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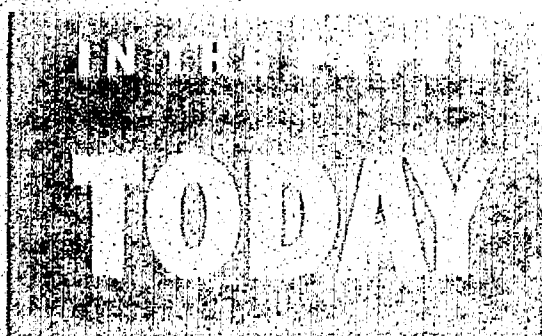
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Beginning today, the Community Calendar, a listing of upcoming local events, moves from Section A to Section C behind local sports. Also, in Section C is the Religion Calendar and an advertising directory of area churches and services.

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 Rosick  
managing editor



**Santa arrives:** Hundreds of people, young and old, welcomed Santa Claus to City Hall Monday as officials had their annual tree lighting ceremony. /3A

**Let's go Krogering:** A new and larger Kroger store will open Sunday morning offering banking, UPS and fax services along with the traditional supermarket inventory. The grocery will replace two smaller, nearby Krogers. /4A

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# No board consensus on changes



A series of public hearings has concluded as the Wayne-Westland school board prepares Monday to decide the most far-reaching proposals to face the district in recent memory. Board members say they don't know how the vote will go.

By DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

An informal poll of Wayne-Westland school board members indicates a lack of consensus on proposals to close four elementaries and to redraw attendance boundaries in the 15,000-student district.

The board is expected to decide

those issues, along with a middle school proposal, during a meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at John Glenn High School's auditorium.

Despite criticism from parents who say the three-tiered proposal has been decided, most board members polled Monday by the Observer said they are truly struggling with the most crucial

issues to face the district in years.

Board member Debra Fowlkes, for example, said she favors redrawing attendance boundaries and shifting the district to a middle school structure, but she hasn't reached a decision on school closings.

Board member Patricia Brown said all three proposals have merit, but she is worried that the board may be attempting too much at once.

"If you try to make changes like this overnight, sometimes it can cause you more problems than the savings would be worth," she said.

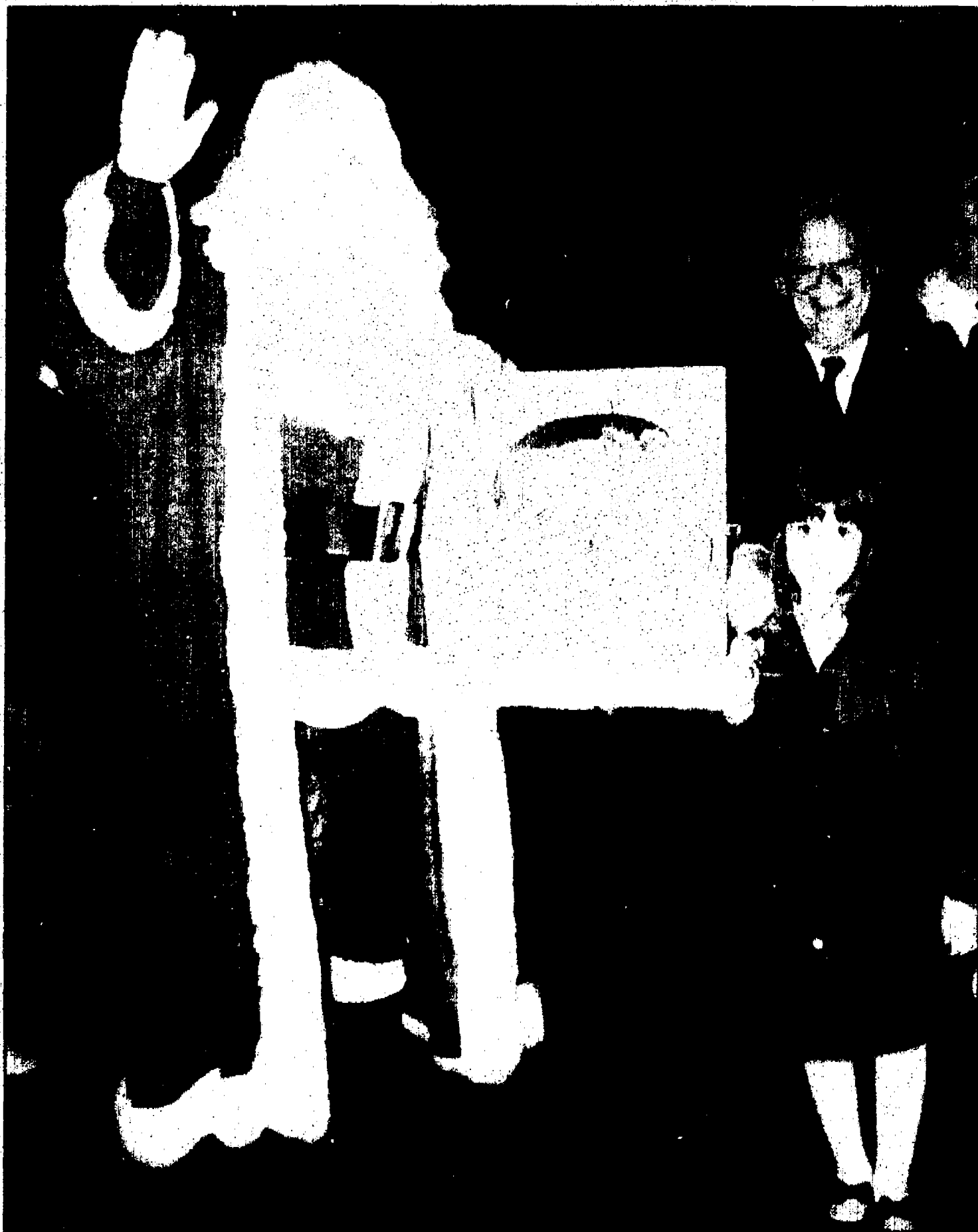
The board would save \$1 million

under a steering committee's proposal to close Titus, Stottlenyer, Fischer and Monroe elementaries, administration officials say. That's a substantial chunk of money for a board struggling with a deficit that is expected to mushroom to \$3.5 million by next year.

