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A note to our readers:

Beginning today, the Community Calendar, a listing of upcoming local events, moves from Section A to Section C behind local sports. Also, in Section C is the Religion Calendar and an advertising directory of area churches and services.

Leading off Section C is the popular Observer sports section complete with game coverage, features, prep schedules and stats on your favorite prep teams along with selected coverage of Schoolcraft College, Madonna University and Oakland County Community College.

Susan Rosiek
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Teachers reach tentative pact



By M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

A tentative agreement reached close to 1 a.m. Tuesday between bargain-ers for Plymouth-Canton teachers and administrators averted an outbreak of the blackboard flu and negated a strike vote scheduled for today.

Instead of deciding on the proposed

The 744 teachers in the Plymouth-Canton schools will vote on a tentative labor contract on Thursday. The accord was reached Tuesday.

Jan. 16 strike as planned, the district's 744 teachers will meet at 4 p.m. at Salem High School to vote on a proposed settlement concerning wage re-openers for this year and next.

Bargainers agreed on a 2-percent raise effective in January 1995; a 2-percent raise in August 1995; and a 1-percent raise in January 1996. Teachers' negotiators agreed to raise the

prescription co-pay from \$2 to \$5 beginning next school year.

"We didn't receive the money we wanted, but you have to compromise to get the job done," said Tom Cotner, chief bargainer for the teachers.

Chuck Portelli, president of the teachers' union, said, "While we did not get everything we had hoped for, this is an agreement which we can and will recommend to our membership."

"The tone of these negotiations was positive, and we were pleased with that tone. As anyone knows who has

ever been involved, negotiations are never an easy process."

Superintendent Chuck Little said, "It's always a good feeling to reach agreement. This settlement recognizes the needs of the teachers, while trying to maintain funding for other programs."

"Our real problem is that we were short-changed under the new state funding provisions. While Livonia has a foundation grant of \$6,630 per child and Ann Arbor will receive \$7,785 per child, our foundation grant

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Giving comfort



STAFF PHOTOS BY GUY WARREN

Funeral service: Michael Topolewski comforts Kim O'Donohue and Colleen O'Neil, all close friends of the family of Janice Nowacki-Tobin of Canton, a flight nurse who died in the Dec. 1 air ambulance helicopter crash near Ann Arbor. Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin's funeral Mass drew friends, family and emergency personnel who were associated with her.

Nurse remembered for her compassion

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Janice Nowacki-Tobin was afraid to fly.

"What helped her overcome her fear was that she could help someone out," the Rev. Richard Kelly, pastor of St. Thomas 'A Becket Catholic Church, said at the Tuesday morning funeral mass for Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin.

A flight nurse and Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital employee, Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin, 43, was aboard a Midwest MedFlight air ambulance helicopter when it crashed northeast of Ann Arbor Dec. 1. Also killed instantly in the crash were Dr. Terry

Racicot, 37, of Troy, and pilot Richard Elliott, 43, of Ypsilanti.

"I don't have any answers why bad things happen to good people," Kelly told the church full of mourners, who included family, friends, co-workers and members of fire departments, ambulance companies and other emergency services from throughout the state, including Canton and as far away as Alpena, Durand, Saginaw, Pontiac and Jackson.

Emergency personnel, with whom Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin worked, stood circling the back of the church while

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In respect: More than 29 emergency organizations, fire and law enforcement agencies, joined the 3-4 mile procession to the Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Reindeer rustlers at work at Canton eatery

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

As Richard Costantino of Rose's restaurant in Canton says: Put out an all points bulletin on the whereabouts of the missing sleigh and reindeer.

Anyone who has driven past Rose's

on Canton Center Road, north of Cherry Hill, within the past 1½ weeks has marveled at the brightly illuminated display of Santa's sleigh pulled by three reindeer. Rudolph with his bright, red nose, was in the lead already leaping about four feet off the ground.

But when the Costantino family arrived at work about 6:30 a.m. Dec. 2, something was different. "I got in and thought, 'What's different about this place?'" Costantino said.

Sure enough, the brand new display was missing. It's believed that someone stole the large display some-

time between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. Dec. 2. The display was there when the carpet was cleaned at about 1:30 a.m., Costantino said.

"People just loved it," Costantino said. He even called the factory that

See EATERY, 4A

Composting extended

Canton Waste Recycling has extended its curbside composting program through the week of Dec. 12-17.

Residents must place their compost in a 30-gallon reusable container marked "compost" or may use 30-gallon brown paper compost bags available throughout the community.

Curbside collection of trash will be delayed one day during the weeks of Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, 1995. There will be no pickup on the two Mondays. Normal pickup will resume again with the Jan. 9 collection.

CWR at 42020 Van Born Road will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 26, 30 and 31, as well as Jan. 2, 1995. For more information call CWR, 397-5801.

CANTON CONNECTION

CWR will offer a free Christmas tree pickup in January.

Winter taxes due

Winter tax collections began Dec. 1. Canton residents have until Feb. 14, 1995, to pay their winter taxes without penalty. Bills were mailed on Nov. 30 to all taxpayers in the community.

Taxpayers who pay taxes through their mortgage company should have received an information-only copy of their tax bill. If residents have not received a bill, contact the treasurer's office, 397-5374.

Taxes are payable 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Township hall will be closed Dec. 30 but the treasurer's office will remain open until 12:30 p.m.

Taxpayers who want to pay at other times can use a night deposit box near the northwest corner of township hall, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Parties for kids

Canton children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to an annual Christmas party hosted by the Canton Recreation Center.

Kids will receive refreshments, games, a cartoon movie and photos with Santa. Two parties are scheduled, one at 9:30 a.m., and the second at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 10.

Reservations are necessary. Call parks and recreation, 397-5110.

School district to provide more information

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

If goals drafted by the "stakeholders" group from Plymouth-Canton Community Schools are implemented, residents will learn about the school district on Omnicom cable, have access to a speakers' bureau and be invited to community dinners.

They'll also be able to attend board meetings at their neighborhood schools and get more school information from Realtors.

The proposals are among many suggested by a cross-section of the community charged by Superintendent Charles Little with identifying district objectives for 1994-95.

Also on the list are ways to im-

prove the schools' image, better inform the public and enhance morale and learning.

Unlike earlier school improvement reports that receive lip service but languish, this wish list has a chance of becoming reality.

At a workshop Monday, administrators and the Board of Education discussed how to implement the goals, timelines and measure success.

The stakeholders assembled at Little's request in lieu of the board drafting its own goals, as it has done in the past.

First on the list is a phone survey to assess community attitudes. Students will help employees question 400 residents.

To strengthen community con-

tacts, the superintendent plans to invite business and political leaders "to brown bag lunches in my office, five or six at a time." Little already has toured some area plants and serves on the Chamber of Commerce economic development committee.

"Breakfasts of Champions" will be hosted at middle schools "to celebrate kids' achievements with a speaker, preferably someone who has made it from the school district, the principal, myself," and parents, said Little.

Little would like to see "at least four polished speakers, on the same page, prepared to go out and spread the schools' story. We have more calls for presentations than people to do it."

School board member Roland Thomas suggested a "school finance speakers' bureau."

The board also agreed to hold a monthly meeting at a neighborhood school. Plans also call for the district's budget to be published each June.

"I find there is a gigantic gap in what people know about school finance, not only in Plymouth-Canton, but even among people who are attuned," said Little.

To improve morale, goals include surveying staff, more frequent visits to schools by administrators and orientation videos for new hires and new residents.

Several audience members said the district needs to do more.

"It's your total community you have to build trust with," said teacher Earl Harrington. "Unless they trust you, you're wasting your time."

Paraprofessional Joyce Harrington said, "I don't see how surveys will be effective in improving communication, unless you do a lot of basic work beforehand. You need to talk to people to get their ideas and make them feel like you're actually listening."

She commended Little for coming to school buildings for lunch. "That surprises people. We need to do more of that so you can get to know us, and vice versa."

A teacher criticized trustees for sitting in silence at last week's meeting after a string of teachers appealed to the board to recognize their hard work and come to terms on a contract. "At least I would have known that someone heard me," she said.

School board president David Artley, who offered a general response at the Nov. 28 meeting, said "We are not going to get in the habit of negotiating in public." Artley and trustees Sue Feiten and Mark Horvath said they welcome phone calls.

The remaining goals — including long-range planning, measuring academic progress and setting high expectations for teaching and learning — will be discussed at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 prior to the regular board meeting.

Church dispute

Advocates for the homeless will get their day in court

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The issue of whether homeless people from Detroit can stay overnight in a Plymouth Township church could be resolved Dec. 27.

That's when attorneys for the Plymouth Township administration and First United Methodist Church are scheduled to appear in Plymouth district court, before Judge James Garber.

Garber is scheduled to hear oral arguments from both sides and rule in the case.

Ron Lowe, attorney for First United Methodist Church of

Plymouth, said Plymouth Township is the only municipality in Wayne County where local officials challenge these visits of homeless people. The church, on North Territorial, seeks to house homeless for one week each year.

Lowe said the church should never have asked permission in the first place.

"There's centuries of tradition in the Methodist church for caring for the needy — it's a basic tenet of Christianity," he said.

The visits of homeless to churches around the county are organized by the Cass Communi-

ty United Methodist Church of Detroit.

About 60 homeless people were bused to the church on North Territorial in October. A township ordinance officer wrote six tickets against associate pastor Kevin Miles and the church on the basis that the church is not zoned for residential use and for failure to provide adequate shower facilities.

"We are not attacking the ordinance," Lowe said. "But the application of this ordinance in this instance is unconstitutional."

The issue was first raised

around Christmas three years ago, when the church sought township permission for a similar visit by homeless people.

Township officials rejected the request, and that got attention from news outlets around metro Detroit.

Then, supervisor Gerald Law echoed Lowe's contention that once the church asked for permission, the township government had to follow its ordinances.

Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy has said the issue is not rejecting homeless people, but maintaining a safe envi-

ronment in buildings.

The township government maintains the church is not approved as a dwelling for people to live in. But Lowe rejected that argument, saying youth groups are routinely allowed to have sleepovers at various township churches.

On a typical day, the group of homeless people coming to Detroit would board buses in Detroit in the evening, arrive at the church and be served dinner and participate in activities, sleep overnight and be served breakfast, then return home by bus to their jobs or the streets.

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Canton eyes library bond proposal to expand

BY JOANNE MALIBZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Patrons could have more space for seating, as well as quiet and group study, if voters approve a proposed bond issue of nearly \$7 million to expand the existing Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road.

"We are solidifying our plans," said library director Jean Tabor. "We are waiting for firmer costs from our architect. This is not definitive."

Library officials presented their proposal for a bond issue to expand the library at a Nov. 28 township board study session.

The library, which operates under Public Act 164, can levy a maximum 2 mills but doesn't have the authority to put a bond proposal on the ballot.

They have no bonding capability in their own right," said Supervisor Tom Yack. The State Municipal Finance Commission will look at their numbers."

Library board members are proposing to roll into the bond proposal the debt on the existing library, which is approximately \$3.7 million, including principal and interest, as well as the costs for expansion and renovation. By consolidating the debt, library

millage would be freed up for operations, Yack added.

The bonds would be issued on the full faith and credit of the township. That means should the library ever not be able to pay their debt, the township would take it over. Yack said he can't imagine that ever happening.

Tabor said library officials plan to make an architectural study of the township board before the end of December. Township trustees will likely approve the library board's request for a bond proposal during the primary election for a new township clerk sometime in the spring. Library officials would pay for part of the primary election.

"This is not an endorsement. This is providing an opportunity for the community to pass judgment on whether to support enlargement of the facility," Yack said.

In 1993, library officials began working on expansion of the existing 31,000 square foot facility, just south of Canton Township Hall. The project would include renovations as well as an additional 25,000 square feet.

"We want to be proactive. We don't want to wait until we can't fit anyone in the building," Tabor said.

"This building was built to be expanded."

The outer walls of the library are not load-bearing and allow for expansion. Plans include expanding on one level in three directions. The children's department would be expanded to the west, adult department to the south, and to the east space for three additional group study rooms, a larger quiet study area and larger young adult area, Tabor said.

According to library statistics, an average 1,000 patrons use the library daily. Approximately 2,000 items are circulated daily with a total 630,000 items expected to be circulated by the end of the year. The library also has about 53,000 registered patrons with about 85 percent from Canton and the remaining 15 percent from surrounding communities, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Belleville and Van Buren.

In the past, Tabor has said that the library is packed nights, as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

In 1995, Canton residents will pay 1.63 mills — the same as in 1993 — for library services and materials. The 1995 budget of \$2.2 million represents about a \$100,000 increase over the current budget.

Bird School students donate to Cheer Club

The donations are starting to stream in for the Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club.

By 3 p.m. Tuesday, we'd been taking your donations of canned

and boxed food for a week and a half. And you've come through with donations — 83 of you, so far.

Our Cheer Club donors in the last few days were Pam Rizzo and family of Canton, Juanita Fenkell of Plymouth Township, Ruth Rumbold of Plymouth, Valerie Klemmer of Plymouth, Dominic Bonell of Plymouth, Ben Burkman of Plymouth, Patrick Todd and family of Plymouth, Santa, Darlene Stevenson of Plymouth, Mary Shupert of Plymouth Township, an anonymous donor, and Peggy and Chris Soave of Plymouth.

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We are taking new unwrapped toys and canned and boxed food, for needy kids and families this Christmas.

Then at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 — just one week from now — the Plymouth Salvation Army will help load up the toys and food on their truck.

The items will be taken to the



Cheer Club donors: Jane Nichols' split third and fourth grade class at Bird Elementary School recently donated a heap of canned food and other items to the Observer Christmas Cheer Club drive.

Helping Santa: Bird Elementary School third and fourth graders and some helpers recently donated items to the Observer's Christmas Cheer Club drive.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Canton police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

BOOKSTORE ROBBERY
Police are investigating the armed robbery of a Canton bookstore Nov. 28.

According to police, a 16-17 year-old male walked into the Dover to Cover store in the 3900 block of Joy Road. He had a hand in his coat pocket implying a weapon and demanded that the employee put money into a brown paper bag he brought with him. There were no customers in the store at the time.

The employee gave the man an undisclosed amount of money.

The robber thanked the employee and left in an unknown direction. It is unknown whether he was walking or driving away.

The robber was described as 5 feet 6 inches tall, 120 pounds, with light brown hair. He wore a beige coat with hood.

MAN ARRESTED
A 20-year-old man was arraigned on three felony charges after he was caught robbing cars at the Autumn Ridge apartment complex early Dec. 5.

The man apparently broke into a home in the 700 block of Meadows Lake at about 2:45 a.m. He rummaged through the house and was going through a purse

when the homeowner awoke. The man was scared off, said Tammie Colling, Canton police community relations officer.

Sometime between 3:15 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. the man went to the Autumn Ridge Apartments at Cherry Hill and Lot 2 and was caught entering cars parked on Reisa Lane. Police are certain at least two cars were entered, Colling said.

The man was arraigned on two counts of larceny from a vehicle and one count first-degree count of home invasion. He faces maximum penalties of five years in prison for each of the larceny charges and a maximum 20 years in prison for the home invasion charge.

Canton man hit with bird shot

A Canton man hit in the leg with bird shot Monday was treated and released from the hospital and Plymouth Township police said they planned to seek charges against the man who allegedly shot him.

At 9:20 p.m., the Canton man, 44, drove to the home of his former mother-in-law in the Plymouth Hills Mobile Home Park over a continuing family disagreement, according to Plymouth

Township Police who are investigating the incident.

While outside the home on North Drive, the boyfriend of the former mother-in-law came outside with a 12-gauge shotgun and allegedly fired one round of bird shot at the Canton man's older model Camaro, striking it in the door.

"The victim then exited his vehicle and was having words with the ex mother-in-law outside,

when he was shot in the lower right leg," said Det. Sgt. Robert Antal.

The man was taken to St. Mary's Hospital and released. Township police said they planned to charge the alleged shooter with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, at his scheduled court appearance Wednesday.

It was the first shooting this year in Plymouth Township.

Whyman sponsors pension bill

State workers guilty of misusing tax dollars would see their pension benefits permanently forfeited under legislation approved recently by the Legislature, said Rep. Deborah Whyman, sponsor of the measure.

The Canton Township Republican said House Bill 4645 would allow the state to seize the retirement benefits of an employee convicted of an offense involving money or accepting a bribe related to their work. Both offenses would be felonies. The measure requires the court to establish a fund for pension assets, which

would be used for restitution costs. It also would pay for fines, incarceration costs, damages and administrative fees.

"The legislation caps more than a year of aggressive efforts by GOP lawmakers to clean up House operations in the wake of the 1992 fiscal agency scandal," said Whyman, a member of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee. "We now have a system of regular audits and a budget open to public scrutiny. Those in charge of the taxpayers' hard-earned money must now be accountable for every penny spent."

Whyman's bill is part of an eight-bill package aimed at establishing higher standards for public workers, in addition to injecting more accountability into the political arena. A 1985 attorney general ruling gives the Legislature the option to add "faithful performance" conditions to the state's retirement policies.

HB 4645 now goes to the governor for his signature.

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Two officers in procession injured

Two Canton police officers were slightly injured when their patrol cars were rear-ended while in the funeral procession for flight nurse Janice Nowacki-Tobin Thursday morning.

The two patrol cars were bringing up the rear of the procession on Belleville Road and I-94 when they were rear-ended by what appears to have been the last car in the procession, said Canton Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher.

Nurse

their vehicles were lined up outside ready for a procession to Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. The procession of at least 29 emergency vehicles and friends and family, according to onlookers, reached 3.4 miles.

Catholic Central students and band members also filled the church in support of Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin's son, Philip.

Kelly reminded mourners that the flight nurse would have urged them not to give up on life. "She decided to take her anger and grief and turn it around into positive elements," Kelly said, referring to her grief following the death of her first husband in an accident.

She had worked as a staff nurse, charge nurse and acting head nurse at St. Joseph's when she decided to apply to be a flight nurse in 1986. She was chosen as one of six nurses from a field of 30 applicants.

Shortly after she told an Observer reporter that she decided

against a permanent head nurse position because she didn't want to be bogged down with paperwork. She wanted more direct patient care.

"Jan in many respects was a nurse's nurse," said the Rev. Kenyon Edwards, chaplain in St. Joseph's emergency room. "She had a rule: Always for the patient. And always go with your gut instinct."

The Rev. Tim Dombrowski, an ethics specialist at St. Joseph's, said the accident and deaths had struck at the heartstrings of the hospital staff. "This tragic accident has touched us at St. Joseph's. This really hurts. I don't think anything can hurt worse than this."

Michael Tobin read portions of the wedding vows he exchanged with his new wife and had a Steve Ray Vaughn song played at the funeral. He joked that Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin, who loved blue jeans and T-shirts, would look at the crowd gathered in suits and dresses and wonder. "She would say she must be at a wedding or a funeral," Michael Tobin said. "I

could talk about my princess forever. She meant a lot to me."

Kelly recited a joke Michael Tobin told him that his wife brought home the day before she died. The joke was about a flight crew — doctor, pilot and nurse — who crash. When they get to heaven, each tells God — St. Peter had the day off — what they did with their lives and how they helped people. God told the pilot to sit at his right side; the doctor to his left. When the nurse stepped up, she announced to God: "You're sitting in my seat."

Michael Tobin spoke of his wife and how he had promised to care for her children should anything happen to her. "Baby girl and boy, I'll be here for you. I'm not going to leave you," Tobin told the children.

Mrs. Nowacki-Tobin is survived by her children and husband, as well as her mother, Loraine Cartwright, sisters Pam, Judy and Pat, and brother Jerry.

The museum not only adds the melodic melodies of the Plymouth chorus, it also takes on a dazzling look with glitter, garlands and a gigantic, spectacularly decorated holiday tree. In a fanciful gingerbread village, toy trains clickety-clack along mini-railroad tracks. Storytelling, hands-on activities, and the jolly old elf himself will delight the youngsters.

Next door in Greenfield Village experience the changing ways Christmas has been celebrated at such sites as the Wright Home, Sarah Jordan Boardinghouse and the Firestone Farm.

Holiday trees reflect decorating customs that pre-date tinsel and

twinkle lights. Costumed interpreters will be baking holiday treats and crafting gifts based on centuries-old traditions. Children will discover resourceful ways to create Christmas cheer in a special hands-on area just for them.

The holidays will be celebrated at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. Adults \$11.50; seniors citizens, 62 and over, \$10.50; children 5-12, \$5.75; children under 5 free. Admission to the museum and village is separate. Combination tickets (unlimited access to both sites for two consecutive days) cost adults \$20, youth 5-12 \$10.

The family wants the sleigh and reindeer back. They are offering an undisclosed reward. "If they bring it back, they'll find out what the reward is," Costantino said.

Besides the sheer audacity of the thief or thieves, the Costantino family is also upset because they were looking forward to using the display Saturday when children are invited to the restaurant for a pizza party with Santa. The party will continue 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Santa will be there even though he's lost his sleigh and reindeer.

As displays go, it was fairly large. The reindeer stood about four feet tall. Someone apparently cut the cable that kept the display illuminated. The extension cords were even stolen. "It's just sad," Costantino said.

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Teachers

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is only \$5,515 per child. That's simply not equal dollars for education any way you look at it, but that's another story. The important thing is that this lets us once again concentrate our energies on the job of teaching and learning, which is what we're all about."

Following the teachers' settlement, the custodial-maintenance union reached a tentative agreement with the district later Tuesday morning. Still unsettled are the cafeteria and transportation workers, the paraprofessionals and the Plymouth-Canton Administrators' association. Clerical workers settled earlier.

"We will now look toward meeting with these groups," said district spokesman Richard Egli. "Most were simply waiting until the teachers were settled."

A number of teachers said they were serious about striking. Support was evident at two informational pickets and earlier this week when dozens of teachers called in sick.

A high school student said three of her six teachers were absent Monday.

Fan phone calls began at 1:30 a.m. and continued till 6 a.m. Tuesday, telling teachers to go to work.

"If they'd called for a strike, we'd have been out. A majority was in support. We would have been out that night had they asked for it," a teacher said of the Nov. 28 picket attended by 450 teachers. "We felt so betrayed. They said they needed the money, so everyone said fine, and we gave back our 3 percent raise last year. Hours later, they found several

made the sleigh and reindeer to see if he could get another one. "They aren't making them now."

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Fragile families making job of educators harder

By MARY RODRIGUE

STAFF WRITER

Call Michael P. Flanagan an education advocate.

As superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency, Flanagan oversees everything from Head Start for preschoolers to identifying priorities for the almost half million children educated in the county's public schools.

"In my generation, 60 to 70 percent of families were intact, what I call Leave It To Beaver families with a mom, dad and kids. Now, nationally, that figure is only 6 percent. It's probably even lower in Wayne County. There is no built-in support mechanism for learning."

Flanagan, a New York native

and Notre Dame graduate, cut his teeth career-wise in several administrative positions in Michigan schools before joining RESA last January.

He was superintendent of Farmington Public Schools and held other administrative positions there. He also served as assistant superintendent of the Huron Valley Schools.

Flanagan, based in RESA's Wayne headquarters, travels across the county regularly for education summits with staffs from the 34 districts in the county. The past year has been an eye opening experience for him.

"The whole future is in jeopardy," he said. "We have a half million kids. And half of them are on the road to not becoming con-

tributing members of society. "It wasn't hard being the superintendent in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Those kids are prepared to do well."

"The diversity of needs from district to district is shocking. The needs in Highland Park and Detroit are different from Grosse Pointe or Plymouth-Canton."

"The Governor, even the President, list solutions in an oversimplified way."

Re-emerging staff is a key ingredient to meeting the challenge, he said. In Highland Park, the poorest district, Flanagan was part of a group responsible for creating an interdisciplinary team to focus on special education, technology and Head Start pro-

gram improvements over the next five years.

"Their needs are different from the team going into Grosse Pointe or Plymouth-Canton. Each district is totally unique."

"We're responsible for educating more kids in the county than in the whole state of Wyoming. And we don't have the political clout."

RESA has over 1,000 employees at 30 sites and a budget of \$143 million in federal, state and local money. It is the link between the 34 local school districts and the Michigan Department of Education. It's the largest of 57 agencies of its kind in Michigan and one of the largest in the nation.

Each district with input from RESA is planning strategies to improve schools into the next century.

"When I was in high school in the early 60s, even those who dropped out were able to find jobs in the auto industry," Flanagan said. "Today that's gone. Learning is the fuel for the future. The metaphor for education has changed from a 100 yard dash to a marathon where everyone crosses the finish line."

In addition to offering consulting and technical assistance to 37,500 school employees, RESA

directly runs Head Start programs for over 3,700 children; operates special education programs; provides computer services; and coordinates purchasing for local districts to save them money.

A nationally recognized educator, Flanagan is vice chairman of the National Superintendency Institute and education's representative to President Clinton's Task Force for Children's Health Ser-

VICES. He is also a member of both the state superintendent's school finance advisory committee and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators council.

He is a member of the Wayne County Tax Advisory Board, the County Library Board, and a board trustee of Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. Flanagan lives in Plymouth Township with his wife and three children.

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Michael Flanagan
RESA superintendent

Educational service agency serves districts countywide

The Regional Educational Service Agency has several new programs to promote education in Wayne County. A few are highlighted here.

An estimated 1,000 middle and high school students who want to stay in school, and even go on to college or post-high-school training programs, will get help attaining their goals through an educational talent search project called STARS (Student Talent Academy Reaching for Success).

Participating students in grades 6 to 12 — from the dis-

tricts of Ecorse, Huron, Inkster, River Rouge, Romulus, Van Buren and Westwood — attend Saturday enrichment classes; receive tutoring in math, science, and other subjects; obtain academic, career and personal counseling; and develop skills necessary for success in their academic as well as professional careers.

Located at RESA's Heritage Farm complex in Wayne, Outdoor Challenge is a pilot program designed for at-risk middle school and emotionally impaired high school students. Borrowing inno-

vative techniques from Outward Bound, students gain leadership skills and build self-esteem and self-reliance as they encounter physical challenges on a rigorous indoor-outdoor course.

Perhaps the most innovative new program, RESA in April initiated its first Head Start program for children whose families are without permanent homes. It currently serves 17 western Wayne preschoolers who live in area homeless shelters with their families.

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Subdivision OK'd despite neighbors' fears

BY DARRYL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Westland residents living near Cherry Hill and Carlson are worried that their neighborhood will be deluged with traffic from a new subdivision planned for the area.

Fifty ranch and colonial homes are slated for the Cherry Oaks Estates subdivision that is to be built on 13.9 acres south-west of Cherry Hill and Carlson, city planning director Tod Kilroy said.

Nearby residents, saying their neighborhoods already are bombarded by traffic, told the Westland City Council that the problem will only worsen. They are particularly concerned about developer Marshall Kallen's proposal to extend a street, Canyon, west from Carlson into the new subdivision.

Access into the subdivision would be available from the north, via Cherry Hill.

"We already have a traffic problem at Carlson and Canyon," Carlson resident Carol Pi-

lon said during Monday night's council meeting. "Canyon cannot take any more traffic."

Pilon said she is fearful for children's safety.

Despite opposition from residents, the developer's plans apparently meet city ordinances. That prompted the council Monday to vote 4-3 to give the Cherry Oaks Estates project tentative preliminary plat approval.

Opposing the project were Councilwoman Sandra Cicirelli and Councilman Charles Pickering. Supporting it were council members Glenn Anderson, David Cox, Charles "Trav" Griffin, Sharon Scott and Thomas Brown.

The council's action, however, was contingent on having the developer seek an alternative to extending Canyon. Some suggested a second Cherry Hill entrance.

Some nearby residents had hoped that Cherry Oaks Estates could have a single entrance, but Michael Reddy, assistant

fire chief, noted that two entrances would be necessary to provide adequate access during emergencies.

To further complicate traffic problems, the Cherry Oaks Estates project is expected to begin next spring, meaning it will coincide with the widening of nearby Newburgh between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Newburgh will be closed more than a year.

"I think we're going to have a really complicated problem when all of this happens at one time," Pickering said.

Cicirelli suggested that an emergency access road could be built as a second entrance, and that it could remain closed except during emergencies. A final solution has not yet been decided.

Mayor Robert Thomas noted Monday that traffic problems caused by the Newburgh widening will eventually subside. Moreover, he said it would be unfair to penalize Kallen because of the Newburgh project, which isn't connected to the

Cherry Oaks Estates development.

At one point Monday, it appeared the council might postpone its vote a second time. The council delayed the vote two weeks ago.

"It is unfair to my client... to postpone another two weeks what could have already been addressed," attorney Steven Wallace told the council Monday.

Residents also have voiced concerns about other issues, such as water pressure. But Carl Clark, public services department director, said pressure will actually be boosted by system improvements that will accompany the project.

Council members noted that Monday's vote for tentative preliminary plat approval is the first of several steps necessary for the development. Several departments at the county and state level will have to review and approve the plans, which also still face final plat approval by the council.

Top local students earn math honors

Seven students from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park (PCEP) have qualified for the second part of the 38th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition sponsored by the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

The qualifiers from Salem High School are: seniors, Karanbir Gill, Rebecca Uhlmann and Daniel Hodge. Qualifiers from Canton High School are: sophomores, Angkara Roy and Besty Outley and seniors Justin Palk and Gregg Wu.

The students qualified for Part II by placing among the top seven percent of nearly 14,000 students who took an examination given at 400 schools across the state of Michigan on Oct. 12.

The qualifiers will compete by taking the second part of the exam on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The 100 students with the highest combined scores will be invited to a banquet in their honor at Grand Valley State University on March 4. Approximately the top 50 students will receive college scholarships ranging in value of \$400 to \$2,300.

Woman participates in annual parade

Charlotte Austin of Plymouth, a longtime owner and breeder of Arabian horses, was in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade with her Harmony Acres Arabians. She was part of a parade train-

ing group of volunteer equestrians and has participated in various parades for more than 10 years. The volunteer group plans to ride in the Chicago Thanksgiving parade in 1995.

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Officials hope to streamline court funding system

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Chief Justice Michael Cavanagh promised legislators that model plans for streamlining the funding of Michigan's complex court system.

A joint Senate-House committee is wrestling with the perceived unfairness, dating back to 1980, of the state's paying for judges in Wayne Circuit, Detroit Records and Detroit District Court while the other 82 counties pay their own ways.

"The funding level for all Wayne County courts is not at that different from the rest of the state," Cavanagh told the panel Nov. 30. "There's a great deal of misunderstanding of 'state-funded' courts."

Cavanagh added he has "no secret plan" that he's holding back until May 10.

The 611-judge system cost \$510 million to run in 1991, the last full year for which data were available. The state picked up 30 percent, local units 29 percent, court revenue (filing fees and fines) 31 percent, and federal grants for the Friend of the Court 11 percent.

Under the 1980 plan of then-Gov. William G. Milliken and the Legislature, the state would pay judicial costs in the Wayne-Detroit courts and gradually pick up costs across the state. The severe economic recession of 1979-83, however, halted any further state action.

A group of outstate counties has filed suit against the state over the state's failure to proceed with a state funding plan. But Cavanagh's figures showed that local units are paying 25.7 percent of costs for the Wayne-Detroit courts versus 35.8 percent in the other 82 counties.

Lawmakers didn't comment on Cavanagh's presentation. The chief justice said district courts, which handle misdemeanor and minor civil cases, earn 83 percent of their costs

through filing fees and fines. They spend more than \$150 million a year and bring in nearly \$125 million.

Circuit courts bring in barely 10 percent of their \$193 million in operating costs. Probate courts collect 7 percent of their \$166.7 million costs.

Rep. Michael Nye, R-Litchfield, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said he was "bothered" by court-collected fines going to such other uses as libraries and road patrols. "We tend to have court money going to other places," Nye said.

Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, noted court workloads aren't "weighted" — that is, con-

tested versus uncontested divorces aren't separated, and efficiency levels aren't shown. The court administrator's staff replied that it was difficult to weight cases and assign some costs.

Cavanagh's detailed report showed the \$510 million total operating cost figure was a guess, at best. Some problems:

■ The salaries figure excluded some county clerk wages. County clerks serve general county government but also handle court paperwork.

■ Salaries of court clerks and their benefits differ widely across the state, with Wayne County's levels considerably higher than

even neighboring Oakland County's.

■ It was difficult to allocate the costs of "assigned counsel" — that is, lawyers for indigents. Some local units failed to identify what court the assigned counsel was working in.

■ Equipment costs varied. In some counties, courts and general government shared equipment.

■ Such costs as the law library, employee bonds and telephone or fax are included in the general government budget and not in the court budget.

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■ Such indirect costs as payroll processing and purchasing aren't shown in court budgets.

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dents said they plan to spend \$10 on their pets this Christmas, with catnip toys being the most popular gift for cats and large rawhide bones and rubber chew toys leading the pack with dogs.

Other popular gifts include doggie sweaters and beds, mechanical mice and dog biscuit cookies packaged in holiday boxes.

Most dogs and cats are likely to be surprised by holiday gifts since more than half of the respondents (53 percent) said they will wrap their pets' Christmas presents this year.

Other interesting results are: 47 percent of owners will place their pets' presents under the tree; 37 percent will place their pets' pre-

sents in a Christmas stocking. The fact that most people include their pets in their holiday celebrations comes as no surprise to Pets Supplies Plus. "Pets have become part of the family today," said company president Jack Berry. "It's only natural that they should be part of the festivities at this time of year."

