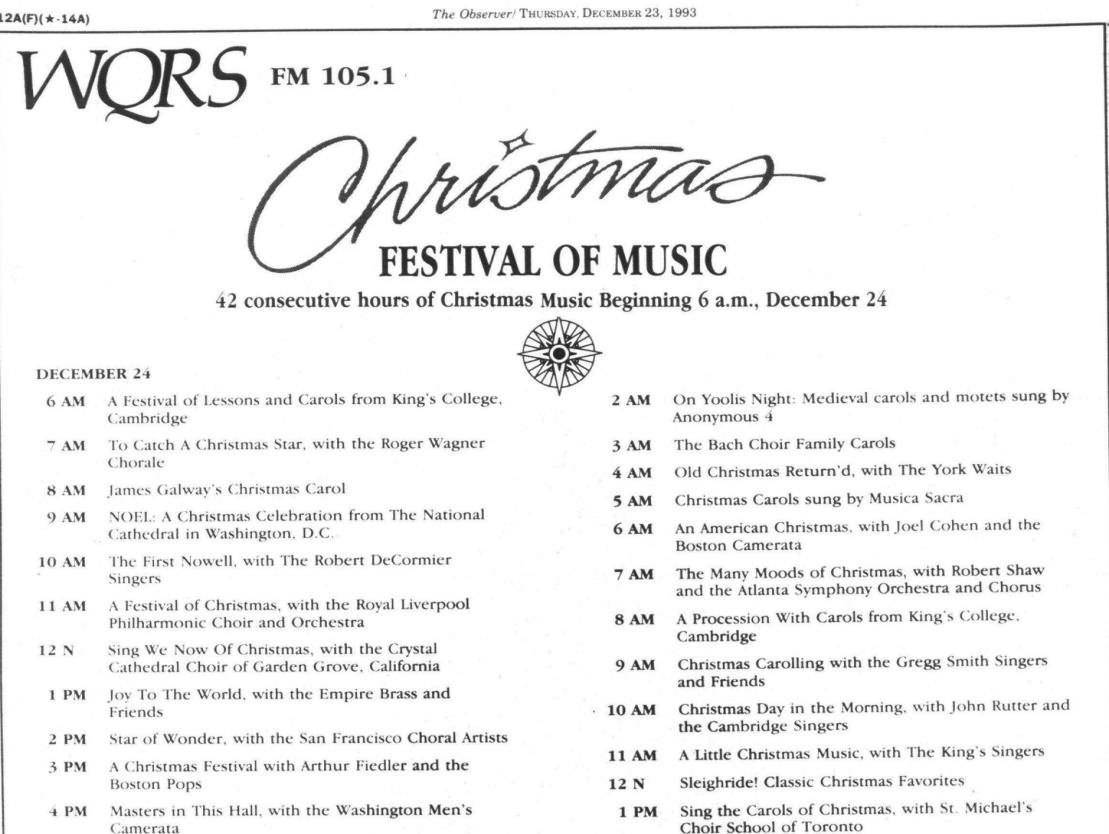
Why is it here? And what can be done?

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- A Merry Christmas with Simion Stanciu ("Syrinx") 5 PM and Friends
- 6 PM Christmas with The Westminster Choir
- A Carnegie Hall Christmas Concert, featuring 7 PM 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
- Christmas Eve at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine 10 PM
- An English Christmas with the Choir of Westminster 11 PM Cathedral, the Alexandra Choir and the Cantorum Choir

4:30 PM The Metropolitan Opera

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- 4:30 PM Silent Night, Quiet Night with Musicke's Pleasure
- Carols From Cleveland, with the Cleveland Orchestra 5 PM and Chorus
- Christmas in Vienna, with Placido Domingo, Diana 6 PM Ross and Jose Carreras
- MENOTTI: Amahl and the Night Visitors the 7 PM original cast recording
- A St. Paul's Christmas Concert from London 8 PM
- Sounds of the Season, with Maggie Sansone and 9 PM Friends

DECEMBER 25

- CHARPENTIER: A Midnight Mass for Christmas 12 M
- CELEBRATION! Christmas Fanfares and Carols with **1 AM** the BBC Welsh Chorus
- Christmas Night: Carols of the Nativity with John 10 PM Rutter and the Cambridge Singers
- Joy to the World! A Christmas Celebration with 11 PM Eugene Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra and Chorus



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SPORTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993



C'ville spikers 1st

racy 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.

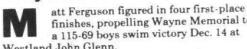
The Trojans also scored preliminary round victories over Lutheran High Westland (15-1, 15-2), St. Alphonsus (15-1, 15-0) and Southfield Christian (15-7, 15-0).

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 Przegendza collected 46 assists

in 82 attempts.

Wayne sinks Glenn



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



al alumni swim meet beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the school's pool. ar, graduates from 1974 through '92 par-

ayne Memorial High will stage its annu-

It was a night to forget for Madonna University and a night to remember for Oakland University. Several scoring records were established as the two teams combined for 296 points in a college men's basketball

game. 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.

Cha-Ching!

"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

Closed lane: Mike Slone (front) of Madonna tries to find an



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHE

opening against Oakland University's Dan Buza.

celot 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 . a couple of baskets (not the two 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 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.



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."

ticipated in the meet.

Warmup begins at 6 p.m.

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

Hawks indoor champs

he 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

pring registration for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League (boys and girls ages 31/2 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

ivonia 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 yoid.

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

Clarenceville is 2-5 overall.

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 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

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 sur ner, they started making weekly tr.ps 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

gem, 72-69 **Cooley escapes Wayne in OT**

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-61/2 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 a 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.

Tramaile Bullock led Cooley (2-1 overall) with a game-high 22 points. Dotson added 15, while Dawon 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."

2B(L,W,P,C)

COLLEGE SPORTS Lady Crusaders stagger into break

Kalamazoo College's Hor-nets stung Madonna University in a women's college basket. ball game Monday, 65-55

Lisa Vedmore led host Kalamazoo (5-3 overall) and all scorers with a game-high 22 points. She made four of seven tries from three-point range and added 10 of 12 from the free-throw line.

The Lady Crusaders (4-7 overall), who could not overcome a 41-30 halftime deficit, got a team-high 16 points from Jill Burt and nine from Shawn Rannon

On Saturday, host Oakland University got 17 points from guard Doreen Belkowski to beat the Lady Crusaders, 86-

Heather Bateman contribut. ed 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Pioneers (7-1) Angie Bond chipped in with 11 BASKETBALL points and six assists.

Cyndi Platter, a 5-foot-11 freshman forward from Plymouth Salem, added eight points in 12 minutes on four-of-five shooting. Madonna, which shot only 32 percent from the floor as a team, got 11 points from for-

ward Rachel Emery. She was the only Lady Crusader in double figures. HIGHLAND PARK 86. SCHOOLCRAFT 53: On

Saturday, the Lady Ocelots dropped to 4-6 overall and 0.3 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Ath

onya Mitchell paced the victoriou Lady Panthers, ranked in the top 20 naionally, with 22 points. Three triples by S. Prince in the second half helped Highland Park break away

from a 35-29 advantage at intermission. Four Schoolcraft players scored in doue figures - Alisa Wechter (11), Cind Muha (10), Angie Cerne (10), Tricia Ka-

Kenny Patterson was one of

five Panthers in double figures

with 24 points. Tony Daniel

added 22, while David Moore

The Panthers, who led 64-40

Abu Hamilton, a 6-foot-3

freshman from Romulus, led

the Ocelots with 22 points.

Todd McNeil, a 6-7 sophomore

from Madison Heights Bishop

Three Schoolcraft players

SC hit 20 of 32 free throws

and Andre Gregory chipped in

at halftime, are 1-1 in the con-

with 18 and 16, respectively

ference and 3-2 overall.

Foley, added 21.

(62.5 percent).

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fouled out.

Panthers gouge S'craft

It's a game coach Dave Bogataj and his Schoolcraft College men's basketball team would like to soon forget. On Saturday, host Highland

Park Community College rolled to a 123-78 Eastern Conference victory over the Ocelots. "They beat us in all kind of

phases, they outran us, shot the three-pointers well and outhustled us on the boards,' said Bogataj, whose team fell to 0-3 in the conference and 5-7

overall Highland Park hit nine of 21 three-pointers compared with

Schoolcraft's two of 13.

Shootout he'll play in our tournament (Dec

29-30). Some favor

Another question that ought to be raised: Why did Madonna continue to play run-and-gun with the Pioneers? Why not try to slow the tempo and at least keep the game from becoming a travesty?

"That's their style and that's our style," Kampe said. "We're just a little better at it than they Yeah, just a bit. By the end of

the game, OU was enjoying fiveon-one, four-on-one and three-onone breaks on just about every transition.

Bryan Borchert scored 36 points to lead OU (7-1). Kevin

Samson from page 1B

Samson. "I missed it last year." It's taken her awhile to regain her form after a year off, indeed, "I don't know if I even have it back yet.'

The game is different in Alas ka. For one thing, road trips are longer - Samson said her team would often fly to away games, playing two or three each trip.

But that isn't the only difference. In the communities Schoolcraft College services, if a racoon is a constant visitor to a resident's garbage can, a local pest control firm is summoned.

That would prompt a chuckle from Samson. Her family - she

Liv. Churchill B.H. Andover Wyandotte Liv. Stevensor Liv. Franklin Kovach scored 24, Andy Brodi 22, Chris Waslik 18, Ken Crum 18, Jeff Plank 15. Matt Stuck 12 and Jason Burkholder 12. Dan Buza scored 19 points and tie a school record with six blocked shots. For Madonna (1-12), Jay Dimes

scored 29 points and Mike Slone had 22 with six triples.

As if the 82-point drubbing wasn't enough for the Crusaders, it happened on the night they had planned their team Christmas

Merry Christmas.

IPFW 138, MADONNA 101: On Saturday night, Dimes scored 32 points but it wasn't nearly enough to thwart Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne

"I like playing ball again," said has two sisters and a brother has a moose that visits their backyard quite often.

North Pole not have a Santa

And, just in case you wondered here's what happens to at least

Isn't that proof enough that she



For the first time in Don Berg's 12 years as a wrestling coach at Livonia Stevenson High, the Spartans can call themselves tournament champs.

Stevenson won the 29th annual Garden City High invitational with a team-high 1941/2 points.

Dundee and Dearborn finished second and third, respectively, with 184 and 1531/2. Trenton was fourth in the 19-team field with 137, while Northville and defend ing champion Dexter tied for fifth with 135 each. See statistical sum-

ton, Lewis beat Sharkarian in overtime, 2-0. Both had tough *mary.* "It's a funny feeling, I don't know what the say other than that I'm pleased with the kids' effort," Berg said. "We were in a dogfight all the way with Dundee and it was fun." Stevenson captured four indi-

vidual titles. For the second straight week, Spartan junior Ben Lewis edged Livonia Franklin senior Jesse Shakarian for the 171-pound title,

3-2. Only a week earlier in the McIntosh Tournament at Tren-

WRESTLING

29th GARDEN CITY HIGH INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Saturday at Garden City

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevensor 194½ points; 2. Dundee, 184; 3. Dearborn, 153½; 4. Trenton, 137; 5. (tie) Northville and Dexter, 135 each; 7. Monroe, 119½; 8. West land John Glenn, 107½; 9. Melvindale, 81; 10 Livonia Franklin, 78; 11. Dearborn Fordson, 76; 12. Garden City, 73; 13. (tie) Lutheran High Westland and Livonia Churchill, 49 each; 15. Dearborn Divine Child, 40; 16. Inkster, 31½; 7. Redford Union, 29; 18. Dearborn Heights nnapolis, 241/2; 19. Dearborn Heights Crest wood, 22.

FINAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Heavyweight: Kns Criteser (Divine Child) binned Ben Crook (Dearborn), 3:17: consolaion final: Joe Chimento (Fordson) decisioned Dave Ross (Stevenson), 4-3, 5th-6th place: Fim Larkins (Monroe) dec, Nick Bowersox

(Garden City), 3:25; consolation: Manuel Can-tu (Metrica), 25; consolation: Manuel Can-tu (Melvindale) p. Anthony Melchor (Inkster). 4-28: 5th-6th: Brandon Aldred (Crestwood) p

Paul Wisniewski (Dexter) dec. Len Salenbeir Dundee), 6-1; **5th-6th:** Shawn Adams (Dear-born) dec. Ryan Wilburn (Monroe), 2-0.

(Melvindale), 9-7: consolation: Josh Banks Churchill) dec. Derrick Davis (Garden City), 5-4.