School officials also say that educational programs would be improved by shifting to a K-5, 6-8, 9-12 middle school structure and by redrawing attendance boundaries to balance enrollments among schools.

See CHANGES, 3A

## Crowd greets Santa for ceremony



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Yule program:** Santa Claus was greeted at City Hall Monday morning for the annual lighting ceremony by Mayor Robert Thomas and Lindsay Wiczarek, first place winner in the Christmas contest. For more on the traditional event, turn to Page 3A.

# Family seeking missing puppy

By DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas won't be the same for young Dustin Sartin unless his 11-week-old puppy, a female rottweiler named Sable, is returned to him.

"I miss her," Sartin, 5, said. "I used to play with her a lot."

Sable was left in an unlocked car in Westland on Nov. 17 when Sartin and his mother, Sheila, went to the 8200 block of Merriman so that the boy could get a haircut. Someone apparently let the puppy out of the car.

"My little boy is just heart-broken," said Sheila Sartin, 33, of Inkster and formerly of Garden City. "She was such a sweet dog. She's a champion dog, and I had planned on breeding her."

Westland police Sgt. Michael Gould is trying to help the Sartins find Sable. He is asking anyone with information to call him at 721-6311. The Sartins are offering a reward.

"I'd like to give Mr. Sartin his Christmas gift of getting his dog back," Gould said.

The Sartins seemed to be on Sable's trail at first. Shortly after the dog disappeared, a woman who found it went into another business near the hair-cutting salon and tried unsuccessfully to find the owner, Gould said.

The woman didn't want to take Sable to the Michigan Humane Society, fearing it might be destroyed, so she went to 20th Century Pets on Wayne Road only to learn that the business "didn't deal in dogs," Gould said.

However, a pet store customer apparently overheard the woman talking about the rottweiler and volunteered to take it, the sergeant said. And that's where the trail to Sable ends.

See PUPPY, 2A

# Subdivision OK'd despite residents' fears

By DARRELL 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 southwest 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 Kalen's proposal to extend one street, Canyon, west from Carlson into the new subdivision.

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

"We already have a traffic problem

at Carlson and Canyon," Carlson resident Carol Pilon 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 Council

woman Sandra Cicirelli and Councilman Charles Pickering. Supporting it were council members Glenn Anderson, David Cox, Charles "Tracy" 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

See RESIDENTS, 2A

# Man gets prison time in shooting death

By DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Thomas Robert Woodhead has been sentenced to nine to 20 years in prison for opening fire with an assault rifle and killing the driver of a stolen car during a Feb. 17 slaying on a residential Westland street.

Woodhead, 18, was sentenced last Thursday by Detroit Recorder's Judge Vera Massey Jones after being convicted of second-degree murder in the death of Antonio Philippe Maggio, 24. He could have faced life in prison.

Woodhead also was sentenced to an

additional two-year term for a felony firearms charge.

Maggio was killed at 7:28 p.m. Feb. 17 in the 2300 block of Christine, near Wayne Road and Palmer. Woodhead fired some 20 rounds from an assault rifle into a 1986 Chevrolet Camaro, which Maggio had stolen from Woodhead's friend, Ryan Revor, 17.

The killing followed a chain of events that didn't initially involve Woodhead. Shortly before the slaying, Maggio and two friends were riding in a van behind Revor's Camaro on Wayne Road, and they became up-

set that he was driving slowly, police said.

Maggio got out of the van and confronted Revor at a stop light, but Revor pulled away and drove to Woodhead's June Street house for help when he realized he was being followed again, police said.

Revor got out of his car but left it running when he went to Woodhead's front door for help. Maggio, in turn, got out of the van and drove away in Revor's Camaro, police said.

Revor, Woodhead and Woodhead's roommate, John Hollis, got into

Woodhead's 1982 Mustang and began pursuing Maggio, armed with two assault rifles, police said. They caught up with Maggio on Christine Street.

Maggio shifted gears to put the Camaro in reverse, and then slammed backward into Woodhead's Mustang. Hollis has testified.

Woodhead and Hollis got out of the Mustang, and the dispute escalated until Woodhead opened fire with the assault rifle, killing Maggio.

Defense attorneys had argued that

See PRISON, 2A



# Livonia schools won't have to pay for Cooper cleanup

BY MARIE CHESTNEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Livonia school district has been told again that it won't have to pay for the environmental cleanup of Westland's vacant Cooper School.

That was the repeated position of the state Department of Natural Resources which said that the

district, which serves the northern section of Westland, shouldn't have to pay to clean up the toxic site at the former school on Ann Arbor Trail between Inkster Road and Middlebelt.

The reaffirmation of a decision made in March 1993 to exempt the district from cleanup costs came in a November 1994 letter

from Oladipo Oyinsan, supervisor of the DNR's southeast Michigan district headquarters in Livonia.

"This is excellent news," said school Superintendent Ken Watson. "It reaffirms that (the district) is not identified by the DNR as responsible for the contamination at Cooper. We have been responsible in the ethical sense since the site was discovered. We have done everything we should have done since then, but we are not responsible for the contamination."

In his letter to attorneys Plunkett and Cooney, representing Detroit, Oyinsan said the district has exercised "due care" at the site since 1991, when news of the toxic site first surfaced.

This "due care" includes the closing of the school and the erection of a fence around the site to keep people out.

"The LPS has taken measures to limit public exposure to haz-

ardous substances at the site," Oyinsan wrote.

The district closed Cooper in June 1991 after soil tests showed high levels of lead, cadmium, mercury and PCB left from a former landfill at the site.

The DNR's decision now throws the cleanup ball back to the city of Detroit, which had challenged the DNR's earlier exemption of the district from cleanup costs.

With cleanup estimates ranging anywhere from \$10 million to \$20 million, Watson said he fully expects Detroit will file another appeal of the DNR's ruling.