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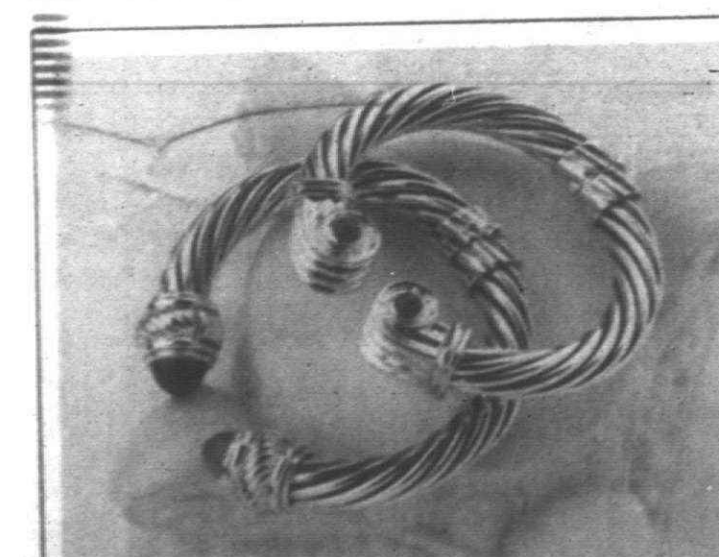
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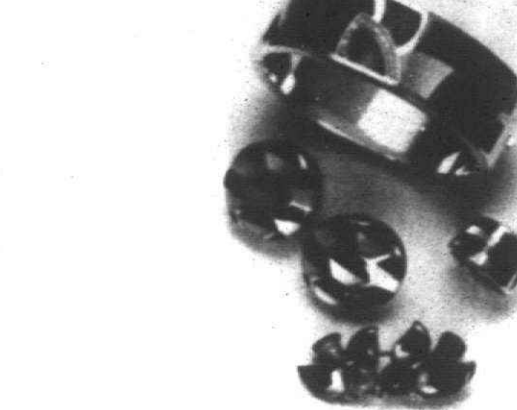
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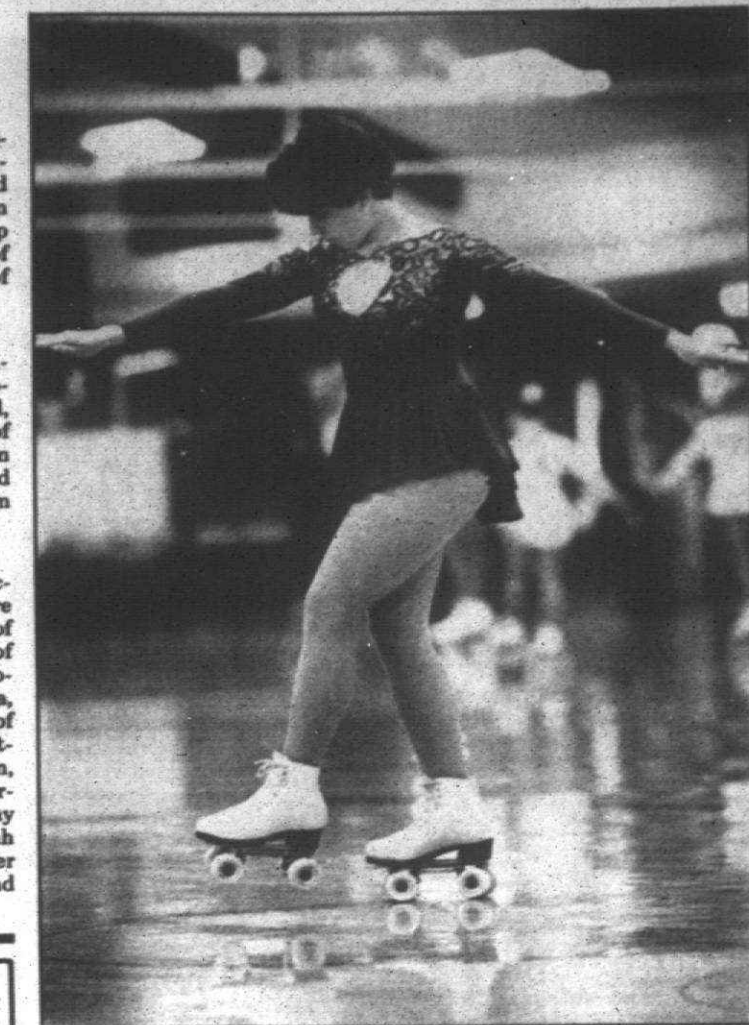
Placing (first, second or third place) in figure events were Bethany Rydzewski of Livonia, Christine Jarrett of Livonia, Lindsay Mann, Matthew Karr of Livonia, Tracey Wilson of Livonia, David Parker of Brighton, Sara Rydzewski of Livonia, Christine Riding of Livonia, Lisa Huntington of Brighton, Marie Hayden of Canton Township, Stacey Lovelace, Janie Kayle of Westland, Linda Lacava of Livonia, Connie Core of Canton Township, Angel Beina, Sarah Krug of Clawson, Megan Scott of Livonia, Edgar Puentes of Livonia, Sarah Baldwin, Stephanie Janiga of Livonia, Clare MacKinnon of Livonia, Devon Janus of Redford Township and Allison Ingham of Livonia.

Placing in dance competition were David Scott of Livonia and Susan Walton of White Lake.

Township, Matthew Karr of Livonia and Katie Rydzewski of Livonia, David Parker of Brighton and Christine Riding of Livonia, Sean Cartwright of Redford Township and Devon Janus, Joshua Marr of Milan and Lisa Huntington of Brighton.

Also placing in the dance division were James Turner of Livonia and Janie Kyle of Westland, Ronald and Sherrell Maers of Livonia, James Petty of Canton Township and Grace Seal and Stephen Reskitalo of Dearborn and Jeane Govan of Livonia.

In the solo dance division placing first, second or third were Meghan Ledy, Dinah Ramirez of Livonia, Krysten Johnson of Livonia, Sara Rydzewski of Livonia, Kasey Hansen of Livonia, Stacey Lovelace, Tracey Wilson of Livonia, Kristina Revels of Westland, Sarah Krug of Clawson, Elizabeth Sequin of Livonia, Sarah Merrill of Livonia, Bethany Rydzewski of Livonia, Sarah Baldwin of Livonia, Jennifer Frenc of Redford Township and Michelle Chevalier of Dearborn.



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Competition: More than 250 roller skaters from throughout Michigan and Ohio participated in last Sunday's Michigan Inter-Club Artistic Roller Skating Meet at Riverside Arena in Livonia. Here Livonia resident Sara Rydzewski competes in the figure event.

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I say, let's talk! Break the silence! It's time for the stomach flu to become to all people what childbirth is to women and hernia checks are to men. A badge of survival, a common ground. The stomach flu, you see, could be just the thing to trigger unity and kinship within the entire human race. We've all been there; we've all done it. So let's talk about it. I don't mind. I want to break the silence.

Here goes. My story. It all began with blankie troubles. One night, not too long ago, my son summoned me into his room seven times in a row. He had blankie troubles. "They're not staying put," he cried. Now call it mother's instinct, call it experience, call it whatever, but I knew (deep down I knew) trouble was brewing. Waking up with blankie difficulties seven times in one night is not right, even for 3-year-old Joe.

In the morning, as I stepped out of the shower, I heard Joe just outside the bathroom door. He made a noise; Joe's older brother called it a "blorp" noise. It's the precursor noise a child makes when he's about to "bluck." (Older brother came up with that descriptive gem as well.) See? I was right. All those earlier blankie troubles? He was coming down with something, or rather up with something.

Now through 10 years of mothering, I've reached a certain level of maturity when it comes to this business of (I still hate this word) vomiting. There, I said it. Yuck. Anyway, I used

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Bugliosi: On Manson, Simpson

■ Highly successful prosecuting and defense attorney and just as successful author Vincent Bugliosi was quick to share his opinion on some of the more visible murder cases then and now at a recent Town Hall.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Vincent Bugliosi has convicted Charles Manson in court and Lee Harvey Oswald on British television. In a recent talk at a Northville Town Hall luncheon in Livonia, Bugliosi predicted that although he's not working on the case, O.J. Simpson will be next.

"I think this is an easy case," the now-retired Bugliosi said to a packed crowd at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. "I think the verdict is going to be guilty and the jury isn't going to have a problem with that."

"There's a fresh trail of blood from the murder scene to his car and home. He can come up with all sorts of excuses (but) if that's not an obvious sign of guilt I don't know what is."

Bugliosi should know. In his eight-year career at the Los Angeles District Attorney's office, he lost only 106 of 1,000 cases that he tried. The 1964 UCLA Law School graduate was so admired that the TV series "The DA" with Robert Conrad was modeled after him.

His story of Charles Manson, "Helter Skelter," is the biggest selling true-crime book in publishing history. This month, Norton Press released a hardcover anniversary edition of the book. He is also the author of the national best seller, "Till Death Do Us Part," and more recently, "And the Sea Will Tell," which went to No. 1 on The New York Times best seller list and became a four-hour CBS-TV mini-series.



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Signing in: Author and attorney Vincent Bugliosi chats with Betty Yura while signing books following his recent Town Hall appearance.

Plenty of views

In the 1-hour long talk and question-and-answer session, he managed to squeeze in his views of the Manson, Oswald and Simpson cases.

The bloody Tate/La Bianca murders by Manson and his "Family" make up "the most bizarre murder case in the recorded annals of crime," according to Bugliosi.

"If someone had written a fiction novel about this, (the reader) would put it down after a few pages. It (fiction)

has to be believable and this is too far out," he said.

Besides their homicidal nature, members of Manson's Family were average citizens, Bugliosi said. His followers held degrees in history, were homecoming queens, all-American athletes, or attended Jesuit college.

Manson used his sophisticated evil ways to keep his followers under his control at the Family's commune, Spahn Ranch, breaking down their egos and their pride with sexu-

al perversions, drugs, and daily preaching, Bugliosi said. Clocks and calendars were kept out of Spahn Ranch leaving the members to live a timeless existence. He exploited their weaknesses and led them to believe that he was Christ.

"Manson had an inherent ability to dominate a fellow human being," he said. Manson thought it was his "job" to unprogram you and reprogram

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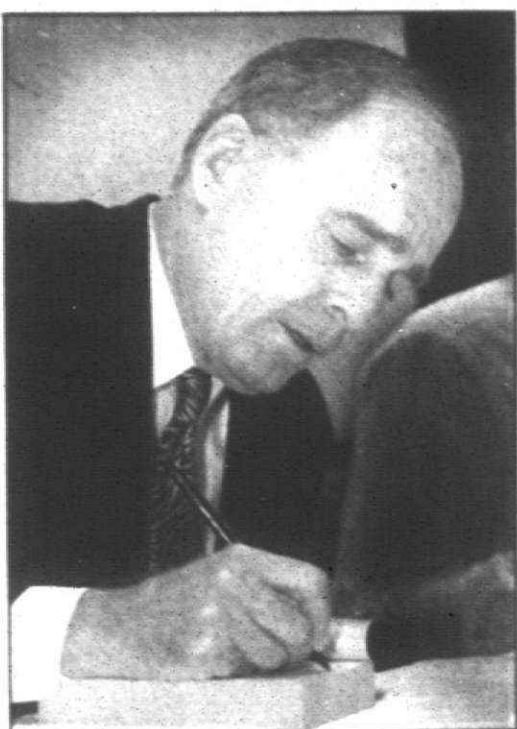
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them to be his slaves and followers. He "programmed" his believers to kill for him. He wanted to kick start what he thought was an inevitable black/white war. According to Bugliosi, Manson said that blacks would start the revolution by robbing and murdering rich white people.

The blacks would "win" the revolution and Manson and his family would survive, thanks to a secret hideaway. When the blacks couldn't handle running the country, Manson would step in, Bugliosi said.

Clues to his deep-seated hatred against blacks were found in Manson's journal. He didn't know who his father was, but believed it was a black cook named Scott.

"If in fact the man was part black, it may have been a black/white war going on inside of him," Bugliosi said.

His pre-existing deep-seated hostility against society pushed him as well. "Death is Charlie's trip, he wanted to murder as many people as he could," Bugliosi said.

Only one victim

Lee Harvey Oswald, on the other hand, really only wanted one person dead — John F. Kennedy. He killed Kennedy "because he was the quintessential representative of the society he hated."

"He was a nut, he said he was trying to change the world," Bugliosi said. "He told his squadrons in the Marines that he wanted to do something that in 10,000 years people would still be talking about."

"Here's a guy who defected to the Soviet Union. You know you're dealing with someone who's very goofy."

In a mock trial produced by a British company, Bugliosi proved that Oswald was the sole assassin. When he was approached about doing the 21-hour series, he was apprehensive. He was assured that real witnesses and a

Texas judge would participate in lieu of scripts or actors. "The historical significance was immediately apparent to (us). This was the first time that key witnesses had been exposed to a cross examination," he said.

He argued that Oswald was guilty for a number of reasons. It was proven that the shots came from the school book depository. A reporter saw a rifle protruding from the building and an employee heard three shots from the floor above him. Fragments of the bullet found near Kennedy were consistent with the rifle found in the building.

When questioned, Oswald denied owning a rifle but photographs of him holding a rifle were found in his home. He said that someone superimposed his picture on the rifle.

Based on those and other stories and the definition of a sniper, Bugliosi refuted the conspiracy

theory.

"No one has any credible evidence pointing in the direction of a conspiracy," he said. "Part of the definition of a sniper is someone who wants to remain anonymous. All eyes were on the president's limousine looking to the front, the grassy knoll was in the range of vision. Why would a sniper who wants to remain anonymous position himself to the front when he could be seen? A knoll really doesn't make any sense."

Even though he doesn't believe in the conspiracy theory, he saw the film "JFK" "not because I expected to learn anything (but) I knew people would ask me about it."

"When I left the movie, I told my wife, 'Apparently you and I were the only people not involved in the conspiracy.' I don't know where all these people met, Madison Square Garden."

Family Room from page 13A

to think the whole world was coming to a fast and furious end when someone got sick like that. Maybe it's because it's all so unpredictable. The more goes every where at anytime. And it's heck to clean up. And children, until they reach maybe 5 years old, are not at all graceful when it comes to this most graceless malady. (Of course, George Bush was somewhat older when he fell from grace in Japan that time, but some things just can't be helped.)

Anyway, that day (the Monday before Thanksgiving) my calendar was marked like this: 10:15 a.m. Grandpa here to watch Joe and Jack while do Art Lady presentation in Carmen's class. Thanksgiving grocery shopping after that. 1:15 p.m. Joe to eye surgeon for follow-up (he had that surgery I was telling you about a few weeks back); 3:45 Tony and Carmen home from school; 4 Carmen to gymnastics, but first pick up teammate Bridg at her school;

4:30 Carmen and Bridg gymnastics; 5 Tony piano lesson; 7 Tony Scout pack meeting; 7:45 Carmen home from gymnastics. Husband on, helped Joe out, and the rest, as they say, was gone with the wind.

Mile Nine and 10 were without incident. Mile Eight had been the turning point for Joe. His recovery was dramatic and quick and complete. So complete that what was left of that Monday before Thanksgiving went on as planned. But that Wednesday, and the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday afterwards, plans went right down the drain. I won't say it. But I will say this. Indeed, we all got sick. But each of us had our very own day to be sick in. Absolutely no overlap. And that's very good. As you know, stomach flu in the 5 and under crowd is messy. Overlap is worse.

So the episode ended. And what we're left with is this: baggy clothes, common ground and a kinship with one another we won't soon forget. Not bad for yucky old stomach flu, huh?

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Community Hospice Services is conducting its fifth annual holiday nut sale to assist incurably ill patients and their families. The selection includes 16-ounce containers of cashews, deluxe mix and German roasted almonds and a 14-ounce container of pistachios, costing \$10 each.

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Geiman-Dolan

Donald and Donna Geiman of Lewiston, Mich., announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lynn, to Daniel John Dolan, the son of Charles and Kathleen Dolan of Clio, Mich.

A Canton resident, the bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary Academy in Monroe and a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she received a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is also a graduate of Madonna University, where she earned a master of science degree in nursing administration. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor in labor and delivery.

Her fiancé, also of Canton, is a graduate of Mt. Morris High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan-Flint, where he received a bachelor of business administration degree. He is employed at Auto Alliance, Inc. in Flat Rock as a unit leader for the materials handling management staff.



A May wedding at St. Thomas A' Becket Catholic Church in Canton is planned.

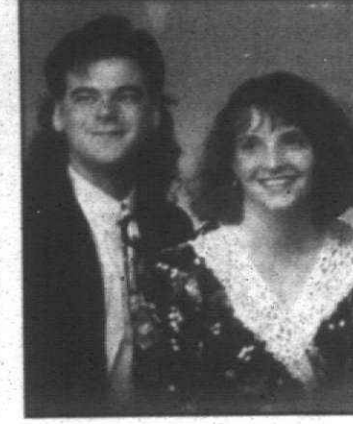
Zahn-Stanley

Michael and Karen Zahn of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina Carey, to Eric Thomas Stanley, the son of Thomas and Helen Stanley of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a senior at Cornerstone College in Grand Rapids and will graduate in June 1995 with a secondary teaching degree in English. She is employed by Discovery Zone in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Grandville High School and is employed by Pro Audio in Grand Rapids.

A New Year's Eve wedding is planned in Berean Baptist Church in Livonia.



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Weber-Nippa

Carl and Irma Weber of Frankenthum announce the engagement of their daughter, Hollie Sue, to Carl Edward Nippa, the son of Donald and Janet Nippa of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Frankenthum High School and Grand Valley State University, where she received a degree in computer science. She is employed by Haworth Inc. in Holland, Mich.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and Grand Valley State University, where he received a degree in health science. He is employed by Perrigo Corp. in Allegan, Mich.



A May wedding in Frankenthum is planned.

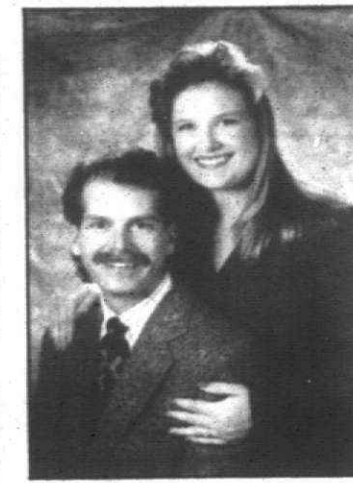
Kelsey-Erickson

Barbara and Ken Kelsey of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Janice Lee, to Alan Carl Erickson, the son of Gerald and Carol Erickson of St. Clair.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University where she received a degree in general business. She is vice president of Kelsey Advertising Promotions in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of St. Clair High School and Stanford University, where he received a master's degree in civil engineering. He is employed by NTH Consultants in Farmington Hills as a project engineer.

A June 1995 wedding is planned in Salem United Church of Christ in Farmington.



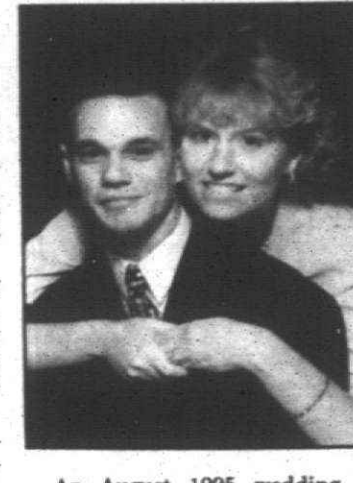
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White-Henderson

Jim and Linda White of Redford and Sue and Dwight Thomas of Detroit announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanna Sue White, to Scott Daniel Henderson, the son of Ed and Sharon Henderson of Livonia and Matt and Sandy Funk of Westland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Allen Park High School and is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Oakland Sports Medicine as a physical therapist technician.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is attending Central Michigan University. He is employed by Coca Cola as a sales representative.



An August 1995 wedding is planned in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Fontaine-Weiman

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fontaine of Plymouth announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Ann, to Stephen Frances Weiman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weiman of Roselle, N.J.

The bride-to-be, a resident of Cordova, Tenn., is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and received her bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University. She is employed as an account supervisor by Bozell Advertising in Memphis.

Her fiancé, also of Cordova, is a graduate of Roselle Catholic High School and received an associate's degree in education from Union College. He is employed as a customer service and sales representative by ASI Corporation in Memphis.

A May wedding at Laurel Chapel in Livonia is planned.

she is in the nursing program. She is employed by Internal Medicine of Northville.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central High School, also attended Schoolcraft College. He is employed by CEC Products Co.

An April wedding at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia is planned.

Malack-Estes
Michael and Janet Malack of Northville, formerly of Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Hope, to Kevin Michael Estes, the son of Larry and Janice Estes of Northville.

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LORENE GREEN

have thrown away several at-

Dear Ms. Green, I have been reading your column for several years and have always wanted to send you a sample of my writing, but due to time and the inability to make the letter flow just right I have procrastinated. Even today, I

tempt of this letter, but with the encouragement of a friend who won't let me give up on this, I've done it. I am 33 years old and am right-handed. I see changes in my handwriting when my moods are different, but I believe this is my normal handwriting.

Thank you for considering my letter and I hope you find it interesting.

S.B. Livonia

Our writer is able to focus on the large picture of things while still retaining a feeling for and attention to all details. Just men-

tion an apple and she can envision the whole orchard. A very retentive memory is also seen here. This is an asset in furnishing her mind with information and eliminates the time-consuming need to search it out again.

Loyalty is visible throughout this handwriting. She is loyal to her friends and also to her beliefs. I suspect she has friends who have been with her a long time. Her behavior usually conforms to the standards of her social group. She wants to be accepted and well-thought of by them.

Optimism rides on every line of this handwriting. If this is characteristic of her handwriting on most days I feel confident we can be certain of an upbeat person who has faith in a higher being.

A sense of pride about most of the things she does can be seen. This can inspire her to live up to others' expectations as well as her own. She can organize her daily routine quite well, but in spite of this she would rather do. Then she is tempted to procrastinate a little. She can be flexible. Do I see some unfinished projects here?

This is not a long-range planner. She is more inclined to

I have been reading your column for several years and have always wanted to send you a sample of my writing, but due to time and the inability to make the letter flow just right I have

plan as she becomes involved in a task or project. As I continue to analyze this handwriting I feel there is a young woman here just waiting to develop into the beautiful flower she is destined to become.

Seemingly, she grew up in a traditional home, hearing more "shoulds" and "should not" than acceptance. She has been under the influence of someone with a strong personality. Her need to be independent and follow her own star probably brought out some rebelliousness. Perhaps this explains the anxiety I find.

She has made some significant breaks with tradition and now knows better where she wants her life to go. At times, however, she

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

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A few simple steps help make holiday season safer one

The Christmas holiday to most people means colorful lighting decorations in homes and apartments.

But the lighting can also result in tragedy if residents aren't careful.

That's the message from the Detroit Edison Co. in warning people to follow several simple steps to avoid a fire during the holiday season.

"The hustle and bustle of the holiday season should not preclude safety from being an important element of festive lighting

displays," said Claudia Gabay, Edison's corporate lighting consultant.

"It's easy to get caught up in the spirit of the season and forget to include some basic safety

Just a few minutes checking electric decorations can help prevent shocks or the start of fires. The most important thing before stringing lights and setting up other trimmings is to make sure they contain a label from Underwriters Laboratories (UL). The "UL" designation ensures

that the set has been designed for safe operation. She added that the second-most important consideration is to use lighting as it is intended by the manufacturer — either outdoor or indoor.

"If your indoor lights are hot to the touch, they should not be used," Gabay said. "We want everybody to have a safe holiday and the best way to do that is to take a few moments and check for frayed wires, damaged sockets and cracked or missing insulation. If there are defects, the entire set should be replaced."

Decorative lighting can be a safe, inexpensive way to ignite the holiday spirit, Gabay said. Most lights cost from less than one cent to 7 1/2 cents per string to operate for six hours, depending on wattage. For strands of lights that blink off and on, the cost is halved.

Gabay offered the following indoor lighting suggestions for a safer holiday season:

- Homes are able to carry as much as 20 amps or 2,400 watts.
- For the best results, load to only 80 percent of your home's maximum capacity.
- Use no more than three sets of standard lights on each extension cord.
- Do not insert new bulbs or change fuses when light sets are plugged in.
- Keep lights away from carpeting, furniture and drapes. Some standard lights produce enough heat to scorch or damage items they touch.
- Turn off decorative lights be-

- fore you go to bed or leave home.
- For outdoor lighting, the Edison representative suggested:
- Use only outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.
- Keep all electrical connections off the ground and hang sockets downward to prevent water from seeping into them.
- Do not run lighting cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.
- Cover outdoor plugs and connection joints with plastic. Wrap and seal the ends with electrical tape.

Federal judge gives green light on action against Fieger

AP — A federal judge ruled Friday that the state Attorney Grievance Commission can proceed with charges of unprofessional conduct against Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger.

The commission charged Fieger in October because of comments he made in the news media about judges and a prosecutor. Fieger's attorney, Michael Schwartz, also

of Southfield, had requested a preliminary injunction in federal court to block the commission's actions.

Schwartz had also wanted to preserve the federal court's jurisdiction over the case. He contends the commission's charges infringe upon Fieger's First Amendment right to free speech, which is not in the purview of the state courts.

U.S. District Judge Paul D. Borman denied the request. However, Borman said the case could return to his court if the commission disciplined Fieger and the Michigan Supreme Court refused to review the decision.

Borman agreed with Schwartz in his 21-page decision that Fieger's constitutional right to due process would be violated be-

cause commission procedures do not guarantee judicial review of sanctions.

Borman also said Fieger must be allowed the chance to have his case reviewed in federal court if the commission disciplined him for "robust free speech" or based its sanctions on overly broad rules.

December before the Attorney Discipline Board.

Among the items in the grievance commission's 12-page complaint:

- Fieger accused Ionia County prosecutor Raymond Voet of "covering up a murder" after he ruled a man's jailhouse hanging death was a suicide. Fieger represented the man's family in a lawsuit over his death.
- Fieger accused Appeals Court Judge Clifford Taylor of having a "political agenda" and taking advice from his wife in reinstating murder charges against Dr. Jack Kevorkian in the 1991 deaths of two women.
- Taylor's wife is Lucille Taylor, Gov. John Engler's legal counsel.

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Checking up: Checking the cash registers is new Kroger employee Emilie Thomas. The registers will be in full use Sunday morning when the new 63,000-square-foot building opens for business, replacing two smaller, nearby Krogers.

Kroger to open 'combo' store

Grocery shoppers will have a new Kroger grocery store, which will have a variety of other services available, when it opens Sunday morning. The new "combo" store will replace two smaller, nearby Kroger stores.

The company, which said it is Michigan's largest supermarket chain, will host a grand opening celebration for its newest and largest Wayne County store, located on the northwest corner of Ford and Central City Parkway.

Formally called Kroger Food and Drug, the company will open its doors at 7 a.m. Sunday.

Kroger said the 63,000 square-foot combo store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The store will also offer numerous customer conveniences, including a full-service, on-site pharmacy and full-service National Bank of Detroit branch.

that weren't available in the other existing Kroger stores.

The other stores will close their doors Saturday night.

"This new combo store will enable us to bring the Kroger's latest merchandising innovations to western Wayne County shoppers," said Don McGeorge, president of the company's Michigan marketing area. "We will offer the highest quality products at competitive prices in a friendly, customer-oriented setting."

The store is designed with the "time-conscious" customer in mind, he said.

Shoppers will be able to grocery shop, buy a greeting card and flowers, rent a movie, get a prescription filled and conduct banking transactions — all under one roof, he added.

"Our Westland store will offer unparalleled customer choice,

value and shopping excitement," says store director Andy Gerben. An estimated 250 people will



Preparing: The new Kroger store dairy department is stocked by workers in preparation for Sunday's opening.

■ Shoppers at the new Kroger store will be able to grocery shop, buy a greeting card and flowers, rent a movie, get a prescription filled and conduct banking transactions — all under one roof. Other specialty departments include: extended and Sunday hours, a customer service center with UPS and Western Union services, check cashing, copy and fax services, Lotto and lottery tickets, money orders and gift certificates.

Kroger will provide free carry-out service in which purchases will be carried to the vehicles of customers needing help. In the pharmacy department, a pharmacist will be available for consultation with most major insurance plans accepted. The store will have a floral shop, with arrangements available for birthdays, anniversaries, get-well wishes and other special occasions.

Kroger will also have video rentals with free membership, pastry shop, card shop and deli. The two Krogers that will close Saturday night are at Warren Road at Nankin Blvd., which opened 20 years ago, and on Ford and Wayne, which was first a Chatham store which was later occupied by Great Scott.

The company said the new superstore is part of its commitment to renovate older facilities or replace existing smaller Kroger stores with larger operations giving customers more shopping conveniences.

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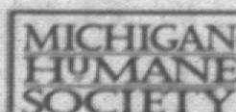
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Free speech

Woman stands up for rights

We need more people around like Sheryl Wethington of Canton. When she heard an obscene word blaring from a speaker in a Canton department store she did something about it.

While shopping at the store, she heard an advertising soundtrack from the movie "Reality Bites." The name of the song is "Spin the Bottle" and in it a four letter obscenity was used.

This is not a free speech issue. Parents should be able to walk through a public place or a store with the knowledge that their children won't be exposed to such words from the loud speaker system.

Keeping those words off the system isn't censorship. It's just engaging in appropriate corporate behavior.

But the battle to keep the tape toned down for a family audience wasn't an easy one. Wethington lodged a complaint with the store's regional office in Canton and with the national headquarters.

At first, company officials said that nothing offensive was in the taped message and even contended that the obscene word in question wasn't used. But that didn't deter her. "When I told him that I had the written words from

the pamphlet that is included with a purchase of the soundtrack, he then stated that on the tape he reviewed it was bleeped out," she said.

As it eventually turned out, the offending tape has been changed so that the word to which Wethington objected has been deleted.

Now, parents can feel free to take their children Christmas shopping in the store without the worry that they will be exposed to inappropriate language.

We don't believe in censorship but in this case people who chose to buy the material to which the Wethington objected are free to make that purchase and hear the words.

Keeping material off of a public address system is not the same as banning the sale or distribution of books, tapes or movies.

Freedom of speech is a complex issue and not all the decisions about its value are decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. We all have a stake in being able to express our ideas freely. But expressing ideas carries a responsibility.

It's up to us all to take on people, institutions and firms who engage in irresponsible speech.

Wethington stood up for what she believed was right and took on a giant corporation.

Gambling won't solve problems

Problem: Public schools need more money. **Solution:** Start a state lottery in which 45 percent of the bets go into the school aid fund.

Problem: Downtown Detroit is withering and needs more than a theater district and stadium to bring it back. **Solution:** Casino gambling - in Greektown, on riverboats, any place.

Problem: The horse racing industry is hurting. Tracks are dying. They supply tax money for 4-H and young agriculturalists. **Solution:** Let the race tracks install gambling machines and take off-track betting.

Problem: Metropolitan Airport needs expanding to accommodate not only business but the growing numbers of working folks who fly. **Solution:** A casino to entertain waiting passengers.

Whoa! This is ridiculous. It seems the answer to every problem is to bring in casino gambling, slot machines, exotic new forms of wagering.

We demur. Gambling is no answer. Indeed, the western Wayne County suburbs could suffer more harm than good if even a fraction of the gambling schemes under discussion were to become reality.

Start with the lottery. Some folks believed we wouldn't need local tax increases once the golden goose of the lottery began laying its eggs in the school aid fund. The hard truth is that the lottery accounts for only 1/20th of school revenue - \$500 million out of \$10 billion.

In order for gambling to help downtown Detroit, the race tracks, 4-H and Metro Airport, we would have to see a monumental surge in the popularity of commercial gambling.

It won't happen. There never will be enough gambling to provide all the tax revenue and jobs the accumulation of promoters envision.

Gambling doesn't produce anything. It just shifts money from one person's pocket to another's, with deductions, of course, for govern-

ment, for casino owners, for the shills who encourage bettors, for psychologists and credit counselors to treat the addicted.

Gambling hurts society, and not just in moral ways. The United States has the lowest rate of personal savings of any industrialized nation in the world. We need more investment. Gambling, by siphoning off discretionary income, impedes the flow of savings, investment and production.

We are particularly concerned about two proposals for expanded gambling in the western Wayne County suburbs.

Ladbroke DRC, which operates the state's premier horse racing track on I-96 in Livonia, insists it can't continue to operate unless it is permitted to institute gambling. It would be sad to see DRC shut down after 40 years, but it wouldn't be the end of the world.

The major purpose of horse racing, we should recall, is to improve the breed. If the track owners can't make a living on staging horse races, then perhaps the industry is an anachronism - an expensive antique that can't survive in the modern market.