HOCKEY

5th-6th: Demick Federer (Dundee) dec. Hasser Jaafar (Fordson), 7×2, 130: Adam Hill (Franklin) dec. Ali Mansour (Fordson), 8-3; consolation: Paul Martel (Tren-ton) dec. Derek Kelp (Dearborn), 5-2; 5th-6th: Chris Hamson (Northville) dec. Jon Sata (Ste ison), 6-5. 135: Scott Homnch (Dundee) won by tech

fall over Matt Douglas (John Glenn), 15-0; con-solation: Corey Karanon (Northville) dec. Tim Savn (Garden City), 6-4; 5th-6th: Tony Dettore (Franklin) p. Enc Schultz (Trenton), 1:33. 140; Scott Goldman (Stevenson) p. Carl Tune (Northville), 5:55; consolation: Brett Mann (Dexter) dec. Brian Holbrook (Dundee). 10-1; 5th-6th: Nolan Wells (Dearborn) dec.
 145: Tom Woodruff (Monroe) p. Essen Davis

renton) 2.20: consolation: Rvan Baber (Northville) won by injury default over Bassam Mouhanna (Fordson); 5th-6th: Chris Jaztrembski (Stevenson) p. Jason Brasgalla (Luth vestland), 1.36. 152: Pat Motylinski (Dundee) dec. Chris Mul-

Trenton), 18-2; 5th-6th: Joe Scappiticci (Northville) dec. Ryan Bayer (Franklin), 3-0. **160:** Ryan Ornson (Dundee) dec. Adam Ruetz (Trenton), 17-6, **consolation:** Tom Linder (Dearborn) dec. Tony McRoberts (Dexter), 10-4;

nakarian (Franklin), 3-2; consolation: Josh ard (Dexter) dec. Brian Kolb (John Gienn) 8-4; 5th-6th: Mike Shaw (Melvindale) dec. Don

189: Craig Martin (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Bal-2-5: 5th-6th: Eugene Barbu (Churchill) won by

3rd-period spurt catapults CC past Livonia Stevenson

nal period carried unbeaten Redord Catholic Central to a 6-2 hockey victory Saturday over visiting Livonia Stevenson in a nonleaguer at the Redford Ice Arena. Stevenson drops to 5-4 overall. Stevenson led 2-1 after two pe-

The teams were tied at 1-1 after one period. Chris Gonzales scored unas-

Heady unassisted (13:01).

sisted for CC at 2:49, while McNeilance, on an assist from Aaron Sata, scored for Stevenson "We came out flying the first Goal correction

two periods, but got a little wind-Mulcahy, who was out of town at- Churchill at Edgar Arena.

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SUPER COUPON

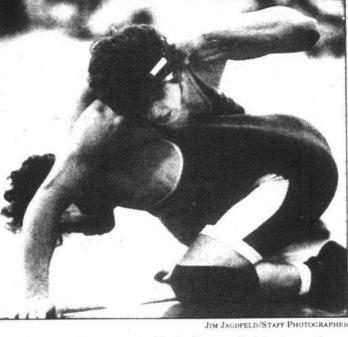
graduation.) "Then we were down o four defensemen when Doug DelVigna (bruised lung) and Bri an Wilson (separated shoulder) went out. We had played the night before, but CC is a good team. They came in well prepared.

tending his son Brian's college

Eric Hine should have been ed in the third," said Stevenson credited with the game-winning assistant Mike Harris. (He was goal in Livonia Stevenson's 6-3 filling in for head coach Matt victory last Friday over Livonia

SALE!

SUPER COUPON



Over the top: Stevenson's Chris Jaztrembski tries to keep control against Fordson's Bassam Mouhanna in a 145pound match.

HOCKEY

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lett (Stevenson), 7-5: consolation: Matt Det-tling (Dexter) won by tech. fail over Taylor Cook Sth-6th: Steve Faith (Luth. Westland) dec. Adam Lynch (Northville), 9-8. 171: Ben Lewis (Stevenson) dec. Jesse sino (Dundee), 9-5. ter), 4-2 (overtime); consolation: Cory Aonroe) dec. Kevin Taylor (Dearborn),

semifinal wins — Sharkarian over

Westland John Glenn's Brian

And speaking of overtime, Ste-

enson's Craig Martin took the

189-pound crown with a 4-2 victo-

Other Stevenson individual

crowns went to sophomore Dan

Christenson (103) and junior

Scott Goldman (140).

ry over Ryan Balcom of Dexter.

Kolb and Lewis over Josh How-

ard of Dexter.

Northville), 3-1 103 pounds: Dan Christenson (Stevenson) dec. Mike Heider (Melvindale), 7-0; consola-tion: Dan Smith (Dearborn) dec. Greg Mason Dundee), 12-4; 5th-6th: Dan Boynton (RU)

Baran Horvath (Luth Westland), 0:52.
 119: Anthony Underwood (John Glenn) dec.
 Jason Tarrow (Northville), 8-4, consolation:

125: Mike Henry (John Glenn) dec. Phil Walk

Birmingham B.H. Lahser

SUBURBAN HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY STANDINGS (As of Dec. 18) Five unanswered goals in the fi-LEADING SCORERS

CC is now 5-0 overall, while riods following Brian Calka's goal at 5:27 at 1:17 from Kyle McNeilance and Jason Wesley. Just 29 seconds into the third period, CC's Jon Heady scored from Chris Weigenka to make it

Jason Couture tallied the game-winner from Jeff Helner and Mark Holdridge at 2:17. The Shamrocks added three more before the period was over Don Hunt, assisted by Hol dridge and Jeff LaChapelle (4:05): Helner from Couture (7:17); and

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some of Santa's mail: "In high school, we used to answer the letters to Santa.'

does indeed know the big graybearded guy?





THE WEEK AHEAD

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 29 (Oakland Univ. Tournamen adonna vs. Indiana Tech, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30 Jakiand Univ. Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 30 Madonna at Adrian College, 7 p.m

Jakland Univ. vs. UM-Dearborn, 8 p.m.

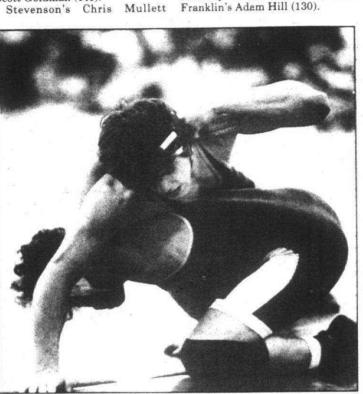
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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reached the finals at 152 before

losing a hard-fought match to

tournament MVP Pat Movlinski

Stevenson's unsung hero was

junior Matt Fisher (160), who

bounced back from a first-round

that really helped our team," Berg

Other area grapplers coming

away with titles included Glenn's

Anthony Underwood (119) and

"Matt scored 13 points and

loss to gain four straight pins.

of Dundee, 7-5.

SWIMMING **Farmington wins** WLAA Relays

ington,

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY STAFF WRITER

Ross Bandy was cold and his clothes were soaking wet. He didn't have anything to change into and he could already feel the

cold coming on. But he never felt better in his

"This was the most thrilling moment of my coaching career," said Bandy, whose Farmington swimmers dunked him into the Plymouth Salem pool Saturday after they won the Western Lakes Relays for the first time ever. "We came in hoping to place in the top four. But to win it like we did was

quite a shock. It felt wonderful." Farmington won two events and placed second in three others to score 231 points. Plymouth Salem was second (223) and Plymouth Canton was third (194).

"We have this in the right perspective," Bandy said. "I know North Farmington was without two of its best kids (Karl Kozicki and Jon Kershaw) and I know Salem was disqualified in one event and Northville didn't put a relay in the last event. But people opened the door for us and we tiptoed on in.'

Farmington won the 400-yard medley relay with Scott Brown, Danny Belanger, Jon Reed and Don Boyer swimming a 3:54.1. Steven Scanio, John Hawkins, Belanger and Reed teamed for a 4:04.38 to win the 400 individual medley relay.

The Falcons took second in the 200 backstroke, 200 butterfly and 200 medley.

"We knew Farmington had quite a few coming back, but we didn't know they were that deep,' said Salem coach Chuck Olson. But throughout the meet, they just kept on scoring."

Salem took three firsts: 400 freestyle with Aaron Berlin, Ryan Petroskey, David Bracht and Fred Locke going 3:31.58; 200 medley, John McLenaghan, Andy Dettling, Mark Dettling, Matt Martin, 1:50.43; 200 freestyle, Locke, Marc Levitt, Pat Morgan, Bracht, 1-33 57

"We gave quite a few upperclassmen a chance," Olson said. "We held some of our kids to one event because we have to find out what kind of team we have."

Canton set a meet record with Anthony Ballis and Jason Fowler

BASKETBALL

Plymouth Canton Knicks Ir Rasketball Association Bucks Celtics Rockets Pistons 10-0 6-4 6-4 Sonics Pacers Rockets Pistons Celtics Kings Lakers Nets Homets Results: Jazz 46, Spurs 31, 76ers 37, Bulls 2-8 32: Blazers 47, Nets 35: Hawks 57, Lakers 34: Rockets 65, Knicks 55: Spurs 61, Hornets 52: Results: Lakers 39, Nets 29; Kings 43, Pis-tons 39; Rockets 43, Celtics 41; Celtics 58, Nets 37; Rockets 45, Kings 33; Pistons 61, Kings 48, Pistons 45; Kings 43, Pistons 45; Kings 48, Pistons 46; Kings 48; Kings 48; Kings 48; Kings 48; Kings 48; Kings 48; Kings

Lakers 34. Girts E Hawks Sonics Pacers Spurs Pistons Bucks Kings Bulls Celtics Lakers Pistons Kings Nets Rockets 0.3 Results: Nets 41, Rockets 35 American Lakers 18, Kings 30, Cettics 25 76ers Rockets Boys B Jazz Knicks Nationa Lakers Celtics Nets Homets Bulls Blazers 76ers Jazz Results: Kings 65, Bulls 64; Pistons 52 Bucks 50: Nets 58, Hornets 45: Lakers 50, Cettics 48, Jazz 84, Knicks 63, Hawks 75, Kings Magic Nets Lakers Pacers 54; Sonics 54, Spurs 51;

Patriots drop Churchill

Livonia Franklin is at the break-even mark for the holidays åfter spanking city rival Churchill in a non-league boys basketball game Tuesday, 75-48. The Patriots are now 2-2 over-

all, while Churchill drops to 1-4. Host Franklin, which held a 38-30 halftime lead, broke it open with a 20-6 run in the third quar-

Senior forward Paul Kruschka scored 10 points during the surge. He finished with a game-high 20 points.

Ten of 12 Franklin players scored. Three other Patriots netted double figures including senior Adam Bowser grabbed 14 reforward Jason Maschke (14), sen- bounds

N. Farmington, 4:03:66. 200 breaststroke: 1. N. Farmington (Ryan McKelley, Paul Ryan, Phil Zaid, Drew Sopha), 2:01.9; 2. Northville, 2:08:18; 3. Farmington, 2:19.0; 4. Stevenson, 2:19.8; 5. Churchill, 2:19.87; 6. Harrison, 2:21.73.

6. N. Farmington, 4:03.66.

WESTERN LAKES

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Farmington, 23

points; 2. Plymouth Salem, 223; 3. Plymouth Canton, 194; 4. Northville, 189; 5. North Farm-

Westland John Glenn, 89; 10. Farmington Harr son, 68; 11. Livonia Franklin, 56.

FINAL RELAY RESULTS

400-yard medley: 1. Farmington (Scott Brown, Dan Belanger, Jon Reed, Don Boyer). 3.54.15; 2. Northville, 3:55.51; 3. Salem.

3.59.79; 4. N. Farmington, 4:03.47; 5. Canton, 4:14.16; 6. Harrison, 4:17.69.

2. Canton, 3:32.61; 3. Stevenson, 3:36.87; 4 Farmington, 3:42.58; 5. John Glenn, 3:51.4

400 freestyle: 1. Salem (Aaron Berlin, Ryan

key, David Bracht, Fred Locke), 3:31-58

185 6 Livonia Stevenson, 156;

ia Churchill, 144: 8. Walled Lake, 94: 9

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 1.57.29; 4. Canton, 2:06.45; 5. Northville,
 2.12.71; 6. Stevenson, 2:13.36.
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 1.47.49; 2. Farmington, 1.48.06; 3. Northville, 147.48; 2. Farmington, 148.08; 3. Northville, 148.65; 4. Walled Lake, 1.52.43; 5. Salem, 152.64; 6. Churchill, 1.55.45. Diving: 1. Canton (Anthony Bailis, Jas n. 485.45 points (breaks meet record): 1

Northville, 416.25; 3. Walled Lake, 378.00; 4 Salem, 326.85; 5. Stevenson, 266.60; 6. Joh lenn, 251.80. 400 IM: 1. Farmington (Jon Reed, Stever Scanio, John Hawkins, Danny Belanger 4:04.38; 2. Salem, 4:06.41; 3. Stevensor 4 15 04 4 Northville, 4 19 47; 5 Canto 4 25.12; 6. N. Farmington, 4:33.42. 500 freestyle (crescendo): 1. Churchill (Greg Kasprzak, Rob Grant, Jon Carlson, Mark

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teaming for 485.5 points. North Farmington and Livonia Churchill also won a pair of events.

For North, Ryan McKelley, Paul Ryan, Phil Zald and Drew Sopha won the 200 breaststroke in 2:01.9. Jason Speer, Pat Duthie, Chris Drelles and Sopha won

the 200 butterfly in 1:47.48. Churchill's Rob Grant, Rob Jones, Jon Carlson and Mark Campbell won the 200 backstroke (1:49.9). Greg Kasprzak, Grant, Carlson and Campbell won the 500 free in 4:27.08

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Senior forward Paul

Krushka scored 10

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with a game-high 20

ior guard Greg Maple (12) and

freshman center Matt Bauman

(10). Senior forward Mark Baluk

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The Observer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

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ON THE MARQUEE

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

e sure to let us know about your favorite places to spend New Year's Eve. Check out B he 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 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 professiona steps, plus an outstanding vocal soloist. The Matt Pitt Orchestra will play for dancing revelers as they welcome

Tickets range from \$20 to \$75. Call 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. The symphony is also presenting the "Nutcracker" ballet at Fox Theatre n Detroit. Evening performances are scheduled 8 p.m. Dec. 21-23; Dec. 26, 28-30; matinees, 2 p.m. Dec. 23 and Deo. 26; 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Dec. 24. Tickets available at the Fox Box office, or by callng. 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. Continenal (Southfield) 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, 6 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1. TCI (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 Metrovision.