"What Detroit is asking is that the DNR apply current standards to 30 years ago, when those standards didn't exist," Watson said. "That's not reasonable. We have exercised due care since the discovery. You can't roll back standards."

The DNR says Detroit is re-

sponsible for the clean-up because some of the waste dumped at the site came from Detroit 40-50 years ago when Detroit operated a dump on the Cooper site.

Earlier, the city of Detroit had agreed to pay clean-up costs if Livonia schools helped pay part of the bill. Detroit claimed Livonia schools should be liable because it knew the landfill was there when it built Cooper in the mid-1960s.

Rejecting that view, the district said it should be exempt because it bought the land long after contamination of the site took place.

So far, the DNR has backed Livonia's view.

"The DNR has decided not to pursue enforcement action against the LPS at this time with respect to response activities related to existing contamination at the Cooper school site," Oyinsan wrote. "In reaching this conclusion, we believe that it is particu-

larly important to evaluate the degree of care that a reasonable person would have exercised at the time in question.

"Thus, it would be inappropriate to apply current standards of 'due care' concerning hazardous substances to circumstances that existed approximately 30 years ago when LPS acquired the property and built Cooper school."

"It also appears that LPS can show that it has exercised 'due care' judged by contemporary standards, since the discovery of contamination at the site several years ago."

If the district is forced to pay cleanup costs, it would mean levying a special tax to pay the bill, Watson said.

"No costs have been figured in our budget," Watson said. "If they find we are responsible, it would mean some other kind of assessment, a special tax."

## Man gets prison for seizing child

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A gun-wielding Westland man who fled the city after seizing his 4-week-old baby from the infant's mother, his live-in girlfriend, has been placed in prison for 15 months to four years, a Detroit Recorder's Court clerk said.

Michael Edward Demetri, 23, who fired a shot from a .32-caliber pistol but injured no one during the Sept. 11 incident, was sentenced Friday by Detroit Recorder's Judge George Crockett III.

Demetri was sentenced after earlier pleading guilty to two counts of felonious assault and one count of illegally possessing Xanax, a sedative-type prescription drug.

Westland police said the incident occurred when Demetri was confronted by the baby's mother about his abuse of Xanax. The couple lived at Hunter's West, a

high-rise apartment complex on Yale, south of Warren.

Demetri fled the apartment with the baby, but he was captured in Dearborn Heights after police in that city trailed him to a house where some of his relatives live, Westland Detective Sgt. Donald Haigh has said.

The baby was returned to its mother.

During the incident, Demetri's gun, a .32-caliber Beretta, was pointed toward an apartment wall when it was fired, police said. The suspect was arrested without incident in Dearborn Heights.

Demetri was ordered to stand trial after he appeared before 18th District Judge Gail McKnight in September for a preliminary hearing on the charges. The hearing included testimony from the baby's mother, who said Demetri became angry when she confronted him about his drug problem.

## Residents from page 1A

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.

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## Puppy from page 1A

Sheila Sartin said she was told that the man who took Sable may drive a blue van and may live in Garden City, but little else is known.

"I have followed all leads," Gould said.

Sable weighs 35 to 40 pounds, and she had a distinguishing

blotch of pink paint on her shoulder area.

"I had been painting the kitchen, and she got into the paint," Sheila Sartin said.

That's the playful Sable that Dustin Sartin remembers. And now he just waits to see if his puppy will be returned in time to celebrate Christmas with him.

## Prison from page 1A

Maggio was at least partially responsible for his own death, but a jury in November convicted

Woodhead of second-degree murder. Revoir had been accompanied

by a girlfriend when the incident started on Wayne Road. When Revoir arrived at Woodhead's

house, the girlfriend stayed there while Revoir, Woodhead and Hollis went in pursuit of Maggio.

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# City's first librarian gets off to a fast start

Sandra Wilson, the city of Westland's first librarian, is wasting no time in getting into her new responsibilities.

Hired by the newly organized Westland Library Board last month, Wilson has already made several trips to the city from her Fargo, N.D., home to meet with the library consultant and the architect designing the city's first independent library.

Wilson, 47, has already made an offer to buy a house in the city's northeast section. She officially starts her duties Monday, Jan. 9.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to start a new library from scratch," said Wilson, who grew up in Farmington more than 30 years ago.

But her background includes helping open new or renovated libraries in other states.

The new librarian was the director of a seven-county regional library system in western Minnesota with 13 separate facilities before accepting the Westland offer.

A Michigan State University graduate who received her master's degree in library science from Western Michigan University, Wilson has previously worked in Tallahassee, Fla.; Wausau, Wis.; St. Paul, Minn.; and Manhattan, Kan., as well as being a school media specialist in Holt, Mich., near Lansing, at the start of her career.

The new Westland library will be a 33,000-square-foot, one-story building on the west side of Central City Parkway, about a quarter mile north of Ford.



Sandra Wilson

Wilson said her first priority in the upcoming months will be to work with the architect on the library's design.

"I hope the library board approves the schematic design this week," she said, so the board and architect can move ahead with plans to seek construction bids in the spring and a groundbreaking in the summer. Expected completion will be in early 1997, she said.

The new library will have a children's corner, computer capabilities, computerized cataloging, a basic book collection and a staff of 15 full-time equivalent employees.

Wilson said that David Smith, consultant to the library board for several years, notified her of the

Westland opening late last summer.

Among her accomplishments were raising thousands of dollars in area, federal and local grants; designing and helping build a \$10.2 million central library in Tallahassee and coordinating the remodeling of a library system's headquarters in St. Paul.

Wilson is the mother of a son, 15, and daughter, 7. Her husband, Jim, is a veterinarian who does animal surgery on referral.

Wilson's salary was set at \$55,000 by the library under a year-to-year contract to start Jan. 9.

The Westland library had been discussed for most of the past 10 years in a move to separate itself from the Wayne-Westland Public Library, built in the mid-1950s. There were two unsuccessful attempts to gain voters' approval for library construction money in the mid- and late 1980s.

The move for a local, independent library picked up steam in the summer of 1993 because of two factors. One is the city of Wayne planning to build its own facility to replace the joint library on Sims at Wayne Road.