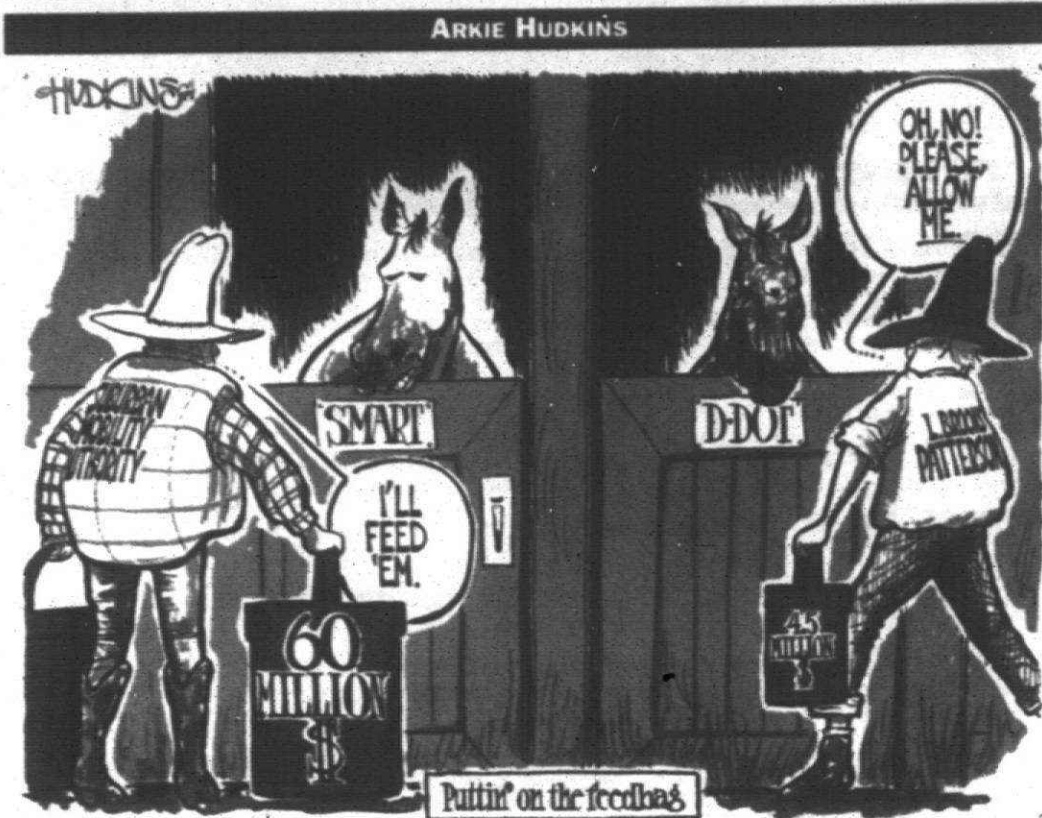
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It strikes us as particularly sociopathic to seduce travelers, with limited funds for their trips, into busting their budgets at an airport casino.

Politicians, take note: If you have a good idea, look the taxpayers straight in the eye and sell it. Wayne County taxpayers have voted funds for schools, the community college, a jail and other programs that struck them as beneficial.

There's no need - and much harm - in trotting out gambling, gambling, gambling as a cure-all.



LETTERS

A thanks

As a result of my daughter's \$500 savings bond award in a coloring contest, our family recently visited the Capitol in Lansing as guests of our newly re-elected state representative, Deborah Whyman. The art contest was personally sponsored and funded by Rep. Whyman as an opportunity to give back to the community her own pay raise since she opposed the salary increase.

We were hosted by her and two energetic staffers, Theresa and Todd, for the entire day which included tours of our recently remodeled and beautiful Capitol building, and an impressive Michigan Historical Museum. What impressed me most this day, however, was Rep. Whyman's deep conviction, servant's heart, and genuine concern for the people in our state. Still recovering the week after an arduous campaign, and taking time out from her busy schedule, Rep. Whyman treated us and two other winning families to a pizza lunch. Although this day could have been a great opportunity for a pre-election press opportunity, Rep. Whyman chose not to promote this occasion in that way. With a soft-spoken smile, Rep. Whyman poured the kids pop at said to see DRC shut down after 40 years, but it wouldn't be the end of the world.

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paigned volunteers. More interested in influencing "policy" than pursuing politics, she spoke with great enthusiasm of the many things she is going to accomplish in the next two years.

Thanks, Rep. Whyman, for a wonderful day! You have given me a renewed faith, hope and pride for Michigan and the government of our state. And if you decide to go for it again, you've already wrapped up my vote for 1996! Dennis O'Beirne and Family, Canton

Donations sought

Christmas is such a wonderful and usually joyous time for a child. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor tries hard to make it so for the children, most of whom are severely ill.

It's heartbreaking to see a child suffering, but it is heartwarming to help a child to "still be a child" by providing fun and interesting gifts and activities for the Child Life Activity Rooms.

If you could just visualize the "Mott Grand Prix" with children racing the 16 battery-operated vehicles collected by the Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser down the hall with their parents and IVs alongside, and everyone laughing with joy. Of course, individual gifts also are provided for birthdays, after-chemotherapy parties, or as reward for enduring a painful procedure. This Christmas season we are helping in two ways:

"Sponsor a Critter for Mott." Donations are being requested for two additional collections of large puppets. They will be used by Child Life Therapists and Volunteers to cheer up children and for puppet shows.

"Make Me a Blessing Christmas Tree." These trees can be found in selected stores in Plymouth, including Kroger, Michigan National Bank, Lee's Chicken, Rose Animal Hospital, Speedy Printing, Cornwell Pool & Patio, Chris & Aurelia's Hallmark, Plymouth Office Supply, Paper Parade, Muriel's Doll House, Pied Piper, Little Professor, Heidi's, Ribar Florist, Colonial Card and Camera, Engraving Connection, Specialty Pet, Minerva's-Dunning's, Dr. Covington D.D.S. and Penn Theatre. Cards for boys and girls of specific age groups are hanging on the trees. The trees will give you the opportunity to provide a Christmas gift to a Mott child who is too ill to go home for Christmas. They will be placed on the children's beds the night before Christmas. Mott is short of gifts. Call Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser, 459-9780.

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Detroit-area drivers have a different mindset

It happened again today. There I stood, poised at the edge of the crosswalk. With me on this cool, windy afternoon were my two children, ages 1 and 6; my 6-year-old's best friend; and a friend's baby.

And on this friendly little side street in Plymouth, not a single car took pity. There we stood at the corner, my toddler straining to break free of my hand, the baby fussing in the stroller. A dozen cars whizzed by.

There are many things I will miss about Michigan if I ever move back to my native Seattle. But the attitude of drivers in the land ruled by the automobile is not among them.

I understand that cars are important here. In fact, my friends keep reminding me, most of them wouldn't have jobs if it weren't for cars. My husband and I probably wouldn't have moved here if it weren't for cars. Maybe Detroit itself wouldn't exist if it weren't for cars.

Still, back where I come from, being a pedestrian means having the right-of-

way. Crosswalks are places where cars stop if folks are waiting at the curb. If you don't stop, you run the risk of dirty looks, or even a ticket. In fact, Seattle drivers have been known to stop for pedestrians just because they're waiting to cross, even when there isn't a crosswalk. What a concept.

But that's not all. Back home, drivers can enter the merge lanes boldly, knowing that someone will move over to let them on. If you're turning left off a two-lane road, we won't roar off into the ditch to get around you. Life will wait 10 seconds while we let you make your turn.

"How can this be?" you are asking. "How did such a utopian, altruistic driving environment come to be?" I honestly don't know. Maybe it's the Northwest pioneer spirit, leading neighbor to look out for neighbor since the days of the covered wagon trail. Then again, maybe it's the natural caution inspired by navigating the precipitous hills that roll through our town.

GUEST COLUMNIST



LISA KONICK

And maybe, you're snickering to yourself, it's because we're a bunch of West Coast wussies, too busy sipping espresso and fussing over the spotted owl to drive like real men.

Go ahead. Say what you want, I can take it. It's nothing I haven't heard yelled out a rolled-down car window as I enjoy a Sunday afternoon drive on one of Michigan's scenic roadways. (OK, so I drove the length of Hines

Parkway without breaking 20. Sue me!) Yes, I can tolerate the slings and arrows of you Michigan drivers. But something happened recently that really has me worried.

My husband and I took the kids home to Seattle for a visit. Needless to say, I was thrilled at the prospect of leisurely drives along the shores of Lake Washington, stopping every hundred yards or so for ducks, little old ladies, and skateboarding grunge musicians.

So you can imagine my surprise when my husband, also a Seattle native, began to exhibit unmistakable signs of Motor City madness.

Emboldened by surviving the rigors of rush hour at Southfield and I-96, he was ready, he snarled, to give these wimps a driving lesson. "Look at that," he sneered as we drove through downtown. "Hey everybody, don't drive more than 14 miles an hour, now. Look, they've all set their cruise control." And this otherwise mild-mannered Presbyterian minister proceeded to

wave in and out of downtown traffic, causing pedestrians to shrink in fear and forcing the drivers of our ecologically-correct electric buses to take the drastic move (by Seattle standards) of honking their horns.

Michigan suits him fine. So I guess I'm the final hold-out. I'm the person who will cost you 20 minutes on Lone Pine Road in October while I slow down to gawk at the gorgeous leaves. I'm the only person (state troopers included) driving the legal limit on I-94 headed into Detroit, or I-275 heading north, or I-96 heading in just about any direction.

But maybe, just maybe, I'm also the person you'll thank, with a wave and a smile, when I stop at the crosswalk for you and your children on a cool, windy afternoon.

Lisa Konick is a Plymouth resident and a freelance writer. The Observer uses guest columns on a regular basis. For more information, call Jeff Coonts, the editor, at 459-4224.

Grand Rapids taking over the Michigan House

For decades, the twin bastions of Michigan Republicanism have been Birmingham and Grand Rapids. They supplied the big donations, the leadership and the short list of gubernatorial appointees.

Republicans on Nov. 8 won control of the state House of Representatives, 56-54. When the new GOP caucus met in November, however, the Grand Rapids area took over.

Speaker Paul Hillegonds is from Holland. The new majority floor leader is Ken Sikkema of Grand Rapids. He succeeds another Grand Rapids lawmaker.

The GOP caucus will be chaired by Walt DeLange of Kentwood, his district borders Hillegonds'. The caucus vice chair will be Harold Voorhees of Wyoming, his district borders DeLange's.

Mid-Michigan will be able to pick up two posts — John Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge, speaker pro tem; Dan Gustafson of Williamston as an assistant majority floor leader. The other assistant

floor leader is newcomer William Byl of (guess where) Grand Rapids.

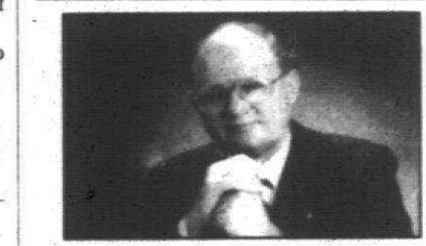
The only metro Detroit suburban rep to get a title was Penny Crissman of Rochester — an associate speaker pro tem. She will get to preside when there is almost nothing of importance on the calendar. The other associate speaker pro tem is Jessie Dalman of Holland — a neighbor of Hillegonds' and Voorhees'.

Veteran Republican lawmakers like Munsell of Howell, Bullard of Milford, Dolan of Farmington Hills, Bankes of Redford and Law of Plymouth — forget it.

There's a new Court of Appeals district in southwestern Michigan stretching all the way to Ann Arbor and Livingston County — one-fourth of the state. It elected four new judges — all from Grand Rapids. Poor Daniel Burdett, the Livingston County judge, didn't have a chance.

Readers of this column won't be surprised.

There has been noisy leadership



TIM RICHARD

from the Grand Rapids area in an effort to get uniform state funding for courts instead of favoritism for Detroit and Wayne County courts. Sure, a dozen counties or communities are involved in that lawsuit, but the political fire is in Grand Rapids' belly.

The fire may have started with the arts funding issue in the late '70s. The Grand Rapids group sees a funnel of money cascading out of Lansing's exchequer along I-96 to the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony

(with its highly paid, highly unionized membership), and a host of other organizations, some worthy, many not.

Gov. John Engler, a central Michigan farm product rather than a Grand Rapids type, blunted that debate by (1) slashing arts funding and (2) reducing the number of line items in the general fund budget and putting more authority into his new arts funding commission. My friends in arts groups squealed, but professional budget makers knew Engler was 95 percent correct.

Grand Rapids bristles under its undeserved reputation as being "Dutch" and dull. In truth, it has many fine cultural institutions, including a symphony orchestra and museum.

The Grand Rapids Press' arts calendar is as full of concerts and artistic events, for its population, as the papers in metro Detroit.

Those who think, like the late union leader Gus Scholle, that there's nothing but tree stumps west of US-23 and north of M-59 need to look again.

Now, is the Grand Rapids takeover so bad? Maybe not, for two reasons:

First, there's little spare change to fight over. Public schools, prisons and judges are soaking up every loose penny in the general fund.

Second, GOP chiefs like Engler, Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus and Hillegonds abhor the way Democrats ran the House the last 28 years — like a union bargaining session, where a group of leaders, the Quadrant, brokered one bill against another in the closing days of the session.

You'll see Hillegonds appoint committees earlier, set up a steadier flow of work, and have a low tolerance for late December marathon sessions. Committee chairs will have more responsibility.

Hillegonds' crew is conservative and anti-abortion, but with one minor exception there's no one from the Religious Right.

Get ready for change — maybe even an improvement.

Appoint judges as a way to help wash off the mud

Alarmed by political mudslinging? Consider this:

"A malignant cancer to our judicial system . . . a witch . . . crazy . . . unstable . . . a shrew . . . gives PMS and women a bad name."

That's just a sample from a flier used by attorney Stephen Korn in his unsuccessful effort this fall to unseat Southfield 46th District Judge Susan Moiseev.

The comments on Moiseev's performance on the bench came from a survey that Korn mailed to some 7,500 Oakland County lawyers. A low 9 percent responded, all anonymously.

They weren't told their comments subsequently would be used by Korn in his campaign literature.

This certainly wasn't the nastiest campaign in Michigan this year. But the fact that the name calling occurred in a normally staid and dignified judicial election caused a lot of notice.

There are lots of reasons why electing judges is silly.

Most voters have no idea who the candidates are. No one outside the legal fraternity knows about candidates' legal skills or experience or ethics or judicial temperament. Worse, the canons of judicial ethics muzzle candidates for judge from talking seriously about any serious subject.

Judicial contests come to revolve around name ID (mysteriously, often emphasizing Irish ancestry) and increasingly nasty name calling. And that, in turn, reduces respect for judges as representatives of the legal system and contributes to the general breakdown of law and order.

I asked Judge Moiseev about that.

Her reply — "Society wants judges to be wise and just, but then they make us run in the truck, along with all other politicians" — seems on point.

I also tried to talk to candidate Korn, but he declined to respond to my telephone calls.

So let's pick judges in Michigan the way they do it in Missouri and some other states: The governor appoints judges, who then run unopposed for re-election, allowing voters to throw out any bad apples by choosing retain or remove.

Most authorities — including the State Bar of Michigan, the American Bar Association and most of the thoughtful lawyers and judges I



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have talked to — agree appointing judges would be far better than electing them.

There's only one catch: To do it, we'd have to amend the 1963 Michigan Constitution. I doubt very much that anybody is exercised enough to go through that trash.

Until that fine day, it's the job of hometown newspapers like this one to keep voters informed about candidates in judicial races. Wayne Peal, editor of the Southfield Eccentric, made the point perfectly in a memo to me about the Moiseev-Korn race:

"Everything we heard — from phone calls to the office to conversations with voters, both informal and for the purpose of a pre-election articles — told us Korn's campaign tactics were a bigger issue than Moiseev's perceived lack of judicial temperament."

"Our endorsement had credibility because we were there. As a community newspaper, we witnessed Judge Moiseev in action over a period of years. Korn himself said he'd never actually seen her in action. By talking to voters, we were also able to judge the impact of Korn's campaign mailing."

Hometown newspapers like this one spend a lot of time and money covering trials and reporting on campaigns, including those for judge. Wayne's memo is a wonderful explanation of why.

For the record: We endorsed Judge Moiseev, who won easily.

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Polish holiday feast
is a season highlight

The Wigilia feast presented every year at the Polish Century Club in Detroit is just like your mother made, said Ed Wojtan of Livonia who is co-chairing the event with his wife Jane. "The dinner of traditional Polish meatless dishes will include pierogi, mushroom soup, fried fish, and pickled herring in cream."

This year's festivities begin 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$30 per person, students \$25. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of Polish Art Fine Arts Fund. Call Jane Wojtan (313) 425-2727, Christine Kanabrodzka (810) 549-4527 or Christine Brestek (313) 822-3379 for reservations.

Ewa Siarkowski Depa of Livonia will be singing popular Christmas carols in English and Polish. And of course, guests will share the tradition Christmas wafers, "Oplatek" and wish one another good wishes for the new year. "We also invite those who are not of Polish background to come and share in this Christmas tradition," said Ed Wojtan.

Family meals with Santa Claus continue Dec. 9-11 at the Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5 per person and include lunch, entertainment and treat from Santa. Call (810) 477-8404 for reservations.

Meal times are 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; and 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11. Photos with Santa will be available for \$2 each.

The Create-A-Gift workshop for ages 6-13 is being offered by the Volunteer Guild of Longacre House, 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 17. The cost is \$15 per child. Call (810) 477-8404 for information.

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Now showing

Pam Cardell, a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, is cast in a dinner theater presentation at Eastern Michigan University.

Find out what's on stage in your community.

Just about every cast member in "Drop Zone" tumbles from an airplane. Wesley Snipes is no exception.

Holiday gifts for the travelers in your life.

The Hannibals called it quits in mid-summer. Now two fledgling bands - Nineteen Wheels and the Tearjerkers - are benefitting from it.

Looking ahead

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Lightfest: A train, loaded with sweets, chugs along Hines Drive, in Wayne County's holiday light display.

Dazzling
Displays
light up the skies

It's the season of lights! Wayne County's LightFest, Domino Farms Christmas Light Display, and the Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" Festival are lighting up the winter sky.

Wayne County's four mile LightFest, on Edward Hines Drive, features a 50-foot tall poinsettia wreath and display. The wreath uses 30,000 watts of electricity and took an entire tractor-trailer to transport. It was created by Bronner's of Frankenmuth, and last year drew 300,000 people.

This year a giant snowflake passage at the entrance funnels visitors into the display. It was formed by 40 six-foot snowflakes. Elsewhere, a sporty Santa driving a golf cart full of Christmas packages can be seen on the Warren Valley Golf Course. There are giant dragons, candy canes and more.

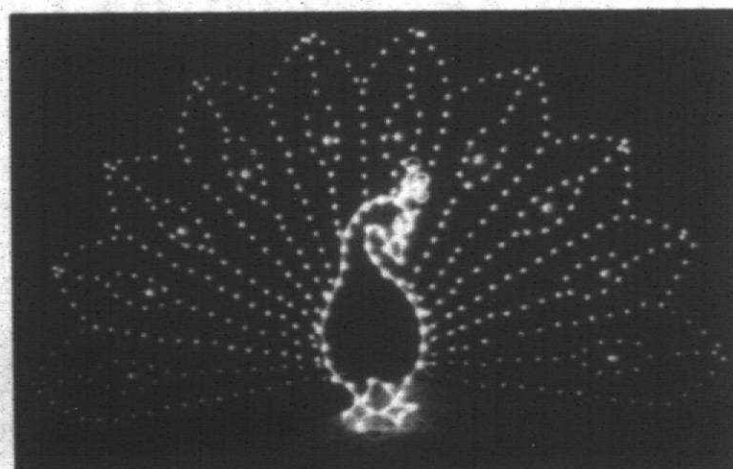
There are food concessions and photo opportunities with Santa

available at the picnic area near the exit. The \$5 entrance fee helps to keep county parks operating and maintained.

The Detroit Zoo's "Wild Lights" display of more than 40 colorfully lighted animal sculptures features a path of lighted animals including a herd of deer, pair of elephants, penguins, flamingos, a variety of birds and train full of animals shining in a rainbow of colors.

Trees and shrubs along the trail which begins at the zoo's front entrance, winds around the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians are also wrapped in colorful lights. Visitors should dress warm on chilly nights and plan to spend 30 to 60 minutes on the trail.

The 1994 theme of the Domino's Farms display is "Christmas Lights Off the World," and the display offers a decidedly international



Wild lights: A colorful peacock lights the way for walkers at the Wild Lights display at the Detroit Zoo.

Follow the light

Domino's Farms

Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road, one-half mile east of US-23, Ann Arbor. Open Daily 6-10 p.m. through Jan. 8. Admission \$5 per car. (313) 668-1800.

Wayne County Light Fest

Hines Drive at Merriman Road in Westland and heads eastbound to Warren Avenue. Open Daily 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Closed Dec. 25. Admission \$5 per car. (313) 261-1990.

Wild Lights

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See LIGHTS, 2B

Encore goes 'a wassailing' during holidays

BY MARY JANE DOERR
SPECIAL WRITER

Carolers: For members of the singing ensemble Encore, nothing is more in keeping with the spirit of the holidays than old-fashioned caroling, and dressing up in Edwardian costumes.

Nothing is more in keeping with the spirit of the holidays than old-fashioned caroling, and for eight members of the singing group "Encore" dressing up in Edwardian costumes to sing at West Bloomfield's Lark Restaurant, makes the season special.

"It really gets you into the spirit of Christmas," said baritone Charles Sutherland, a second grade teacher in Detroit. Paul Silver, marketing manager for RMS of Troy, adds, "We sing the carols as they were written, as they were met to be heard."

The 8-member professional singing group "Encore" was formed a few years ago to sing at local private parties and public functions. Six of the singers are members of the Michigan Opera Theatre chorus. After a joint concert with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Meadow Brook, with some motivational input from Paul Silver, they decided to form their own professional ensemble.

Their repertoire, a mixture of Broadway favorites, Gershwin and Cole Porter most of the year, includes appealing arrangements of a cappella Christmas carols sung traditionally. Ever since their first engagement at Detroit's Noel Night three Christmases ago, the group has become more and more sought after, especially at this time of year.

At the Lark Restaurant, the carolers will be entertaining dinner guests Dec. 7, 14, 19, and 21. Besides another appearance at Noel Night, they are appearing at two luncheon engagements Dec. 13, and 22 at Detroit's Millender Center, and at the Boar's Head Dinner at Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, Dec. 10-11.

"This is my favorite time of year with the lights and decorations," said tenor John Hopkins, of Livonia, who is assistant operations manager at the Masonic and Fisher theaters.

Handling mega-musicals such as "Miss Saigon" and "Phantom of the Opera" hasn't tarnished the glow of the chamber-styled entertainment for Hopkins. A vocal performance major at Wayne State University and a part of the "All Night Strut" cast in Detroit and Flint, he loves his "Encore" engagements.

"This group is unusual with its cross section of people," said Hopkins. "Everyone gets along so well."

This cross-section of people might be considered a blend of perfect four-part harmony of family, career, social life, and professional musical life. Each has had extensive professional stage experience, vocal training, choreography opportunities, but also an active home life, a responsible job, and, like single Paul Silver said, is trying to maintain a social life.

"Yes, it is difficult to get everyone together for rehearsals," said soprano Diane Calhoun of Plymouth, a music teacher in the Farmington School district in whose home the group often rehearses.

Such a talented group is heavily booked. Charles Sutherland is the lead this week in the University of Michigan's production of "The Sorcerer" and will appear again this year in "A Christmas Carol" at Ann Arbor's Michigan Theatre. Jeanine Head Miller, in the Interpretive Programs Department

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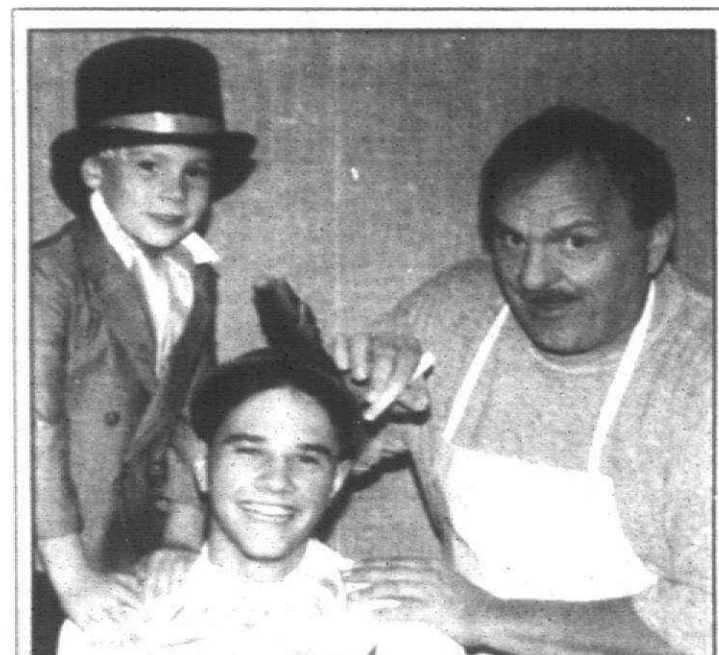
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Musical brings 'Pinocchio' to life

Tedd E. Bear Productions and Nancy Gurwin will present "Pinocchio" the musical, 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 in Shifman Hall at the Jewish Community Center, 6600 West Maple, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets \$5 per person. Call (810) 354-0545 or (810) 352-3729.

"Pinocchio" is the story of a lonely woodcarver, Geppetto, who sings to his newly carved puppet about his hopes for a son to love and cherish. The puppet comes to life, a little

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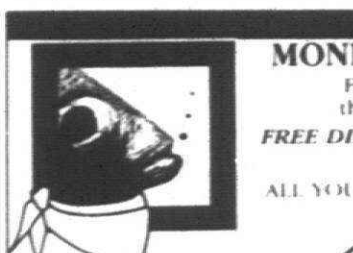
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Though warned against it by producers and insurance companies, just about every cast member in the new action movie "Drop Zone" took a tumble from an airplane.

Wesley Snipes was no exception.

"We kind of alighted past the producers and directors," said Snipes, who was in New York City promoting the film in November. "When everyone said, 'that's a wrap,' one car went one way and the other went toward the plane."

As a result, Snipes, who had never jumped before, appears in scenes usually handled by a stuntman. While viewing the rushes, the producers marveled at how close the stand-in looked to the movie's star.

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Dance parties

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill east of Venoy, Garden City. Admission before 8:30, \$2.21 and older, dressy attire.

NEW YEARS DANCE

New Years Dance will be Saturday, Dec. 31, at Bobby's Country House, 36780 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$37.50/person or \$75/couple. Family style dinner, live band, Mike Wolverton, open bar. Singles tables available for men and women.

WEDNESDAY DANCE

Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in December in Burton Manor, 196 and 17th, East 177, Livonia. Age 21 and over, proper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3.

MEGADANCE

Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3.

Ballroom dancing

STALITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daily, Livonia. Dress is attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome.

ANN ARBOR SINGLES

Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee.

U.S. SINGLES

U.S. Singles (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Ernesto's Heliade Inn, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cocktails will begin at 2 p.m. with dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Singles ages 45 and older wishing further information may write to: U.S. Singles, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48123.

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BETHANY FARMINGTON

A holiday get-together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23815 Power Road, Farmington, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$3.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS

Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities.

BETHANY

Bethany, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123.

ST. PAUL'S

Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45-years and older meets at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, on Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the "History of Automobile Industry" at \$3.50 per person.

NEWBORN SINGLES

Newborn Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburg, Livonia. Light refreshments served.

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD

The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Open house 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursdays. Cost \$4 for PWP members and \$5 for non-members.

PWP/WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Westland, Westland. Meeting is 8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI

The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to many in the Catholic Church. (313) 561-7564, (810) 939-1558 or (810) 647-7076.

Sports/Recreation

HOLIDAY VISIT
Farmington Singles Professionals are hosting a "Holiday Time" visit at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum Sunday, Dec. 11. Group members intend to visit through the village if weather permits. Admission is \$11.50.

SINGLE POINT

The Rev. Paul Clough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk is Over (110), 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month in Knox Hall of Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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LET'S GO! STREET SCENE



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Loving sets up site on Internet

The industrial band Machines of Loving Grace has launched its own World Wide Web site on the Internet. This marks one of the first music-related Web sites to be administered by the artists, as opposed to being labeled or fan initiated.

The band has stocked its site with downloadable artwork from every Machines release as well as video clips, biographical and tour information, lyrics, a fan club registry, merchandise area and other features. The site also offers access to every track and re-mix ever released by the band and a photo album.

It can be accessed at: <http://www.emerald.net/mig>. The band can be reached at MLGinfo@emerald.net.

Alvin's in Detroit is throwing a farewell party for longtime Detroit musician Missy Gibson who will be moving to the West Coast early next year. Gibson's band Breach will perform that night. For more information, call Alvin's at (313) 832-3355. The bar is at 5756 Cass Ave. on Wayne State University's campus.

Capital Records has released W.A.S.P.'s greatest hits album, "First Blood, Last Cuts." They're calling it "a celebration of a band that will be sorely missed."

Quick name three W.A.S.P. songs. Other new releases include "Toward the Within," an audio and visual documentation of new music from Dead Can Dance. "The Platinum Collection," a Blondie collection (EMI); "Nat King Cole: The Greatest Hits" (Capitol); "Private Dances," a three-CD box set retrospective of Tina Turner's career (Capitol); and "Across the Great Divide," a three-disc box set by The Band (Capitol).

Guns N' Roses guitarist Slash will release his solo effort, "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere," under the name Snakepit in mid-February. In addition to Slash on guitars, Snakepit includes GNR drummer Matt Sorum, Alice in Chains bassist Mike Inez, rhythm guitarist Gilby Clarke and vocalist Eric Dover, guitarist for the now-defunct band Jellyfish.

Slash describes the album as "spontaneous, free-form, with only two ballads. It's a hard rock riffy record with a lot of screaming."

Although he plans to tour in support of the album, Slash says his first priority is Guns N' Roses.

A&M Records founders Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss have created a new record company associated with Geffen Records. The first releases on Almo Sounds will be Angel Corpus Christi, an alternative band from San Francisco; Rake's Progress, a New York City rock band; and Sherree Ford-Payne, an R&B singer from L.A.

Alpert and Moss founded A&M Records in 1962. In late 1989, they sold to PolyGram, but were retained to run the company. They officially exited in mid-1993.

If you have a question or a comment for Christina Fuoco, call her at (313) 953-2047, mailbox No. 2130 on a touch-tone phone, or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150.

Send us your Band of Year nominations. There are a lot of impressive local bands around Detroit, and we're looking for the ones that our readers loved the most. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are asking readers to nominate their local favorites for 1994 Band of the Year honor.

There's a lot of choices out there — Wig, Big Chief, Majesty Crush, Spank, The Verve Pipe, The Exceptions, Immigrant Sons, Slot, Hot Puddin' Puddin' Pie, among others. Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will be at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Deadline is Dec. 16. Call in your nominations to the 24-hour hotline (313) 953-2021 or send it in to: Street Scene, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. 48150. Please include your name and phone number.

Out of breakup comes Wheels

After 445 shows, three albums and two EPs, The Hannibals called it quits in mid-summer. Now two fledgling bands — Nineteen Wheels and the Tearjerks — are benefitting from it.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

In July, East Lansing roots rockers The Hannibals exited the music scene the same way they entered — quietly, unpretentiously and without carnivalesque fanfare.

There wasn't a series of "farewell shows" or press releases mailed to entertainment writers. Instead, they notified only the hundreds of fans on their mailing list with an emotional, six-paragraph message printed on simple black and white postcards.

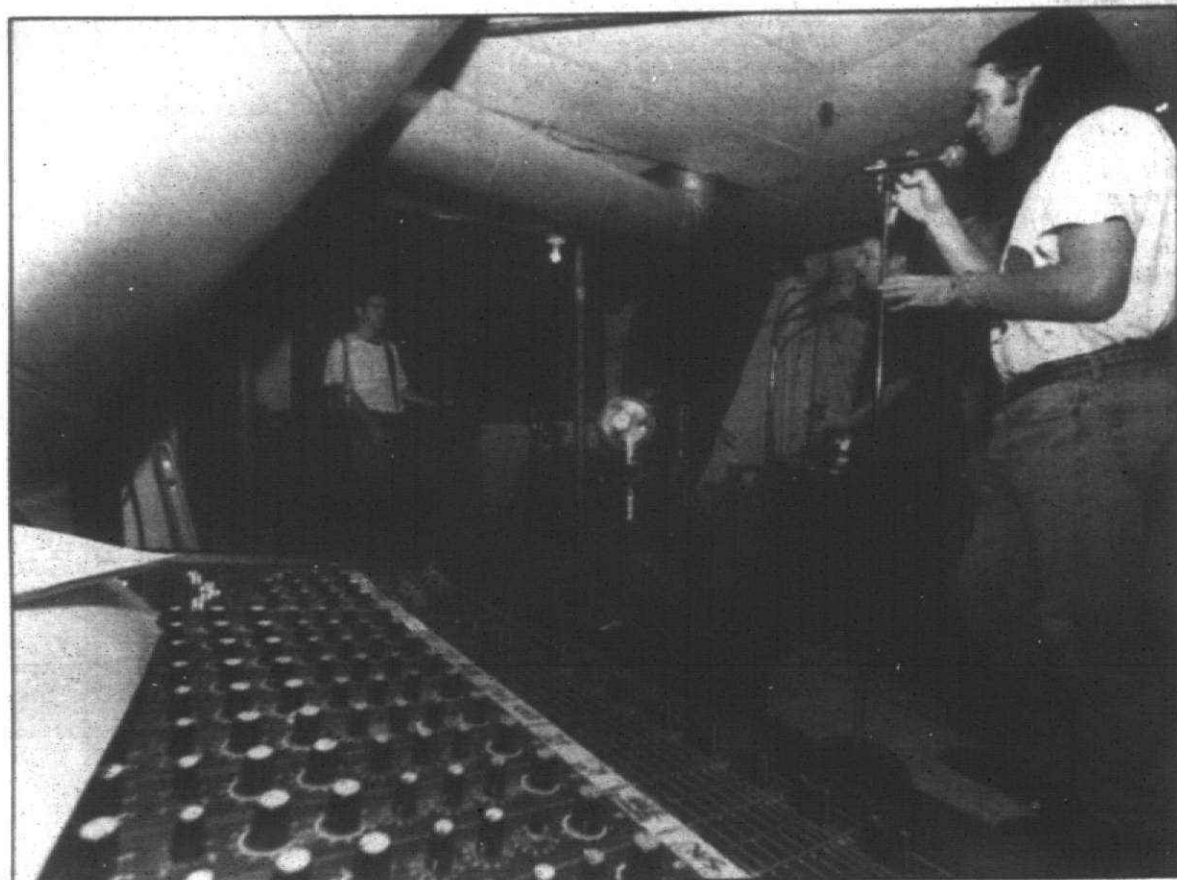
"In a day where farewell tours are the standard, we found ourselves again a square peg in a round-hole world," The Hannibals wrote. "We've never been the kind of people who actively seek out such fanfare and to break that tradition would go against many of the ideals we so strongly believe in."