Comcast, McClean Hunter, and Continental Dear born Heights, Westland and West Bloomfield. Check your cable guide for times.

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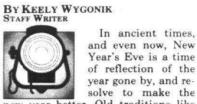
LOOKING AHEAD

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.



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 Bir mingham 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

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 chil dren 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 in-

Gem Theatre in Detroit. "Strut!" is a musical melting pot of blues,

swing, jazz, gospel, pop and

dreamy Christmas favorites in a

Tickets are on sale now at the

Gem Theatre and all Ticketma

ter outlets. Weekday shows, mati-

nees and Sunday performances

are \$19.50. Friday and Saturday 8

p.m. performances are \$24.50. For

cabaret-style setting.

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cluding Crowleys, Jacobson's Wom en's Apparel Store, Birmingham Ice Arena and City Hall.

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 sbyterian, 1669 West Maple, and First United Methodist Church, 1589 West Maple.

Helping defray the cost of the celebration are over 30 corporate spon-sors. "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

sale locations, call 540-6688.

First Night goers 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 3 p.m. and run until 2 a.m.

events - the Celtic Stone Circle, The Oracle, and Resolution Wall.

ally-known mime and story-teller Pat Roan Judd of Birmingham, and Terry Woolen will be telling stories and legends around a bonfire.

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

will be performing songs from their dancing lessons at the First Presbytenewest release "All Out," 8 p.m., 9 rian Church-Knox Auditorium. gospel Grammy Winners.

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 For the first time, there will be participatory events for adults too. Tell I There will be family and teen open your family legends at the Celetic Stone Circle

shoes. There will be country line

odist Church-Fellowship Hall. A dance 7-11 p.m. at Seaholm High Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and Francisco Mora's Nuevo Mundo Jazz Band.

Classical events include perfor mances 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 Cyporyn will perform at First Presbyterian Church-Sanctu-

skating at the Birmingham Ice Arena. Food and refreshments will be avail-Don't forget to bring your dancing able 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 more information, call 963-9800 Show!" a classy, sassy musical celebration of the 1930s and 1940s or Ticketmaster, 645-6666. The cast featuring Gary continues through Jan. 2 at the

Chompson, 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



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

Free parking will be available for free shuttle buses which will start at

New this year are three outdoor At the Celtic Stone Circle, nation-

The Oracle is a pyramid shape in

p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Seaholm High Dance to contemporary and Top 40s School Auditorium. Born and raised sounds of The Big Picture, Michiin Detroit, the Winans began their gan's own premier dance band in a recording career in 1981 with the al- cabaret setting at First United Methbum "Introducing: The Winans." Their major label debut "Let My People Go," was their second of four School Gymnasium will feature the Here's a sampling of the groups

combination comedy club and and classroom where kids learn a lot. The Pippin Puppets, "Cinderella," presented by Birmingham's own Village Players Ensemble, the Dinosaur man.

CURTAIN CALL

On Stage lists upcoming theater performances. Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Entertainment editor, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 591-7279.

AUDITIONS

IN 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, 11/2 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.

B 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 Genie Garner. 852-2728 for information.

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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.

III NANCY GURWIN

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

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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, a135 E. Main Street, Northville, through Jan. 2. Call 349-8110.

PROFESSIONAL JET

"The Price" continues through Dec. 26 at the Aaron DeRoy The atre. 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 Rhinocerous res taurant, the ovening includes the show, hot and cold appetizers,

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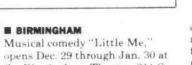


HENRY FORD MUSEUM AND GREENFIELD VILLAG

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 Hublick as the flying Genie, and Lisa Andres of Livonia, who also created the music and lyrics. Performances through Dec. 30. Call 271-1620.

soft drinks, champagne toast at midnight, coffee and dessert and cash bar. Doors open 8:30 p.m. performance begins 9 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person. Call 875 8284

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



'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.

Fuesdays through Saturdays; ' .m. Sundays. Matinees are 2 o.m. Wednesdays, Sundays and Thursday, 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,

r Ticketmaster, 645-6666. Author, Patrick Dennis Auntie Mame) wrote the origi nal book "Little Me" in 1961 One year later, Neil Simon adapted it for the Broadway

36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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 Prokof-

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iev. Poulenc, and Scott Joplin's "Rags." The Saturday children's concert "Paint a Picture," will feature caricaturist, Chuck Bar-

SERIES

CLASSICAL MUSIC

B 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.

Send us 'his' special recipe

Guys, send us your favorite recipe, and we'll send you an oven mitt with the words "Mrs. Doubtprinted 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 reipes for "his speciality" already,

but still have mitts to give away so we're extending the deadline.

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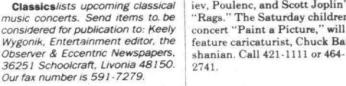
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As an actor, comedian, play

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Comedy reunites two 'Grumpy Old Men'



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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 hating each other's guts has be-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 nocently escalates their mutual ways to embarrass, ridicule or loathing to new heights (or ambush each other in the course depths), with each furiously jocof their everyday campaign of re- keying for first position in her afvenge and retribution

Max and John might recall the shadowy beginning of this life- by Donald Petrie, whose "Mystic time love-hate relationship, but Pizza" impressed audiences and they're not telling. They greet critics with its humor and hueach other every morning, it's true manity. The producers are John - but their greeting usually con- Davis ("The Firm") and Richard sists of profanity mixed with in- C. Berman ("December"), with sulting one-upsmanship.

They're ice-fishing buddies, to executive producer. be sure - but they mock each Darlene Chan is the associate

Now, for the first time, Warner

Bros. brings to the motion picture

that reveals Batman's most diffi-

as a crimefighter?

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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, come their greatest pleasure in

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 in fections

"Grumpy Old Men" is directed Dan Kolsrud ("Falling Down") as



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

producer. The film is written by Mark Steven Johnson 'Grumpy Old Men' is a very character of John Gustafson is

personal project for me," said based on my own grandfather.'

Animated feature reveals Batman's secret past Bochner and Abe Vigoda, The

Radomski and Bruce W. Timm.

When television's "Batman:

The Animated Series" premiered

on Sept. 7, 1992, viewers immedi

ately knew they were seeing some

thing unique and very special. It's

striking appearance, consisting of

stylized characters against strong,

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the show's producers as "Dark

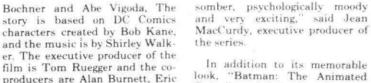
"We've created a look that's

The producers are Benjamin Mel

niker and Michael Uslan.

Batman - a hero to the citi-PREVIEW zens of Gotham City, the nemesis of criminals, a mysterious figure to those who want to uncover his secret identity - was he ever simto Batman's secret past. ply an ordinary man, with ordi-In a full-length animated adventure opening at metro Detroit nary longings to find happiness, to be loved, to forget the dark past movie theaters Dec. 25, Warner that sent him on his lonely career

Bros. carries its exciting, stylish animated hit television series one step farther with an all-new story that recalls Batman's beginnings screen an extraordinary saga of Once again Batman encounters the Dark Knight, an adventure his long-lost love, Andrea Beau mont, and considers giving up his cult battle, as well as his confroncape forever. The film stars chartation with a mysterious killer, acters voiced by Kevin Conroy, the Phantasm, who holds the key Mark Hamill, Dana Delany, Hart



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

Johnson. "It's a valentine to my

home state of Minnesota, and the

"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



There's something for every one at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings Opening Saturday, Dec.

■ "Tombstone" - The story of Wyatt Earp and the events that occurred before and after the infamous battle at the O.K. Corral. Stars Kurt Russell, Sam Elliot, Dana Delany.

"The Summer House Amusing, charming story of a young woman's attempt to escape her imminent marriage to a most unappealing man. Stars Moreau, Joan Plowright. This film is a Main

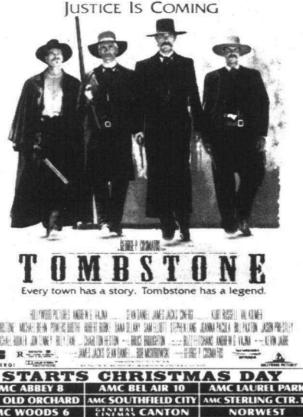
true story of Oskar Schindler, a war profiteer and Nazi crony, who protected and saved the lives of over 1,000 Jews during

Opening Wednesday, Dec.

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way that develops between two dissimilar men whose loneliness propels them to overlook their differences.

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Jeanne Art Theatre exclusive. "Schindler's List" the Holocaust

Ghost in the Machine

formed into a computer virus and is able to use everything electrical - from common household appliances to com plex computers - as tools of murder. Stars Karen Allen Chris Mulkey, and Ted Mar-Opening Friday, Jan. 14: "Philadephia" — A drama about a rising young lawyer who, when fired when he devel

A techno thriller about a serial

killer whose reach becomes

limitless when he is trans

ops AIDS, hires a personal injury attorney to help him win redress. Stars Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Jason Robards, Mary Steenburgen and Joanne Woodward. "Wrestling Ernest Heming-Story of friendship

Restaurants, hotels offer lots of ways to greet 1994 **TRATTORIA BRUSCHETTA B HOTEL BARONETTE**

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7279 CAFE CORTINA

Christmas Eve dinner featuring a six course menu, harp music Seating at 6:45 p.m. Cost \$42 per person. Call 474-3033 for reserva tions and information about New Year's Eve dinner. The restaurant is at 30715 W. 10 Mile, Farming-

ton Hills SECOND CITY

Special New Year's package comoining humor with Risata's conemporary cuisine, can be purhased at The Second City - Detroit Comedy Theatre box office at the corner of Woodward and Montclam in Detroit. Tickets can he reserved for two shows. The first package (\$60) includes din

Second City performance at 7:30 p.m. The second package (\$80) includes dinner at Risata at 8 p.m. and The Second City performance at 10:30 p.m. followed by a midnight toast and the "Afterglow Buffet" with coney island hot dogs and other late-night snacks. Call 965-2222 for tickets.

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Special New Year's Eve menu repared by Chef Jeff Baldwin inludes appetizers such as shrimp bisque and Cajun tenderloin tips and entrees such as filet mignon and potato crusted Atlantic salm on. Prices for appetizers start at \$1.95, main courses prices \$14.95 to \$22.95. Dancing begins at 8 p.m., there is a \$5 entertainment fee after 8 p.m., party favors, champagne toast included. Reser vations can be made for seatings as early as 4 p.m. Call 647-7774. The restaurant is at 245 S. Eton

Street, south of Maple in Bir-

Musical Explosion featuring 14 bands highlighting sounds of Top 40, Country, Motown, Raggae, Rhythm & Blues, and Alternative Rock at the hotel in Dearborn. Beginning at 6 p.m. the party will feature non-stop live entertainment throughout the hotel. Admission tickets are \$39 per person and include five food and five drink tickets per person, party favors and parking. Those wishing to dine prior to or during the fes-

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tivities, can choose from one of three restaurants, no reservations necessary. Tickets are available at the New Year's Eve desk in the main lobby of the hotel, or call Ticketmaster, 645-6666. For more nformation, call 593-1234.

LA CASA

New Year's Eve Concert featuring Steve Young and Katy Moffatt, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 at the Birmingham Unitarian Chruch. Call

New Year's Eve celebration be gins 8 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner 9 p.m. features prime rib. Entertainment by Sterling featuring sounds from the 1950s through today. Dinner, dancing and guest room, \$239 per couple, includes three drinks and orunch. Call 349-6666.

MORELS

Open seating 5-7 p.m. A Spectacular featuring four course dinner begins at 9 p.m. followed by piano music and dancing at 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per person. Call 642-

E SEBASTIAN'S GRILL

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

Open reservations 5-7 p.m. At 9 p.m. festivities begin with a Prix Fixe dinner prepared by Chef Tim Cikra. Short walk to Savory Ballroom for after-dinner drinks and dancing to Sterling. Cost \$175 per couple for feast and dancing. Cost for feast, dancing, guestroom and brunch is \$250 per couple. Call 305-5210 for reservations.

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 reserva-

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ner at Risata at 5 p.m. and The mingham 646-4950 Pointers for planning holiday parties Cake, gingerbread house contest deadline nears

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

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Here are some holiday party Add a caterer's touch with pointers from Marjorie Reed-Gordon, a consultant to Stouffer Foods

Plan on 2¹/₂ 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.

■ Figure a 6 to 8-ounce entree serving per guest. Serve fruit and two other dessert choices. Prepared grapefruit height

sections, marinated overnight in cranberry juice for color and served in a large bowl, is festive and low in calories.

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 center-

piece for a buffet, float two white ilies 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

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 Michi gar

HAWAIIAN HOLIDAY 1/4 cup pineapple juice

- 1/8 cup orange juice
- 2 banana 5-6 strawberries
- 1 cup 7-Up
- Scoop of ice Blend together ingredients. Garn

ish with orange slice and maraschicherries. 1 serving

A Gingerbread House Contest, open to adults and kids, ages 10 and under, will also be held during the Plymouth Ice. Sculpture Spectacular. For nore information, call 455-0052, forms are available at Days Gone By, 550 Forest in the Westchester Mall, Ply.

The houses will be on display in the Westchester Square Mall on Forest Avenue throughout the festival. Entries must be delivered to Days Gone By no later than Monday, Jan. 10.

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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 reelected 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 preemption 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.

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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 telephones, 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.