About the same time, Mayor Robert Thomas disclosed that some unspent \$8 million in the Tax Increment Financing Authority could be used in conjunction with a \$1.3 million state construction grant to pay for a local library without having to borrow money.

The city council later approved the use of the money and the related creation of the city's first Westland Library Board.



STAFF PHOTOS BY ART EMANUELE

**Winning writers:** Three local students stand out in the crowd Monday for writing the best essays on the theme, "What Christmas Means To Me." The winners are, from left, Lindsay Wiczarek, first place; Bryan Vantoll, second place; and Justin Shadeh, third place.

## Santa delights young and old

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Davey Middleton, 4, and his sister Julie, 5, stood anxiously on the front lawn of Westland City Hall, holding matching umbrellas as a light mist fell on a crowd of hundreds of people.

"I want to see Santa Claus," Davey said, standing near his mother, Janet.

Moments later, Davey and scores of children of all ages got their wish as the jolly man in red arrived in a helicopter that circled twice over City Hall before landing in a parking lot.

"I think it's beautiful that people can gather like this," said Frances Masse, grandmother of Davey and Julie. "It brings peace and love to our city. It gives you a good feeling. You hear so much about the bad things. It's nice to see the good things."

The crowd gathered for Westland's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at City Hall. Santa led the crowd in a countdown that culminated with thousands of lights being flicked on at once, illuminating trees from one end of the front lawn to the other.

"We came here because we wanted to see the lights," Julie Middleton said.

Local dignitaries stood on a stage and led the crowd through a series of Christmas songs, and Santa Claus was presented with the key to the city. After the ceremony, he went next door to the city's main fire station, where children met with him and enjoyed snacks.

Early on, before Santa arrived, the crowd's attention was briefly diverted to a two-car collision on Ford Road, directly in front of City Hall. But the focus returned

to the half-hour festivities with Santa's arrival.

With temperatures rising into the 50s Monday, the weather was balmy compared to tree lighting ceremonies of recent years. One person was even seen wearing shorts.

George Gillies, deputy mayor, estimated the crowd at 450 people.

As usual, the ceremony included the announcement of winners of a student essay contest. Youngsters competed with essays appropriately titled, "What Christmas Means To Me."

The first-place winner was Lindsay Wiczarek, a second-grader at P.D. Graham Elementary. Second place went to Bryan Vantoll, also a P.D. Graham second-grader, and the third-place winner was Justin Shadeh, a sixth-grader at Edison Elementary.

## Changes from page 1A

"If people say this is the wrong time and that it's too much (at once), then I believe there is never going to be a right time to do this," board member Laurel Rasanen said.

Superintendent Larry Thomas said he plans to recommend a total package to the board on Monday. One day earlier, board president Matthew McCusker told the Observer he didn't know whether the board will vote on the package or separate the issues.

On school closings, McCusker said, "Downsizing is the only way we're going to save any money." But, he added, "Will it be four buildings? I don't know. Will it be two buildings? I don't know that, either."

Board members heard lengthy comments from district residents during public hearings held Monday night at Wayne Memorial High School and Tuesday night at John Glenn High School. A total of about 225 people attended the hearings, marking a turnout that was smaller than some officials had expected.

Parents and students continued their emotional pleas to save schools, particularly Fischer Elementary, and to keep attendance

boundaries intact for students who want to attend John Glenn and not Wayne Memorial.

Inkater parent Carl Hicks said district residents are still reeling from budget cuts that eliminated busing this year for junior and senior high students.

"You have not let that dust settle before you throw this (school closing proposal) on top," he told the board Tuesday.

Parent Cecelia Graham said she wants her daughter to attend Stevenson Junior High and John Glenn, though the girl would go to Adams Junior High and Wayne

Memorial under the redistricting proposal.

"If I have to have her attend Adams Junior High and Wayne Memorial, then I will move out of the Wayne-Westland school district," she said. School officials and some parents have defended those schools as being unjustly criticized.

Fischer parents have made it clear that their school is strongly supported, and they don't want it closed.

"It's just a real family atmosphere, and our kids love it," parent Debbie Bennett said Tuesday.

## Meeting set on search for superintendent

Wayne-Westland school district residents who want to comment on the search for a new superintendent may do so during a meeting at 6 p.m. today (Thursday) at district offices, 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh Road.

Michigan Association of School

Boards representative Kara Funk, who is helping to coordinate the search, will be in town for a series of meetings today with community leaders, school employees and the public at large. She is seeking input on what qualities the community wants for the next superintendent.

## Man sentenced to prison for molesting teenage girl

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A Westland man who sexually molested his former girlfriend's 15-year-old daughter has been sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison, a Detroit Recorder's Court clerk said.

James Edgar Grassel, 41, who was found guilty of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in November, was sentenced Friday by Recorder's Judge Vera Massey Jones.

The girl's mother has told the Observer that she is "extremely happy to get someone like that off of the street."

The victim and her mother still

live in Westland, and their names aren't being published to protect their identities.

The mother said the molesting had "a big impact" on her daughter and that it "changed her life."

The girl accused Grassel of molesting her April 30 when she spent the night at his house on the 5900 block of Linville, near Wayne Road and Ford. The girl has testified that Grassel was "like a father" to her.

Their family-like closeness has made the incident and the subsequent court proceedings particularly difficult for the girl to endure, her mother has said. Grassel used to provide food for the girl

and ensure that she completed her homework for school.

The girl has testified that she was sleeping on a living room sofa when Grassel walked in, molested her and warned that she "would get really sick" if she reported what happened.

But the girl confided in her mother the next day, and Westland police were notified of the molesting.

The mother initiated comments to the Observer, saying she wanted to encourage others to be more aware of sex crimes that can leave children victimized and emotionally scarred.

## Free photos with Santa offered


Santa Claus will be at a Real Estate One office on Ford near Wayne Road Saturday to urge visitors to donate canned goods or money to the Salvation Army center on Vandy near Palmer.

Youngsters can have free photos taken with Santa if there is a donation of food or money, said a Real Estate One spokeswoman.