"We realize that it might not make sense to all of you. For those in that category, we sincerely apologize and ask that you please try to understand."

The breakup was an amicable one. Guitarist/songwriter Chris Geherin moved to New Mexico to pursue a doctoral degree. Chris Johnston, lead singer and guitarist, and bass player Scott Owens muddled over their musical choices while drummer Matt Aljian returned to his hometown of Birmingham. Recently, he joined the Tearjerks.

"We had been together almost seven years, and we had done a lot together. (There were) no hard feelings. We had done more than we had ever set out to do," the soft-spoken Johnston said via telephone from his East Lansing home.

In early fall, Johnston and Owens formed Nineteen Wheels with Lansing-area musicians drummer Jesse



Rolling along: Nineteen Wheels will perform at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor Saturday, Dec. 10, and at The Ritz in Roseville Friday, Dec. 16.

Soriano and bassist Tim Marzotri. Owens and Johnston both strapped on guitars supplying a fuller, more straight-forward sound. Johnston rarely played guitar in The Hannibals because most of the songs were written with one guitar part.

"It's kind of hard to get used to singing a song and performing a song with a guitar in my hand. I can't really walk around the stage the same way that I used to, not that I'm a big mover and shaker," Johnston said with a laugh.

Nineteen Wheels chose to play only one Hannibal song, "Shadow of a Man" penned by Owens, but the band maintains the same basic theory.

In both bands, we were never one to improvise and the type of music that we do, there's not really a lot of

room for that. Even the best bands that are doing similar music probably don't really improvise. That hasn't changed," said Johnston, a Birmingham native.

The Hannibals were probably one of the more well-known local bands. With Nineteen Wheels, Johnston and Owens are starting from the ground up. Fans don't pack shows yet, and they aren't familiar enough with Nineteen Wheels songs to sing every word.

"That took some getting used to, (but) it takes a lot of the pressure off. I'm in a young band again (and it will) take awhile for our songs to develop."

To familiarize fans with their music, Nineteen Wheels will soon head to the studio to record their debut effort.

"We want to put something out just because it's important, especially for a new band for someone to be able to take your music home and understand it and hear it better. You start to hear things differently."

"I think the whole fresh blood thing and new sound is good for us (and) good for the people who listen to us."

Nineteen Wheels performs Saturday, Dec. 10, with the Restroom Poets at the Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. For more information, call (313) 996-8555. The band will also open for The Pursuit of Happiness and The Gandharvas on Friday, Dec. 16, at The Ritz, 17580 Frasco, Roseville. Tickets are \$10. Call (810) 645-6666 or (810) 778-6404 for more information.

And a future with Tearjerks

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO STAFF WRITER

Tearjerks only formed in February but already its members have learned the perils of performing live. While bands like Dinosaur Jr. and Primus are getting pelted with Doc Marten boots and flannel shirts, Tearjerks have found themselves the objects of messier ammunition — Silly String.

"It's so funny because on the videotape (the announcer says) 'Ladies and gentlemen, the Tearjerks.' There's smoke all over the place. We come out and Mike (Brown, vocalist/guitarist) starts playing and as the camera starts focusing in he was pelted with Silly String. He had little whiskers so it was dripping from his face, his microphone stand and his guitar," said lead singer/guitarist Mike Nolan with a laugh.

"Then I started singing and I started getting pelted. They were having a blast, and we didn't want to say 'Hey, knock it off.' It's Silly String

night so we had to expect it. It added to the character of the night."

With incidents like that and endorsements by the likes of Rootbox vocalist M.E. Jenson, Tearjerks are creating a name for themselves. Now the band is being thrust into the spotlight even more with the recent addition of ex-Hannibals drummer Matt Aljian.

He hooked up with Tearjerks during last summer's Earthfest. After the Tearjerks' set, the then-drummerless quartet — which also includes bassist Jim Sabourin and vocalist/key-boardist Landon Summay — roamed around Earthfest mingling with other bands. They mentioned to a handful of people that they were looking for a permanent drummer. Three suggested Aljian.

Coincidentally, Aljian was "scouring Earthfest" for a new band. Hearing that Aljian was there, Nolan asked a mutual friend to introduce them. Aljian liked what he heard on Tearjerks'

demo tape. After two shows, the Birmingham resident realized Tearjerks was in his future.

"There really wasn't a lot of effort. We're not pulling teeth for the music to happen. It's definitely a good thing," said Aljian. Nolan, a Troy resident, agrees.

"He's very communicative and very interested. I think it comes from The Hannibals. He wants to make sure there's distinction in each song," said Nolan who hosts open mic night at Planet Ant Coffeehouse in Hamtramck. "When we played our last show at Griffin's Grill, some friends (said) he has a very quirky style. He just never misses a beat, not that we haven't had that before. He changes all the time and he never throws you off."

Change is a main player in the Tearjerks' music. Besides Aljian's evolving drum style, Nolan swaps his gritty vocals with the bluesy, guttural stylings of Brown.

Facets of Tearjerks' musical personality remain the same. The simple organ by Summay provides the undercurrent of the Tearjerks' music, which resembles Canada's Blue Rodeo. The songs stick to the three-verse style.

As their name suggests, Tearjerks lyrics revolve around broken romances: "I know it sounds a little dark to just pretend I have no heart. But I fall in love and I fall apart when I do the same thing they do," Nolan sings in "Do the Same Thing."

Fans will be able to take Tearjerks home with them in early spring when the band releases their debut CD. Recording will be in January at Warren's Boneyard Studio, run by Sister Seed member Benjamin Ridley.

"We think, in the short time we've been together, that the best stuff is yet to come. We all feel like there's something there. When we get our schedules together, it should take off for us," Nolan said.

Tearjerks perform Thursday, Dec. 8, at Grounds Coffeehouse on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. Call (313) 953-1245 for more information. They will also perform at Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck, Friday, Dec. 9, with Capt. Brody. For more information, call (313) 875-6555.



At Lili's: Tearjerks — Landon Summay (from left), Mike Nolan, Matt Aljian, Mike Brown and Jim Sabourin — perform at Lili's in Hamtramck Friday, Dec. 9.

In Concert

Information on limited engagements only should be submitted two weeks in advance to: Christina Fuoco, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. Venues' complete street addresses and phone numbers with area codes must be included.

Thursday, Dec. 8

KATHIE LEE GIFFORD Christmas show with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (pops) (313) 833-3362

CLUB MARS DANCE NIGHT With DJ John Dugley at Magic Bag Theatre Cafe, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. (810) 544-3030

ELLEN HYLLES The Ark, 637 1/2 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. (313) 761-1800

REARSENE Grounds Coffeehouse, University of Detroit Mercy campus, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit. (alternapops) (313) 853-1245

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Remembering the Alamo trip: Robert and Irene Drott of Garden City traveled to Texas in October, and took their Observer with them to the Alamo in San Antonio. They enjoyed the fort tour and a nearby river walk. They also visited South Padre Island, and reported that the beaches are white sand and the weather is comparable to Florida.

Wish You Were Here



Mountain view: Suzy and Ronny Cooper of Westland headed into the mountains in October to visit her parents, Marilyn and Bob Blackwell, who live near the Great Smokey Mountains. In the picture, (from left) are Suzy and Ronny Cooper and Marilyn Blackwell. Suzy says the Smokies are always beautiful and especially during fall.

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Gift ideas for people on the go

BY BARBARA MICHALS
SPECIAL WRITER

Santa Claus covers a lot of miles each Christmas Eve, so Mrs. Claus probably gives him something travel-related for a Christmas gift. If the people on your shopping list do much traveling, whether for business or pleasure, there's a huge variety of travel gadgets and gizmos available in all price ranges. Or consider the gift of travel itself.

Most area travel agencies can provide gift certificates for future travel, and these can usually be customized to any amount one chooses. The purchaser can specify the certificate for a set dollar amount or for a specific destination. If the latter, then the exact details of payment and cost limits can be worked out with the travel agency.

Popular destinations for gift certificates range from moderately priced day trips to Atlantic City and weekends in Toronto or Chicago to pricier and longer Las Vegas and Florida jaunts and Caribbean cruises.

Travel 2000 at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is a specialty store with a wide range of travel-related items suitable for holiday gift giving, many for less than \$20.

One particularly appealing item is a very compact AM/FM clock radio.

Some other nifty gadgets that make great gifts are one and two-cup beverage makers, a combination siren/flashlight, clip-on book light, door-stop intruder alarm, currency calculator, personal security alarm to carry on a key-

chain, and credit card safe with alarm.

To help travelers look their very best there are dual-voltage compact hair dryers, curling irons, and hair-set rollers.

For men there are tie cases, a hanging shave kit, hip flask, shoe shine kit, leg safe and hidden wallets to hang on your belt loop.

For women there are several varieties of jewelry storage rolls and pouches, a hanging cosmetic bag, inflatable hangers for hand laundry, bra safe, and an expandable tote with super-mini umbrella.

Both men and women would enjoy a travel office set, nail care kit, leather passport case, neck safe, neck and back pillows, water purifier for exotic locales, or a luggage cart.

While travel irons and steamers are available, I recommend a wonderful product called "Wrinkle Free." The three-ounce spray can of fabric relaxer works particularly well on wrinkle-prone fabrics like rayon and linen.

Wallets on a string, also popular with non-travelers, are great for foreign travel. They can be worn under a jacket or coat to deter pickpockets and purse snatchers, and many have enough compartments to separate different currencies and coins.

For more expensive gifts, consider luggage. Some comparison shopping is recommended here. The single most popular piece of luggage spotted at airports these days is the roll-aboard, a wheeled carry-on. Price ranges from \$49 to \$180 depending on size, quality, fabric and manufacturer.

Tips help travelers reach destination safely

The holiday season brings excesses—but not only of high spirits and good cheer. It also brings a rush of travelers—hurrying and vulnerable.

"This year, fare wars have escalated to the point where lower fares have been offered on dates that are normally blacked out," said L. William Chiles, president of Hickory Travel Systems, an international network of independent travel agencies.

"This, too, will add to the holiday crush and confusion." This sheer volume means crowded airports, packed planes, delays, lost luggage, and sold-out flights, hotels, and resorts. Distracted holiday travelers loaded down with gifts are also prime targets for thieves.

To help holiday travel go more smoothly, Hickory Travel Systems offers these practical guidelines:

■ Have wrap, will travel. Pack holiday gift wrap in suitcases and

wrap presents at your destination. Gift-wrapped packages may be cumbersome to transport and could prompt airport security personnel to ask to see the contents.

■ Overstuffed overheads. Travelers who carry on baggage instead of checking it may find on-board space stuffed with gift packages and winter apparel. Claim overhead-compartment space by boarding early (by choosing a high seat number or as a member of a frequent flyer group).

■ Label Logic. Although airlines require all checked luggage to be labeled, luggage tags may become dislodged. Be sure to also label the inside of suitcases. 4. Seating strategy.

Knowing where to sit can contribute to comfort. For more leg room, request bulkhead or exit-row seats. For a smoother ride, choose the more stable positions over the wings—and avoid rear seating.

■ "Poor driver" penalty. Unexpected denial of a rental car can mar a holiday trip. Major rental companies now check driving records with departments of motor vehicles. If your record has blemishes, check eligibility ahead of time. If declined a rental, try smaller companies that don't run checks.

■ Free Upgrade. Car rental companies inventory only a limited amount of economy-class sub-compact. If you reserve this category, chances are good of getting a free upgrade.

■ Towel tricks. Prevent toddlers from locking themselves in hotel bathrooms by draping a towel over the door to keep it ajar. Because all hotel room doors look alike to young children who may not remember or be able to read a room number, tape a child's drawing to the outside of the door to aid identification.

■ Cruise buffer. If you're planning a holiday cruise, it's smart to allow a day or two to unwind at a hotel close to the boat dock. This way, you've built in a hedge against wintertime flight delays and misdirected luggage.

■ Avoid pay-phone stalkers. Because 27,000 crimes occur at pay phones each year, using them requires special precautions. These include avoiding isolated phone booths or those without lights, facing outward while calling (to watch for intruders), staying alert, and hanging on to belongings while making a call.

■ Luggage lifters. If you're loaded down with holiday luggage, be wary of accepting help from "kindly" strangers—who may make off with bags you entrust to them. Be careful, too about leaving bags unattended to help someone who has spilled the contents of a purse or stumbled. The person in "distress" may be the accomplice of a thief.

Schoolcraft Ski Club is offering three trips

Schoolcraft College's Ski Club, EdgeRunner, invites you to join them on their upcoming ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Jan. 1-9. The nine-day excursion includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, apres ski parties, powder cat skiing, and other optional side trips. The cost is \$398 per person. Call (313) 462-4422 for information.

Here are some other upcoming trips. The club will go to Blue Mountain in Canada, Feb. 17-19. The cost is \$135 for club members, \$155 for non-members. Crazy Daze at Boyne Mountain is March 17-19. The cost is \$155 for members, \$175 for non-members.

Send information about your ski club to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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We'll print as many photos as space allows each week. Photos will be returned shortly after publication.

Send photos and travel recommendations to Keely Wygonik, Entertainment Editor, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. For more information, call (313) 953-2105.

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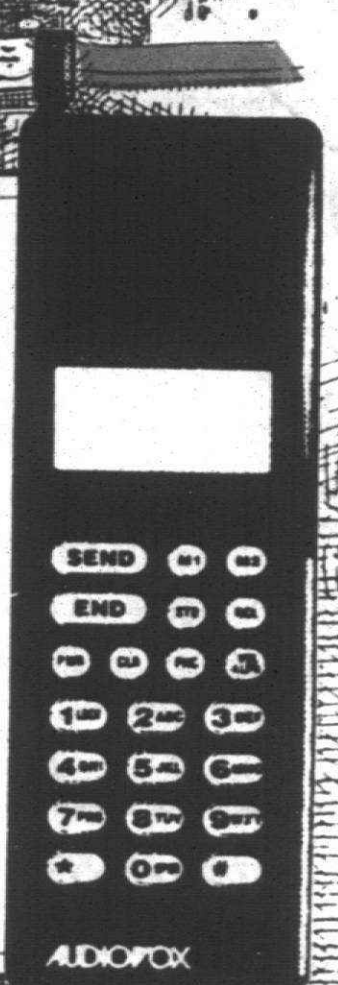
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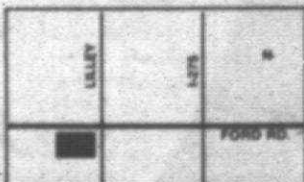
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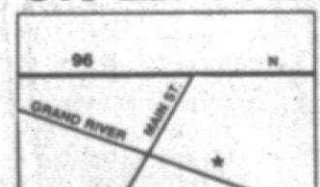


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CANTON
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Championship at stake

Albion College has reached the pinnacle of its football world. The Britons are playing for the national championship, and they're doing it on ESPN.

Albion meets Washington and Jefferson College (from Washington, Pa.) at noon Saturday in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, for the NCAA Division III title, at Salem Stadium in Salem, Va. This will be Albion's first-ever national TV appearance.

There are several local players on the Britons' roster. Like Tom Raven, a sophomore defensive lineman from Plymouth Canton; Brian Lee, a junior tight end and the long snapper on the special teams, from North Farmington; Joe Pesci, a freshman quarterback from Farmington Harrison; Kevin Curtis, a sophomore outside linebacker from Garden City; and Dave Morelli, a freshman defensive back from Redford Catholic Central.

Albion, now 12-0, is making its third appearance in the last four years in the NCAA III playoffs, but its first in the NCAA III championship game. It should be a wide-open affair: the Britons average 35 points a game while surrendering 13, and Washington and Jefferson nets over 40 points a game, giving up 11.

Father and son

If the officials looked a bit alike at the Class D high school football final Nov. 25 at the Silverdome, there was a good reason for it.

They were a father and son act.

Joe and Mike Kavulich, a pair of Canton residents, were selected to officiate together at the game between Beal City and Litchfield. It isn't the first time it's happened, and chances are it won't be the last.

Both also work together occasionally as basketball officials, working high school and junior college contests.

Baseball clinic

Here's a baseball player doing something for free.

Gary Pearson, who pitched in the Baltimore Orioles' system 25 years ago, will host a free baseball clinic for 11- and 12-year-old boys 6:30-9 p.m. Saturday at Hoover School in Taylor.

For further information, call Pearson at 561-8878.

Anyone wishing to submit items to Sports Scene may send them to sports editor C.J. Risak, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Mich. 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

Monroe ruins Rock opener

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

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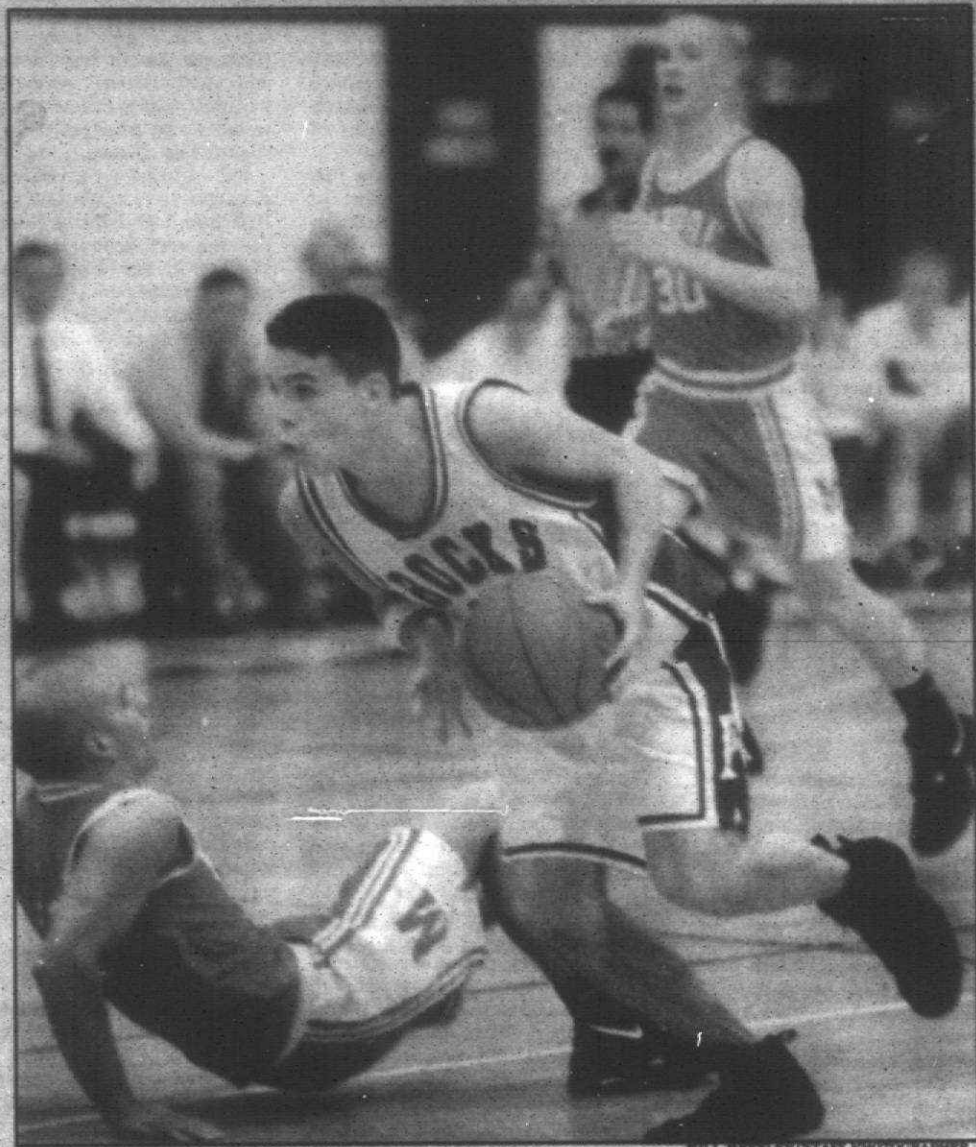
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Rough start: Salem's Doug Herriman (with ball) gets past Monroe's Steven Jett this time, but the Trojans had too many weapons this opening night.

Beaten at the buzzer

Canton fails to put Wayne away

By NEAL ZIPSER
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton coach Dan Young had his first win of the Chiefs all but in the record books Tuesday until Wayne Memorial spoiled his debut.

The visiting Zebras snatched the game away from the host Chiefs when Lorenzo Guess tipped in a missed layup by Richard Rashad with one second remaining.

Guess' heroics gave Wayne the 54-52 victory.

"There's no other way to feel about this game other than we stole it," Wayne coach Chuck Henry said.

Henry, who has 18 years of coaching experience, was flanked

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on the bench by longtime Redford Catholic Central varsity coach Bernie Holowicki.

Even with the near half-century of experience opposite his bench, Young's team outplayed Wayne for the most part.

After the Zebras took a 9-6 advantage, they didn't lead again until the Guess tip-in.

The sophomore forward finished with a team-high 16 points.

The Chiefs, who led by as many as nine points throughout the game, didn't score from the field during the seven minutes and 25 seconds.

"I thought the guys played

hard, but just didn't do the fundamental things down the stretch that you have to do to win games," Young said. "We should have won this game. Hopefully the team will grow and move on and learn from this."

Guess' tip-in also spoiled an outstanding performance by Canton's dynamic duo of junior forward Ron Hunter and senior guard Ted Docks.

Hunter poured in a game-high 21 points, while Docks scored 12, and added seven rebounds, seven steals and six assists.

Canton took the lead with a 10-6 run and led 19-15 heading into the second quarter. Hunter (nine)

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Baseball coaches both quit

By C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

The torch has been passed, but the new bearer warns an era hasn't gone with it.

John Gravlin, Plymouth Salem's baseball coach for the past 11 years, has resigned. But athletic director Paul Cummings didn't have to look far to find a replacement — Gravlin's longtime assistant, Dale Rumberger, has been named as his successor.

Also, Ed Turek, hired as baseball coach at Plymouth Canton last year, has resigned due to a conflict with his job. Filling that position will be Scott Dickey, the junior varsity coach at Dearborn Divine Child for the past eight years.

Gravlin helped mold Salem into one of the state's premier baseball teams. The Rocks annually challenged for the Western Lakes Activities Association title and in 1991 they col-



John Gravlin, Salem coach resigns, led their second Class A state championship.

"He just decided it was time to spend some time with the family," said Cummings. "We were very sorry to lose both of them (Gravlin and Turek)."

Rumberger, 41, was the obvi-

ous choice to take over for Gravlin. A 1970 graduate of Plymouth High School, the Salem position was always at the top of Rumberger's coaching wish list.

"I think anybody who gets into coaching wants to coach at the highest level," he said. "For me, being from Plymouth, coaching at Salem is the highest possible honor."

Rumberger's high school coaching career started in 1977, when longtime Plymouth Canton coach Fred Crissey asked him to help coach Canton's catchers (Rumberger was an all-league catcher in high school). He did for a few weeks prior to that season — the same season Gravlin was hired as Crissey's assistant.

Rumberger remained a part-time assistant for the next decade, helping when he could.

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"Either way, they'll be tough, sooner or later."

Salem opens its season in a double-dual tonight against Plymouth Canton and Monroe.

NOTES: Although Krueger was pleased with the turnout for team tryouts, he said he could still use more wrestlers at the opposite ends of the scale — to fill the upper and lower weight classes.

Salem will host three regular-season tournaments, the first an eight-team event Dec. 17. Belleville has dropped out, creating a vacancy that Krueger is trying to fill. Other tournaments at Salem are a 16-team junior varsity event Dec. 29 and an 18-team event Jan. 7.

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Chiefs determined to succeed

By NEAL ZIPSER

STAFF WRITER

The winter sports season has begun. It's time for another exciting season of boys basketball and hockey, girls volleyball, and...

Oh yeah, wrestling. It's that type of Plymouth Canton wrestling team hunger than ever to improve on last year's season, which saw the Chiefs finish in the middle of the pack in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"For whatever reason, wrestling is on the back burner around here," Canton coach Ray Givens said. "Perhaps it's because of all the other sports going on, or simply because there is a lack of support for the program."

"But because of the lack of interest, the guys on the team have worked twice as hard as they usually do and you can see the difference in a lot of them."

Givens thinks as many as five wrestlers from this year's squad

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can qualify for the state tournament. Beyond those wrestlers, however, Canton will have to depend on a host of freshmen and sophomores to fill in the 15 weight classes.

The Chiefs are led by senior Dan Gruenwald, who missed qualifying for the state tournament by two seconds last season. Still, the 103-pound grappler won the league, the Observerland Tournament and was a regional qualifier.

"I think he's one of the premier wrestlers in his category in the state," Givens said. "He has one goal this year and that's to make it to Battle Creek (site of the state championships). You can see the intensity in his training. He looks like he's on a mission."

Gruenwald will be tougher than ever thanks in part to a new 100-pound category. In the past, he has had to fill up on water just to

make it to the 103 limit. On the other side of the spectrum is heavyweight Doug Cooper. The junior has moves usually unheard of for a wrestler his size, according to Givens.

Senior Dave Cline will compete at 140 to 150. Cline placed in several tournaments last season in one of the most competitive weight classes.

"Dave's confidence level has changed," Givens said. "Now he is the attacker and the aggressor. He's not second-guessing himself anymore."

Another improved wrestler is junior Tom Kelling, who attended numerous wrestling camps during the off-season. Kelling will compete in the 130-135 class.

A healthy Aaron Hess should make an impact on the mat in the 119 division. The junior is coming off an injury-riddled season when he suffered through back and knee ailments. Givens said Hess is now at full strength.

Givens also expects freshman

Dustin Fant to make an immediate impact at the 150 level. Fant, whose father was a state qualifier at Belleville High, has unusual maturity for his age, according to Givens.

"He's been coming by our practices since he was in sixth grade," the eighth-year coach said. "He gets himself thrown around every now and then, but now he's the old man even though he's the freshman. He's also had a growth spurt and he's now six-feet tall. When his day comes, I wouldn't be surprised if he was a state champion."

Because of the wrestlers mentioned above, Givens believes the Chiefs will fare better in tournaments than they will in dual meets. However, Givens isn't concerned with the team's won-lost record.

"Winning isn't the priority around here," the Canton coach said. "Rather, it's the quality of the person once he leaves the program that's important."

THE WEEK AHEAD

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BILL PARKER

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head and laughed, then joined in the conversation herself. Had our common bond been softball, golf or auto racing, I'm sure the conversation wouldn't have gone past, say, the weekend action at West. Had we passed as strangers on the street we probably wouldn't have given each other the time of day. But with hunting as our common ground, the tales and yarns just kept coming.

Successful hunter reports have also been coming in at a steady pace. I'm surprised, almost shocked however, that I haven't heard a word from any successful elk hunters. Six area hunters received permits for the September hunts and another eight were selected to participate in the December elk hunt, which comes to a close on Thursday.

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Oh baby! What a buck. Dan Casey, a Canton resident who works for the City of Southfield, recently experienced what must have been the biggest week of his life.

Casey's wife, Renee, gave birth to 7-pound Brandon on Monday Nov. 14. "Her due date was originally

Oct. 28, then they moved it back to Nov. 4 but that day came and went without a baby, too," explained Casey, an avid hunter who admitted he didn't get out much for the early bow season. "She went into labor on Nov. 14 and I knew I'd miss the whole first week of our season. It was really excited about the baby coming, but I haven't missed opening day in a long, long time."

By Thursday, Nov. 18, Renee and Brandon were home feeling fine and, as an understanding hunter's wife Renee, consented to let Dan go hunting for the day. Dan was up at 3 a.m. (but not for feeding this time) to make the two-hour drive to his property in Sanilac County. He hunted all morning without seeing a deer, then retreated to camp for a quick nap. Naturally — because all the excitement he'd been through — he overslept and was late getting

into the woods for the afternoon hunt. As daylight began to fade, a doe came into Casey's field of view. He grunted the doe into shooting range, then saw a big buck following her. The buck was quartering toward Casey and he dropped the monster with a 60-yard shot.

The big buck dressed out at 173 pounds and sported a 10-point rack with a 21 1/4-inch spread. It was "by far" the biggest buck the 32-year-old Casey has ever killed.

Kerry Kukuhahn proved there is no "Sophomore Jinx" in hunting. The second-year deer hunter from Canton connected on his first deer, a 6-point buck, at 7:30 a.m. on opening day of the firearms season while hunting in Charlevoix County.

"I was hunting below the crest of a hill and my hunting partner, Bob Nowak (of Garden City), was on the other side of the crest. The first thing in the morning a doe came between us and neither one

of us could shoot," explained Kukuhahn. "A little while later another doe came between us. I decided to move to the top of the hill and that's when I saw the buck."

Arnie Roark, of Lapeer, shot a spike horn on November 21 while hunting in a stand of oaks in Saginaw County.

Larry Kammerer, of Metamora, arrowed an 8-point buck from his tree stand on Nov. 12. Kammerer was hunting along the edge of a swamp in northern Oakland County.

Farmington Hills resident Jim Neville filled his two-buck limit this fall. On Nov. 9, Neville shot a 130-pound, 4-point while bow hunting from a tree stand above an oak ridge in Newaygo County. On Opening day of the firearms season Neville made a 60-yard shot to drop a 160-pound, 7-point buck at 7:15 a.m.

Greg Trolly shot a 7-point buck on Nov. 22 in northern Oakland County.

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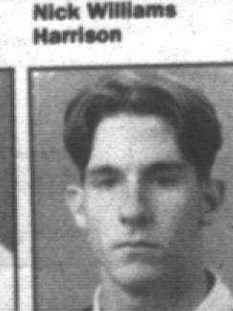
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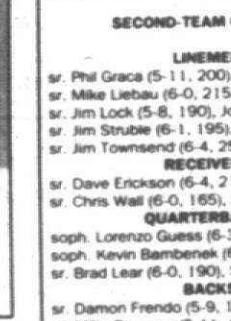
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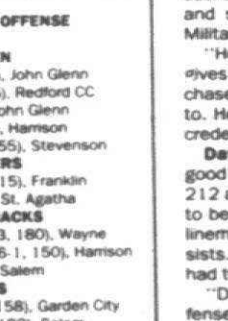
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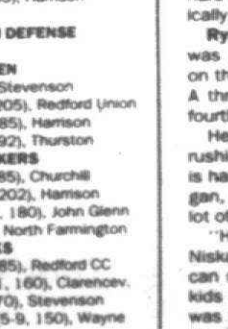
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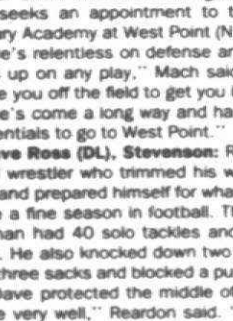
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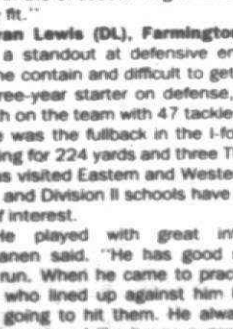
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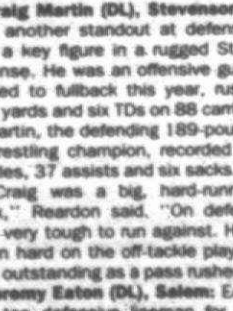
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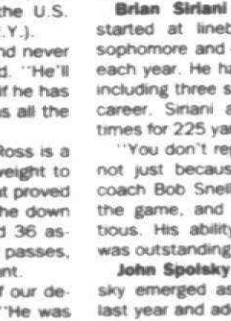
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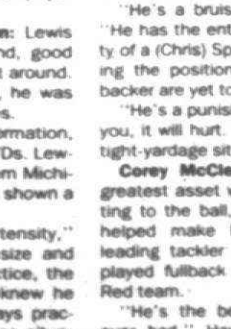
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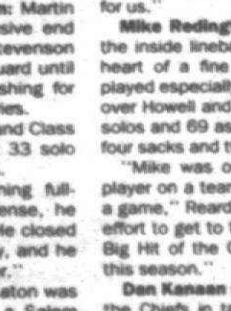
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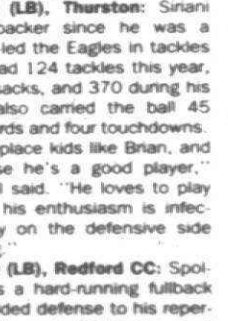
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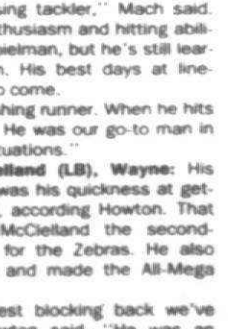
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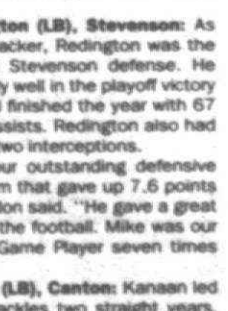
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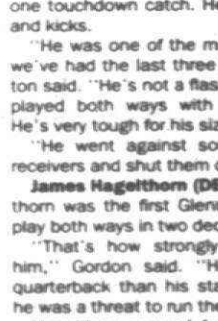
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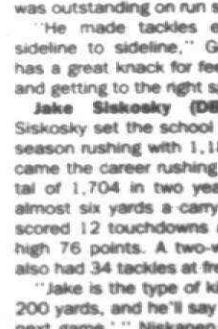
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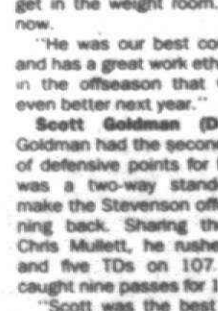
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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND CANTON

LOCAL EVENTS

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SKATE WITH SANTA
The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Plymouth Figure Skating Club will be offering skating with Santa from noon to 1:20 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. This program is for children 12 and under and their parents. The cost is \$5 per skater and includes the opportunity to skate with Santa, and a lunch of a hot dog, chips, and pop. Children may have their picture taken with Santa after skating is recommended, call 455-6620.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Madonna University's choral will present its annual Christmas concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Pelican Motherhouse Chapel, and is open to the public free of charge. Madonna University is located at 1-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. Information, 591-5097.