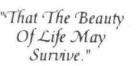
Ameritech spokesman Leon Sowell reports that some people have had difficulty getting calls to go through when they dial the new area code. But the fault lies in non-Ameritech phone-line switches that haven't been programmed to recognize 810 as an area code, Sowell said. This problem is expected to be fixed soon, as the switch owners are notified. Ameritech is anxious to have it won't make anyone's phone bill higher. Calling Southfield from Redford will still be a local call, even though the caller has to dia! 1-810 to do it. No cali that was local before will be long-distance now, Ameritech says. Also, calls will still go through

known that the new area code

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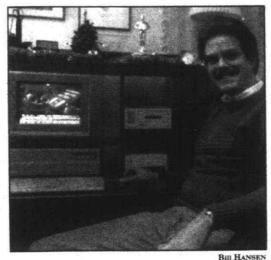
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At home: Dale Myers used his home computer to create his "Robo Jr." cartoon.

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 en-dearing story of "Robo Jr.," a mischievous young ro-bot/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 lim-ousine 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

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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



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 keep 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.

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

STAFF PHOTOS BY JIM JAGDFELD

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 mischievous space alien.



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.

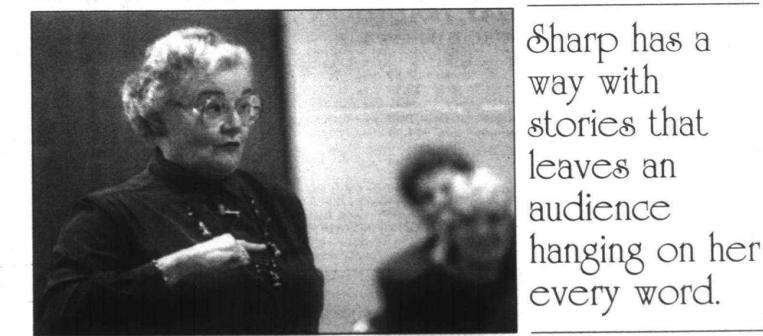
Papa had figured he had done all of his chores for the holiday, including making a new them, especially at Christ

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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Writer likes orderliness and has a place for everything

Dear GRAPHOLOGY Green. PROFILES

I really want my handwriting handed female. analyzed. My letter to you a couple of years ago was not se ected for publi-If it cation. isn't this time I have enclosed a LORENE SASE for more GREEN information. I am trying to

write in a regular fashion (that's not easy). At times my penmanship is quite good and at other times it's just terrible. I usually write "uphill." I don't think I'm doing that now. Is it because I'm aware of my penmanship now?

I love your column in the Observer and look forward to seeing it. I would like to have your talent, which intrigues me.

Here's hoping we "link up" I'm a 74 years young right-

> M.R., Farmington

Although time does not allow me to answer all the letters I receive. I do try to select those who have written more than once. I also selected this writing as I feel she is a nice person to feature during Christmas week.

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

Her daily routine is well-organized. I can see her objective planning and the implementation of it. Her strong desire for accuracy suggests one who strives for perfection. The small details receive careful attention even

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.

Hers 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 straved too far from it. 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 reurring. 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. Al though emotional, she appears to have a strong need to exercise control.

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.

wasteful with time, talent or her handwriting analyzed in this 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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"Thomas Nast put

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 If you would like to have your welcomed.

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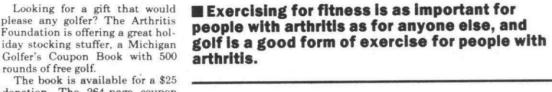
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'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house. Sharp said, waving her hands in an all encompassing motion. "Not a creature was stirring, not even a Her presentation of Moore's poem was a memorable one, but it wasn't until she finished 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 "That was written by my greatgreat-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

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. Aca-

cording to Sharp, Donner and Blitzen should have been "dunder and blitzen," meaning thunder and lightning. The poem became part of pub-

lic domain because of its appearance in the newspaper, but in

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.

newspaper, write to Lorene C.

Green, a certified graphologist, at

36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Up in years, Sharp has had to curtail her travels, although she aid 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 p 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 Master-Card, and are available in a regular version and signed for the hearing-impaired.

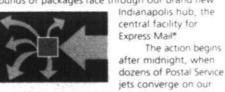
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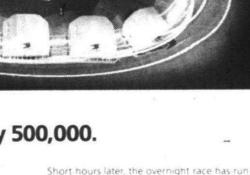
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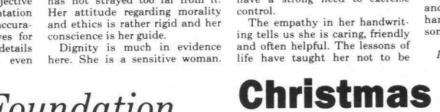




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Alzheimer's: More than memory loss

'These patients don't know where their body

These patients don't know voc with visual-spatial percep-

Booth said. "When you ask them Trobe, professor of ophthalmolo-

to grasp an object, they may come gy and associate professor of neu-

in way below or above it. That's rology at the U-M Medical Cen-

why pathway clutter, stairways ter, poor visual judgment is an

bles, and in the process keep guishing between objects, espe-

possible, Booth urges caregivers scured or overlap. For example,

skilled in this area conduct a have difficulty identifying a bottle

ing. But in other cases, pieces of eyes checked, the results are nor-

furniture that emerge as obstacles mal. This is because the vision

may have to be removed or relo- problems associated with Al-

"It behooves us to preserve the the eye itself, but with the way

"And safety-proofing the are visual, but they aren't; they're

dignity of people afflicted with Al- the brain interprets the eye's sig-

overlooked reason behind the fall- U-M professor of psychology,

ing is that Alzheimer's creates ha- have come up with a simple

home is a big step caregivers can spatial," Trobe said.

full drawer.

and poorly lighted areas are par- early warning sign of the disease.

tion. According to Dr. Jonathan

Common symptoms include

difficulty recognizing people, in-

terpreting pictures and distin-

cially when their borders are ob

someone with Alzheimer's may

of beer in a crowded refrigerator or

a particular article of clothing in a

Yet when such people get their

zheimer's have nothing to do with

"It seems as if their problems

After years of research, Trobe

MICHAEL and TISH LIND-

MAN of Garden City announce

the birth of MATTHEW MI-

CHAEL Oct. 27 at Annapolis

Hospital. He has a brother, Brent.

Grandparents are Bob and Doris

Jean Lindman of Plymouth and

Virginia Kozakowski of

CRAIG and CATHY GIB-

SON of Inkster announce the

birth of ALLISON RENEE Oct.

30 at Annapolis Hospital. She has

two sisters, Catelynn Elizabeth

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

According to research conduct. ed 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

ANNIVERSARIES

Douglas

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

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 18, 1948. She is the former Elanore Pfau. Twenty-year residents of Livo-

nia, 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. Collete'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 skating dancing, square dancing, and Claudia of Garden City -



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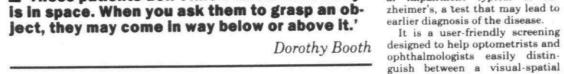
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and two grandchildren - Bryan

He is currently the superin-Company where he has worked for

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 Together, they have enjoyed

many activities, such as roller



nnairment 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."

screening test for the visual-spati-

al impairment typical of Al-

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

scribed 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 overlag 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 i on their patients and report back on its effectiveness. He eventually hopes to distribute the test to optometrists and ophthalmologists nationwide

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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 Merhas three sisters, Allison, 61/2



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.

He's passing the ball instead of the dottie.

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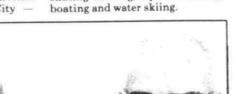
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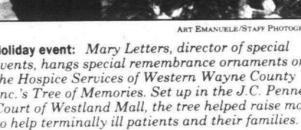
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Memories

The Observer/ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993



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Services celebrate spirit of Christmas

On Christmas Eve 175 years family worship service, featuring go, the popular Christmas carol, Silent Night" was first written. ranz Gruber, organist of the lit e church in the village of Obernorf, Austria, found that the oran was out of order and could t be used for the Christmas serice the next day

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

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

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

Christ, Newburg will have three special Christmas Eve services. At 6:30 p.m. will be the special outh

carols and candle lighting. A nursery will be provided.

The 8:30 p.m. worship service will also have carols and candle lighting, while the 11 p.m. worship service will have carols, candle lighting and Holy Commun-Special music will be by choirs, organ and hand bells. Newburg United is at 36500 Ann

Arbor Trail, Livonia. Matthew Evangelical Lu-St theran Church will have a Christ mas Eve family service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas Eve candlelight service with Holy Communion at 10:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, the worship ser vice is at 10 a.m. with Holy Communion. St. Matthew is at 5885 Venoy Road, Westland.

A Christmas Eve candle-light ing service will be at the Garden Presbyterian Church at and 9 p.m. There will be special music by the adult choir, carol singing by the congregation and a message, "Happy Birthday, Jeby the Rev. Gareth D. Baker. The service will close with everyone participating in the candle lighting. Garden City Presbyterian is at 1841 Middlebelt Road south of Ford Road.

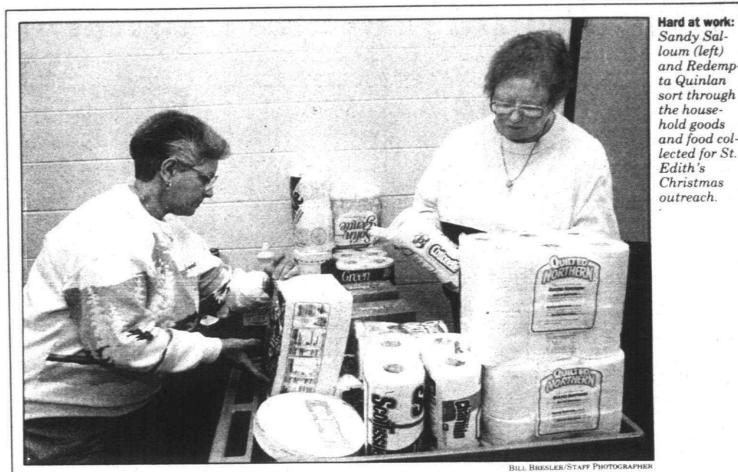
Christ the Good Shepherd Lu theran Church will have a Christ mas Eve children's service at p.m. Friday, Dec. 24. There will also be an 11 p.m. candlelight service Christmas Eve and the Nativity of Our Lord worship at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day. The church is at 42690 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. For more information, call 981-0286.

Main Street Baptist Church will have a Christmas Eve service 7 p.m. There will be carol singing, special music and a devotion message by the Rev. Mike York. Main Street is at 8500 North Morton-Taylor Road, just south of Joy Road, Canton. For more information, call 453-4785. Salem National Evangelical Lutheran Church also have special services planned. On Christmas Eve, there will be a family service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas carol and candlelight service at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Day, the Festival of the Nativity service will be at 10 a.m. Salem National is at 32430 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland. For more information, call 728

4554 The First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth will celebrate Christmas with three candlelight ser vices o., Christmas Eve. There will be a family service at 5 p.m., a service of Holy Communion at 8 p.m. and a late service beginning at 11 p.m. Each service will be preceded by 30 minutes of special

On Christmas Day, there will And to celebrate the birth of be one worship service at 10 a.m. The church is at Church and Main streets in downtown Plym-



Reaching out is year-round job

BY SUE MASON STAFF WRITER

Maybe Carol Savage was Christmas Carol in another life. She has dark hair and pixie feaures and everywhere you look n her office there are presents. Oh, yeah, and lots of food.

She laughs when told she must be Santa's sidekick, but quickly tells you it's the giving nature of others that makes her job so rewarding. Savage is director of the Christian Service Office of St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia, which is helping to make Christmas a bit brighter for more than 200 needy families in the community and at its sister Church, Martyrs of Uganda in Detroit.

"None of this would be possible without the people" of this parish," she said. "They're so giving. We have a budget for Christian outreach that would be much more limited if the people weren't so generous.

This is the 15th year St. Edith Church has reached out help those less fortunate. Christmas is the busiest time of the year for Savage and her cadre of volunteers.

The shopping is the easiest part of the Christmas effort. A giving tree in the lobby of the church was decorated with 900 gift tags. The tags are a coded shopping list; each contains the gender, size and item needed by the recipient. Parishioners took a tag, bought the gift and returned it, with the tag attached, to Savage's office.

Working with cash donations and Stan's Market, which offers the pantry a 10 percent discount year-round, they're able to feed the families, although Savage admits the pantry "will be emp ty and donations will have dried " by the end of the holidays.

"We'll be dry by Christmas. but we were able to do what we needed to do," she said. "After Christmas, we see a real decline in donations. Some of the families St. Edith helped this Christmas have year-round contact with the office. Some were referrals from Livonia City Hall and others

were referred by friends or neighbors. Savage has seen an increase in requests this year and attributes it to "trickle down, whatever is going on in the general society affects us."

"There's so many people who are unemployed who didn't think they would be and who need help," Savage said. "I think the more we get known, the more opportunity there is to

get calls for help. Planning for the holiday outreach started in October, when plans were made for the Thanksgiving deliveries. Once that holiday was past, work started on Christmas.

Savage has a core group of volunteers who coordinate each phase of the outreach. Jeanne Treff and Pat Rashid - "my right hands," according to Sav age - and their crew have the job of calling recipients and get-

ting information for the gift tags the liberal social end of the and food orders. The coding is used to protect the confidential ity of the families.

"We never ask their religion or even if they go to church, Savage said. "All we care about is to make it nicer for them. We try not to refuse anyone who needs help, but we try to make sure we don't duplicate what's being done by the Goodfellows."