The free photos will be taken between noon and 3 p.m. at 35015

Ford, between Wayne Road and Wildwood.

The Salvation Army opened its new community service center last spring to serve low-income families in the area.



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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.

## New Kroger store to open

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 work at the store, with most coming from the two closing stores.

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.

## Goodfellows' drive produces \$14,000

The Westland Goodfellows organization has raised nearly \$14,000 this year to provide Christmas gifts for local needy children.

"It was a phenomenal success," Goodfellows trustee and Westland Councilman Glenn Anderson said Monday. "We've never been anywhere near that figure."

Goodfellows raised money by selling newspapers at city intersections after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The organization also has received money from other sources, such as Leon's restaurant on Wayne Road south of Cherry Hill. Leon's provided free Thanksgiving dinners for patrons who were given an opportunity to make donations to the Goodfellows, Anderson said.

Combined with money donated by Leon's owners, the restaurant donated \$1,500 to the Goodfellows, Anderson said.

During the recent newspaper sales, Anderson said he was pleased with one of the best turnouts he has ever seen for the event. City firefighters and many

others contributed to the effort.

The total raised was \$13,894.10. The person who raised the most money during the drive was Westland firefighter Jeff Pochron, who collected \$1,529.58.

Anderson commended Pochron during a Monday night city council meeting, saying Pochron is among the outstanding city employees with which the city is proud to be associated.

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# Fragile families making job of educators harder

BY MARY RODRIQUE  
STAFF WRITER

Call Michael P. Flanagan an education advocate.

As superintendent of the Wayne County Regional Educational 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-energizing 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."

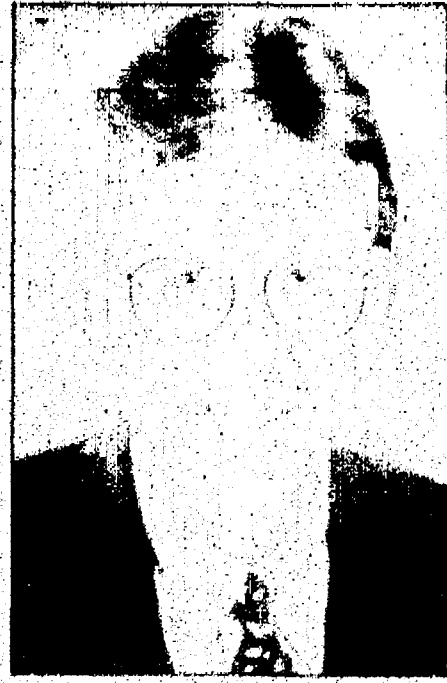
"We're responsible for educating more kids in the county than in the whole state of Wyoming. And we don't have the political clout."

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



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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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## ROLL CALL REPORT

## U.S. House and Senate pass GATT tariff agreement

Here's how *Observer & Eccentric* area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Dec. 2

**HOUSE**  
GATT: By a vote of 288 for and 146 against, the House passed a

bill (HR 5110) authorizing American participation in the global free-trade pact known as GATT. The Senate (below) followed suit, clearing the way for the United States to join more than 100 other nations in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade set to take effect next July. GATT is designed to accelerate global commerce by requiring

nations to cut their tariffs, or taxes on imports, by one-third, and by forcing down the subsidies that governments worldwide use to protect favored industries. The bill includes revenue measures to offset the \$12 billion the Treasury is expected to lose over five years as a result of lower tariffs. GATT establishes a World Trade

Organization to enforce the new rules for international commerce. Critics said the WTO will chip away at United States sovereignty, for example, by judging U.S. environmental and safety laws to be unfair protection against imports. A yes vote was to approve GATT. Area representatives voting yes were: Bob Carr, D-Pontiac, Jo-

seph Knollenberg, R-Birmingham and Sander Levin, D-Southfield. Voting no: Dale Kildee, D-Flint, William Ford, D-Ypsilanti.

**Trade Pact:** By a vote of 76 for and 24 against, the Senate gave final Congressional approval to a bill (HR 5110, above) including the United States in the International

**SENATE**  
anti-protectionist trade pact known as GATT.

A yes vote was to approve GATT. Michigan Senators Carl Levin, D, voted yes. Donald Riegle, D, voted yes.

## Children must get shots

By MARY RODRIGUE  
STAFF WRITER

At least one parent of a student in Livonia's Tyler elementary school was caught in a dilemma this week when notification of an immunization update was brought home.

The child brought the letter home from school on Friday. It said an MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) immunization was required by Dec. 7, or the child would not be allowed back to school. That gave mom and dad three business days to take action.

The doctor's office didn't have an opening before January, since its policy required a physical exam as well. Only by pestering a medical office worker was the father able to get his daughter in for her shot by the deadline.

While most school districts and day care centers give parents ample time to meet immunization requirements, sometimes communications break down.

The basic immunization schedule requires incoming kindergartners to have DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, whooping cough) tetanus, polio, MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), and a tuberculin skin test, or a chest x-ray if the skin test is positive.

The county offers the immunizations free at its Westland facility on Merriman north of Michigan Avenue. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling 467-3313. Immunizations are given daily.

There is also a traveling immunization clinic held the first Wednesday of the month at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

"The county's requirements are not unreasonable," said Keri Miller, a nurse employed by Plymouth-Canton schools. "We try to do whatever we can to assist the parent in meeting the deadline."

"The ultimate goal is to make sure all children are adequately immunized."

Miller, one of four full-time nurses in Plymouth Canton, says an exclusion list from the county arrives at each local school district in October.

"After we get the exclusion list, we review our records. It's a lot of checking and it takes a lot of time. We try to get them out to parents as soon as possible."

Miller says that while the county clinic and HMOs don't charge for the shots, private doctors' offices will charge for an office visit.

## SC teacher set to retire this month

Plymouth resident Richard T. Arlen, an accounting professor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, will retire this month after 25 years of service to the college.

Arlen was a significant leader in the college's faculty association, served on the college's grievance committee for 14 years, as chief negotiator for 16 years, and as president for 10 years.