SING-ALONG
An "old-fashioned" Christmas sing-along is planned for 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 W. Warren in Canton. Traditional and ethnic Christmas songs will be led by the Praise Choir with Brass members from Plymouth-Canton Centennial Band. Children are encouraged to bring Fisher-Price instruments, percussion instruments, jingle bells. Song sheets will be provided. Cookies and punch will be served, bring cookies to share.

LUMINA KITS
Trailwood Garden Club and Plymouth Symphony League in a joint fund-raising project will be selling luminaria kits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 17, at Westchester Mall; Kroger's, at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road; Kroger's at Ford Road and Sheldon Road; and Danny's on Main Street in Plymouth. \$3.50 per set of 10 candles with white bags.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
The Music Department of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plymouth will present its annual Candlelight service 7 p.m. Sunday Dec. 11. The theme is "Behold the Glory." The Senior choir, Children's choir, Christian

Contemporary choir, and Handbell choir will perform traditional contemporary works. St. Peter's Church is located at 1343 Penniman Avenue (corner of Penniman and Evergreen). The concert is free, but an offering will be taken. Information, 453-3393.

WINNIE-THE-POOH
"A Winnie-The-Pooh Christmas Tail" performed by the Plymouth Community Arts Council will be held 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, and Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Tonda Elementary School in Canton. Ticket price is \$2 and includes refreshments. Popcorn, drinks, coffee. The performance is one hour with a 20-minute intermission.

LIGHTING CEREMONY
Schrader Howell Funeral Home invites all to a holiday candle lighting ceremony in memory of deceased relatives and friends 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main in Plymouth.

TOY COLLECTION
Mel's Golden Radar, 595 Forest Ave. in Plymouth, is having its 17th annual toy collection for needy and handicapped children. Drop off your new or used toys through Dec. 17.

FLOWER SALE
The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be selling Christmas wreaths, cedar roping and poinsettias, in red, white, pink and peach. Prices range from \$4 to \$32. Proceeds go to Christmas food baskets. Jaycees hot line, 453-8407.

LOTTERY
Community Hospice Services is holding the fifth annual holiday nut sale offering 16 oz. cashews, deluxe mixed, and German roasted almonds, and 14 oz. pistachios, at \$10 each. The nuts are available at the Community Hospice Services, 127 S. Main in Plymouth. All proceeds will assist incurably ill patients and their families in the communities they serve.

CALL SANTA
The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees will be having their annual calling Santa from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 13-14. Have your children call 453-1200. Information, 453-8407.

DONATIONS NEEDED
Child & Family Services, a United Way organization, needs donations for its fourth annual gift giving program called Adopt-A-Family. Adopt-A-Family. They hope to make the holidays special for over 400 needy children, families, disabled, and the elderly. To help, call Anne Keller at (313) 483-1418 or 1 (800) 242-6120.

BASKETS OF LOVE
The Salvation Army is looking for food donations for the annual "Baskets Full of Love" food drive. If you would like to be a part of the campaign, call 453-5464 for posters and boxes that can be displayed at your business, school, or organization. Deliver your donation to the food pantry from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following is a list of food that is needed: canned goods — tuna, beef stew, spaghetti/ravioli, chunky soup. Other needed items: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti/macaroni noodles, spaghetti sauce, cereal.

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Oh, what a doll

Doll show: Doll artist Rusty Wilder's creations will be featured at the Doll and Doll House Show and Sale scheduled for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New, used, antique and collectible dolls will also be featured, along with doll artists and retail dealers — some specializing in doll-making supplies and others specializing in doll restoring. There will also be doll houses ready-built or in kit form and doll house miniatures. Admission is \$3 for adults and kids over 12 and \$1 for kids 12 and under. For show information, call 455-2110.

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HOLIDAY CARDS
Michigan Cancer Foundation holiday greeting cards are on sale at 744 Wing St., Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. They offer eight attractive designs and a "Michigan 1995" calendar featuring 12 scenic, full-color photos of the state.

CRICKETS
The Canton Parks and Recreation Services preschool program, Canton Crickets, will hold a lottery for a limited number of openings in its Winter 1995 session from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, Nov. 28, to Dec. 16. You must come in person to the recreation office during regular business hours to pick up a lottery number. Only one number per family. Canton residents only (proof of residency will be required) combined 3- and 4-year-olds must be 3 by Jan. 1, 1995. Four-year-olds (three-year-olds must have been 4 by Sept. 1, 1994. Lottery winners will be notified during the week of Jan. 3-6, 1995.

CHILDREN'S PARTY
Canton Parks and Recreation Services is having its Children's Christmas parties with Santa at 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 10:45-11:45 a.m. at the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Ave. and Sheldon. No reservations required. Ages 12-under. Refreshments, cartoons, games, visit with Santa.

RAFFLE
The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth is conducting its second annual \$1,000 a month raffle.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE
The Community Literacy Council is offering holiday plants for decorating a banquet room, lobby, or office for the holidays. Contact the Community Literacy Council to order and get pricing information on holiday plants. Poinsettias and cyclamens in many colors and sizes are available for order. 416-4900.

CLUBS
AMERICAN LEGION
The American Legion Post 391 will meet 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at the American Legion Post, on

Ticket cost is \$100. This entitles you to a chance at a drawing for \$1,000 each month of 1995. If you are a winner your ticket is placed back in for future drawings. It is possible it could be drawn again for another \$1,000. Information, 453-7091.

THRIFT SHOP
The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1250.

DAYDRES
Maybrite State Park at Eight Mile and Beck roads offers horse-drawn hayrides 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the park's Living Farm. There is no charge for the events. Cost to enter the park is \$4 for a daily permit and \$18 for an annual permit.

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE
Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every Thursday through June 1995 at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.

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AAUW
The December branch meeting of the Plymouth AAUW (American Association of University Women) will be held 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Members will tour the museum's teddy bear and toy train exhibit. Please bring an appetizer to share and donations for First Step. For more information, call 453-7924.

PLYMOUTH GRANGE
The Plymouth Grange No. 389 will hold its Christmas dinner 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the V.F.W. Hall on Lilley Road about 1/4 mile north of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. They welcome Grangers, new members, and friends. It will be a surprise dinner menu with Brother Jerry, and Sister Helen Buda, creating the meal. If at all possible a few cans of your choice food for the Jaycees basket for the needy would be appreciated. If you are able or unable to attend, call Mary Davison at 490-2878 or Ruth Strebbing at 420-0545.

VIETNAM VETS
The Plymouth/Canton Chapter No. 529 Vietnam Veterans of America general membership meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble V.F.W. Post No. 6695, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. They are looking to encourage membership and participation among the area Vietnam veterans.

JAYCEES OPEN HOUSE
The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be hosting a holiday open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Village Green Apartments Club House, Hagerty Road 1/4 mile south of Ford Road. If you are the age of 21-39 come and find out what your local Jaycees are doing around your community. The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are Michigan's No. 1 parade of chapters. Information, 453-8407.

RENAISSANCE CHORUS
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OPEN SKATING
Open skate time for all those looking to kill a lunch hour or looking to get a little exercise. The ice arena has open skate at the following lunch hours: noon to 1:20 p.m. Monday; 1:20 p.m. Tuesday; 11:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday; 1:20 p.m. Thursday; 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Friday. Fees for city residents are \$2.75 adults, \$2 children; \$1.50, seniors; \$1.25, skate rental. For non-city residents: \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$2, seniors.

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29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia
525-3664 or 261-9276

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship: 6:00 P.M.
Wed. Family Hour: 7:30 P.M.

December 11th
11:00 A.M. "Bethlehem"
6:00 P.M. Christmas Cantata
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Redford, Michigan 535-2300

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Midweek Family Program, Wednesdays 5:45

December 11th
"JESUS, THE MIGHTY GOD"
Wed. Dec. 14th, 6:45 p.m. Christmas Concert

Pastor: Herbert Dominguez
Minister for Children: Sharon Smith
Director of Music: Dennis Goss

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FAMILY WORSHIP: SUN. 10:30 A.M.
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Please call Church Office
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The Lord's CORRECTION of His own: to return them to a path of God-honoring obedience may take MANY FORMS. And it may be SEVERE (see Heb. 12:5-13) or it may be GENTLE (see Heb. 12:12). But it is always a CORRECTION to the Lord. If you are a member of this church, please let us know if you need a "correction" so we can help you.

EPISCOPAL

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16380 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-8451

Mon-Fri. 9:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 6:00 P.M. Dinner & Classes
Saturday 5:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist

Sunday 7:45 & 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist
10:00 A.M. Christian Education for all ages
Sunday Morning: Nursery Care Available

The Rev. Robert Clapp, Rector
Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord
— Phil. 2:11

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Livonia, MI 48150-1100
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The Rev. Margaret Hays, Assistant
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9:30 A.M. Christian Education & Sunday School
A Barbershop Chorus will be singing

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Making Faith a Way of Life
Sunday School For All Ages 9:30 a.m.
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36416 W. 14 Mile Rd. (at Drake Road)
Livonia, MI 48150
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REMEMORIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Central Church)
25475 Five Mile Rd. 454-6722

MARK MCGRIVLEY, Minister
Paul Rumbolt, Youth Minister

BIBLE SCHOOL: All ages 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
Morning worship: 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Adult Worship & Young Groups 6:30 p.m.

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Convening to love
20200 Meridian Road 476-8222

MIKE HAZELTON, Minister
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BIBLE SCHOOL: All ages 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
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Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m.
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Advent Service Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m.

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High & Elm Streets, Northville
T. Luback, Pastor
L. Kinn, Associate Pastor
Church 248-2145 • School 248-2148
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Wednesday Worship 7:30 p.m.

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SINGLE POINT
Single Point Ministries will hold "Talk It Over" with Dr. Bill Greenman at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the church, and volleyball, wallyball, racquetball and swimming at the Livonia Family YMCA at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The cost of BYOS (Bring Your Own Snacks) at the Livonia Family YMCA is \$6, and it is only open to adults. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

PARENTS' NIGHT
Livonia Baptist Church will sponsor a "Parents' Night Out" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the church, 32940 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Activities will be provided at the church for children, infants through the sixth grade. There is no fee, but advance registration is required. For more information, call (313) 422-3763.

COOKIE WALK
The congregation of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is holding a Christmas cookie walk 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9. Participants can fill their boxes as they walk through the display. Cookies are sold by the pound. The church is at 26355 W. Chicago Road, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford.

SANTA BREAKFAST
The Church of the Savior will hold its annual "Breakfast with Santa" between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at the church, 38100 Five Mile, Livonia. A full pancake breakfast will be served, and each child attending will have a picture taken with Santa. Cost is \$3 per person. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 963-8697 before 9 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

EASTERN CHRISTMAS
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church Acappella Choir and special guest singers will celebrate an Eastern European Christmas at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. The program will feature carols from Russia, Romania, the Ukraine, Serbia, Greece, Poland and Hungary and liturgical music from the Orthodox Church's Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Donation will be \$6. For more information, call (810) 476-3439 or (313) 427-6592.

MONTHLONG FEST
Newburg United Methodist Church's Christmas celebration continues with "Carpenter Man" at 9:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, by Dr. Gilson Miller; the Chancel Choir concert at Greenmead at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and Christmas craft and story hour for preschoolers and parents from 10:11-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. The church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG
An old-fashioned Christmas sing-along will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 W. Warren, Canton. Traditional and ethnic Christmas songs will be led by the Praise Choir with brass members from the Plymouth-Canton Centennial Band. Song sheets will be provided. Cookies and punch will be served following the program. For more information, call choir director Sharlene Burke at (313) 459-5515.

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"What Is This Christian Science and Who Are These Christian Scientists?" continues at 9 a.m. Sundays. Upcoming shows will be "Is Care in Christian Science as Reliable as Medicine?" on Dec. 11; "How Do Christian Scientists Feel About Jesus?" on Dec. 18; and "What Kind of Faith in God Heals?" on Dec. 25.

CHILDREN'S PRESENTATION
Plymouth United Assembly of God's Children's Choir will present the musical "Baa Baa Bethlehem" at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 46500 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon, Plymouth. A nursery will be available, and the public is invited to attend.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
"Let All Heaven and Nature Sing" is the theme of Detroit First Church of the Nazarene's Christmas concert featuring the sanctuary choir and orchestra at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 21260 Hagerty Road, Northville. Admission is free. For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

"GIFT OF CHRISTMAS"
The Adult Choir of the New Life Church, 21446 Schoolcraft, Detroit, will present "The Gift of Christmas" at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
The sounds of music will echo throughout St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church when the adult choir, under the direction of Elaine Symons, presents its annual Christmas cantata during the 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday, Dec. 11. St. Andrew's is at 26701 Joy Road, between Inkster and Beech Daly roads. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

"AROUND THE WORLD"
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will present a Christmas concert, "Sounds of Christmas Around the World," at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. The concert will feature the Choir of Christ Our Savior, Handbell, Chorus, Choralists, Brass and Woodwind choirs performing folk carols from various countries. The concert is free, however, a free offering will be collected. For more information, call Lois Drake, music director, at (313) 522-6830.

"CHRISTMAS PATHWAYS"
The Children's Church of Livonia Assembly of God, 33015 W. Seven Mile, will present the Christmas play titled "Christmas Pathways" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The church's Christmas play, "The Night the Nativity Scene Lived," will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17-18. For more information, call (810) 471-5282.

COLLAGE CONCERT
The choir of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas Collage Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Sacred and secular music will be performed by the vocal and bell choirs as well as by brass, organ, guitar and hammered dulcimer. Refreshments will be served.

"COME A CAROLING"
Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is having a family Christmas walk 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago, Livonia. There is no charge and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (313) 422-0494.

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS
Bethel Baptist Temple's choir will perform a Christmas cantata, "Carols and Classics," at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A free pocket planner will be given to each person who attends, and a nursery and toddler service will be provided. For more information, call (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

NEW DEACONS
Deacons Richard Proffer, Dan Keck and Tom Milton will be ordained during the evening worship service on Sunday, Dec. 11, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City.

HOLIDAY CANTATA
The all-church adult choir of Memorial Church of Christ will present a Christmas cantata, "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 35474 Five Mile, Livonia. "It's Christmas Time," a program featuring the nursery through junior departments of the Bible school, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjorje Peace Center of Detroit. The performance is one of three he will do in the Detroit area — 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Rene Goupil Church in Sterling Heights and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Bernice Church in Southfield. No tickets are necessary, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Bosnian refugees. For more information, call (810) 559-4544.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Internationally renowned Irish tenor Mark Forster will be in concert following a 2:30 p.m. rosary Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjorje Peace Center of Detroit. The performance is one of three he will do in the Detroit area — 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Rene Goupil Church in Sterling Heights and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Bernice Church in Southfield. No tickets are necessary, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Bosnian refugees. For more information, call (810) 559-4544.

APHIDS, ANTS COOPERATE FOR FOOD ON LEAVES OF AREA DOGWOOD TREES

NATURE TRAILS

TIMOTHY NOWICKI

When we think of farming we immediately conjure up rural areas, barns, silos, tractors, cows, chickens and such. Farmers work the land or tend their livestock for the products they yield. Surplus is what is sold to city folks who don't even take the time to plant tomatoes.

Farming also occurs, to a certain extent, in the animal world. Each spring I watch the ants and aphids on the gray dogwood leaves. As soon as the leaves emerge, black spots on the undersides become visible.

Those black spots are actually small insects known as aphids. They are inconspicuous because of their size and their location. But as soon as the aphids emerge, ants from the surrounding mounds take up residence on the leaves with the aphids.

Ants do not eat the aphids, rather they eat what the aphids produce. Aphids pierce the leaves and suck the sugary sap as food. The sap is then digested and a sugary waste liquid is voided. Many call it honeydew. When I was a young man my dad said the trees were dropping their sap onto his car. In a way he was right, except it was processed once. Attending ants collect this sugary liquid and use it as food.

Since the honeydew is a waste product, aphids don't mind the ants collecting it — if you can imagine an aphid reasoning. In fact, aphids like to have the ants around because they protect them from ladybird beetles (ladybugs) that like to eat them.

Earlier this fall, I observed a situation that was very similar to the ants and aphids. As I walked by a white pine tree I heard it humming. When I looked up at the branches there were scores of wasps and hornets. They were landing on the main branches and walking on the clusters of needles.

Upon close examination, I discovered the branches were covered with small gray colored aphids. Each branch had several large clusters of these insects. Though wasps are predatory, they were not eating the aphids. Instead, they were searching the needles below for the honeydew deposited by the aphids above. I could actually see the aphids produce large drops of honeydew which fell to the leaves below.

Like the ants, the wasps, hornets and some flies were all feasting on the extensive source of sweet liquid. These aphids were not protected by the wasps though. Scattered around the branches were both adult and young ladybird beetles.

So intent on eating honeydew, the wasps and hornets were undisturbed by my close inspection of their feeding. It was interesting to see another insect exploit the aphid's source of food.

Tim Nowicki is a naturalist at Independence Oaks County Park in Oakland County. He lives in Livonia. You can leave him a message at 953-2047, Mailbox 1874.

Sap eaters: The almost invisible aphid insects drink the sap from dogwood trees, which pleases ants and wasps because they like to eat the waste product of the aphids. In the above drawing by Tim Nowicki, a wasp goes after some recycled sap.



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Economist optimistic about yule shopping

Retailers will be smiling long after the holiday season, predicts an economist at Southfield-based Lawrence Technological University.

"I'm going by the basic 'Oakland Mall Parking Index' and I'd say retail sales are thriving," said Harold Hotelling, associate professor of economics and chairman of Lawrence Technological University's humanities department. "People are spending more because they have confidence. On the whole, consumers see good things happening in the economy."

The economy is a hot topic as the Christmas shopping season takes hold following a .75 percent jump in the prime interest rates by the Federal Reserve Board in early November.

But the action of the Fed should not impact holiday shoppers. The immediate impact of the prime interest rate jump was felt by individuals with variable rate home mortgages or home equity loans.

"People set their Christmas shopping limits by whether they expect to have a job in '95, more so than whether their house payment went up \$20," said Hotelling, who holds a doctorate in economics from Duke University and is a resident of Rochester Hills.

"Rather than trying to repair an economy with a problem, the move by the Fed keeps a growing economy on a healthy path," said Barbara Kouskoulas, assistant professor of management at Lawrence Tech. "The intent is to keep the economy growing with a minimum of inflation. The actual impact from the interest increases won't be known for perhaps a year or more."

Kouskoulas, who holds a doctorate in economics from Wayne State University and is a resident of Grosse Pointe, explained that the expansion of the American economy could outpace restraints. Expansion stayed at 4.3 percent this past quarter. If left unchecked, inflationary pressures could result in higher production cost, and less profit for business. The Fed adjustment of the prime interest rate — six times over the

course of the last four quarters — is meant to keep the inflation rate at its current level of 2.6 percent, she said.

Hotelling said that the possibility of escalating wages is "one of the things the Fed is also concerned about."

"In a thriving economy there's a tendency to make high settlements in collective bargaining. That can lead to inflation," Hotelling said. "When the Fed increased prime rates that 'touches the brakes' to the economy, and slows down new building and new hiring. That in turn, reduces the bargaining power of unions."

The drop in the stock market just prior to Thanksgiving was "anxiety over the possibility of an economic slowdown," according to Kouskoulas. She also pointed out that as interest rates rise, the price of bonds goes down.

"Not every movement on the stock market is an indication of something bad happening in the economy. You have to look at the market over a long period to see any long term trends," she said.

"The main concern is, will the Federal Reserve over do it and choke off the expansion before its time?" Hotelling said. "I'm not horrified by what the Fed did. Inflation can be a real problem. A lot of people today have forgotten how very bad inflation can be."

Both admitted surprise at the .75 percent increase in the Prime. Most economists foresaw a .5 percent hike. Any fallout is months away, both said. Kouskoulas said the first sign that the action by the Fed is not "keeping the economy on an even keel" will be increased inflation.

Benchmarks of how the economy is doing in the first half of 1995 will be whether businesses are replenishing inventory, and what happens with housing starts and home sales this summer, Kouskoulas said.

Hotelling said the holiday consumers are continuing the trend of "looking for bargains," and retailers have responded accordingly. This is a crucial shopping cycle since this is when most consumers make their largest purchases of the year. Christmas

shoppers, on average, say they plan on spending six to seven percent more this year than last Christmas.

"Institutionally, the retail business is changing and becoming more competitive," he said. "Retailers are offering consumers more options about how to save money, and people are taking advantage of that."

Credit card interest rates will not be immediately affected by the latest Fed action, according to Kouskoulas and Hotelling. This is good news since most Christmas purchases will be made on plastic. Kouskoulas said that consumers have reversed themselves, and appear willing to carry a large credit card debt.

There is a good forecast for the auto industry going into the new year — increased sales should continue. The industry is currently experiencing steady sales, with some models — notably the mini vans, and the Dodge Neon — having waiting lists.

"The auto market expansion has a year or two to run in its big eight to 12 year cycle. Right now automakers are shoring up pent up demand," Hotelling said. "I see that going well into '95, and maybe '96."

"Blips" that could show up in the economy next year may come from political haggling between the Clinton administration and the Congress over a balanced budget amendment, "which could be terribly depressing factor for the economy," reductions of the regulatory burden on business, and health care reform, Hotelling said.

The questions for '95 include, is the Fed done "putting the brakes" on the economy to control its growth? And how much longer will the expansion continue?

"People are looking for a signal that maybe this is the end of the need for this kind of restraint," Kouskoulas said.

"The expansion has been going on for some time now, and the longer the expansion goes the more people say, 'Well, it's got to stop now,'" Hotelling said. "I'm a little optimistic."

Breast cancer group to meet

A Breast Cancer Support Group will meet 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the lower level conference room of St. Mary Hospital.

This self-help/education group provides women with the opportunity to share experiences and discuss subjects of mutual concern relating to breast cancer. Informative speakers will give participants insights into the disease.

The support group meets the

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Holiday plants: Festive touch, colorful legends

Many plants are associated with this happy season and can be decorated with tiny lights and perhaps miniature ornaments to add a festive touch. They have colorful legends that add to their intrigue.

Ivy was a symbol of happiness, fertility and honor in Greece; it was woven into crowns and used in wreaths for newlyweds. Ivy was used as decoration for churches and homes only on the outer passageways and doorways - put up on Christmas Eve and taken down on Candlemas Eve, Feb. 1.

Holly was revered by early British Druids who thought it was a favorite of the sun because it was evergreen. The British hung sprigs of holly about the house as hiding places for Christmas elves and fairies. In Germany, holly was called Christdorn, or Christ's crown of thorns - the berries were believed to have been white until stained by Christ's blood.

Legends surrounding European mistletoe go back to Norse mythology - it was the Druid's golden herb. Mistletoe symbolized purity and strength and was hung in houses to bring happiness, promote romance and assure peace. A more recent custom is to be kissed under the mistletoe. European mistletoe grows on oaks, while the American plant, a different species, grows on maples and tupelos.

The laurel of legend is the European species and was chewed by the priestesses at Delphi to inspire visions and prophecies. It was burned for incense.

When Christianity began, laurel was used to decorate churches and houses at Christmas, and it is still spread on church floors on Holy Saturday in some cities in Greece. The American laurel, or our flowering mountain laurel, is also called sweet bay. The leaves are used in cooking.

The herb rosemary is associated with the flight into Egypt by the Holy Family. Mary was sheltered by the plant and legend tells us that when she spread her blue cloak over the branches, the flowers changed from white to blue in her honor. It has been used for many years in Christmas decorations. It is the symbol of remembrance and a token of happiness.

If you plan to give a plant as a gift, perhaps a note about its legend could accompany it.

Book look

Books always make welcome holiday gifts. You may wish to consider one of the following.

"A Garden's Blessings: Refreshment for the Soul," Lois Trigg Chaplin (\$12.99, Augsburg Fortress), contains incidents in the author's life as she tells how her faith has taught her the relationship of nature and the messages of the Bible.

Two books published by Houghton-Mifflin are special. Both are written by Jacqueline Heriteau; watercolors by Susan Davis.

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- A look at two young artists - Plymouth photographer, Kristin Cooper, and Livonia painter, Dana Schutz.
- The state of art education today.
- Victoria Diaz's Book Break column covers local authors and subjects.
- Exhibitions, art gallery listings.

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Time-honored Tradition: Douglas Semivan, an art professor at Madonna University in Livonia, demonstrates the art of printmaking.

A Primer on Prints:

Clearing up the confusion

If you've considered purchasing a limited edition art print, but were mystified by the terminology and what it is that classifies a print as a print, the following primer will educate and could stimulate you to make that first acquisition.

By Linda Chomin

Buying a fine art print can be a confusing proposition especially with the overabundance of choices available today, and the apparent misuse of the term with everything from photographic reproductions to the actual photos themselves trying to pass as prints. Intaglio, relief, serigraphy, and lithography - what's the difference in methods, and aesthetic appeal of the real thing?

Madonna University art and humanities professor, Douglas Semivan has devoted the last 20 years of his life to the study, execution and teaching of print making. His energy and enthusiasm for the medium is boundless as is his knowledge.

"Where do we draw the line between a fine art print and a poster? You have to ask what is the artist's intention? Sometimes it's a fine line," said Semivan, who earned his master's of fine arts degree from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills.

"The artist's intention is a communication between the artist and his audience. It has a beauty of surface. It has longevity, and it has value because it's a limited edition.

The poster that may even have been generated from the print is an impersonal and commercial venture. It becomes a photographic reproduction. Not a print.

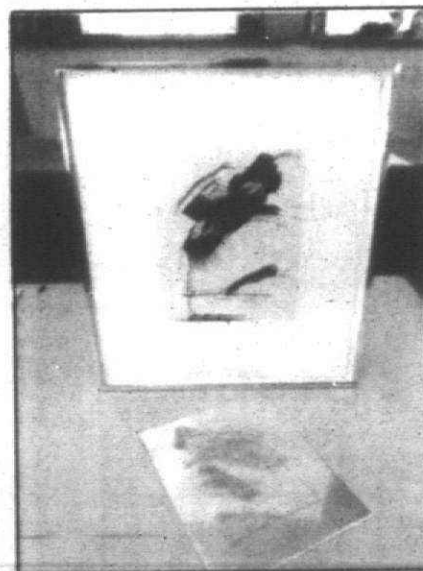
A photograph of an artwork that is reproduced as an offset lithograph is not a print. It will not increase in value beyond a few dollars, if at all.

"If it's camera reproduced, that's a dangerous image. We don't know if the artist intended to have that reproduced," said the Royal Oak resident.

With the proliferation of prints by Chagall and Rembrandt being sold today, Semivan says you have to wonder how many were produced after the artists' deaths. In this case again, it's a question of artist's intention. Obviously after their death, intent failed to exist.

"Printmaking brought the artist's work to a larger audience to communicate a message with a larger audience than a painting could. Durer was one of the first during the early Renaissance who used it to communicate. Goya used it extensively to communicate the

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Island boat: The zinc plate in the foreground was used to print Semivan's intaglio, "English Red (island maru)" which is in the permanent collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Different processes

There are four types of prints: intaglio, lithography, relief, serigraphy.

• **Intaglio** is from the Italian verb to cut. It entails using acid to bite the image into the plate. The art of intaglio necessitates the use of engraving tools such as mezzotint rockers and burnishers to create pockets to hold ink that will be transferred from the plate to the paper during printing.

• **Relief** printing (wood cut, woodcut, linocut) uses a method by which the image to be printed is raised from the background. Woodcut, the oldest of printmaking methods was developed about 1400. Early woodcuts were religious or secular in nature.

• **Lithography**, a planographic process, uses a flat surface for printing whereby the artist draws the image on a stone with a greasy material such as a lithographic crayon. Invented in 1798 in Germany by Alois Senefelder, lithography resulted from the playwright's attempt to find a inexpensive way to publish his plays.

• **Serigraphy**, silk screen, or art screenprinting produces works by the use of fiber mounted in a frame. The print artist blocks out areas of the screen not to be printed. In the case of a color screenprint, the artist prepares one screen for each color using a succession of screens to create the final print.

What you should know before you buy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The first rule of collecting any type of art is to buy a work because you like it. You can spend as little as \$45 to \$50 for a hand pulled etching at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, to several thousand dollars for an engraving at an art gallery.

"It's important to fall in love with the work of art first," said Douglas Semivan, printmaking professor at Madonna University in Livonia.

"Buy what you enjoy; buy what you like. If it increases in value then you're lucky."

If you are thinking of purchasing an investment art print, be sure to

buy from a reputable dealer or gallery. It's important that the piece is signed and dated in pencil by the artist in the lower right margin.

In the lower left margin, the size of the edition and the number of the particular edition are indicated. If

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OBSERVERLAND ARTISTS SHOW

Local artists and crafters will be exhibiting everything from personalized ornaments to angels, clothing and baskets in the 12th annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 9-11 at the Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main Street.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$2. No baby strollers please.

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Sponsored by Handcrafters Unlimited, the show features more than 70 exhibitors whose works include pottery, stained glass, wood items, and florals. Local artists include:

Plymouth residents - Judy Moore, calligraphy and Roberta Baraszu, Christmas items; Canton Township - Lori Markiewicz, stenciled baskets; Garden City - Linda Burton, Southwest ceramics and cactus dish gardens, and Livonia - Marlene DeFoor, hand painted Christmas bulbs; Susan Haitcock, angels; Denise

Sheldon, clothing.

"We have numerous artists they won't see other places. It is a juried show with lots and lots of Holiday items," said Molly Pemberton, co-producer of the show with Sue Smith, both Canton Township residents.

While Pemberton will display wood Christmas ornaments including personalized gingerbread boys and girls, small angels, and for your dog - a personalized dog bone ornament, Smith exhibits spice wreaths made of cinnamon, whole nutmeg, and ginger.

Prices for the hand crafted work in the show runs from \$2 for a Christmas ornament to sever-

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horrors of wars to a mass audience. Which is true today that it's generally an artist's intention to reach a larger audience. Jasper Johns and Robert Rauschenberg in the 1960s came to this medium because it was economically viable.

Four types of prints

"However, an original print is never a reproduction. Although it is a work of multiples, it is still original art." According to Semivan, a print artist represented by the Lemberg Gallery in Birmingham, there are four types of prints: intaglio, lithography, relief, serigraphy.

"Intaglio is from the Italian verb to cut. It entails using acid to bite the image into the plate," said the 46-year-old Semivan.

The art of intaglio necessitates the use of engraving tools such as mezzotint rockers and burnishers to create pockets to hold ink that will be transferred from the plate to the paper during printing. In his own work, Semivan has even used a Black & Decker drill to incise a copper plate. Forms of intaglio printing include engravings, drypoint, mezzotints, etchings, aquatint and colorographs, each with their own trademark or personality.

Relief printing (wood cut, wood engraving, and linocut) is the exact opposite of intaglio using a method by which the image to be printed is raised from the back

ground. Woodcut, the oldest of printmaking methods was developed about 1400. Early woodcut prints were religious or secular in nature.

Until the 15th century only the rich could afford to own religious artworks. Prints put these images into the hands of anyone who wanted them. The woodcut print reached its peak in Germany and northern Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries with the work of masters like Albrecht Dürer. Japanese woodcut prints, primarily landscapes, came into their own in the mid-18th century at the hands of masters Hiroshige and Hokusai.

Lithography

Lithography, a planographic process, uses a flat surface for printing whereby the artist draws the image on a stone with a greasy material such as a lithographic crayon. Invented in 1798 in Germany by Alois Senefelder, lithography resulted from the playwright's attempt to find a inexpensive way to publish his plays. Early lithography was dominated by French artists, Honoré Daumier and Eugene Delacroix as well as by Francisco Goya in Spain.