Also a part of Savage's holiday outreach committee is Redempta Quinlan, who with some 20 volunteers sorts and packs the donations for delivery Anne Pomaville and her crew of another 20 church members.

'We're like a workshop with elves," Savage said. "People enjoy doing it and we're getting more and more efficient. We're good at what we do.'

Savage remembers when the Christian Service got its start. The year was 1979 and the outreach was on "a very small basis; we started out with a library and a box of referral cards." has grown a hundredfold and now reflects the philosophy of St. Edith's pastor, the Rev. Jim Scheick.

"We have a very similar vi sion of this," Savage said. "Father Jim's philosophy is that it would be very hard to preach the message of the gospel on Sunday and during the week say no. It would be so opposed to what we are taught. I guess we're on

40TH ANNIVERSARY

of Dec. 10.

Lady of Loretto.

Our Lady of Loretto Church in

Redford began commemorating

its 40th anniversary the weekend

The celebrations, led by the

Schoenherr officiating, and recep-

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meets 4-5 p.m. Thursdays for

grade are invited to a nondenomi-

snacks, songs, verses and a Bible

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el, 42150 Schoolcraft, Plymouth

"Talk It Over" the second and

Rev. Joseph Esper, included a

Mass, with Bishop Walter

spectrum with our modern approach to living our faith."

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 edu cation program also got in volved. The two fourth garde 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.

Even the church youth group helped. It adopted two children and also held a scavenger hunt that brought in 600 cans of food, Savage said.

Together, the school children and religious education students raised \$285 for the outreach in addition to buying gifts

"Just to see those faces," Savage said of the students' help. "They come in as a group and are so enthusiastic. I tell them, 'You may never meet the people you help, but that beauty of making their lives better will be with you the rest of your lives."

Savage is always accepting donations and those interested in helping to restock the pantry should call her at 464-2027

Items for the religion calendar should be submitted no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue.

You can also obtain current in formation about events, speakers and service schedules, etc. by calling 901-4750 or 953-2048 on a Touch-Tone phone You must have your four-digit church I.D. ready. For more infor mation about the service, call Bryan at 953-2297

GRIEF SUPPORT

Single Point Ministries' ongoing grief support group meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23 and Jan. 6, in Room A-15 of Ward Presby terian Church of Livonia. There also is a meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Calvin Room. Ward Church is at Farmington and Six Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call 422-1854

GREAT STORY

Evangelist Rick Amato, a recovering addict who set Russia on its ear by presenting Bibles to both Mikhail Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, will speak at 5 p.m. Sun day, Dec. 26, at Temple Baptist Church, 23800 W. Chicago, Redford.

Amato, founder and president of the nonprofit organization R.A.M., has gone from the welfare ward of a Detroit hospital and the depths of heroin and cocaine addiction to placing more than one million Scriptures in Eastern Europe.

"LIGHT & LIVELY" Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will host "Light & Lively," an evening with the Silver Bell Banjo Society, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Fellowship Hall. Pop, popcorn 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 Venov, Garden City.

Roever was a soldier in Vietnam who was burned over 40 per cent 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.

M 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.

Ring in the New Year with a service of celebration and vision at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The Rev. Luther Werth will lead the worship, focusing on the theme of "Time and Eternity." For more information, call the church at 522-6830.

COME THE MORNING Covenant Community Church will show the newest dramatic film from World Wide Pictures, "Come the Morning," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31, at the church, 25800 Student, Redford. Produced by the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the film uses the contemporary issue of homelessness as a backdrop for the timeless message of man's need t reconcile himself to God. For more information, call 535-3100.

TWELTH NIGHT

The choir of the Church of the Divine Savior of Westland will have its fourth annual "Twelth Night concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at the church, 39375 Joy, west of Hix. The choir will present traditional and contemporary Advent, Christmas and Epiphany music during the hourlong concert. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is by donation.

DIVORCE RECOVERY

St. Edith Parish in Livonia will host a repeat of its fall divorce recovery workshop 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 12 through March 9. The workshop will be facilitated by Dave Carpenter who will address the needs of those recently divorced and those di-

vorced for a longer period of time. Topics covered during the nineweek seminar will include self-es teem, dealing with anger, letting go of the past, co-dependency, single parenting and personal freedom. A separate session will address the annulment process for Catholics.

the A/V Room in the church annex. The cost is \$30 and registration can be completed through Jan. 5 by calling 464-2027. St. Edith Parish is at 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livo

The workshop will be held in

nia.

RELIGION CALENDAR

"ON THE FAMILY" A 10-week study group, using the John Bradshaw videocassette series "Bradshaw on the Family will meet 7-9 p.m. Thursdays Jan. 20 to March 4, at the St. Hi lary Education Center, 23749 El mira, Redford.

The program looks at the famiy as a system and how children, n adapting to the system, grow nto compulsive and addictive patterns of behavior that cause difficulties in their adult lives. Evelyn Booms and Joan Lowell

will facilitate the study group. The cost is \$50 for the series and \$10 per session. Registration must be completed by Jan. 14 and can be completed by sending a check, payable to Sisters IHM, to Evelyn Booms, IHM, 5890 Evergreen, Detroit 48228. For more information, call her at 336-4559 or the St. Hilary Education Center at 533-1560.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS For weeks, the children of St. Mi-

gave small offerings at chapel services. The quarters they collected totaled \$380, which they sent to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fareham, England. Located on the southern coast of England, the small congregation is one of 14 Lutheran churches left in England.

chael Lutheran Church in Wayne

This year, the club will cover the Book of Exodus, including such favorites as the Passover, Moses and the burning bush and manna from heaven. There also

will be special stories for Christmas and Easter. There is no charge for the club, and transportation home is available. For more nformation or to register, call 420-2420.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Single Point Ministries sponsor 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 "Lifelight" 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 3 p.m.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries will meet 10-10:45 a.m. Sundays for its Sunday Morning Gathering in the library of the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main, Northville. For more information, call 380-3291.

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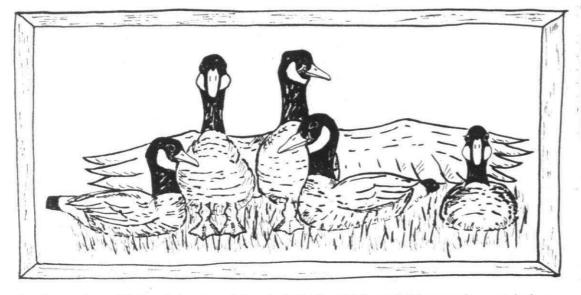
Those interested in breakfast and informal Bible study can find both at 8 a.m. Saturdays at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, Northville. For more information, call 348-8576.

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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.

The holidays NATURE are a time of the vear when families make every effort to get together. Sharing stories, helpi ng with the meals and maintaining that family bond are just some of the reasons why TIMOTHY people enjoy NOWICKI gathering for the

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 spinig. 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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Meet a couple of old war heros.

A couple of old war heros marched into the First Battle of Bull Run in 1861 and lived to tell about it. They carried young Michigan Captain William Withington into a bloody battle. They caught the red dirt as he collapsed from a gunshot wound. And endured six long months imprisoned behind enemy lines. But these boots definitely shined as the Captain received his Congressional Medal of Honor

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Book beat's rich with good reads

his 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:

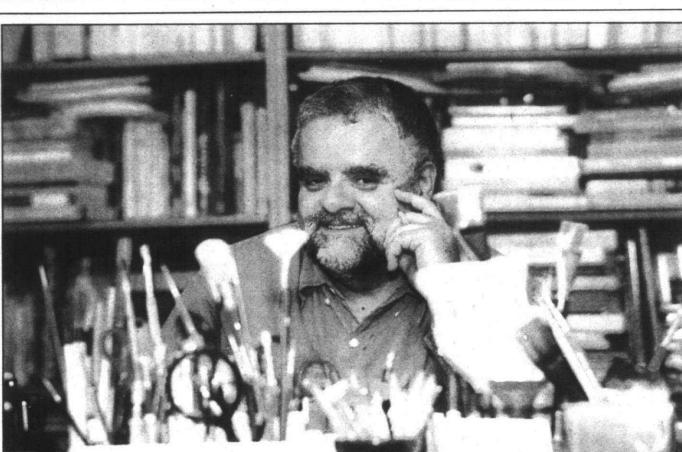
• "Enjoying Roses" (Ortho Books, \$39.95) is a beautiful and beautifully written account of these popular flowers. The history of the rose is fascinating reading and is just the beginning of the abundant information. Major classes of roses are presented in very clear terms so that the proper rose can 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.



Wily words: Librarian Federico Acerri displays the power of prose in an exhibition "Postmarks from the Heart" at the Livonia Civic Center Library.

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BILL HANSEN

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

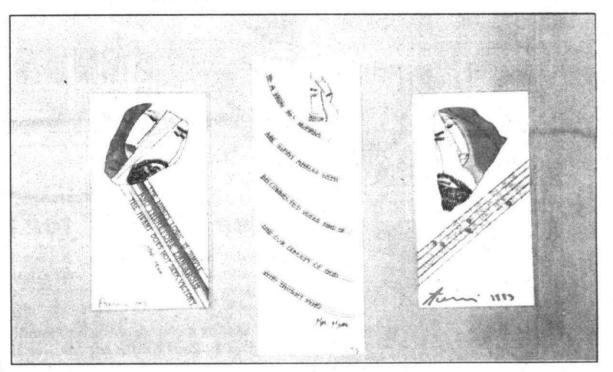
the Heart" through Dec. 29, courtesy of the Livonia Arts Commission.

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



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

■ "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 underwater 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.

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DiBlasi applauded for artistic excellence

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN Special Writer

Francesco DiBlasi's tromboneplaying grandfather started him on cornet at age 3¹/₂, 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 Lobbia, Mary Castelvetere Siciliano, Frank D. Stella and Oresto 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,

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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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B 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 roadhouse kitchen and living room in the back of the

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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 twostory, 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.

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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 17,000swuare-foot site. Call Westland Parks & Recreation: 313-722-7620.

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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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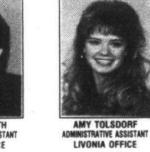
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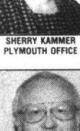










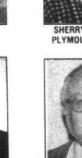
















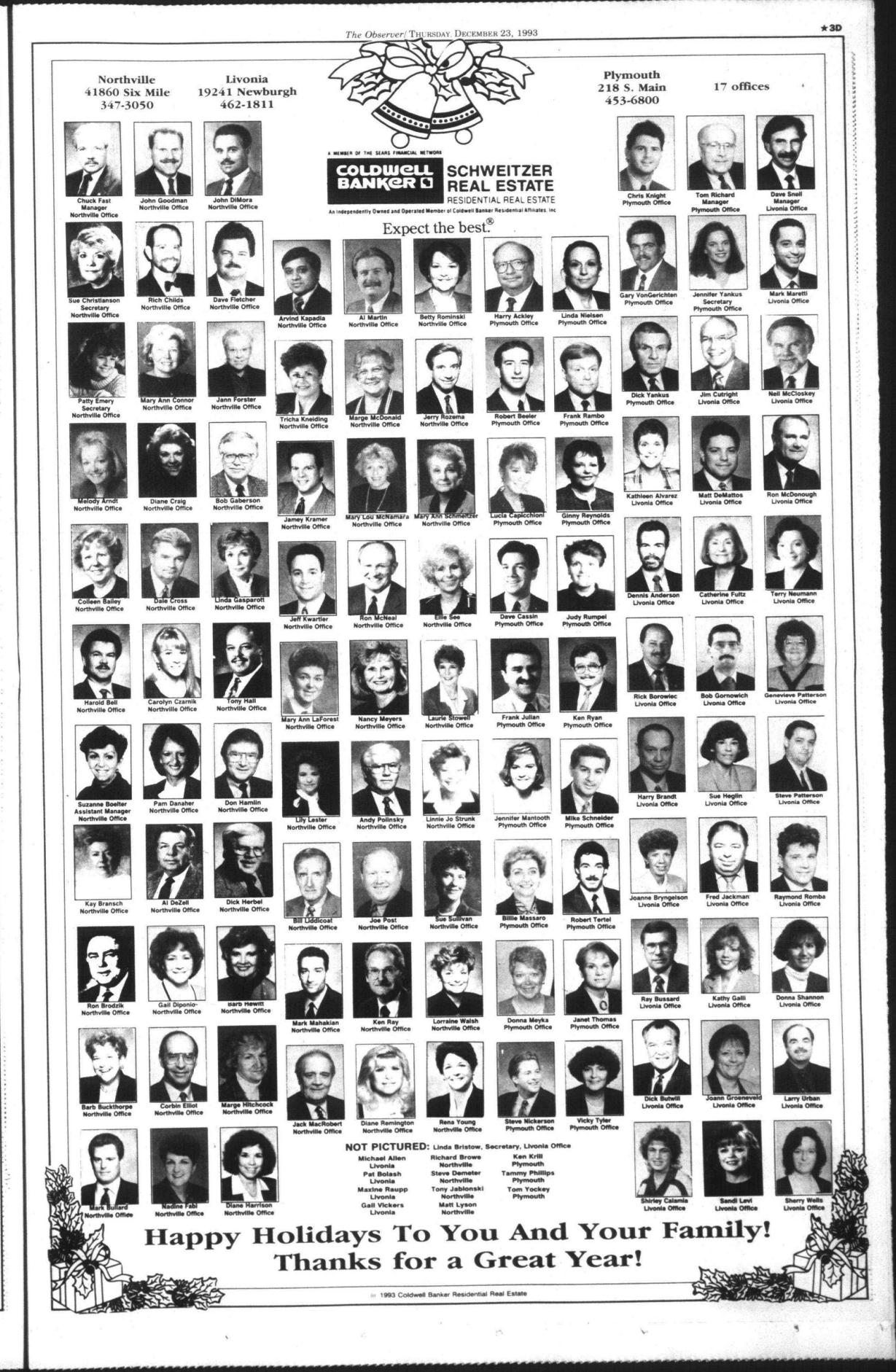












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While you're in the area, visit

Acerri carries a notebook with

him so when the muse strikes, he

is able to immortalize the words

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Appolonia and the Mad Monk

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thors speak as part of the Visiting Writers Series, sponsored by Borders and the University of Michigan. Admission is usually free, so arrive early. Most events take place at the Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington. Call 764-6296 for a schedule. And don't forget: bookends,

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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 displayed at Walt Disney World.