He joined the college in 1969 and worked diligently for viable solutions for the college and its employees. He published a text book for accounting students called "College Accounting: An Introduction." He was an active facilitator for accounting presentations, and was honored with awards by fellow accounting professionals.

Arlen has been involved in Plymouth as treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton school board. He also serves as a mediator for the Detroit Reconciliation Center.

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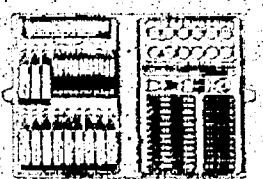


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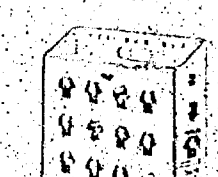
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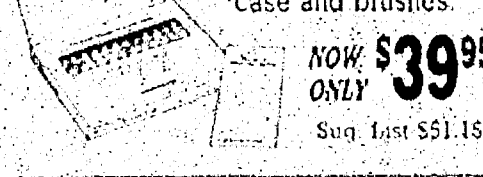
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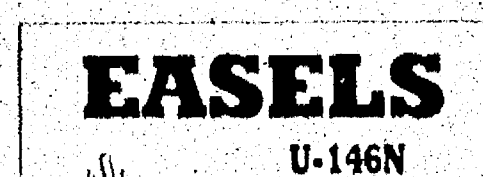
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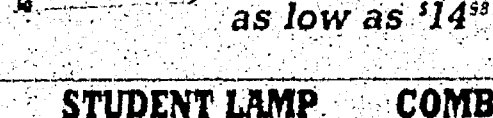
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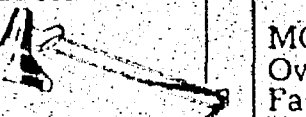
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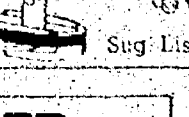
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YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND WESTLAND

## DIAL FOR DATES

For updated events in the area, call 953-2005.

## SOMETHING SPECIAL

### ALUMNI DAY

All alumni of Franklin High School are invited to attend the annual Alumni Day in the school library from 12:15-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 22.

### MAID OF ERIN

Women 17-23 years old of Irish descent are eligible for the "Maid of Erin" pageant to be held at the Irish-American Club next February. The winner will go to Ireland and participate in all Irish functions during Irish week. She will appear on various radio shows. Bridie Glynn, 461-8556, or Peggie Boland, 255-7677.

## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### PWP DANCE

Parents Without Partners Inc., Wayne/Westland Chapter 310, is hosting a Red Ribbons and Bows Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 9, at the Amvet's Hall, 1217 Merriman near Avondale, Westland. The dance is open to the public at a cost of \$5/\$4 for members before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. 337-8392.

### FINE ARTS

Garden City Fine Arts Association 1994 Holiday Exhibit and Sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, Dec. 12 through 16, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17. The event will be held at Sheridan Square, 3009 Ford Road in Garden City.

### WINTER CONCERT

Divine Child High School Winter Concert will be performed by the chorus and band at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, in the school's auditorium. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for families. Divine Child High School is located at 4001 N. Silvery Lane in Dearborn.

### HOLIDAY CONCERT

Schoolcraft College Radcliff Community Wind Ensemble and the Vocal Jazz Ensembles present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14. A donation of \$2 is requested for the concert held in the Radcliff Community Room of Schoolcraft College, 1751 Radcliff in Garden City.

### DECORATING CONTEST

The third annual home Christmas decorating contest is sponsored by Maclean Hunter Cable on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 20 and 21. The volunteer picture project is open to all Garden City residents. Call Colleen at 427-4940.

### LIGHTFEST

Wayne County Lightfest will continue through Jan. 1, 1995, with a closing on Christmas Day. Four miles of giant, animated characters made from twinkling lights will be open 7-10 p.m. nightly on Hines Drive in the Middle Rouge Parkway. Enter Hines Drive at Merriman, 2 1/2 miles south of I-96, between Warren and Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Donation \$5. 261-1900.

## PETS

### SANTA "PAWS"

Santa's Sleigh will make a stopover at several Michigan Humane Society locations including:

Sunday, Dec. 4 -- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Livonia Mall Community Room, Seven Mile and Middlebelt, Livonia. 810-476-1166.

Sunday, Dec. 11 -- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Michigan Humane Society West, 37255 Marquette, Westland. 721-7300.

## CRAFTS/BOUTIQUES

Dec. 10

Wayne-Westland YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

Dec. 11

St. Raphael School Craft Fair, Merriman north of Ford, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 425-9771.

## KIDS AND TEENS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

Wayne-Westland YMCA is accepting registrations for fall and winter youth basketball program. Two different sessions available for grades three through nine. Sessions are one practice a week and one game per week, running through Feb. 4. Cost is \$25/Y members and \$40/Y program members. 721-7044.

### CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading and pom-pom dance classes will be 7-8 p.m. Mondays or Wednesdays, at Wayne Community Center, Howe at Annapolis, Wayne. Cost is \$20 for 8-week session. Ranae Paulus 729-8417.

## CLUBS

### HWPA MEETING

Holiday Nature Preserve Association general meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Room A.

### DAR

The John Sackett Chapter of the DAR meets at noon Saturday, Dec. 10, at the home of Mrs. Frederick Millard, 15614 Comstock, Livonia. The program is election of Continental Congress Delegates and a Constitution Hall video, the presentation Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yarga (810) 478-6661.

### VIETNAM VETERANS

Vietnam Veterans of America meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at the V.F.W. Post 6995, 1426 Mill Street (Lalley) one block north of Ann Arbor Road. Don Dugan 446-4903 or 525-0157.

### FORD WIVES

The Ford Wives Club meet 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, at World Headquarters Auditorium, Michigan Avenue at Southfield (north entrance), Dearborn. Charles Barry will be performing Christmas music on the dulcimer, music from medieval and renaissance periods. Margaret Fulton 663-9480.

### OSTIA SIGMA PHI

Preceptor Gamma Phi, a chapter of the international sorority of Beta Sigma Phi meets at 8:30 p.m.,

Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Plymouth home of Carole Anderson for its annual Christmas party. Jackie Timite 453-4479.