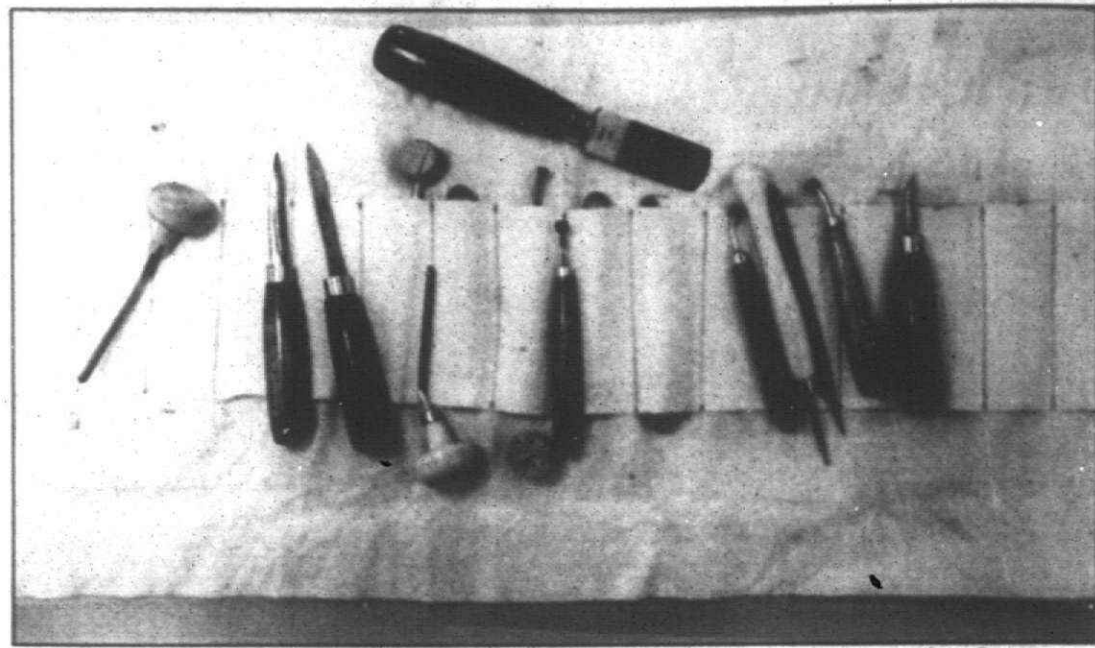
Currier & Ives hand-colored prints dominated the lithography business in the United States in the mid-1800s. Although lithography declined in popularity during the last four decades of the 19th

century it underwent a revival in the hands of Edgar Degas, Pierre Bonnard and Norwegian artist, Edvard Munch ("The Scream"). Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, well known for his Moulin Rouge posters, executed 370 lithographs in the last 10 years of his life. Picasso, Braque and Miro extensively used lithography as a means of creating works on paper in the 20th century.

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One final type of print, not an art of multiples, is the monotype or monoprint. By this method the artist draws on a metal plate or some other smooth surface. Then the plate is run through a printing press to transfer the image to the paper. French impressionist, Edgar Degas made hundreds of monotypes.

Contemporary artists like Frank Stella and Red Grooms combine several print making processes as does Semivan, who prides himself on being a print artist because they have much more of a knowledge of the print making tradition, and much more



Tools of the trade: Intaglio involves the use of engraving tools such as burins, mezzotint rockers and burnishers.

of a commitment to the tradition.

Soul of an artist

Deeply etched in the prints by Semivan lies the soul of the artist, a combination of poet, philosopher, and sailor in love with the sea. Just as the ocean influenced Willem de Kooning's abstract work, so the water and sailing in-

terfused Semivan's art. In much of the work which is at once delicate and raw, Semivan uses the symbolism of a boat as an analogy for an artist going into their studio to face a blank sheet of paper.

"Small boats are a form of survival mechanism, leaving the safety of the dry land and going out and taking risks," said Semivan, who finds paper the most pleasing palette of all.

"My work is very physical, very forceful in the way I lay it down."

In the intaglio print, "English Red (island maru)" Semivan produced an Oriental effect in the composition of blacks done on an

off-white background with the addition of one small square of vibrant red. This work is in the permanent collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Semivan's enthusiasm for the art of printmaking was fostered early at Olivet College under the tutelage of Stephen Hazel, now his mentor. Semivan's dedication and exuberance for the medium of print making shines through to the Madonna University classroom where he's taught the last five years.

"I see teaching as an opportunity to educate an artist, but also a future audience."

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you're interested in collecting important work, says Semivan, collect smaller editions.

Traditionally, editions were limited to seven prints or less in number. Today, depending on the artist's intention, editions run to 50, 500, even 5,000. Obviously, an edition running into the hundreds and thousands is not as valuable as a smaller edition print.

Ask for a provenance or documentation of the work. A history should have followed the print after it left the artist's hand.

Find out about the artist, who they are and where they studied. Collect several works by a single artist.

"It's exciting to watch an artist's career unfold. A way to predict an increase is to find out what important collections, public and private, their work is in," said Semivan, whose own prints are represented by the Lemberg Gallery in Birmingham.

Don't be afraid of showing your ignorance. Never be afraid to ask questions. Educate yourself not

only about prints and the history of print making, but art in general.

"Attend lectures at the DIA. Take a class at Madonna, get a little technical background. Take a drawing class. The point is to learn to draw, but also to know what goes into it. Quality is not the issue. You suddenly have a couple of insights into," said Semivan of Royal Oak.

"Ultimately, it depends on what kind of collector you want to be. Do you want to be a collector who collects artist's proofs?"

Douglas Semivan

Light out for lighthouses: Monte Nagler chose early morning after a storm to photograph the Grand Haven, Mich., lighthouse. Notice how the walkway and the boulders add importantly to the composition of the picture.

Lighthouses capture imagination

FOCUS ON PHOTOGRAPHY



MONTA NAGLER

care, lighthouses can reward you with strong and satisfying pictures.

Good lighthouse photographs begin by carefully studying the lighthouse itself and its surroundings.

Is there a photogenic cove you can place in the foreground or perhaps a piece of driftwood or pile of rocks nearby you can use as a foundation in your composition? Can you get into a camera position to include whitecaps in the picture to add a dramatic

Everyone loves lighthouses. They possess an almost magical attraction that captivates all of us. Perhaps this is why they've been a favorite subject for both professional and amateur photographers. Photographed with thought and

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Is there a photogenic cove you can place in the foreground or perhaps a piece of driftwood or pile of rocks nearby you can use as a foundation in your composition? Can you get into a camera position to include whitecaps in the picture to add a dramatic

touch? Or is there a tree or two that can serve to "frame" the lighthouse?

In other words, spend some time thinking and planning out your picture so that you can produce a photograph with strength and stopping-power, rather than just taking a snapshot.

Decide what time of day might be best for your shot — a sunrise, sunset or even night picture. What kind of weather would work best — a blue sky day with white, puffy clouds or a stormy day that will add drama and mood to your photographs?

It was early morning, right after a thunderstorm, when I photographed the picturesque Grand Haven, Mich., lighthouse shown here. The dark clouds and waves added to the emotion of the shot. Using the walkway as a "lead-in" and the boulders as a "foundation," I carefully composed in the viewfinder.

As in all good photography, pay close attention to depth-of-field. It was important in this shot to

get everything sharp and in focus from front to back. Most often, all it takes is a small aperture to do the trick.

Lighthouses, over the years, have guided mariners to safety. Now let them be your guide to making strong additions to your photographic portfolio.

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ART CLASSES WANTED

If your arts organization, business or adult education program is offering winter art classes beginning in January or February of 1995, we want to know about it.

In January, this newspaper will feature a story on art classes rang-

ing from painting and pottery to basket weaving, quilt making and interior design.

Deadline for submitting information is Dec. 20. Send a listing of classes with short descriptions, times, dates, prices, and names and phone numbers of contact persons to: Creative Living, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

ART OPEN HOUSES

Two local galleries will be holding open houses this weekend to spotlight special shows. Nelson's Gallery, 16376 Middlebelt Road in Livonia, will host a meet-the-artist reception 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, presents their fifth annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 8-11.

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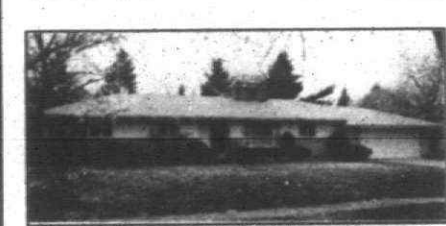


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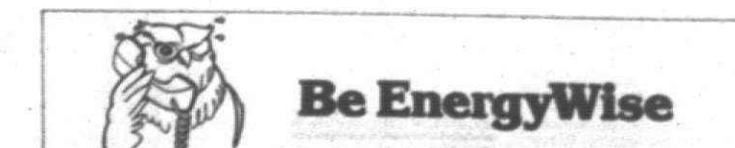
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EXHIBITIONS

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MADONNA UNIVERSITY
New through Dec. 11 — The university will host an exhibit featuring fiber fine art in various structures by Patricia Williams now through Dec. 11 in Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library building, 36600 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

LIVONIA LIBRARY
Through Dec. 30 — The Livonia Arts Commission presents a col-

lection of Barbie dolls owned by Livonia resident Marty Fishman. The 50-doll exhibit is on display in the Livonia Civic Center Library showcases, Five Mile, just east of Farmington Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday.

SHERIDAN SQUARE
Dec. 12-17 — Just in time to do a little gift shopping, the Garden City Fine Arts Association hosts its annual Holiday Exhibit and Sale at Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road, Garden City. More than 45 works of art will be displayed including paintings, pastel, color pencil and photography. An awards ceremony and opening

reception takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Refreshments will be served. The show will be judged by Gary Wilson, associate professor of art at Monroe Community College. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

NATIVE WEST
Through Dec. 18 — A trunk show of American Indian jewelry kicks off the fifth annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival Dec. 8-11 at the gallery, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Sterling silver and 14k gold jewelry by Navajo, Zuni and Hopi tribes is featured. A special line of sterling silver jewelry inscribed with semi-precious stones called Rock Writers, also will be shown. An opening recep-

tion 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 will feature Cherokee artist Bill Rabbit. The self-taught painter, famous for his figures with flowing robes and manes of raven-colored hair, also will be at the gallery 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

OCC
Dec. 10-11 — The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, who produce the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, present the 19th annual Holiday Art Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday on the Farmington Hills campus, Orchard Lake Road 1-698. Admission is \$3. Free parking is available. Some 130 juried exhibitors

of contemporary American art and fine crafts will offer their works.

NELSON'S GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 — Director Laura Hardy presents her annual Art as Gift show featuring smaller, reasonably priced gift art now through Dec. 31 at the gallery 16377 Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile in Terrence. An open house takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. This year's show spotlights 13 artists working in a variety of media from painting and glass to jewelry and clay. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

SUSANNE MILBERRY GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 — An exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoki will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday. Komoki indulges in the poetic and the coolly mechanical at the same time. This is the first time his work will be shown in the Detroit area. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-8250.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 — "Scrapbook from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monotype by Vincent Smith, will continue to Dec. 31. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Smith will lecture on his work 2 p.m. Sun-

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Gallery to auction more than 300 works

When the auctioneer's hammer falls on Dec. 11 and 12, Park West Gallery of Southfield will offer more than 300 custom-framed works at an auction open to the public.

The auction, which will include works by old and modern masters and more than 30 contemporary artists, begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, and at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre, 5553 Gateway Centre in Flint.

The auction will feature works spanning five centuries, including wood engravings by Albrecht Durer, rare etchings by Rembrandt, rare impressions by Goya; etchings by Renoir, hand-signed works by Picasso; a selection of aquatints, etchings and lithographs by Miro; and etchings, engravings and lithographs by Chagall.

Works by several of the world's most famous living artists will also cross the auction block. The Park West Collection includes 300 paintings, watercolors, drawings, lithographs, serigraphs, and etchings by Tarkay, Altman, Picot, Agam, Lebadang, Fanch, Mouly, Wolfson, Cambier, Bragg, Kipnis, LeKint and Krasnyan-

sky, among others. Works featured in the collection come directly from the artists and, in most cases, Park West is the world's largest dealer for the artist's works.

A selection of rare wood engravings from Salvador Dali's "The Divine Comedy," created between 1961 and 1964, will also be offered. A collection of paintings, watercolors, drawings, serigraphs, lithographs and etchings by Peter Max, whose colorful imagery has reached millions of people around the world, will be featured. Max evolved from a visionary pop artist of the 1960s to a master of neo-expressionism, and his techniques with vibrant color have become a part of the contemporary American culture.

Bidding on most lots is expected to be between \$200 and \$5,000, with some bringing more. The entire auction collection has been appraised at over \$1 million. Credit of up to \$15,000 (higher limits are available) may be arranged with interest-free financing. For further information, call Park West Gallery at 1-800-521-9654.

Area artists win awards

Area artists were among those who won awards in this year's Our Town Art Exhibit and Sale, which took place at The Community House in Birmingham recently.

First prize recipients and their pieces included Howard Dombrowski of Redford, "Pasture," oil; Nancy Thayer of Lathrup Village, "Hidden Waters," acrylic; Karen Carter Van Gamp of Troy, "Summer Twilight," oil; and Deborah Hecht of Bloomfield Hills, "Table," ceramic on iron base.

Third prize recipients and their pieces included Ernest Kellie of Troy, "The Girls," oil; D.M. Parrish of Troy, "Mr. Dunne," oil; and Billie Thompson of Livonia, "Dancing Deer," watercolor. The Chairmen's Award went to

Jeri Fellwock of Farmington Hills for "The Family," watercolor.

Among those who received honorable mention were Ricki Berlin of West Bloomfield, for "Moon Light," acrylic; Julie Dawson of Birmingham, "Fun With Dick and Jane," watercolor; Fernando Diaz of Lake Orion, "Panorama," photography; Dorothy Foley of Bloomfield, "Spotlight Pearls," acrylic; Terri Melnick of West Bloomfield, "City Sidewalk III," mixed media; Hans Nordlund of Bloomfield Hills, "The Cross in My Woods," oil; Constance Powell of Birmingham, "Historic Courthouses in Southeast Michigan," hand-colored serigraph; Rita Mach Skoczen of Rochester Hills, "Drummer," watercolor; and Peggy Lynn Smith of Farmington Hills, "Katie," pastel.

Lecture series scheduled

The Northville Arts Commission is sponsoring the Michael Farrell 1995 lecture series, entitled "Our Living Tradition: Three Contemporary Realist Painters."

Farrell, associate professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and instructor at the Art House of Detroit, is a recognized art authority.

His first lecture on Jan. 12 will present the works of Canadian artist Alex Coleville, who captures the grandeur of everyday life.

On Feb. 2 the works of American artist Alex Katz, who com-

bines photographic realism with a mannered and deliberate simplicity will be featured.

The third lecture, featuring Chilean Claudio Bravo, a painter, draughtsman sculptor and lithographer, will take place on March 30. All lectures will be held in the Northville High School Center. The school is at 775 N. Center St., Northville.

Only season tickets are available in advance of the season at \$21 per series. For further information, contact Joann Dayton at 810-347-2929.

Auction features estate items

The Frank H. Boos Gallery will host a holiday auction this week featuring many items from estates and consignors.

The auction, 6 p.m. Dec. 14, will feature paintings, furniture, glassware, silver and decorative arts.

A two-day preview of the sale

begins at noon Monday. Preview hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The Frank H. Boos Gallery is at 430 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills.

For more information, call 810-332-1500.

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day; call the gallery at (810) 642-2700 for reservations. The show concentrates on Smith's Impressionist works. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

MADONNA LIBRARY
Through Dec. 16 — "Contemporary American Works of Art on Paper," an exhibit of prints and drawings, sponsored by the Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will continue to Dec. 16 in the library on campus. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday. The show is on loan from the collection of G. Fredric Bolling, an art collector and the director of the U.M.-D. manufacturing systems engineering laboratory, and his wife, Valerie Withington. Bolling will lecture at the reception Friday. For library hours, call (313) 593-5400. For information about the exhibit, call art curator Joseph Marks at (313) 593-5087.

CENTER GALLERY
Through Dec. 16 — "A Place in Time: The Inlander Collection of Great Lakes Regional Painting, 1913-1958" will continue through Dec. 16, focusing on artists from the upper Midwest who painted scenes of the Midwest cities and towns in which they lived and worked. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday. A panel discussion with collectors Patricia Glascock and Michael Hall will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Boughton Auditorium of the Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance at John R. and Kirby. The exhibit will feature paintings by Aaron Bohrod, Clarence Carter, Hughie Lee-Smith, Ethel Spears and Zoltan Speakey, among others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, in the Park Shelton Building at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit, (313) 874-1855.

SWEDISH INTO WALLER GALLERY
Through Dec. 29 — La Raza, a Canadian artists collective, will be presented in an exhibit called "Urban Realities" continuing to Dec. 29. Opening reception for the artists 5 p.m. Friday. The group of large paintings focuses on difficulties in urban living — homelessness, economic crisis, political and social crises and the breakdown of the family unit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 33

E. Adams, Detroit, (313) 965-5422.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Dec. 17 — "John Stephenson: After the Fire, A Retrospective" will continue to Dec. 17 at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor, celebrating the work of this well-known ceramist on his retirement from the School of Art. The exhibit will be on view simultaneously at the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery in the Art and Architecture Building on North Campus. Opening reception Friday, 6-8 p.m. at the Museum of Art and 8-10 p.m. at the Slusser Gallery. "John Stephenson: Clay in the Mind's Eye," a slide lecture, will be presented in conjunction with the show 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Chrysler Auditorium across from the Art and Architecture Building. Call (313) 764-0395.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM OF ART

Through Jan. 15 — A retrospective of internationally acclaimed artist Samuel Bak will continue through Jan. 12. Opening reception, which Bak will attend, 7 p.m. Saturday; Bak will speak 1 p.m. Sunday and sign copies of his catalogs and books noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Bak's work reflects his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. His beautifully rendered paintings contain a visual vocabulary addressing universal themes and the plight of the human condition. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-7641.

WOODWARD GALLERY

The gallery at 1357 Davis in Birmingham is the only dealer in the United States authorized to sell a limited edition series of photographs of jazz legends Miles Davis and Dizzy Gillespie. Gallery president and owner Dan Winter took the Davis photos. The Gillespie series spans jazz greats' career. Also available are original prints and paintings by more than 300 artists, including Peter Max, Karel Appel, Robert Indiana, Romare Bearden and Agam; an unusual collection of sports photos and posters; and vintage photos and newspaper articles. Call (810) 642-1357.

THE MOLE HOLE
Local photographer Karen Luck has brought life and vibrancy to her photographs the old-fashioned way: She paints them the way they used to be before color film was developed. Luck's work is on display at the gallery, 128 S. Woodward in Birmingham. Among the scenes and landmarks captured are Quanton Lake, the Birmingham Theatre, the falls at Quanton Lake, St. James Church and the Hunter House. Custom work is available. Call (810) 644-8233.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONARY
"The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie, Jeff Tilley, Jessica Ingolia, Jason Coffey, Greg Hanson and Vincent Tinger. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

MISSON GALLERY
To Dec. 9 — The Michigan Water Color Society's 48th annual exhibition continues. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or by appointment, at the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6490 or (313) 845-9634.

BACHMAN GALLERIES

To Dec. 17 — Master of fine arts and bachelor of fine arts degree exhibits that change weekly feature the work of December graduates of the University of Michigan School of Art. The gallery is in the Harlan Hatcher Building at 915 E. Fletcher in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4417 for information.

WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY
Through Dec. 23 — "Unauthorised Descendancy," featuring works by metalsmith Mary Douglas and woodworker Stephen Littlefield, continues in the recently opened gallery. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and by appointment, 1719 W. 14 Mile at Crooks in Royal Oak, (810) 549-3011.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY

Through Dec. 29 — The gallery at Oakland University in Rochester opens its 1994-95 season with an unusual collection of Michigan artists featuring painted furniture, pottery, glass, jewelry, a Kids' Corner, custom painting and more. The gallery is at 204 W.

tration. His illustrations appear in more than 100 books, including "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by Washington Irving, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens and "The Virginian" by Owen Wister. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday, 2-6:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday and evenings of a Meadow Brook Theatre performance, from one hour before the show through the first intermission. Call (810) 370-3005.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Jan. 8 — "So You Want to Build a Museum," at 5200 Woodward, includes plans, drawings and renderings of the 1888 Detroit Museum of Art by James Ballou and the 1927 Detroit Institute of Arts by Paul Cret. Call (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To Dec. 24 — "Impressions on a Theme: Print Portfolios and Series" features prints by acclaimed artists spanning nearly five centuries. Among the works are "Los Proverbios" by Francisco Goya (1864), "Japonisme" by Felix Buhot (1883), all 16 of the DIA's rare, second-edition impressions of Giovanni Battista Piranesi's "Prisons" (1761), Albrecht Durer's "Apocalypse" or "The Revelation to St. John" (1498), Henri Matisse's "Jazz" (1947), Joan Miro's "Album 13" (1948) and David Hockney's "A Rake's Progress" (1963). The DIA is at 5200 Woodward. Call (313) 833-7900.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
To July 31 — "An Evolution of 20th Century Sculpture" continues at 5200 Woodward. The exhibit traces formal and thematic development in sculpture with American and European works from the permanent collection. Call (313) 833-7900.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES

Through October 1995 — A faculty exhibit features a variety of two- and three-dimensional works by the faculty of the University of Michigan School of Art. The institute is in Room 1524 of the Horace Rackham Building, 915 E. Washington in Ann Arbor. Call (313) 763-4438.

THE ANDY SHARKEY GALLERY

This Royal Oak art gallery offers an unusual collection of Michigan artists featuring painted furniture, pottery, glass, jewelry, a Kids' Corner, custom painting and more. The gallery is at 204 W.

Fifth. Call (810) 846-6770.

BRIDGE STREET GALLERY
The recently opened gallery features American art and design glass. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 208 N. Bridge, Linden, (810) 735-1393.

DETROIT ARTISTS MARKET
Fore ART! Golf, an indoor miniature golf course with 18 holes by 22 artists, has been extended indefinitely due to popular demand. It is at 300 River Place, Jos. Campau at Guoin in Detroit. Call 259-8345 for general information, 886-1623 for groups and parties.

PONTIAC GLASS COMPANY GALLERY

The gallery features the local talent of Michigan Glass Guild members displaying blown, fused and flat glass sculpture, decorative and architectural items. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, noon to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, by appointment only Tuesday, 23 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 332-6619.

GALLERY VON GLAUN

The gallery is now carrying the limited edition print series, "Star Trek — Art from the Final Frontier." The images include portraits of the command officers from the first USS Enterprise and "The Next Generation," and paintings of the Enterprise soaring through space. The gallery is at 319 S. Main in Ann Arbor. Call 663-7215.

TOWN CENTER GALLERY

The gallery exhibits original works by Michigan artists, limited editions by internationally known artists and open edition prints, and tracks down "sold" prints on the secondary market for customers. Its features include a design area with a professional design service, an extensive publishers catalog library, creative matting and a complete in-house framing production service. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 43267 Crescent Blvd. in the Novi Town Center, south of I-96 and east of Novi Road in Novi, 380-0470.

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER

Through Dec. 17 — International award-winning photographer

Mari Silk exhibits her photography in a one-woman presentation. Silk, a former staff photographer for the Detroit Science Center, is a writer, lecturer and teacher of photography. She teaches a two-day workshop, "How to Develop YOUR Unique and Creative Eye." The exhibit runs weekends only in the Main Lobby; hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 5020 John R., Detroit. Call (810) 544-1203 for information.

SELO/SINEVEL GALLERY

To Dec. 24 — "The Art of the Wood Box," an exhibition and sale featuring the work of 20 of America's leading boxmakers, continues. Works range from tiny ring and pen boxes to practical and fancy jewelry chests, fascinating sculptural containers and even an exotic hardwood candy dispenser. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 301 S. Main at Liberty in Ann Arbor, (313) 761-4620.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

To Dec. 31 — The painting "Gardens" by Paul Cezanne is on view on the main floor at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. Cezanne's geometric rendering of the craggy site influenced artists such as Degas and Picasso. Call (313) 764-0395.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

Through spring 1995 — Visitors can witness the in-gallery conservation of Rembrandt Peale's immense oil painting, "The Court of Death" (1820). The piece, 11 feet 6 inches by 23 feet 5 inches, is one of the most important allegorical paintings in the history of American art. The conservation process includes cleaning the painting's surface, repairing the canvas, removing the darkened varnish and overpainting, filling in damaged sections and in painting missing areas as needed. Call 833-7900.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART

To June 25 — "African Art from the Collection" continues at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. The display is a thematic selection of works from the museum's extensive collection of sub-Saharan African art. Call (313) 764-0395.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

To bring holiday joy to needy kids, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve are teaming up in the Toys for Tots program for the fifth year.

The Sterling Heights-based real estate company's 17 branch offices will serve as official toy collection centers through Dec. 30.

Center sites include Birmingham, 534 S. Wood, (810) 642-2400; Bloomfield Hills, 880 W. Long Lake, (810) 646-1800; and Troy, 901 Tower Drive, (810) 879-3400. Cash donations are welcome. The new Birmingham office opens Dec. 15. On Sunday, Dec. 11, free pictures with Santa and a Marine, as well as refreshments and kiddie treats, await families that bring a new unwrapped toy to the branches in West Bloomfield (1 p.m.), 38300 Northwestern Highway, (810) 737-9000, and Royal Oak (noon to 3 p.m.), 1000 N. Woodward, (810) 399-1400. A string quartet will play holiday music in Royal Oak.

"We want the holiday season to be heartwarming and happy for as many children as possible," said Kathy Schweitzer, public relations and administration director. "We are making an appeal to the caring people of our communities to again lend their support."

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Jack Christensen Relocation Group has created an International Relocation Division, designed to serve the needs of corporate transfers in major world cities.

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The organization has offices in Troy, Farmington Hills and Rochester Hills.

BROKER TIES

Gladys Corbin, in the real estate business for 21 years and a broker for five years, has joined Real Estate One in Rochester. She's president of the Rochester Area Association of Realtors and is a "Realtor of the Year."

—Compiled by Becky Burns

Shop for new home via Prodigy

BY BECKY BURNS
Special Writer

Prospective home buyers can now search for the perfect home without so much as even leaving the one they're already in.

For the past year, the Electronic Realty Associates L.P., in a joint effort with Homes and Land Magazine, has been hooked up with Prodigy, an electronic bulletin board system. ERA has local offices in Troy, Lathrup Village, Rochester Hills, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Canton.

The hookup allows any of Prodigy's 2.5-million subscribers to tap into ERA's home listings and look at photographs of houses on the market over their own personal computer screens.

"It's a tremendous, added exposure for our clients," said Ben Skelton, vice president of ERA Rymal Symes Co. Realtors in West Bloomfield.

Skelton's office is linked to Prodigy. People who are relocating to other areas of the state or country especially appreciate being able to have this

information at their fingertips, he said.

"The broader the exposure we can bring, the faster property will sell and the better price it will bring," Skelton said.

In October 1993, ERA became the first national real estate franchise to go on-line with Prodigy, said Jeff Genna, publicist for ERA Real Estate.

Today, it remains the only franchise hooked up to Prodigy, although various individual agencies have also signed on to the electronic bulletin board.

A benefit of being on Prodigy, obviously, is that you can view homes before you go out to see them," Genna said. "And from a Realtor's standpoint, you have access to show your homes to 2.5-million people."

Information Prodigy supplies details about more than 90,000 homes on the market and includes: the size of each house, architectural style, location, the asking price, the number of bed-

rooms and bathrooms and community/home amenities. Prodigy is in the process of adding color photographs to the service.

"It's a whole new information superhighway thing for real estate," Genna said.

After viewing homes on their computers, interested potential home buyers can then call a toll-free number that will put them in contact with an ERA real estate professional in their area of interest within 24 hours.

ERA Acent Realty decided to log on to Prodigy after a seminar presented to its office by other ERA officials, said Rita Rooks, a Realtor associate at the Livonia office. She said the extra computer access will help improve the quality of the office's program.

Like the more than 2,500 other ERA branches in the country, ERA Acent Realty is also hooked up to the Electronic Home Selling Network, an in-house computer network that allows customers to go into an ERA office and view homes show-

cased locally and throughout the country.

With this network, the brokers key in a list of features the potential home buyers want in a new house and a new area. The computer then compiles a list of homes from the more than 50,000 in the system, to match the customers' specifications, along with color photos and spec sheets.

ERA offices in 16 other countries have not been linked up to the network.

One goal is to link all of the offices all over the globe to a global network," Skelton said.

"One of the reasons we joined ERA was this kind of thing. ERA is on the leading edge of the technical revolution in business and real estate," he said.

Skelton said ERA's link with Prodigy is in keeping with its Electronic Home Selling Network.

In order for a branch to list homes on Prodigy, it must go through the national office.

Legal advice may be essential; directors can study up

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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column 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: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Carl Brickman joined the international division of First of America Bank Corp. in Birmingham as vice president-international banking/foreign direct investment. Brickman is the former president of Cerberus Symtec Americas Limited Inc.



Brickman

Stanley M. Stein of Canton was elected a senior vice president at D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills. He is managing director of DMB&B Public Relations. Stein began his career at DMB&B Public Relations in 1984 and was elected a vice president in 1990.



Stein

Philip Leader of Troy was promoted to chief of mechanical engineering with Albert Kahn Associates Inc. Leader had been assistant chief of mechanical engineering. Leader is an expert in health care mechanical engineering and worked on Providence Hospital's Novi center.



Leader

Eric Kosmider of Livonia received the 1994 North Star Award for Excellence in Marketing Communications from the Public Relations Society Detroit chapter. Kosmider is the manager of corporate communications for Talon Inc. in Detroit.



Kosmider

Architect has built for the old world and new

■ Architects bring life experiences to their jobs. Some are fortunate enough to live, study and work in several different cultures.

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER



Nazar Keer is somewhat of a global architect. Owner of Aboody Keer Associates in Birmingham, Keer has worked on projects as varied as providing a master plan for a 2,000 year old city to designing Burger King and Papa Romano's outlets in Detroit's Renaissance Center. The Iraqi-born Keer came to America in 1967 to study architecture at Lawrence Technological University in Southfield. At 21, he already had a civil engineering degree and a desire to live stateside. But immigration hurdles caused a delay. "I liked it here, but after graduation, I went back to Iraq," said Keer, an affable man whose second story office in downtown Birmingham is lined with photographs of his work.

His career began in the Middle East. Born in Basra and educated in Baghdad, Keer's first assignment for a French firm was heading up a team providing a master plan for Mosul in northern Iraq on the Tigris River opposite the site of ancient Nineveh.

"My task was to document historical buildings, some still inhabited. We were able to salvage the majority with a restoration plan," said Keer, whose research led to a 1,000 page book.

He also worked on Iraq's centralized post office and helped his firm win first prize for designing a resort island. But America beckoned.

Government restrictions were tight, but Keer got his break in 1976 when he was selected as one of four Iraqi architects to travel to a United Nations symposium on habitats in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He never made it to the Canadian conference.

"I went back to Lawrence Tech and studied business management," said Keer, who learned English by totally immersing himself in American culture.

"After the business degree, I hired an attorney to work with the (immigration) system," said Keer, who had relatives in Michigan. "Two years later, I got my first job here, with Robert Alpern & Associates in Troy. Now they, too, are in



DAN DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

■ 'If you peel off the political nonsense all over the world and look at the people, it's amazing how much good you can find. I have no room for prejudices.'

Nazar Keer

Birmingham. I learned a great deal there."

The economic downturn of 1980-81 found Keer laid off from his job.

"I began my own firm in downtown Royal Oak and a year later moved to Birmingham," he said.

He liked the community well enough to build a showpiece house for himself nearby on Lincoln. Three sisters (all college educated) and Keer's parents (his father was an Army colonel) followed.

Specializing in retail and shopping center design, Keer's firm has carved a successful niche in the world of architecture. He employs a staff of five and offers construction managing and general contracting in addition to design.

"We design large and small homes, churches. We did the post

Globetrotter: Nazar Keer has done architectural work in the Middle East, South America and the Detroit suburbs.

office in Redford and just finished a dental office in Troy."

Keer's American projects are "more down to earth - lots of retail jobs and homes. We've done up to 300 condominium units a year. Abroad, when an architect is hired, it's usually for a monumental job - something very elaborate."

He also finds the styles abroad more contemporary in style and design.

"In the States, a lot of buildings lean toward the traditional look. It's not easy to put something extremely contemporary in a traditional setting and have it look right."

Right now, the firm is designing a slew of Imperial Sports stores in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

While Keer works in both contemporary and traditional styles, he favors conservation of architectural treasures, such as the old buildings in downtown Detroit.

"They are beautiful buildings from the turn of the century," he said. "I would love to see them rehabilitated. But I don't know if that is going to happen in our lifetime."

Keer is a member of the Lions Club and is on the board of directors of the Arab American

See ARCHITECT, 2F

Communication links:

Newsletters can foster good feelings among employees and clients, maintains Carol L. Heminger, a consultant.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Newsletters help boss, worker talk

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Carol L. Heminger, a Canton resident, is a communications/marketing expert.

Her business, Promotional Planning & Development Group, helps small and medium-sized companies carry their banners to the broader community.

Another part of Heminger's operation - developing newsletters for external clients and internal morale - is becoming more and more important.

"With a little bit of commitment from management, any company or organization can benefit by producing a newsletter," she said.