Victoria Diaz of Livonia, a longtime member of Detroit Women Writers, tracks the books and lit erary industry for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She says she "has a lifelong interest in reading, everything from great novels to cereal boxes." You can leave a message for her on a touch-tone phone by dialing 953-2047, then her mailbox number,

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 woman Orchestra, now in its 20th sea-"It shows the female side of

man, and the man side of woman," Acerri said. "I think what I've learned (about life) I've learned from

work, it's too idealistic, or not idealistic enough. "I think I'm a bachelor because I'm an idealist," says Acerri and

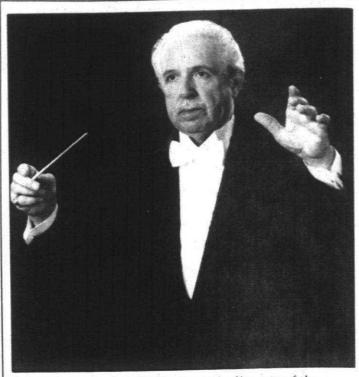
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he's probably right. "The secret of success is not to believe it."

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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.

DiBlasi from page 1D

Symphony Orchestra. While

there, he was a member of the

orchestra that gave the first

seven concerts at Lincoln Cen-

ter under German conductor

In 1969, DiBlasi was ap-

DiBlasi, who founded the

LSO's Young Artist Competi-

tion 15 years ago, serves on the

faculty of Madonna University

in Livonia. He believes the fu-

ture of classical music lies in

exposing young people at an

early age. That's why he intro-

duced the LSO's popular chil-

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earned a bachelor of arts degree Madonna College and a master's degree in performance from Eastern Michigan University

DiBlasi, who loves nothing more than studying scores in front of his fireplace, was recently offered two southern orchestras (Shreveport and Savannah) with budgets near \$1 million but turned them down because he "doesn't want to mmute that much."

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 contri butions to make to the world of music. His future plans include taking a promising Livonia pianist to New York to de but the young artist's award winning piano concerto.

The Wayne 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.

Bookmarks from page 1D

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 Acerri 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, Acerri renders simple line drawings in ink, accenting 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," Acerri said. I think everyone's creative. My parents encouraged creativity." Although Acerri'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, Acerri attended

years of life experiences, Acerri, as 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 sci-

Basically self taught as an artist, Acerri 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.

Acerri 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, Acerri searches for meanings.

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

in his work. Hearts and roses dominate. "I use the rose because means beauty. The swan is fidelity," Acerri said.

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

State art contest deadline set

Slide entries for the 1994 Mich- 14 at the BBAA. igan Fine Arts Competition must

be postmarked by Jan. 21. artists living and working in Wayne State University, will be Michigan who are 18 years old guest artist and juror for the 1994 and older. Recent work in all me- competition. dia will be accepted providing those works haven't previously been shown in the competition.

at the Birmingham Bloomfield ent of WSU's Art Achievement Art Association, 1516 S. Cran- Award in 1988. She will make an brook Road in Birmingham. For initial screening from the 35mm information or application forms, slides. Those artists will be asked call 810-644-0866.

The competition showcases the rying. works of Michigan artists and offers an educational opportunity sults card, entry fee and self-adfor regional audiences. The exhib- dressed, stamped envelope are to it will take place April 16 to May be mailed to the BBAA.

Ellen Phelan, a native Detroiter with bachelor of fine arts and The competition is open to all master of fine arts degrees from

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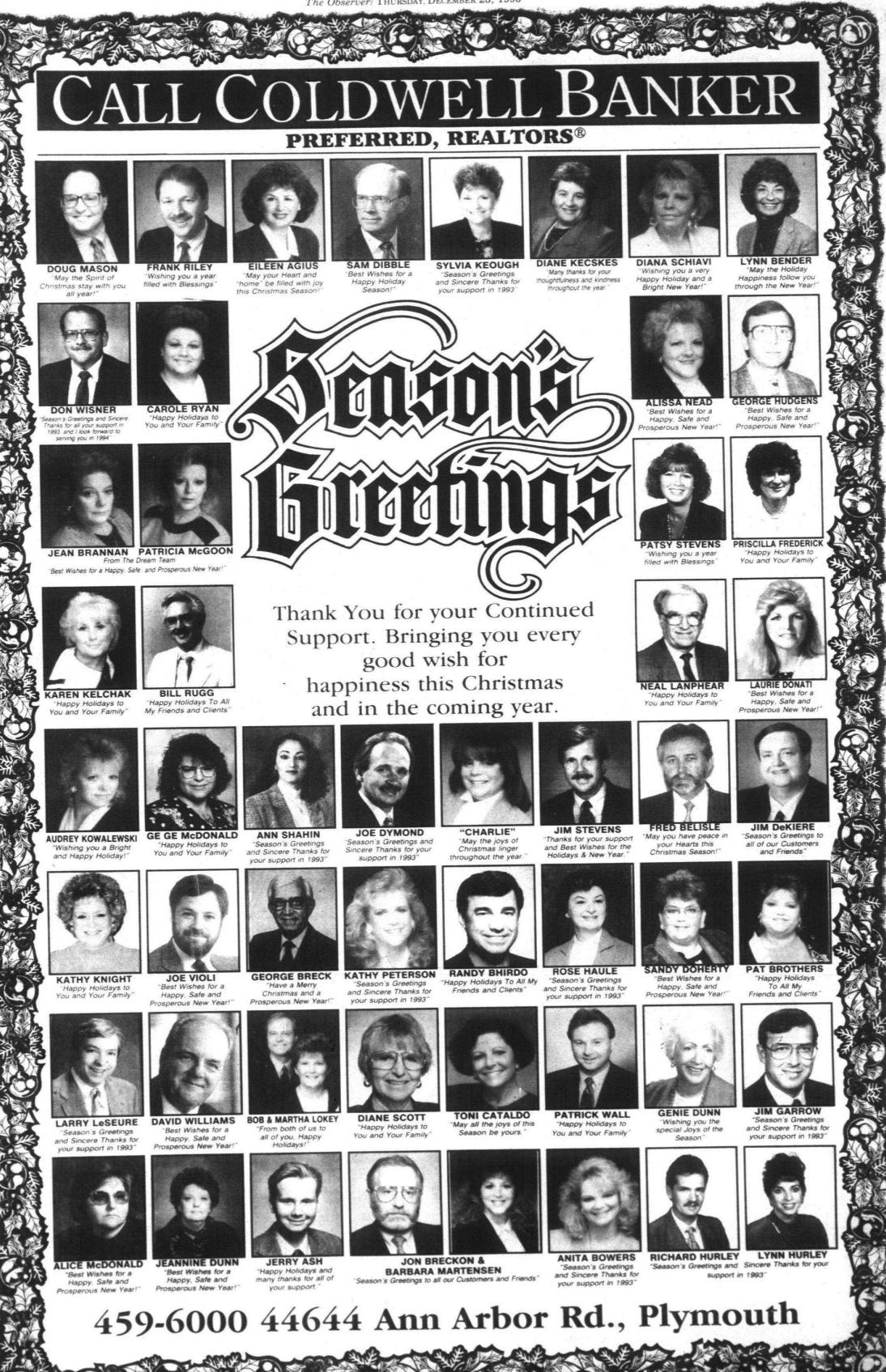
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graphing during the holidays because at no other time of the year are more pictures taken to record treasured family memories. Today, I'd like to review some of the important

I've often writ-

ten about photo-

NAGLER pointers for picture taking at Christmas time and also to give

you some new ideas to consider The best kind of "people" pic tures to take at holiday time are casual ones, even candids. Rather than pose everyone stiffly in a line, have family members and friends sit or stand casually. Use your self-timer so that you can get in the picture, too.

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Use flash and slow-speed film. This way, your shots will be sharp, clear and fine grain so that you can have quality enlargements made. Don't forget other holiday sub-

jects that will add variety to your shots. A closeup of a sparkling tree ornament, the wreath on the front door or the Christmas dinner table all will pay off with fine

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Another unusual idea is to 'give" a photography class or workshop to the aspiring camera enthusiast in the family. All metropolitan areas offer many classes. Just check your local newspaper or inquire at your camera shop for schedules.

Another idea: Buy a gift certificate for a family portrait at one of the local studios. This is truly a personal and unusual gift for those special relatives friends or neighbors.

To all of my readers and friends, please accept best wishes for a happy, healthy, holiday season and a picture-filled 1994!

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a mesby dialing 953-2047 on a sage touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number

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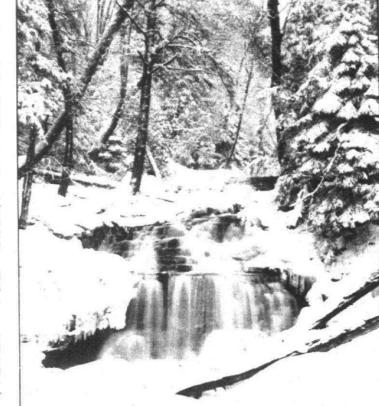
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In season: Holiday time is the ideal time to photograph dramatic winter scenes. This "Christmas like" picture was taken by Monte Nagler at Munising's Wagner Falls.

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ARTISTS GALLERY To Dec. 30 - Renowned visual artist Varnette P. Honeywood's work in collage, watercolor and acrylic. 216 Fisher Building, Detroit. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Satur

GROOVE GALLERY &

BOUTIQUE To Dec. 30 - "Shop the Groove. a holiday show exhibiting five lo cal artists' work. The artists are Barbara Pekkala (ponchos, hand painted cards, ornamental angels (glass tables, pins, mirrors framed with flowers etched inside), Cecilia Seidler (watercolor paintings of architectural scenes, gardens and windows with sunny views), Linda Littlefield (necklaces. bracelets, earrings and rings inorporating semiprecious materi als) and Claudia Calson-Keg (co lage art with found objects and handmade paper). A holiday tree will be festooned with ornaments from Africa and some trinkets from some of the featured artists Hours: noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday Saturday, 1230 E. Lincoln, be tween Main and Campbell in

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nowden's paintings in "Abstract Visions." In the L.B. King Buildng, 1274 Library, Detroit. Hours: 0 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 1-6 o.m. Saturday.

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m Sunday ILIVONIA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY SHOWCASES - Livonia Arts Com-

On high: Botticelli angels dance upon the clouds in this exhibited painting at Frame Works in Plymouth.

Decorate home with angel dust

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN Special Writer

A sign covered with angel dust in the window of Frame Works in Plymouth catches the curiosity of passersby: "Join Us For a New Christmas Tradition: Introducing Heaven on Earth. With an invitation like that, who could re-

sist opening the door to sneak a peak inside? Lo and behold, what will you find? A host of heavenly angels displayed among gossamer clouds and white sparkling lights.

"Angels seem to be a popular theme this year. We would love people to come in and see our angels up above the clouds," said Al Larson, owner of Frame Works in Plymouth, Livonia and Canton Township. "My staff has outdone themselves creatively on these piec-

Larson and his staff began assembling the display nearly five months ago. If you're looking for decorating ideas to add a touch of gold to your home this holiday season, there's something here for you.

Innovative framing and matting that encircles only half the print, antique-looking gold wood frames, use of marbleized papers and a sprinkle of glittery angel dust under the glass (How did that get there?) bring the imagination to life.

Magnificent Botticelli angels seem ready to take flight alongside a lone gilded angel by Charles Dwyer Jr. who asks, "So what color would you suppose the sky will be tonight?" An anonymous piece of prose in the midst of it all continues the questioning: "How does

Whether it's to find an answer why angels have symbolized divine comfort, protection and guidance in cultures throughout the ages, or simply to enjoy a holiday treat, hurry to see these celestial creatures by Dec. 22 before they

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Pliska the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors, the South Oakland Board of Realtors, the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors and the Rochester Board of Realtors.

A CPA and licensed real estate broker, Pliska is vice president of Property Management Group and president of PMG Financial Advisory Ser vices, both in Birmingham. His background in cludes 10 years' experience with Detroit-based Coopers & Lybrand, where he specialized in service to real estate clients and financial institu-

He's experienced in commercial real estate acquisitions and dispositions, investment real estate, real estate finance, asset management and leasing.

E TOP PRODUCERS

Douglas Stranahan, Century 21 Great Lakes Inc., divisional president, reports that the Century 21 Metro Brokers Council has named its top-producing sales associates for October Anna Carlesco and Rachel Colvin, Century 21

Today, Livonia; Sanford Norman, Century 21 Town & Country, Birmingham; Roxann J. Tarantino and Sharon L. Camera, Century 21 Town & Country, Rochester; Samir Baizel, Century 21 Premiere Real Estate Co., West Bloom-

RETAIL DIVISION

Grubb & Ellis of Southfield has formed a retail division and has hired two retail brokers responsi ble for leasing and selling commercial/retail properties around metro Detroit. Jeffrey Higgins specializes in retail tenant representation. Daniel Jacob specializes in retail tenant representation and leasing.