### ROAMIN CLUB

The Roamin Club, Rock and Mineral Club of Livonia meets Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Nativity Church, 9435 Henry Road, Livonia. Learn to make a "Gem Tree."

### WOMEN VOTERS

The Livonia League of Women Voters will feature state Rep. Lyn Bankes at 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, in Room C of Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington Road. A board meeting is held at 6:30 p.m. in the same room. 427-0877.

### SAND HILL QUESTERS

Sand Hill Questers No. 79 will hold its annual Christmas party Sunday, Dec. 18, at the home of Gail Kuhn in Ann Arbor.

### CIVIL AIR PATROL

Volunteers meet 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays at 34850 Marquette, between Wayne Road and Newburgh, Westland. Emergency services, cadet program, aerospace education, ages 13-17 for cadets. The program is for persons age 18 and older.

### TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Michigan 53 Westland, meets 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. John's Episcopal Church, 555 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Kellee Hassell, 522-1641, or Rosalie Fisher, 728-0299.

### CAMPING CLUB

Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled campouts during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3060.

### WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2933.

### TOASTMASTERS

Toastmasters International Club No. 6694-28 meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denney's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road, Westland, for people who want to practice and develop public speaking skills. 421-0254.

### HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets 6 p.m. Thursdays at Denney's Restaurant, 7725 N. Wayne Road. 455-1635.

### DEMOCRATS

Garden City Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Maplewood Community Center, Room 5, Alice Leclercq, 421-1169, or Billy

Pate, 427-2344.

### GARDEN CITY LIONS

The Garden City Lions meet 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month in the Silver Saloon, 5651 Middlebelt, Garden City. Contact Ivan Nunnely, 422-6656, or Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

### HOT LIONS

The Westland Hot Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the Red Lobster Restaurant, on Wayne Road, north of Ford.

### CHILD BIRTH ASSOCIATION

Classes for childbirth preparation are being offered at several Wayne County locations. Morning and evening classes available. Registering new classes every month. Newborn care classes and Cesarean preparation also offered. 459-7477.

### WESTLAND JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees meet 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in the Bova VFW Post, on Hix south of Warren. Hot line, 261-7856.

### CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 675-5633, or Paul Jenkins, 981-4254.

### CAMARO BUFFS

The new Eastern Michigan Camaro Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Krug Chevrolet in Taylor. 326-5658.

### AMBASSADORS

Ambassadors Junior Civitan is seeking people ages 13-18 for community service activities. The club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Westland Historical, Cultural and Community Meeting House, 36993 Marquette, east of Newburgh. 729-5409.

### PURPLE HEART

The Military Order of Purple Heart meets at 8 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the VFW Hall, on Ford, west of Venoy. Meetings are open to combat-wounded veterans.

## RECREATION

### CONTRA AND SQUARE DANCING

Old-time contra and square dances will be 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Bailey Center, 36651 Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne Road, Westland. Cost \$6 per person. Caller is Tom Allen with music by the Joyous Noise String Band. Margaret Martin 722-7620 or 467-3259.

### BASKETBALL

Registrations being accept

ed for men's and women's basketball leagues with Westland Parks and Recreation Department, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. 722-7620.

### COUNTRY GYPSIES

The Country Gypsies country dance club meets once a month at the Cambridge Center, 23901 Cambridge east of Middlebelt, Garden City. They also meet once a week to practice line dancing and couples dancing, and once a month they go to a country dance. Nancy 421-5895.

### SQUARE DANCE CLASSES

Beginner square dance classes will be 7:30-9:30 Tuesdays, in Bailey Recreation Center, (behind City Hall), Ford Road, Westland. Fee \$3/person weekly. Mike Brennan, 274-3394.

### OPEN SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena will be available for open skating Saturdays and Sundays 12:45 p.m. through April 15. Admission is \$2.50 for 17 and under and seniors, \$3 for adults. Skate rental \$2. 729-4560.

### FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

A recreational get-together for teens and adults who are disabled will be the second Friday of each month at the Westland Bailey Center. 722-7620.

### OPEN SWIM

The Wayne-Westland YMCA has daily open swim available 7-8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Family swim is 8-8:45 p.m. Friday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. The YMCA is at 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. 721-7044.

## SCHOOLS/PRESCHOOLS

**SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S** Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has openings in its 2-year-old toddler parent class Fridays 9:30-11 a.m. There are openings in the 3-year-old class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15-11:15 a.m. Janet Macuga 453-9018.

### UNITED CHRISTIAN

Enrollment is now being accepted for preschool through 12th grade at United Christian School, on the corner of Middlebelt and Florence. For information or application forms, call 522-5069.

### ST. RAPHAEL

Registrations now being accepted at St. Raphael School, 31500 Beechwood, Garden City. There are openings in grades two, five and six, possible openings in grades three, four, seven and eight. 425-9771.

### SPARKEY PRESCHOOL

The Wayne-Westland school district is taking applications for its preschool

Sparkey program, open to 3- and 4-year-olds. Residents and nonresidents may apply to the tuition-based program. For appointments, call 695-2660.

### PLUS PRESCHOOL

Registration for preschool by appointment for the Wildwood and Hicks Elementary School area is ongoing. Children must be 4 years old by Dec. 1. Family must meet two "at risk" factors. Program runs four half days a week. Parents must provide their own transportation. Program is free for those students who qualify.

### GARDEN CITY

Garden City Cooperative Garden City Cooperative Nursery is accepting applications for this year's 3-year-old classes. The school is located in the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City. The school is not affiliated with the church. Michele, 981-5360 or Debi, 425-0174.

### MCKINLEY

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne, is accepting applications for children ages 2-4. Call Denise Gillette, 421-0015, about 4-year-olds; Chris Hickson, 261-4843, regarding 3-year-olds and Susan Cruz at (810) 486-1539 about toddlers. The preschool is administered by parents and taught by certified teachers, not church-affiliated.

## BENEFITS

### VEGAS NIGHT

St. Linus Parent Teachers Guild is sponsoring a Las Vegas night from 6 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday nights, Dec. 2 and 3, at the school at 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. The benefit will support students.