Heminger's company, in business about six years, employs 12 and records annual sales in excess of six figures, she said.

Following are edited excerpts from a recent interview.

Why are newsletters important?

Heminger: It gives communication both ways.

So often, management doesn't communicate with laborers. They don't know how to, they haven't taken the time to. Newsletters give them the opportunity to talk with employees about the state of the company.

There's another side, too - employees talking to management. Newsletters, if well done, well executed, can be a sounding board.

What are elements of a good internal newsletter?

Heminger: Employee profiles are good. Employees who won awards, birthdays, safety information. New clients. Think about it - for employees on the line, now there's a much better chance their jobs will be extended.

Human interest stuff is what's important. Look at a lot that's written. It's heavy, boring to read. It's written how a vice president thinks a vice president should talk and that's not very interesting.

I don't want a lot of management people on this team. Middle management and hourly - those are the people I want to work with.

Once, the son of an owner wanted to be on the team. I felt he was going to keep the others from having free conversation and thought process.

What isn't appropriate for newsletters?

Heminger: Propaganda. Anything that has a company line I don't think is appropriate.

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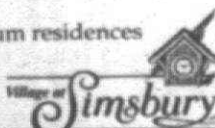
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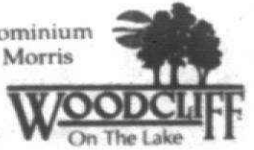
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FEMALES

VARIETY OF INTERESTS
SF 1m Christian, attractive, 28 years of age & 5'3, with brown hair & brown eyes. I love to go dancing, skating, bowling, to theaters, movies & hiking.
Call Ext. 31674

SOCIAL DRINKER
SWF 5'6, 138 lbs. & 38 years of age. I would like to meet a very special, honest, sincere, caring friend. I like to walk, travel, listening to music & dancing. I think I'm fun to be with & I don't smoke.
Call Ext. 31643

BROWN HAIR & BLUE EYES
SWF 1m 19 years of age & 5'5. I enjoy reading, writing poetry & listening to music. I'm looking for someone who is sweet, caring, for a special relationship. Call Ext. 31669

ACTIVE MEMBER OF CHAPEL
DSF 1 have two children out of college. I'm 48 years old, 5'4 & 180 lbs. I'm looking for a Christian man who is honest, sincere, caring, for a special relationship. Call Ext. 31663

MY INTERESTS ARE MANY
SF 36, 5'8, with dark brown eyes & brown hair. I'm a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. I love to fish, listen to long wailing & reading. I'm easy to get along with. Call Ext. 31855

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
SWF 5'10, proportional, 49 & Christian. I'm looking for someone about 6', proportional, loves life, fishing, swimming, traveling in the woods, being around family & friends. I like stage plays, the movies, people & enjoy life to its fullest. I'm active & looking for someone who is intelligent. Call Ext. 31654

TRADITIONAL VALUES
SWF 44, 5'6, 128 lbs. with black hair & hazel eyes. I'm financially secure & a professional. I enjoy life, dining, theater, traveling, plays, aerobics & quiet evenings by the fireplace. I would like to meet a professional, non-smoker, sincere, loving, kind of man in his 40's. Call Ext. 31844

LIBRARIAN
SF 70, I would like a honest & caring reply. I like cultural things, plays, opera, classical concerts & dining out. Call Ext. 31614

CARING & SINCERE
SF 58, 5'6, 138 lbs. & a Christian. I'm looking for a special, sincere friend. Someone who is fun to be with, who likes dining out. Call Ext. 31642

FOR COMPANION
SWF Working mother, 30 to 35 years of age. You must like kids, be employed & financially stable. I'm looking for a single White male, for a companion. I attend Pentecostal & Baptist church. Call Ext. 31641

MOTHER OF TWO
SF 30 & a Baptist. I enjoy reading, cooking & quiet evenings at home. I'm looking for someone with old fashioned values, at 30 & who enjoys children. Call Ext. 31811

MUST LOVE CHILDREN
SWF 31, Catholic & full figured. I love God, my daughter, sports, camping & dancing. I have a lot to offer a man who is sincere, loving & fun. I can laugh at myself. Looking for a White professional male 30-40. Call Ext. 31832

ENJOY THE OUTDOORS
DWF 38, 5'8, with light brown hair & green eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing, long walks, country music & Christian music. Looking for a man 35-45, with similar interests. Call Ext. 31827

DO YOU LOVE THE LORD?
SWF Born again Christian, 5'2, 128 lbs., with brown hair & blue eyes. I'm looking for a male for good conversation, walks in the park, shows, dancing & going to church. Call Ext. 31825

BAPTIST, MOTHER OF 2
SF 1 enjoy reading, cooking, quiet evenings at home & spending time with children. I am looking for a 30-40 year old man, at least 5'8, children are ok. I would like someone who can go to church & spend time with us. Call Ext. 31812

MANY INTERESTS
DF 41 business woman, attractive, slender, 5'8, blonde hair, green eyes, Catholic & practicing as much as I can. The power of prayer is my strength. I am in day to day. I would prefer to meet a Catholic but being a Christian of any faith is fine. My best friend should be White, 37-47 with a great sense of humor. Call Ext. 31609

HAIRY, MOTHER OF 1
DWF 53, I would like to explore a little more of God's creations but not alone. I'm not ready for the rock chair nor looking to relieve an unresolved youth. If you share the idea that there's more to life & a special someone for everything. Call Ext. 31605

DESIRABLE SENIOR
Healthy, educated, Catholic, WF in 70's seeks active gentleman who is late 70's or 80's.
Call Ext. 31612

DOWNHILL AREA
SF 26, have a 3 year old, 5'5, light brown hair, blue eyes. I enjoy dining out, like quiet evenings & going for walks. Call Ext. 31594

ATTEND CHURCH
SWF 52, 130 lbs. professional, college degree. I have a wide variety of interests. I am looking for someone of my caliber. I'm a social drinker but a nonsmoker. I am looking for someone that enjoys life. I am looking for a man who is possibly married (that will come later). Call Ext. 31589

PHYSICALLY ACTIVE/EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY
SWF Financially secure, professional, 5'10, blonde, attractive, 5'3. I belong to a health club. I enjoy racquetball, movies, travel & all sports. I'm seeking a romantic, affectionate male who's honest with similar interests. Call Ext. 31573

OPEN TO PRAY FOR ANYTHING
SF Late 40's, blonde hair, blue green eyes, Baptist, nonsmoker, nondrinker, degreed professional. I'm very active in my church. I am looking for someone who is ok with faith, interested in the arts, theater, music, culture, gay & fine dining. Call Ext. 31617

HAVE 2 CHILDREN
SF 39, Catholic, 5'2, brunette hair, brown eyes. I enjoy doing many different things. I attend church in Jackson. I am interested in a one on one relationship & possible marriage in the future. I do prefer a nonsmoker. I'd like someone with a sense of humor, is sincere, has family values & is also a romantic at heart. Call Ext. 31574

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP
SF 46, brown hair & eyes, certified legal assistant & specialist in criminal law & procedure. I love snow skiing, music, entertaining & travel particularly to Nashville Tennessee where my 16 year old son attends school. I'm seeking a companion with someone of like interests & faith. Call Ext. 31562

CASUAL PERSON
SF I'm interested in a little fun, fellowship & possible future with a man who knows the meaning of the word Christ. I would like to meet a man who can be comfortable & be myself with. I enjoy walking dogs, making my home a warm & comfortable place to be. Call Ext. 31556

SEEKING SINGLE MALE
SF 41, 5'2, brown eyes, long hair, nurse. I am seeking a single male 34-55. Healthy & positive personality. If you enjoy the blessings of life & even the presence of angels the riches & rewards are in the words of love. Call Ext. 31554

LOVE THE LORD & PEOPLE
SF 40, Protestant, 5'5. I'm looking forward to the Holidays but it would be nice to have a date with a nice gentleman who also enjoys attending services. Someone who is outgoing & enjoying good Christian fellowship. Call Ext. 31489

WANT SOMEONE HONEST
SF 26, 5'5, live in the Downriver area, have a 3 year old, light brown hair, blue eyes, I like going out to movies, quiet evenings at home & music. I am looking for someone who enjoys the simple things in life. Call Ext. 31419

ENJOY SPORTS & EXERCISING
SF Born again Christian, 5'8, blonde hair, 5'3, I would like to meet a born again Christian man who loves the Lord & loves to get into the spiritual things of God. Someone with a good personality & who is good hearted, active, 42-52, 5'8 or taller, blue or green eyes. Call Ext. 31326

DESPERATELY SEEKING SAMSON
SWF Christian & in my youth 40's. I'm looking for a single White male, who is strong in spirit & heart. I'm 5'8, 135 lbs, I like to meet a Christian man who enjoys camping, hiking, movies & more. If you are over 42, attractive, well proportioned & with similar interests, then let's talk. Call Ext. 31341

TALL MEN, LET ME HEAR FROM YOU
DF Early 50's, attractive, Catholic, 5'8, brown hair & eyes. I enjoy gardening, outdoors, cooking, sewing, warm romantic evenings, dining out, going to movies, camping & fishing. I am seeking a one woman man to share the same interests & hopefully a good friendship & possible future relationship. Nonsmoker, social drinker will be fine. Call Ext. 31548

ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY
DWF Catholic, professionally employed, financially stable, 5'2, but look more 40, attractive, former model, 5'5, 115 lbs, brown black hair, brown eyes. I would like to meet a blue or White colored gentleman, Christian, about 6', attractive, good physical condition, that I could spend some time with. Call Ext. 31525

SEEKING A CHRISTIAN
SF 45, 5'8, medium build, attractive. I enjoy concerts, parties, quiet dinners, videos at home & walks. I'm looking to meet a Christian male 25-50 who is a good looking, single White male, 25-40 who likes to be pampered & cared for leave a message. Call Ext. 31536

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO SPOL
SWF I'm spontaneous, 33, 5'9, 145 lbs., with brown hair, brown eyes, I'm a nonsmoker, I like to go to the gym, I'm professionally employed, a home owner & animal lover. I love barbecues, boating & the gun range. I'm seeking a single White male, with no children. You are professionally employed & law enforcement is encouraged. Call Ext. 31564

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SWF 24, 5'5, full figured, with dark brown hair & hazel eyes. I go to a Pentecostal church. I like camping, canoeing, long walks, music, line dancing, watching TV, & staying in. I'm looking for a single White male 19-26, who is honest & not into playing games. Call Ext. 31353

CATHOLIC
SWF 33, 5'5, 120 lbs, nonsmoker, professional, with hazel eyes & brunette hair. I'm looking for a man that is professionally employed, clean cut, a nonsmoker, financially and emotionally mature & interested in a serious relationship. I'm interested in dating, gardening & looking for someone to share what life has to offer. Call Ext. 31349

LOOKING FOR HONEST MAN
SDF 31, full figure, with brown hair & brown eyes. I'm a Baptist Christian. I'm interested in quiet evenings at home, going to church, going to movies, bowling, quiet walks in the park & Bible studies. I'm interested in meeting someone who has similar interests as mine & is a Baptist Christian. Someone who is sincere, a nonsmoker & non-drinker. Call Ext. 31234

ENJOY BOOKS & MUSIC
SWF Christian & in my youth 40's. I'm looking for a single White male, who is strong in spirit & heart. I'm 5'8, slim brunette & have two daughters. I enjoy singing, listening to music, movies, & more. If you are over 42, attractive, well proportioned & with similar interests, then let's talk. Call Ext. 31341

LOVE THE OUTDOORS
SF Late 20's, with a very fun, down to earth personality. I love the outdoors, hiking, the mountains, golfing, skiing, etc. I'm looking for a guy that is good looking, with a down to earth personality & a lot of fun. Call Ext. 31339

LIKE FOOTBALL
DWF 47, nonsmoker, Catholic, & a born again Christian. I like football, camping, reading & music. I would like to meet a man 45-55, who's first priority is pleasing God. Call Ext. 31342

WFF Attractive, red hair, 5'7, tall, nonsmoker, affectionate, good sense of humor & sincere. I love spending quiet evenings at home with someone special. Looking for a nonsmoker & a non-drinker. Call Ext. 31329

SLIM & TRIM
WFF 68, 5'3, 130 lbs. Religion, race & age makes no difference, since we all serve the same God. He has blessed me with youthfulness, vitality & long health. I am looking for a man who is as energetic as I am, who is sincere & honest. I consider all things enjoyable as long as done with sincerity & honesty. I'm an outgoing person & down to earth. I'm seeking someone who has a good head on his shoulders. Call Ext. 31292

ENJOY BOOKS & MUSIC
SDF I'm 35, nonsmoker, 5'8 & my weight is proportionate to my height. I'm employed. I enjoy books, music, concerts & computers. I would like to meet a gentleman 33-45, who is caring, responsible & honest, for a long term relationship. Call Ext. 31296

ENJOY LAUGHING
SWF 24, 5'4, 125 lbs, brown hair & eyes, born again Christian, employed full time, attend school part time. I like to go to the gym, listen to music, reading, fishing, Christian music, animals & bike riding. I am looking for a gentleman with similar interests between the ages of 25-33 that's at least 5'10 with weight in proportion to height. Call Ext. 31288

MOONLIGHT NIGHTS
SF 41, 5'5, 140 lbs., with big blue eyes & auburn hair. I'm a Pentecostal & I love the Lord. I enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, & long walks. I'm looking for a single White male, who is honest & not into playing games. Call Ext. 31325

LIKE TRAVELING
SWF I am Lutheran, 5'9, just turned 30 & am in pretty good shape. I like sports, volleyball, softball, bicycling, the outdoors, camping, fishing, gardening, traveling, antiques, old cars, but not jogging. Looking for a guy that has a sense of humor, shares my belief in God & his priorities. Someone who is active, fun, & honest, would be a friend & a partner. Call Ext. 31050

STRONG MORALS & VALUES
SWF 53, 5'10, fit, trim & clean cut. I enjoy flea markets, being outdoors, good food, etc. I'm looking for a healthy proportionate female, who is easy going, caring, & looking for a long term relationship & possible marriage. Call Ext. 31671

ONE WOMAN MAN
DWM 36, 6'3, 245 lbs., with brown hair & hazel eyes. I have two children, am a very loving & affectionate man. I'm looking for a woman up to 38, who is honest, has a sense of humor & can stand being spoiled. Call Ext. 31682

IMPENETRATOR
SM I'm an attractive, confident, single male, with an athletic build. I look good in a suit or jeans. I'm a Sagittarius Catholic, Italian, 170 lbs., 5'10, 45 years old, with medium brown hair, blue eyes & a great smile. I'm fun loving, outgoing, family oriented, & I like to go along with my partner. I would like to have a monogamous relationship. Call Ext. 31656

ENJOY CHRISTIAN MUSIC
SBM 30, 5'11 & 175 lbs. I'm interested in politics, sports, country music & church attendance. I'm looking for an conservative young woman 20-30, who has values. Call Ext. 31656

COLLEGE DEGREE PROFESSIONAL
SM 50, 5'8, like sports, volleyball, walking, etc. I'm looking for a lady 50 or under, proportionate & a professional. Call Ext. 31648

YOUTH MINISTER
SWF 22, 5'1, 125 lbs., with brown hair & blue eyes. I'm a single White male, 20-30, who is Catholic, for a friendship & possibly a relationship. Call Ext. 30763

LITTLE BIT SHY
DWM 42, 6'2, 180 lbs., with brown hair & blue eyes. I'm a nonsmoker & I love the Lord. I enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, & long walks. I'm looking for a single White male, who is honest & not into playing games. Call Ext. 31657

LET'S PRAY, DANCE, LAUGH & PLAY
SM 30's, 5'9, 160 lbs. & in good shape. I love the Lord, love Jesus & love to laugh. I'm looking for a Christian female with similar interests & likes to communicate. I like conversations, going out, dancing, talking, etc. I write music, songs & play several different instruments. Please leave a message. Call Ext. 31635

MARRIAGE MIXED CATHOLIC
SM I'm a young successful attorney, athletic, attractive, 5'9 & 140 lbs. I'm physically fit & enjoy most sports. I'm a nonsmoker, social drinker, spontaneous & witty. I'm on a quest for a slim, beautiful lady 22-28, who is honest, conservative, with family values. Romance, adventure & fun are guaranteed for the right person. Nothing ventured is nothing gained. Call Ext. 31628

HOME BODY
SM Early 40's, tall, with brown eyes & a beard. I'm a nonsmoker & a non-drinker. I'm caring, giving, affectionate & humorous. I like the country life & animals. I'm looking for someone with the same qualities as I. Someone who is a pretty, not overweight, employed, under 45, understanding & ready for a real relationship. Call Ext. 31484

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
DWM 46, Lutheran, 6'2, 190 lbs, good looking, have a good sense of humor & a healthy interest in life. I'm a nonsmoker & a non-drinker. I'm caring, giving, affectionate & humorous. I like the country life & animals. I'm looking for someone with the same qualities as I. Someone who is a pretty, not overweight, employed, under 45, understanding & ready for a real relationship. Call Ext. 31484

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CHRISTIAN VALUE

SM I am looking for a very good looking, physically attractive, Christian woman, between 5'4-5'8, not over 160 lbs. I prefer a thinner woman.
Call Ext. 31603

LONELY BOY

27 year old single White male, 6', brown hair, hazel eyes, Baptist seeks single White female 18-35 who enjoy going to church, movies, rainy nights & quiet times. Kids are great. Call Ext. 31600

WANT TO SHARE LIFE?

SM 35, 5'10, I enjoy boating in the summer, hiking & fishing, watching the birds, & all kinds of sports. I'm looking for a single White female, who is honest & sincere. I'm looking for someone to share life with. If you're 25-40, 5'5-5'10, slim & consider yourself attractive, I'd like to hear from you. Call Ext. 31591

GOOD HEARTED

SBM 6', salesmen, light smoker, light drinker. I'm looking to meet honest & good people. I'm looking to have some fun & companionship. Call Ext. 31614

SEEKING SMILING FEMALE

SM 33, 5'10, I like to play basketball & all kinds of sports. I would like to meet a lady who likes movies, taking long walks in the park, romantic dinners & likes to smile & laugh. Call Ext. 31587

IS IT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

SWM 36, 5'8, 155 lbs, black hair, brown eyes, very attractive, financially independent. Well, it's true, it's me. I love the Lord and life. I am looking for someone to spend my life with. I am looking for a friend first & then let the Lord lead. I enjoy aerobics, hunting, fishing, walking, riding bikes & going to church. Call Ext. 31584

BUSINESS OWNER

SWM Young 57, 6', medium build, blue eyes, brown hair, I enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, golf, fishing & camping. I also like movies, theater, dining & quiet times snuggling. I would like to meet a Christian woman 45-53, attractive, intelligent, nice figure & a nonsmoker. Call Ext. 31583

CONSIDER VERY ATTRACTIVE

DWM 48, 6'2, blue eyes, dark curly hair, professional business woman. I'm muscular & work out 3-4 days a week. I love water sports, have my own boat, snow mobile & racquetball. In search of a divorced single White Christian female, slender, 5'4-5'9, ages 32-39. Call Ext. 31578

HAVE A LOT TO GIVE

SM 35, 6'1, 180 lbs, tall, dark hair, blue eyes, light brown hair. I am looking for a honest, caring woman 20-35. Call Ext. 31573

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

SWF 33, nonsmoker, nondrinker. I like to dine out, go to movies & doing outdoor activities & church activities. I hope to find a woman that will like the same things I do. Call Ext. 31572

SEEKING SINGLE FEMALE

SM 6'1, I'm looking for someone to spend some quality time with. Call Ext. 31565

SERIOUS REPLY ONLY

SWM Intelligent, outgoing, 29, 6'3. I am seeking a Christian female 25-30 for a serious, honest relationship. Must be caring, affectionate, compassionate & romantic. Call Ext. 31557

IN WAYNE COUNTY

SWM 42, brown eyes, hair. I like movies, camping, quiet times & motorcycles. I am caring & respectful. I am looking for a woman who is in her 20's & up. Someone who realizes the importance of the word commitment. Call Ext. 31553

FRIENDSHIP POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP

SWF 51, 5'10, 170 lbs, brown hair, attractive, honest, gentle, employed, college graduate. I like going to movies, skiing, rollerblading, traveling & quiet evenings. I am seeking a single White female, 24-33, fun, petite, attractive & caring. Call Ext. 31555

LIKE THE MOVIES

SWF 19, 5'11, 185 lbs, work out at the gym, physically fit, don't drink, smoke or do drugs. I am seeking a single White female. Call Ext. 31552

SEEKING FEMALE

SM Catholic, college student, nonsmoker, occasional drinker, financially secure. Call Ext. 31400

CATHOLIC & LOOKING FOR SAME

SWM 42, 5'10, green eyes, brown hair, employed. I enjoy cooking, traveling & history. I'm a romantic, a good listener, very affectionate, caring & loving. I am looking for a warm & sincere lady in her 30's, height & weight proportionate. A nonsmoker with similar interests. Call Ext. 31622

DO YOU HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS?

SWF 170 lbs, live in Jackson, nonsmoker, nondrinker, Baptist & attend church weekly & Bible study. I am looking for someone to share my life with & go to church. I also like traveling, going to movies, walking & dining.

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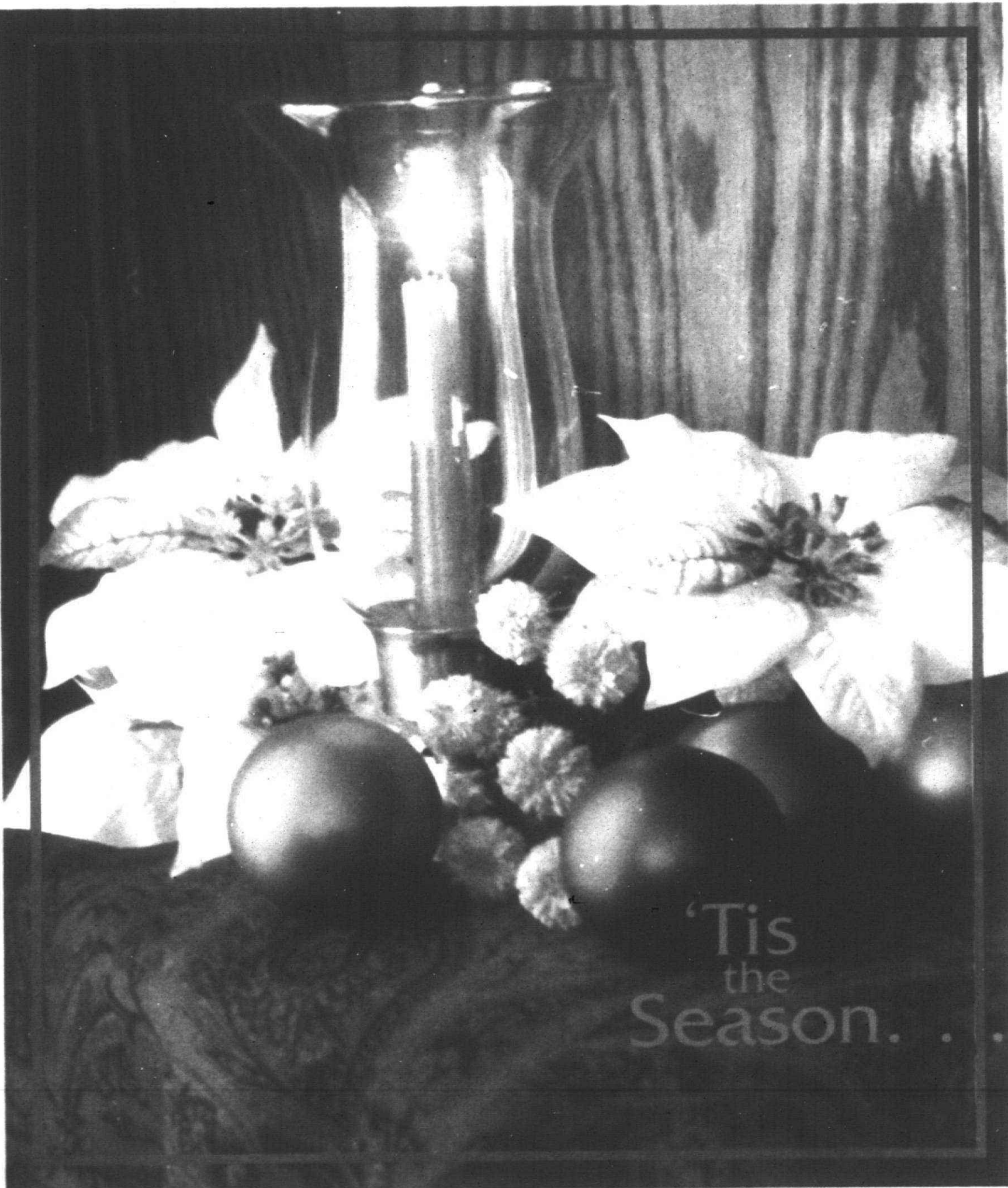
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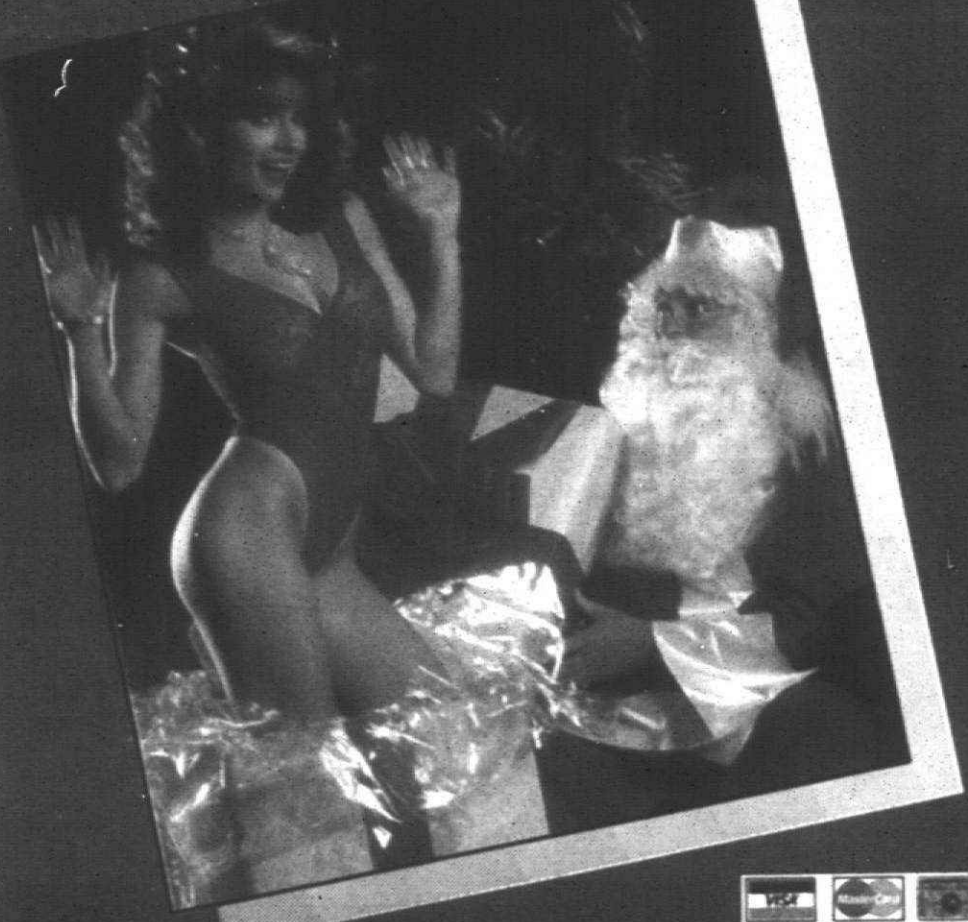
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By BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

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■ The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village offer annual passes as well and they make great gifts. An annual individual pass for an adult is \$25 and \$12.50 for children 5 to 12. A family pass for \$80 will allow unlimited admission to two adults named on the pass and all children or grandchildren under the age of 19. Actual passes take three weeks to process, but if the passes are bought in person at the village or museum and gift packet is available to offer as a representation of the gift.

■ The Ann Arbor Hands On Museum is a great place for families, and it offers a family membership that is sure to get a great deal of use. The pass, available through the Hands On Museum, is \$45 and is good for unlimited visits to that museum, the Detroit Science Center, Cranbrook museums, the Kingman museum and dozens of others in major cities across the country. The pass is good for the immediate



family only.

■ A movie package would make a great gift as well. Box up some gift certificates to an local movie theater along with coupons for the concession stand. This would be fun presented in a popcorn barrel from a theater.

■ A home movie package would also be fun. Pick out a couple new video releases and box them up with microwave popcorn or fuzzy slippers for everyone in the family.

■ Prepare a box of ice cream sundae dishes complete with spoons, toppings and ice cream scoop and a gift certificate for a great local ice cream emporium.

■ For families who love games, a collection of board games along with gift certificates for pizza would be fun for the winter months.

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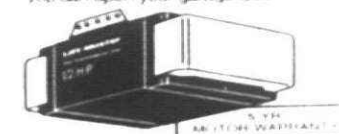
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er a collection of new songs for his latest album, "Zag Zag." Chapin garnered acclaim for his previous role as host of the Emmy Award-winning children's show "Make A Wish," and his four earlier family music albums have received awards from Parents Choice, Parents Magazine and the American Library Association, among others.

His premiere video release "This

Pretty Planet: Tom Chapin Live in Concert" was honored by Parents Choice in 1992, and in 1993 Random House published his first children's book, "Sing A Whale Song." The father of two daughters, Chapin plays a leading role with World Hunger Year, an organization founded by his late brother Harry Chapin.

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BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Recovering last minute shopaholics who filled their lists by Dec. 15 for the first time in their lives, might be panicked by the loss of things to do right up until Christmas Day.

Will the holiday spirit be lost without that Dec. 24 trip to the mall?

It doesn't have to be. Take time out to add style to your gift wrapping rather than just throwing on some store-bought paper and a pre-pasted bow.

Craft stores are noting an increase in shoppers buying bolted ribbons, evergreen picks and small ornaments to make gifts look even more festive under the holiday tree.

Stores offer a beautiful collection of gift wraps and bows as well, but these might be a little expensive for the larger items under the tree or if you had a lengthy list to fill. Most of us resort to the economy roll when buying gift wrap and then are bored by the monotonous stack of packages rolled out on Christmas morning.

Making gift wrap and bows can be

come a fun family project, so put some holiday tunes on the stereo, drag out the craft box and have at it.

Start out with plain paper. Bulletin board paper can be purchased at most teacher's supply stores, or use white butcher paper, colored tissue, or the eco-friendly brown paper that is used in grocery bags.

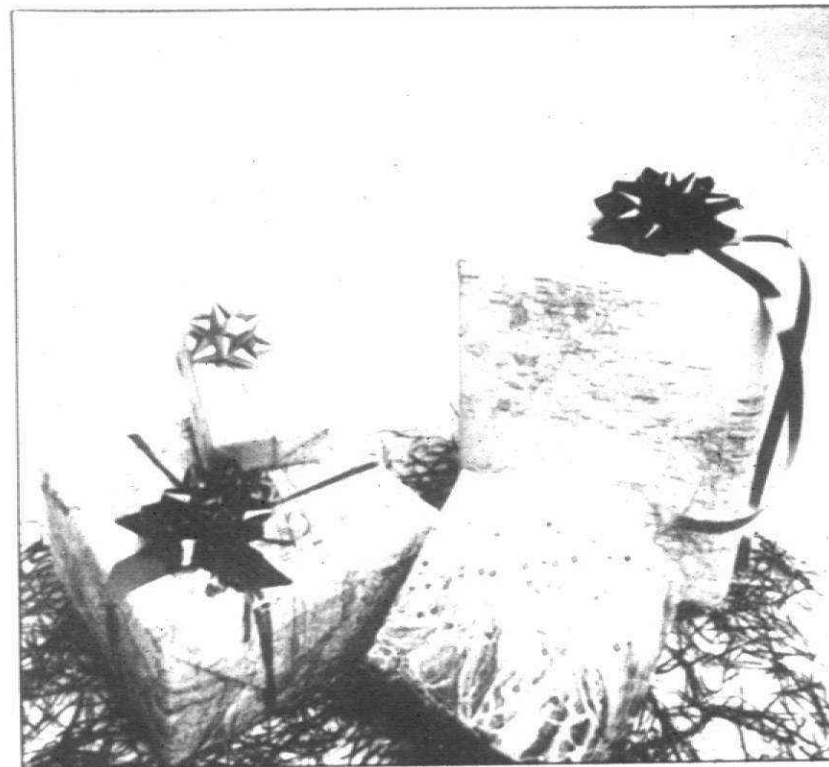
Mary Locke, a craft consultant at Frank's SuperCrafts store in Westland, said stamps and ink pads, sponges and acrylic paints are popular places to start when making your own gift wrap.

Kids love stamps and they are available in all sorts of holiday variations, as well as everyday designs that can be used again and again after the season.