Sales agents help shape winning offers

Offering too much or too little money for a house can be one of the many pitfalls involved in the buying pro-

Obviously, offering too much money can come back to bite the buyer. No one likes to be taken financially. If the offer is unrealistically low, how ever, negotiations can be stymied by an insulted seller who may refuse to consider future counter offers. With help from a real estate sales associate and a little common sense, a buyer should be able to make a rea-

sonable offer that jump-starts negotiations with a seller, said Doug Stranahan, divisional president for Novi-based Century 21 Great Lakes Remember, all agents you contact during the buying process legally represent the seller unless they have a

specific written agreement to work for A good first step in the process is to compare the seller's asking price with prices actually paid for similar homes

in the same area within the past year. Using data from local multiple listing services, a sales associate can provide a list of selling prices for similar homes and help the buyer make meaningful comparisons

"Typically, a buyer's first inclination is to make an offer which is comparable to one of the lowest recently accepted offers for similar houses, Stranahan said. "The seller may not be overly enthusiastic about this type of first offer, but may not reject it either — as long as it's reasonable."

Another place to get information is the assessing department or treasurer's office at the municipal building where the house is located. By law, residential properties must be assessed at one half of fair market val-

An evaluation of selling prices may not be possible in a home that doesn't really compare with others in the area. In this case, the buyer could have the home's value professionally appraised

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> Doug Stranahan Century 21 Great Lakes

There is always the risk, however, that another buyer could make an of-

fer and purchase the home before an appraisal is completed. In any case, researching selling prices of similar homes usually provides a good figure that can be used as a starting point for the negotiation

An actual offer must be made in writing and should be accompanied by a deposit or earnest money. Since a purchase offer is legally binding, it may be wise to consult an attorney

before submitting that document. "It should contain a time limit for the seller to accept, reject or negotiate your offer," Stranahan said.

Buyers demonstrate their seriousness by submitting deposits with written offers. A deposit of five to 10 percent isn't abnormal, but a larger deposit may be encouraging to the seller.

In a situation where two buyers make the same offer, the seller will often select the buyer with the bigger deposit

"Making a well-researched offer and applying a reasonable amount of earnest money best demonstrates a buver's serious interest and encourages the seller," Stranahan said. "These are the best steps a buyer can take towards successful negotia-

Avoid attorneys with conflicts

Our attorney has CONDO QUERIES ROBERT M. MEISNER

ment company. The attorney indicates that he has a working relationship with the management company on a number of projects and does not want to offend the management

We are upset only because if we had known of his relationship with the management company, we

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association, which, presumably, re-

lied on the attorney to advise it in re gard to its dealings with the manage ment company, perhaps even in the matter of the management agreement

The association in the future should be mindful of retaining an attorney who does not have any tie-ins with the managing agent or the management company that would affect his/her ability to represent the best interests of the association at all

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney concentrating his prac tice in the areas of condominiums real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit questions by writing Robert M. Meisner at 30200 Tele graph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert Meisner, dial 953-2047, mailbox 1871.



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The high cost of lumber, partly caused by gov-

our forests and dwindling supplies of old-growth trees, has spurred builders nationwide

cept has been excellent, according to

Bill Bliss, Hughes marketing man-

ager. All but one of the homes is sold

(an 1,850-square-foot split level

priced at \$115,000), and the compa-

ny has received numerous inquiries

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 de-

velopments will be steel framed, a

Like builders nationwide, John

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to consider alternatives to wood framing.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1993

BUILDING & BUSINESS' SUBURBAN STARS

Suburban Stars highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Suburban Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is 313-591-7279.

Catherine A. Peters of West Bloomfield was named information service department director for the Ann Arbor-based Peer Review Michigan 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.

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.

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.

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

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

Lisa Morris of Livonia was promoted from assistant account executive to account executive at Hermanoff & Associates, a Farmington Hills public rela-



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groundbreaking work that's causing

Pilzner



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

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER

As Hughes Management Group

winds up construction at McGee's

Grove, a 35-home site condominium

in Westland, it is initiating some

area builders and home buyers alike

The last three homes in the sub-

Buyer acceptance of this new con-

Trade group gives auto

division, off Palmer between

Newburgh and John Hix, will be

SPECIAL WRITER

to take notice.

framed in steel.

association, which is headquartered in



Car guys: DADA president



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

ing. 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 channelshaped, 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.

See BUILDER, 2E

Builder lays framework for steel houses light-gauge steel used for steel fram-

Breaking ground: Farmingtonbased Hughes Management Group will



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tions firm. She'll continue to work on the agency's health care, real estate, service and nonprofit accounts.

Borovoy

See STARS, 2E

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

See TRADE 2E,

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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Visual identity: Jim Graham of RK&A Design Group worked closely with his staff to develop the Detroit Challenge logo.



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," Tellier 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 Tellier and Alberts: What do you think your im-

age is out there? Tellier: That's a tough ques

tion. 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. Tellier: 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

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? Tellier: General terms of agree-

Builder from page 1E

"Basically, we've converted a frame house to steel, while taking advantage of the engineering strength of steel. We're not just replacing wood stud by stud. Our goal is to use steel to its greatest advantage, so that we can develop a superior product at an affordable cost," Hughes said.

His company places steel studs 24 inches on center (wood studs are 16 inches apart), so construction time is shortened and less material is used. Steel also offers greater design flexibility because it can be rolled to any size, while wood comes in specific lengths, Hughes added.

Why an alternative to wood framing?

Lumber prices have increased steadily since July, when the gov- of supply and demand," Capaldi ernment limited the harvest of said. "Today, we're concerned forests in the Pacific Northwest to about our forestry products. For 80 percent of last year's yield

Lumber prices rose about 10 percent from November to December, and industry analysts won't be surprised by a similar increase in January, said Fred Capaldi, president of Farmington Hills-based Builders Association of Southeast Michigan and president of Capaldi Building, Roches-

ter Hills. "It's the old economic principle

ment are there. We're waiting for final resolution in Washington. Who was more right? It was expensive litigation on govern ment's 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 leave it to individual dealers to decide and not let government dictate hours.

Tellier: 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? Tellier: For every survey that said people are in favor of nodicker sticker, another says people want to negotiate a price.

Alberts: That's why consumer satisfaction indexes are going into that Tellier: Another thing you have

is 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?

Tellier: Obviously, you have different sized dealers. One statistic I've seen is that the average deal-

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.

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old-growth timber has been used)

make it difficult for builders to

price out new construction.

Also, unstable lumber prices

John Hughes

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When I was going through an appenticeship, 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 iters.

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?

Tellier: 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.

Tellier: Many are involved in community groups, Rotarians, Lions clubs. Members are active selling papers for the Goodfellows. We donate Resusci-Anne 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.

Meanwhile, steel prices have been

unchanged since the early 1980s.

"As lumber prices increase, res

idential steel framing is bound to

happen," said David Lubin, ar-

chitect and partner in Bloomfield

Hills-based Lubin/Tringali Asso-

ciates. "It hasn't caught on yet in

southeast Michigan, but I'm very

impressed with the system. Steel

straight and stable, and it elim-

nates many of the problems wood

Besides its stability, steel is

made of 66-percent recycled mate

rial, something that Hughes and

Steel also is fireproof, it doesn't

warp, shrink or rot, it resists bug

guise," Capaldi said. "Remember,

necessity is the mother of inven-

tion. Sometimes change is diffi-

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caboose trying to catch up."

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Stars from page 1E

field was named executive vice presi-dent of the Bozell Worldwide's Chrysler Plymouth brands and dealer accounts. He's a 20year Bozell veteran

from the Southfield office.

Brian Palmer of Birmingham was named executive vice president. director of strategic planning, for Bozell 12 Worldwide's Chrysler Plymouth account. He joined the advertising firm 11 years ago and Palmer vorks in the South-

field office. David P. Wilcox of Livonia was named chief field engineer for Hubell, Roth &

Clark, a Bloomfield Hills consulting engineering firm. He now coordinates assignments of construction inspectors

and acts as a liai- Wilcox son between inspectors and clients.

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



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agement at Libbey- Wenzler 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 independent production, a docu- casting and management reportmentary on the lives of the Three Stooges, may be shown on the Turner Broadcasting System.

Matt Berg of Canton becomes director of administrative services was promoted to associate at for Cranbrook Schools, Bloomfield Hills. He previously was based accounting and consulting controller and director of finance firm. She joined the accounting for Marygrove College, Orchard Lake, and business manager for Stratton College, Milwaukee, Wisc. He's responsible for budgeting, preparation and forecasting Ray Wezner of Rochester Hills for all Cranbrook Schools ac-

Gina Jaynes of Westland was named production coordinator at

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.

Bradley & Associates, Northville.

Michelle Sudhoff of Westland was named administrative assistant at MacTemps, Southfield. She previously was a personnel administrator for American Furniture Co., Albuquerque, N.M. MacTemps 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 Mich-

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 treasur-

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 Shteynvil has joined Spalding, DeDecker & Associates, Madison Heights consulting engineering and surveying firm, as a project engineer specializing in road and bridge design. His latest project was designing the Merriman 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, foreing for the bank's business units. The Huntington Woods resident joined the bank in 1985.

Lisa R. Banes of Royal Oak Plante & Moran, a Southfieldstaff in 1988, specializing in municipalities and the nonprofit sec-

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

D. Michael Jehle of Bloomfield Hills becomes president and

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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, De troit, 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 engineerautomotive 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. Marla 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., South field. She prepares strategies, generates promotions and handles media for several accounts. She joined the company in 1990.

Debbie Spehar becomes de sign center manager for English Gardens. She'll oversee produc tion and distribution of all fresh, silk and dried floral products for English Gardens stores in West Bloomfield, Clinton Township and Dearborn Heights. She previ ously 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 nvestments. 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

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> Film Craft Video, Farmington Hills. She previously worked at Cine Group, Bloomfield Hills, and in the marketing division of chief operating office of MCA



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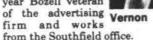
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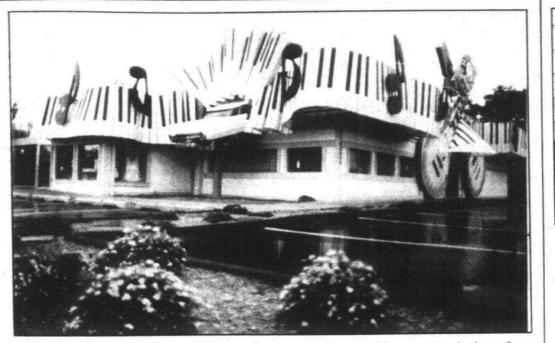


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Lynn Vernon of West Bloom-







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

Coverup

Awning firm wins industry award

Livonia-based Marygrove Awning took first placed in the commercial awnings category of the 1993 International Achievement Awards Competi tion for its wraparound awning resembling a winding, explod ing piano keyboard for a 1950sstyle restaurant in Northville Township.

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

Human Synergistics Interna-

tional, a Plymouth-based interna-

er and management counsulting

firm, has introduced its newest

Business Simulation, the Cus-

The simulation teaches partici-

pating team members the skills

necessary to effectively handle

customer complaints and how to

identify and initiate necessary

ensure the complaints are proper-

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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 rec ognizes the latest advances in industrial/technical fabric de

few service providers know how to

assisting a customer with a com-

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 re-

sult in both the loss of a customer

and lasting damage to a compa-

The Customer Complaint Situ-

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ticipants a process for effectively

receiving a complaint, identifying

and resolving the problem, and

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complaint. In the process, they

learn the different steps involved

in handling a complaint and how

The team decisions are then

compared with to the customer

service expert's ranking and ra-

tionale; participants learn why

these steps are important. At the

same time, individuals learn the

they are interrelated.

Press 2

Maple Forest

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

Datebook features upcomine

events around the suburban

new employees.

CAREER NIGHT The Continuing Education Center at Oakland University presents a free career light to tout its legal assistant program 30-8-30 p.m. at Oakland Center of

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 echniques beginning 7 p.m. at the

loomfield Township Library. Lone Pine and elegraph. The class lasts nine weeks. Fe of \$30 plus book purchase." How to Buy Stocks ' required. Class leader. William Waggoner II For information, call 624-TUESDAY, JAN 11

STOCK CERTIFICATES e National Investor Relations Institute Detroit Chapter hosts a presentation on alternatives to retail investors holding physical certificates when purchasing stor he luncheon meeting begins at 11:45 a : in the Renaissance Club at the Renaissance Center, Speaker, James, Volpe, vice president at First Chicago Trus



Car dealership fills 3 positions

manager and has welcomed two James Thomas of Augusta

> Co. of New York. Cost is \$20 for members \$25 for non-members. For information an reservations by Jan. 7 deadline, contact Lisa Hudy of Franklin Bank at 358-5170 WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

CABLE LEGISLATION

of Commerce presents a program Legislative Changes in the Cablevision industry" 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi Speaker: Bob McCann, general manager. Dakland County Metrovision. Cost of the breakfast meeting is \$10. For informatio

a day-long offening "Growing Your Business in the '90s." The seminar goes 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield. Topics. iclude management types, maximizing efficiency, corporate cultures, personal Cost is \$95 in advance, \$105 at the door

profit association, presents a seminar "Principles & Practices of Supervision" S a.m. to 4 p.m. at its offices, 23815 vorthwestern Highway, Southfield. The seminar continues during the same time n successive Thursdays, Jan. 20 and 27 Speaker Dick Warner, ASE's manageme ducation division. Cost is \$395 for

Mark McCaffre course and is in the process of Institute course. She brings four

years of retail experience. Mark McCaffrey of Livonia has joined Tennyson as a body shop

members, \$475 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500 AFFLUENT INVESTORS

Prudential Securities sponsors a free seminar on professional money management for affluent investors 7 p.m. at the Detroit Golf Club, 17911 Hamilton Speakers: David Sowerby, chief economis ind director of fixed income for Beacon Investment Co., and Lyle Wolberg, financia advisor with Prudential. Reservations required at 259-5512 MONDAY, JAN. 17

EMPLOYEE EMPOWERMENT The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "How to Make mployee Empowerment Work" 9 a.m. to 4 30 nm at its offices 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfiel Speaker Phyllis M. Hemn. Personnel Consulting Group. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.

TUESDAY, JAN. 18 **GOAL SETTING** Ann Savell, a Bloomfield Hills consultan presents "Goals, Planning & Phoritizing: A systematic Approach" during a luncheon o the Livonia Chamber of Commerce 11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. Tickets cost \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. For reservations phone 427-2122.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "Effective Performance oppraisals" 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its office at 23815 Northwestern Highway, Southfield Speaker is Joyce Kelly, a human resource development consultant. Cost is \$195 for nembers, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at 353-4500.



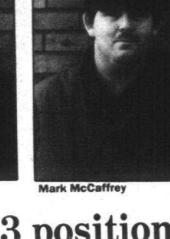
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Insurance rep retires

Paul A. Kashawli of Redford Township retired as a represent ative for American General Life and Ac cident Insurance Co Garden City, ending a 29-year career.

He joined the con pany'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 man ager of the Redford office in 1987 and transferred to Garder City in 1990.

Kashawlic has at tended 10 of the firm's annual national lead ers 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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591-7279. **MERGE 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 per-

sonnel 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 aray of services, including enhanced technical and executive search canabilities," said John Bower, CPA 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 Rus sia. The company projects 1993 revenues to reach \$325 million, surpassing 1992 revenues of \$250 million.

NEW MEDICAL SOFTWARE

SvMed Marketing Inc., Livonia, is licensed to sell and service the Physician's Decision 2000 (PD2000), the first medical software using a Microsoft Windowsbased application. It has multitask capabilities that speed up electronic billing, payments, scheduling and insurance filing SyMed is at 19500 Middlebelt, Suite 370-West. The phone num

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Livonia-based Hungry Howie's tion president.

was named the official pizza of the Palace of Auburn Hills. The franchiser's fare can be delivered to suites or purchased from concession stands and arena vendors. Menu items include medium and

small pizzas, soft drinks and beer. "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 franchiser is the 12th largest in the U.S. Howie's was named the official pizza of Pine Knob Music Theatre, Clarkston, in May,

III 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 Mec Tool system, a high-volume boring and mixing tool, will inject grout into the soil at pressures up to 200 psi.

E 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 bol ster engineering programs at Miami University, Rochester Institute of Technology and Worchester Polytechnic Institute.

"Our ability to compete in a worldwide market, with products that are manufactured to the highest quality standards, and to provide good customer value will rely heavily on our engineering skills," said Eugene M. Nelson, Ford manufacturing and plant en gineering manager, transmission and chassis division, Livonia, and a SME foundation board member. Since 1981. Ford has pledged

\$413,000 to SME's education fund, said Frank J. Riley, founda

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MARKETPLACE

LONG-DISTANCE REP Walled Lake-based Business Network Communications, a wholesale long-distance service company, is represented locally by John Knopf, Canton. BNC offers discounted long-

distance services to any size business, teleconferencing, 800 number service and operator services. New suscribers also get four hours of free long-distance calling

the first year. For information, call 397-8353.

HOST FOOD FEST Lansing-based Centrum Management Corp. hosted Fall Food Fare 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 res-

taurants, grocers, bakeries and delis. "Livonia is a civic-minded community. We had tremendous response from the restaurants

and businesses that donated their food and services. This event was a real success," said Carol Hechler, Meadows of Livonia manager. The community for independ-

ent seniors opened at 28811 Jamison, south of File Mile, east of Middlebelt, last July. About half of the complex is leased, said Hechler. For information, call 522-6008

B SHE'S SUPERTEMP

Tondalaya M. Mitchell of Detroit was named SuperTemp for the month of October by her employer, TempExchange Inc., Southfield. She was awarded for her work in the data capture department at Automated Marketing Systems, Southfield. Mitchell graduated from Cooley

High School, Detroit, in 1991 and is studying medicine. SuperTemp provides temporary

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

DESIGNERS CLUB

The Designers Club, a newly formed Livonia-based buying club for professionals in the field of interior design, offers its members special prices on selected fabrics and furnishings.

Membership is open to designers, manufacturers representatives, installers, seamstresses and others working in residential and

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commercial design. Members also may bring their clients to the club's sample showroom. Manufacturers represented by the club include Stroheim,

Schumacher, JAB, Kravet, Swaim, Kron, Park Place and others. For membership information, or for designer referral, call 421-

3233.

INFW LINE Livonia-based Garwood, Buda, Knight & Associates will represent Auto-Owners Insurance, the sixth largest mutual property and casualty insurer in the U.S. Lansing-based Auto-Owners of fers personal and commercial property casualty insurance, annuities and life and health insur-

III NEW BRAKE SHOP

ance.

Canton resident Mark Girimont has opened The Brake Shop, Inc. at 1700 W. 14 Mile, Royal Oak. The shop, a national franchise, opened Dec. 6, specializing in automotive brake repair and replacement for domestic and import cars and trucks. The shop also offers fleet service for commercial accounts.

The Royal Oak franchise is the 32nd opened in Michigan. The franchiser is headquartered in Clinton Township. **III U-M BUSINESS GUIDE**

The University of Michigan has free information for area businesses interested in tapping the expertise of U-M faculty and programs.

"Research and Development **Resources:** A Guide for Business es" lists more than 30 university offices that offer information about economic development programs, university research, the university's computer facility and library, continuing education, reference and research and university placement offices.

For a copy, call (313) 763-5587. or fax requests to (313) 763-4053. Mail requests to Guide for Businesses, U-M, DRDA, Wolverine Tower, 3003 S. State, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1274.

TAP ROSS ROY

Bloomfield Hills-based Ross Roy Communications will handle marketing communications for Domino's Pizza's northeast region. Ross Roy took over Domino's midwest region marketing in September 1992.

The full-service marketing, communications and advertising firm will open a Baltimore, Md. branch this month and begin work Jan. 1.

IN 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 employers. One of Family Works services is helping metro Detroit families find child and adult care.

Other sponsors include Troy usinesses William Beaumont Hospital, The Budd Co., Kelly Services, Kmart Corp. and Walsh College.

BBDO MAKES FORTUNE

An article in Fortune Magazine's Nov. 15 issue cites Southfield-based BBDO advertising as an example of large agency success in an industry being reshaped by smaller shops. The article, "Do You Need Your Ad Agency?" refers to BBDO as a lone creative dynamo among glob al agencies. It says BBDO's creative output is unaffected by its size. In its ranking of agencies, Fortune calls BBDO "King of creativity (which is) important in this ad-zapping era."

B NEW BRANCH Old Kent Bank-East has

opened a full-service branch at 27255 Lehser Southfield. The office offers 24-hour banking, Sat urday hours and drive-through service. The Brighton-based bank will open branches in Canton Township and Novi.

SIGN PACT

ComSpec International, Bingham Farms, a designer and devel oper of computer software, and Oracle Corp. will jointly assist companies that use or install Oracle products. ComSpec also will resell Oracle's products, including relational database.

The joint venture with California-based Oracle will result in a 50 percent increase of ComSpec's echnical staff in 1994, according to Bob Brender, ComSpec vice president.

I NAME DONER

Southfield-based W.B. Doner & Co. will handle advertising for

Minneapolis-based National Car Rental/Interrent. National leases General Motors vehicles and has

more than 5,000 locations in 130 countries

I TOP TUB

Tension Tamer Softub, Rochester Hills, is the local distributor for Softub spas. Californiabased 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 sales award for sales and customer service for the past three years.

E DESIGN AWARD

Southfield-based Jon Greenberg & Associates, a retail design firm, earned an bonorable 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 lifestylespecific merchandising.

JGA also won honorable mentions for designs for Marshall's and the Detroit Institute of Arts museum store at The Somerset Collection, Troy.

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hours of free long-distance calling the first year. For information, call 397-8353.

III NEW CELLULAR ONE

Cellular One, a cellular service and phone equipment repair center, has opened a 7,100-squarefoot sales and service center at 28117 Telegraph, Southfield. The center previously was at 20998 Bridge, Southfield.

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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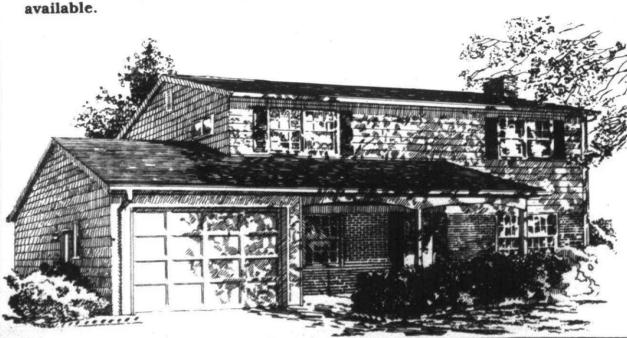
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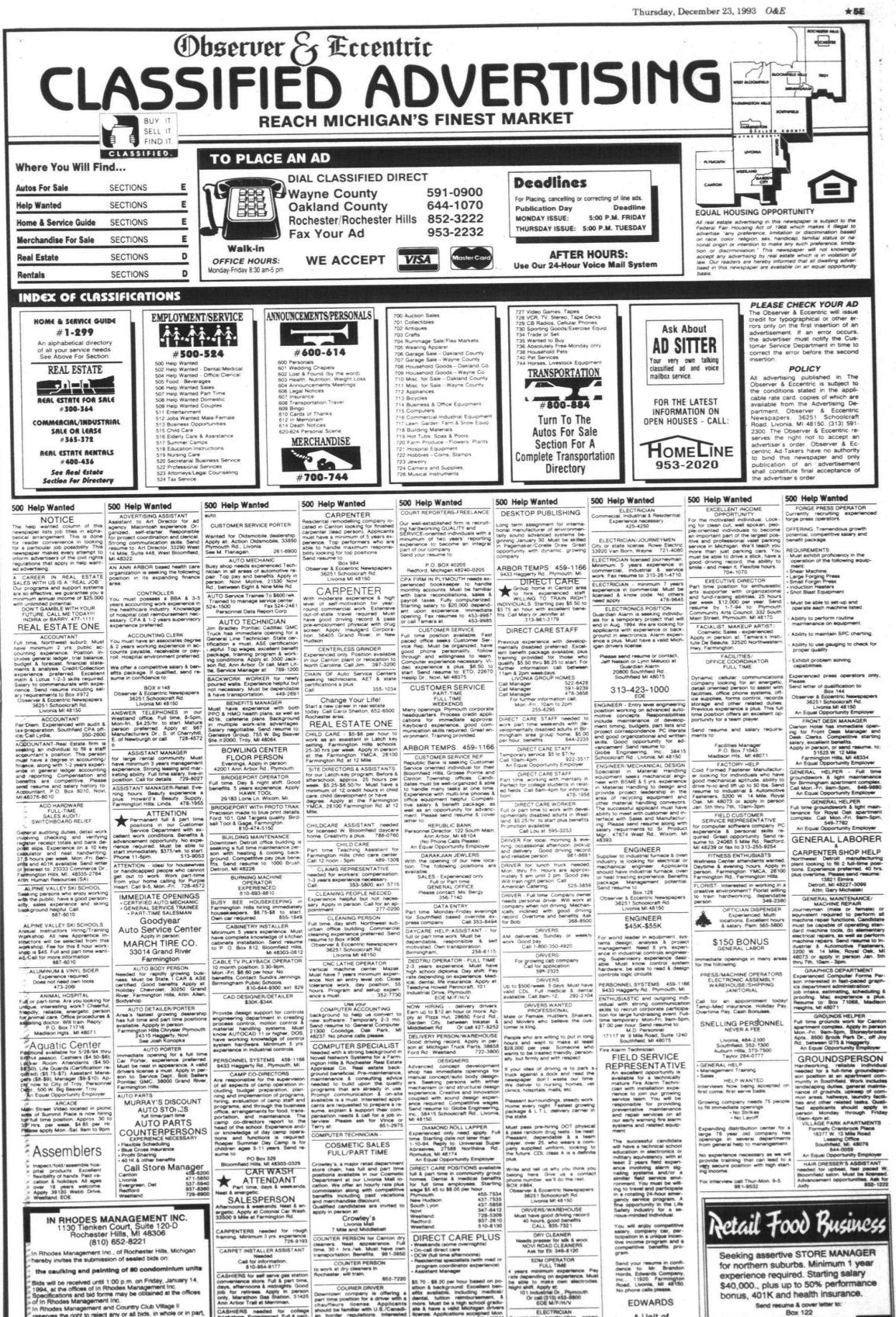
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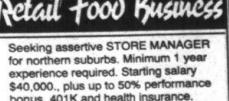
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