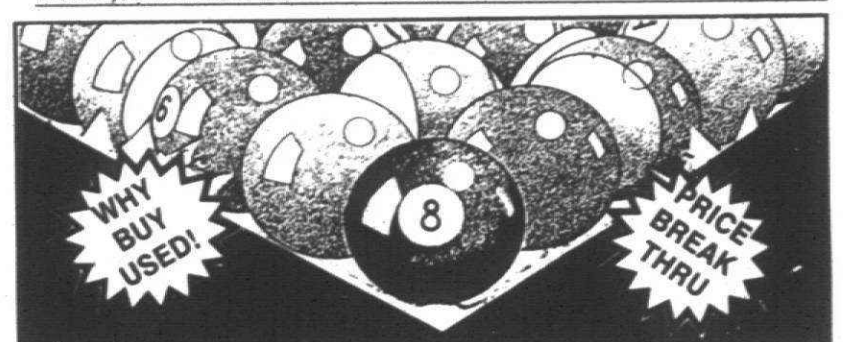
Thin kitchen sponges cut into the shapes of Christmas trees, stars or snowmen can be dipped into acrylic paints and applied to the paper.

For really young children, be daring and just let them loose to paint hand prints, footprints, do fingerpainting or splash paint from brushes to make one-of-a-kind designs. Wet paint can even be covered with glitter to add

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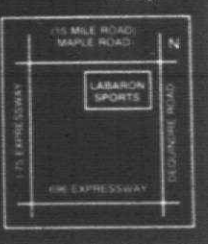
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Wrap from page 8

sparkle to your gift wrap.

For a little less mess, limit youngsters' tools to crayons, colored pencils and washable markers.

Matching gift tags can be made for gifts by cutting a small square of paper, folding it and stamping a matching design on the front. Punch a hole in the corner and thread with colorful ribbons to attach to the gift.

Gift bags were really popular last year, especially for bulky items or several items as part of one gift. Gift bags can be made by decorating plain lunch bags or grocery bags with paint, glitter, construction paper and foil cutouts of trees, snowflakes and other holiday items (use cookie cutters as stencils). Loops of colorful ribbon glued to the inside of the bag serve as handles.

Plain boxes can also be decorated with cutouts to avoid wrapping altogether.

Locke suggests wrapping gifts in the

new paper mache boxes that are available in craft stores. The boxes can be decorated with paints, ribbons or fabrics and reused for other purposes by the recipient.

For those with a little less energy, wrap gifts in plain paper and use added creativity in the wrapping. Festive fabric ribbons are available in craft stores as well as miniature bears and ornaments. Try tying holiday cookie cutters onto a package as an added bonus gift or a funny picture of the recipient rather than a gift tag.

Tulle also makes a beautiful ribbon and is not very expensive. It is available in most fabric stores and will make a very elegant package.

So, even though you might not be out shopping on Christmas Eve, you can still be caught up in the last minute bustle as you explore different avenues of gift wrapping in the warmth and comfort of your own home.

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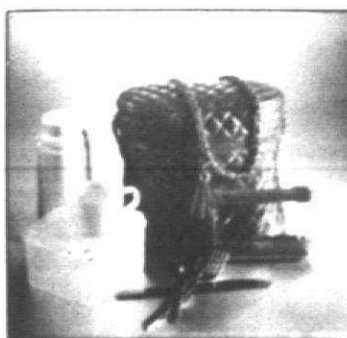
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Traditional plants brighten the house

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

For holiday color throughout the house, the traditional poinsettia remains the favorite. In silk, plastic or real blooms, and in a variety of colors from natural to the unnatural, these holiday plants seem to deck the halls of every home this time of year.

Wreaths and similar displays require the survivability of artificial plants, but florists and horticulturists suggest sticking with the real thing whenever possible.

Carol McCreedy of Clyde Smith & Sons in Westland said the plants don't require much care to get them through the holiday season. Those with a "less-than-green thumb" who are planning to host a party might consider buying the plants at the last minute to ensure the plants are at their best.

"Furnaces make houses drier this time of year, so the most important thing to remember is keep the plants moist, watering regularly," McCreedy said. "Drafts won't bother poinsettias too much, but placing them next to a heating duct will."

Most florists, nurseries and greenhouses have a full stock of poinsettia plants by now. Prices range from \$3 to \$20 depending on the size of the plant and the number of blooms. Larger poinsettia trees and hanging baskets are also popular for large areas like churches and offices and are usually about \$40.

Red remains the most popular color

or selection for shoppers, although many colors are available. White is a favorite as well as varieties with speckled blooms, McCreedy said. A peach variety was made available last year and will be around again, although their wasn't much interest.

"I think people prefer the vibrant red in their decorating," McCreedy added.

While there should be little hassle in keeping the plants through the holiday season, McCreedy said those devoted plant lovers who say every year they will keep their poinsettia all year may be overly optimistic.

"They are really difficult to keep all year and to get to bloom again next holiday," McCreedy said. "They require only natural light and the slightest bit of artificial light will throw off their blooming cycle."

And contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous if ingested. Horticulturists say the plants are certainly not intended as food, but if eaten they will cause a severe stomach ache and little else.

There are other plants that can be linked to the holiday season. Christmas cactus is quite popular especially for those who spend little time at home and can't make a commitment to water regularly. These plants can be kept year-round without much trouble.

Amaryllis are also popular as are Norfolk pines, McCreedy said. All of these plants are stocked at most nurseries and greenhouses throughout the season.

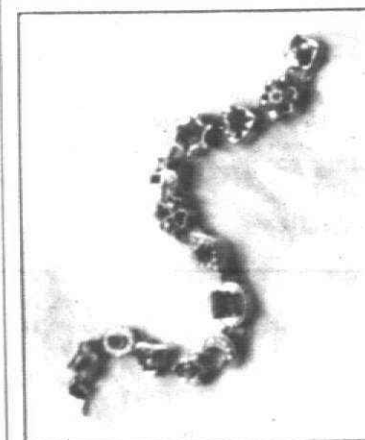
Zoo lights up for holidays

"Wild Lights," a display of more than 40 lighted animal sculptures, is up and running at the Detroit Zoo and runs through Jan. 6.

The display will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. nightly.

The path of featured animals includes a pair of elephants, a variety of

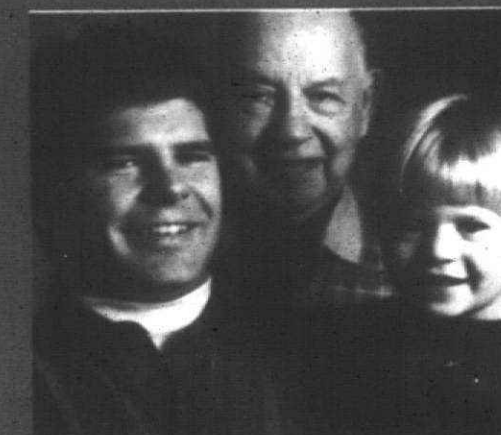
birds, a herd of deer, a stegosaurus, an apatosaurus and a train full of animals. The trail begins at the Zoo's front entrance, winds through the nature trail and around Island Lake to the Holden Museum of Living Reptiles and Amphibians. The trees and shrubs along the walk will also be wrapped in colorful lights.



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The King: The re-release of "The Lion King" in movie theaters last month is expected to put related merchandise at the top of most children's gift lists. The film will also be released on video in February.

ary and a reserved copy of the movie is expected to be a popular gift for adults as well as children.

Santa Claus makes a stop in Hollywood to fill children's Christmas wish lists

Santa's sleigh is headed for happy holidays in Hollywood because toyland has been taken over by Tinseltown.

Licensed products from popular movies and television shows are hotter than ever.

"In 1993 it was estimated that 60 percent of all toy sales came from licensed products," said Christopher Byrne, toy consultant and editor of Market Focus Toys. "And this year it could be higher."

Who might we be seeing under the holiday tree this year besides the purple prince of PBS and the Power Rangers?

"Topping the list is 'The Lion King'—roaring its way to being the highest grossing film in Walt Disney's 'hakuna matata' history," notes Byrne.

The movie was re-released in theaters during the Thanksgiving holiday and will be released on video Feb. 28, according to Debbie Bohnett, vice president for publicity and promotion for The Disney Store.

The video itself is expected to be a big item for Christmas with many retail outlets offering pre-purchase plans, including The Disney Store at Laurel Park. For \$21.99, a copy of the video is reserved in your name and you receive a lithograph of a scene from the film that can be wrapped up as an

announcement of the gift to come. When the video is picked up, customers can choose between a souvenir watch from the movie or a \$5 gift certificate for The Disney Store. A collector's set of the video is also available for real Disney enthusiasts.

Mattel and Disney are making plush, Arco is making action figures and Just Toys is introducing The Lion King Talk 'N View Pond and Sip 'N Sound Straw. Disney itself is producing a wide assortment of merchandise, including clothing, from the film for sale at The Disney Stores and through the Disney catalog.

The Talk 'N View Pond shows an adult Simba gazing at his mirror image in the pond. With the press of a button, other characters appear in the mirror to give Simba a few words of advice. The Sip 'N Sound Straw is an electronic straw featuring Young Simba. When cold liquid passes through, Simba says "I'm going to be the King of Pride Rock. We're pals, right?" Other Just Toys Lion King products include banks, wind ems, and finger top ems.

T-shirts and a book featuring the "Gumpisms" of "Forrest Gump" will be hot and Jim Carrey's "The Mask" is "a-s-s mokin'" at the box office and in toy stores. The official Mask mask is definitely expected to outlive its Halloween madness.

"There's a strong return of family-oriented movies this year," said Byrne. "A lot of popular children's books have been transformed into the industry's top films." With such past hits as "Free Willy" and "The Secret Garden," this year's G-rated blockbusters saw the return of "Lassie," "Black Beauty" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

Lassie's new movie introduced a whole new generation to man's best friend. She's featured in a line of books (Puffin), plush and bend ems (Just Toys), collectible playsets (Marx Toys), and a line of apparel for Osh Kosh B'Gosh.

Twentieth Century Fox's new live-action and animated feature, "The Pagemaster," stars Christopher Lloyd as The Pagemaster and Macaulay Culkin as the little boy he introduces into the magical world of books. The friends he meets on his journey include Fantasy, Horror and Adventure who are being featured as plush toys and bend ems from Just Toys and others. The film, backed by a promotional campaign with Pizza Hut, Nabisco, Tropicana, and Dow Brands, is in a brilliant league of its own.

"Licensed products have always been popular," adds Byrne, "but 17 years ago, 'in a galaxy far, far away,' 'Star Wars' began America's passion for movie-oriented products."

And today, "Star Wars" products are still soaring—and not just for kids, but for collectors, too, making them great gifts for adults. At the Star Wars Boutique in New York's FAO Schwarz, Galoob's Star Wars Micro Machines could hardly be kept on the shelves. Also hot are the Just Toys Star Wars Bend Ems and Topps Star Wars Galaxy Trading Cards Collection.

Although movie licenses are a great source for toy companies, for every success there are failures.

"The Flintstones' movie was a yabba dabba don't for some," said Byrne. "I think kids prefer cartoon Fred to the John Goodman Fred."

Some of the product is great fun, including The Flint Mobile (Lindberg), a Spin Pop and Laser Pop (Cap Toys), and the Talking Time Wristwatch featuring a 3D Fred who talks (Sounds Fun, Inc.).

For older "kids at heart," there are a lot of fun toys and novelties from other popular shows including Beavis and Butt-head dolls, Jerry Seinfeld's "Sein Language" book and Seinfeld mugs, and books based on "Saturday Night Live's" most popular skits.

"For at home family entertainment," said Byrne, "games offer an interactive alternative to popular television programs."

Beans beat the last of the gift-buying blues

By BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The easy gifts are bought and wrapped and the only people left to buy for are the difficult ones—co-workers, employees, distant relatives, bosses and such.

It is these people who could easily end up with the most pleasurable gifts of all. They are great candidates for gifts of food, wines and this year's trendiest edible, coffees, cappuccinos and espressos.

Coffeehouses and specialty coffee shops are the hot spots for couples and friends to gather, talk and sample relaxing brews to slow down hectic days. The same concoctions served in these emporiums and the equipment needed to make them can bring that relaxing feeling to the own house and would make thoughtful holiday gifts for just about anyone.

Early in the holiday shopping season, according to Lisa Vogler, acting manager of The Coffee Beanery at Westland Center, shoppers are creative and put together their own packages of mugs, flavored coffee beans and such. As the shoppers become more harried and harassed they rely more on the gift packages that are preassembled with some all-time favorites.

The Coffee Beanery carries a wide assortment of coffee makers, mugs, grinders and flavored coffee beans. They are also starting to sell a greater number of shoppers.

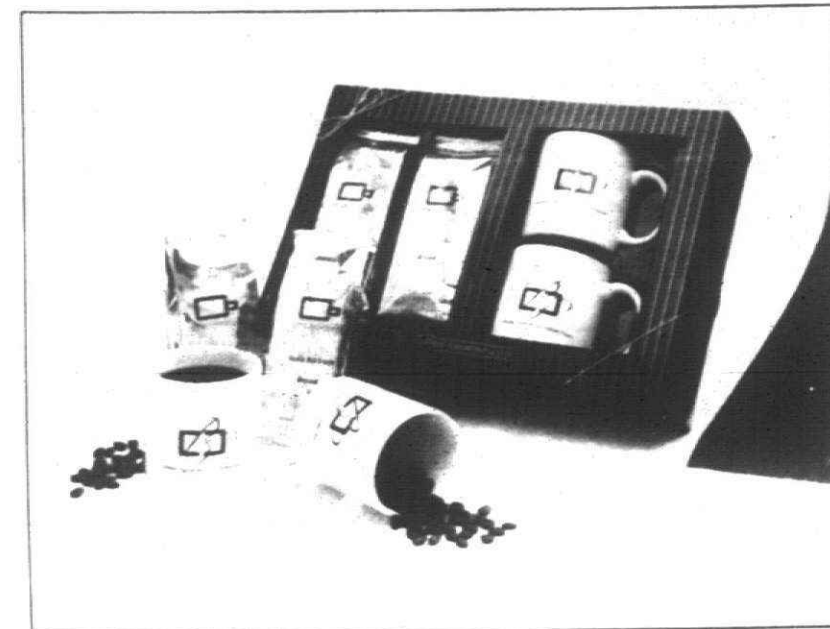
"We also carry a lot of teas for non-coffee drinkers," Vogler added.

This season, The Coffee Beanery assembled several special holiday gift sets. For \$19.95, there is a holiday tin available that is filled with one pound of the popular cinnamon holiday blend coffee that was first introduced last season. The Taste of the Holidays gift set is wrapped in a bright red gift box and includes the cinnamon holiday blend and five other coffees for \$13.99.

The year round gift sets available at The Coffee Beanery remain popular at holiday time as well, Vogler said. The French Press Gift Set includes a 3-cup plunger pot, 4.75-ounce bags of Breakfast Blend and French Roast coffees, vanilla and hazelnut syrups, and jars containing 1.69 ounces each of Amaretto, Suisse Cinnamon, Irish Creme and Chocolate Mint accents. It's priced at \$28.99.

Other coffee shops have also added retail sections to meet the needs of holiday shoppers. The Plymouth Coffee

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Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth has made available a great collection of eclectic gifts for the real coffee lover.

Owners Pam and Tim Haase have added a collection of coffee canisters, mugs and French presses decorated with colorful works by the great masters of art. Pair a mug bearing an artistic rendering of Monet with a matching mouse pad for use with a computer and a special flavored coffee for the co-worker who has it all.

"Can you believe these (mouse pads)? They're just great and they match the other items we carry," Pam Haase said.

The decorated French Press will run about \$50, but the Coffee Bean Company also sells the traditional variety for about \$20.

A knockout box is the ultimate gift for the cappuccino lover. It allows one to beat the grounds out of the scoop in a controlled environment rather than beating it against a trash can, sink top or anything else they can find. It costs about \$25.

The coffeehouse owners have also added a selection of cookies and biscuits packaged in unique boxes and tins just for the holidays. They make the perfect hostess gift to have on hand.

Whole leaf teas, chocolate covered espresso beans and flavored syrups also make great stocking stuffers or add-ons for a holiday gift basket.

Other coffee shops have also added retail sections to meet the needs of holiday shoppers. The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth has made available a great collection of eclectic gifts for the real coffee lover.

And, even if coffees don't seem quite right for anyone on your list, don't let the idea stray too far from your mind.

The Plymouth Coffee Bean Company offers a warm and inviting sitting room where harried holiday shoppers and shopkeepers can sit and read and enjoy a great cup of coffee.

The Coffee Beanery will offer a special holiday drink for mall shoppers this year as well. Vogler said the peppermint mocha is a great cappuccino drink with peppermint extract added to the whipped cream topping and a candy cane as a stirrer.

"It's a great way to slow things down and think about the next gift to tackle on your list," Vogler said.

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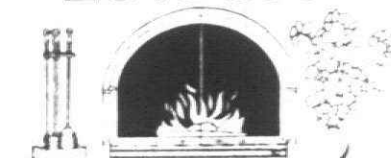
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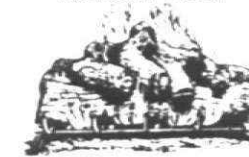
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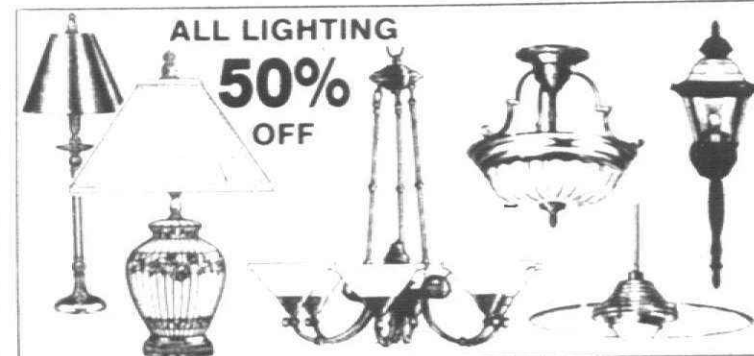


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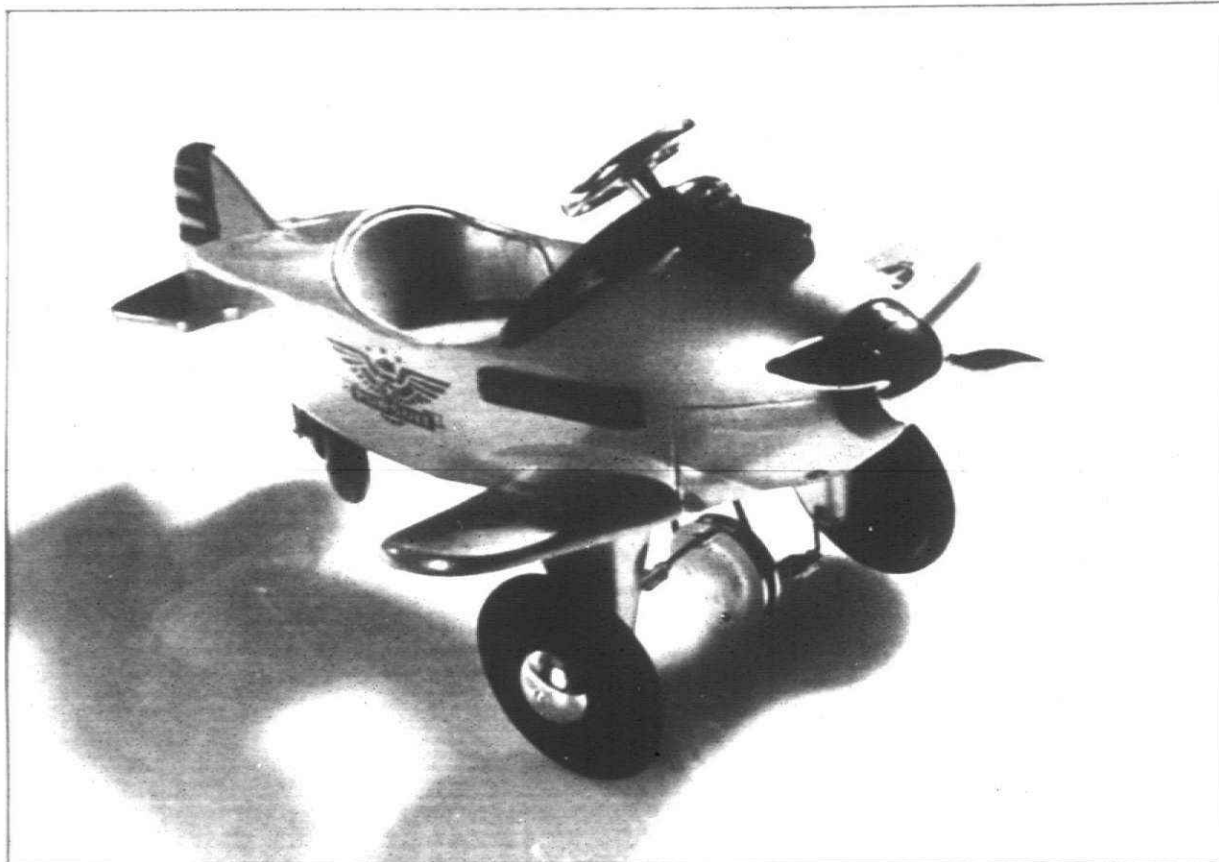
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Popcorn's 'popularity' puts it on gift lists

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Who can resist popcorn? The "popular" snack food has moved into the realm of holiday gift for those who enjoy munching or those who love to throw parties.

Popcorn (all flavors), pretzels and other snack foods packaged in colorful tins or huge bags are a hit as a gift to a party host or co-workers in the office.

Pre-packaged snack gifts are available at many places now including Mr. Bulky's and other bulk food outlets, Target and through mail order catalogs. But the folks who are really zooming in on the popcorn "popularity" are the folks at the new All American Popcorn Company in Livonia.

The new kids on the block when it comes to popcorn supplies and related snack foods, All American opened its doors in October with hopes of meeting the popcorn-loving needs of the western suburbs.

And while it's been a slow start, the quartet of entrepreneurs say a bit of smart marketing has helped get the word out about All American.

"We took 4 pound bags of popcorn to our neighbors to share the fruits of our labor and tell them what we do and how we do it," said partner Mike Millington. "The businesses were shocked to get something like that free of charge, and 50 percent of them have been in to purchase popcorn or buy gifts."

"And everyday there seems to be more volume and more smiling customers."

The idea for the company has its roots in the Southfield Business Network. Millington, a Dearborn Heights resident, along with partner Dick Laramore of Livonia belonged to the organization and that's where the two started talking popcorn. Millington's background is sales — 30 years in pharmaceuticals and snack foods, while Laramore owned several restaurants, including the Landmark in Dearborn Heights, and currently an Auto One in that community.

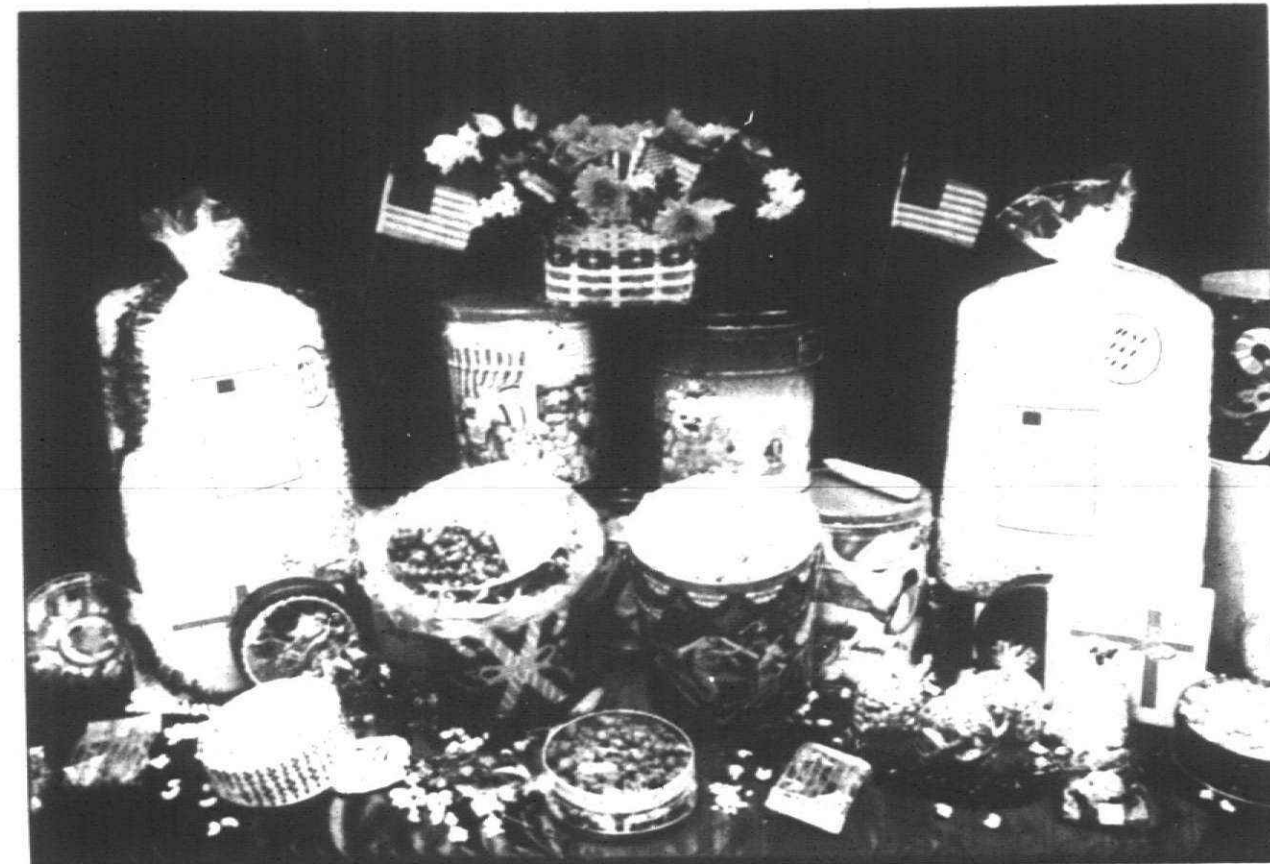
It was a case of one thing leading to another. Laramore talked to Dave Wdowiak, a Canton resident and lineman for Detroit Edison with experience in sporting goods, who in turn talked to Don Artushin of Livonia, also a Edison lineman.

By buying some used and some new equipment and with Wdowiak's and Artushin's know how, they were able to set up a fully automated popcorn popping system that delivers 10 pounds of popped corn in 3 1/4 minutes.

Off to the side sits a large copper kettle where the caramel is prepared for the caramel corn and nearby is a 10-foot long stainless steel table where it is cooled before being bagged.

Wdowiak's son-in-law, who works in the candy business, taught the quartet how to make the caramel coating. It took 20 attempts, or roughly 200 pounds of popped corn, to get it right, according to Millington.

With that task mastered, the men have gone on to produce chocolate covered caramel corn — Wdowiak's idea — and are refining the process for a



Edible gifts: Popcorn and other munchies are perfect as gifts for party hosts and hostesses. The new All American Popcorn Company in Livonia is banking on it.

popcorn pattie made of chopped pecans, caramel, popcorn and chocolate — Millington's idea.

There's also a South of the Border popcorn that has ground hot chili peppers added to the slurry.

At present the company pops corn three times a week in 8-hour shifts to maintain freshness. They estimate they pop close to 2 tons of corn in a two-week period.

While the company is happy about the walk in business, it's also working on a fund raising relationship with local churches and schools. It has sent out fliers and mailers, letting people know it has all the supplies from the seed and oil to paper cones, boxes and bags.

And for the holidays, it has laid in a supply of tins, filled with flavored and caramel popcorn and nuts.

"We believe in serving the customer," Millington said. "We believe in listening to what they say and trying to provide what they ask for. And we do taste test every batch to make sure it's what we're looking for."

The All American Popcorn Company is a 12620 Newburgh Road, south of Schoolcraft Road at Amrhein, Livonia. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. For more information, call (313) 591-7977.

Gourmet tastes



Sweet tooth: For those with a little richer taste in snacks, sample Frango Chocolates available at Hudson's department stores. Now available in bite-sized pieces, Litt'l O's are packaged in 3-ounce and 11-ounce sizes for \$1.75 and \$6. The trademark temptation has been made for more than half a century at Marshall Field's in Chicago. Flavors include cookies 'n mint, mint, dark mint, caramel, toffee crunch, raspberry, almond and cappuccino. Some flavors are available in festive holiday wrappings.

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Tips for trimming the picture-perfect tree

By BARBARA WILSON

There is little doubt that the Christmas tree is the centerpiece of the holiday season. It may be big or small, real or artificial, but it stands as a symbol of the season and family memories.

Families take different approaches to their holiday trees. Some like to mold them into decorative masterpieces that fit into the color and design scheme of the room or house in general. Others like to make their tree something new every year, selecting trendy new ornaments and finding a theme.

Still others make their tree a family tree for all bearing memories of Christ-mas past, ornaments made by children in their younger years, ones crafted carefully and handed down from generation to generation and special ornaments marking occasions in family history like the birth of a baby or a special vacation trip.

While the first two would win more awards in decorating competitions, interior designers and florists agree there is no reason the third variety cannot be just as beautiful and fit like a glove in most family living rooms.

When selecting your tannenbaum, first look at the space where it will stand. Consider what the appropriate size is, and even if you have some ideas, consider how many sides of the tree will be visible. Is it a tree for a room or a room for a tree? Mother Nature seldom bestows.

When buying a real tree, make sure the needles are not brittle. Shake it vigorously to get rid of them. If it's a fake, make sure it will drop needles. Check the limbs to make sure they will hold up under the weight of ornaments.

Next, check out the shape of the tree and its overall look. A Douglas Fir with dark, soft needles is probably the most popular tree available and the least expensive at about \$20 to \$30, according to local dealers. A Blue Spruce with its short needles and blue-green coloring gives an elegant, old-fashioned look, but they are a little tougher to find and they will cost between \$30 and \$50.

Many dealers suggest having your live tree earlier and placing it in a sheltered location, such as a garage, in a large pail of water to keep it fresh longer. On the lot, the trees are exposed to winds and may dry out sooner. When you get your tree home, trim about an inch off the bottom of the trunk. If it's going to be awhile before you decorate, tie it back up in a bundle and put it in a bucket of water.

Bring the tree in the house a day before you decorate it to allow the branches to fall, and secure it in a

good, sturdy stand. A new stand on the market this year has a swivel on it and a foot pedal which allows one person to straighten a tree as large as 15 feet without the usual buckering.

If you're going to be away at all during the holidays, consider an extra water reservoir for your tree stand, available at many garden stores. The reservoir attaches to the side of the tree stand and increases its water capacity.

Some tree growers suggest nature lovers who are prepared for some extra work, buy a live tree with the root ball attached. The tree can be decorated indoors and then transplanted outdoors afterwards. If you choose this option, you may want to dig the hole for the tree now before the ground gets any harder.

Wonderfully natural-looking artificial trees are also on the market now and pine scents can be added to give the illusion of having a live tree.

Anything goes when it comes to decorating your tree. Above all, make it a fun time for the whole family with Christmas music on the stereo and snacks to munch on as favorite ornaments are unwrapped and stories are shared.

Start with a colorful felt or cotton tree skirt wrapped around the base of the tree. Next, string lights on the tree and secure them in place before adding ornaments. There are a lot of new styles of lights on the market. If you're tired of the ones you've had for years, Super Bright Pearl Lights and Lighted Ice from General Electric add a new look to a Christmas tree and are priced between \$5 and \$11 for a strand.

It's popular now to choose a single color of lights for the tree. White lights have become especially trendy and add a look of elegance.

Take some cues from holiday magazines when choosing new ornaments. Hallmark introduces pop culture to holiday tradition with its Keepsake Ornament Collection. This year, Bartley, Barney, the Lion King and Looney Tunes join the cast of ornaments available.

A more exclusive line of more than 600 handblown glass ornaments, the Christopher Radko collection features dramatic designs for any tastes, but not for every budget. They range in price from \$10 to \$60 and are available at finer gift stores and some department stores.

If neither of these options appeal to your more traditional tastes, visit Greenfield Village and borrow ideas from early Christmases. Homemade candies, cookies, small toys, nuts and such make beautiful ornaments on their own or used in combination with your own collection of ornaments.



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Elegant: This Christmas tree is festooned with traditional ornaments and swathed in sparkling tulle.

'Tis the season for safety

Don't let your beautifully finished tree, or your family for that matter, fall victim to disaster. Keep these simple safety tips in mind this holiday season.

- Keep plenty of water in the tree stand, so that the needles don't dry out and become a fire hazard. Also, keep the tree away from anything that produces heat—fireplace or radiator—and never use candles or other open flames near the tree.
- Only buy lights with the U.L. label,

and always turn them off before going to bed or leaving the house. Check the light cords for frayed spots before you string them on the tree.

■ If you have young children, keep the tree out of their reach so they can't chew on light cords or cut themselves on broken glass ornaments. If that is not possible, supervise children carefully and stress that the pretty lights and baubles are not toys, and place only unbreakable ornaments at the bottom of the tree.

A natural tradition

After the gifts are unwrapped and the goodies are eaten, start a new family tradition by thinking of the wildlife surviving in wintry weather conditions.

Many families are promoting a better understanding of the environment among their young children and one way to do this is to decorate a tree outdoors with treats small animals and birds would enjoy. If you don't have an appropriate tree available in your own yard, maybe ask to borrow one from friends who live in the country or just decorate a tree on undeveloped land. The treats are all natural and biodegradable so there is no problem with littering.

Here are some "ornaments" kids can make and animals can enjoy.

- String popcorn, cereal and nuts to wrap around the tree.
- Cover pine cones and toasted bagels in peanut butter and then roll in store-bought bird seed or sunflower seeds for the birds to enjoy.

- Buy nuts and hang them on the tree to help small animals build up their winter supply.
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