### BINGO

Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games every Thursday evening at 6:45 p.m. The K.C. hall is on 28945 Joy Road, Westland. 525-0585.

### FRUITCAKE SALE

Garden City Rotary Club is selling holiday fruitcakes. Proceeds of the drive assist members in their work with youth, seniors and the handicapped. The Benson fruitcakes are \$6.50/2 pounds and \$8.50/3 pounds. Ray Wiecek 421-0106, or stop in at the City Hall.

### BINGO

Wayne Civitan Bingo is 6:30 p.m. every Monday on Elizabeth between Michigan Avenue East and Michigan Avenue West next to the Farmer Jack in Wayne. Money raised helps support many projects in the community, such as youth, park equipment, Special Olympics, First Night Wayne and Reading Projects. Information, 728-3915.

### BINGO

Westland Jaycees hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2982.

## HISTORY ON VIEW

### GC HISTORY

The Garden City Historical Museum is open 1-4

p.m. Wednesdays in the Log Cabin on Cherry Hill east of Merriman. Admission is free.

## VOLUNTEERS

### COMPANIONSHIP

Volunteers are needed for companionship, telephone reassurance and conducting phone surveys with the ill, disabled and elderly. Diana 981-8820.

### A PLACE TO LIVE

Youth Living Centers are looking for families for abused and neglected teens who are in immediate need of a place to live. All teens are supervised by Youth Living Centers staff and are in school or working. 728-3400.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Youth Living Centers are looking for people interested in being an evening receptionist, a youth mentor or people to work with the youth assistance program. Dorothy Murphy, 728-3400.

### HOST FAMILIES

Fifteen families are needed to provide a place to stay for exchange students from countries including: Sweden, Norway, Finland and Germany. Students are well screened and have good English skills. Information, Maria Bayno at 729-6102.

### FOSTER PARENTS

Youth Living Centers offers classes for people interested in becoming foster parents, on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a two-week session. Noreen Green, 728-3400.

### FOOD DELIVERY

Volunteers are needed 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to deliver meals to homebound, disabled, elderly people in Westland one hour or more per day, one or more days per week. 326-4444.

### GIRL SCOUTING

Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council and Huron Valley Council are looking for girls and adults who would like to be involved in Girl Scouting. Michigan Metro, 964-4475, Huron Valley, 483-2370.

## SENIORS

### LINE DANCING

Line dancing lessons will be offered to senior citizens at 10:45 a.m. each Friday at the Westland Friendship Center, 1119 E. 14th St., at Marquette. Fee is \$7 per session. 722-7632.

### DYER CENTER

The Wayne-Westland school district's Dyer Senior Adult Center has activities Monday through Thursday at the center, on Marquette between Wayne and Newburgh roads.

Mondays, Senior Chorus at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, arts, crafts and needlework at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, Kitchen Band, 10 a.m., bingo at 1 p.m.

Thursdays, ceramics, arts, crafts at 9:30 a.m.

### HAWAIIAN DANCE

A Hawaiian dance exercise class will be 1 p.m. every Wednesday in the Senior Resources Department (Friendship Center), 1119 Newburgh, Hall A. Instructor is Kammo Orie. Sign up at the front desk or call 722-7632.

## CALENDAR FORM

The Observer Newspapers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or by fax to 313-581-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2107 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

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Use additional sheet if necessary



# Officials hope to streamline court funding system

BY TIM RICHARD  
STAFF WRITER

Chief Justice Michael Cavanagh promised legislators three model plans for straightening out 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 Recorders and Detroit District Court while the other 82 counties pay their own ways.

"The funding level for all Wayne County courts is not all 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 82½ counties.

Lawmakers didn't comment on Cavanagh's presentation.

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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.

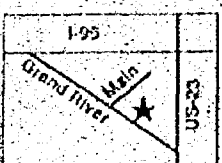
■ Such costs as the law library, employee bonds and telephone often are included in the general government budget and not in the court budget.

■ Facilities costs aren't shown in the court budget.

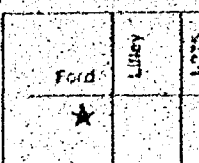
■ Such indirect costs as payroll processing and purchasing aren't shown in court budgets.

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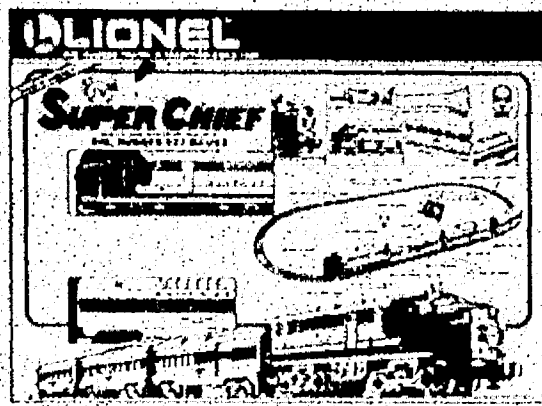


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# Area skaters roll on to victory



Solo: Livonia resident Dinah Ramirez places high in the solo dance division.



Winner: Christine Riding of Livonia skates under the watchful eye of a judge in the background.

More than 250 rollerskaters from throughout Michigan and Ohio participated in last Sunday's Michigan Inter-Club Artistic Roller Skating Meet at Riverside Arena in Livonia.

Placing (first, second or third place) in figure events were Bethany Rydzewski of Livonia, Christine Jarrett of Livonia, Lindsey 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 Bains, Sarah Krug of Clawson, Megan Scott of Livonia, Edgar Fuentes of Livonia, Sarah Baldwin, Stephanie Janiga of Livonia, Clare MacKinnon of Livonia, Devon Janus of Livonia, Sean Cartwright 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 Malers of Livonia, James Petty of Canton Township and Grace Seal and Stephen Reskitalo of Dearborn and Jeanne Govan of Livonia.

In the solo dance division placing first, second or third were Meghan Leddy, 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 Frene of Redford Township and Michelle Chevalier of Dearborn.



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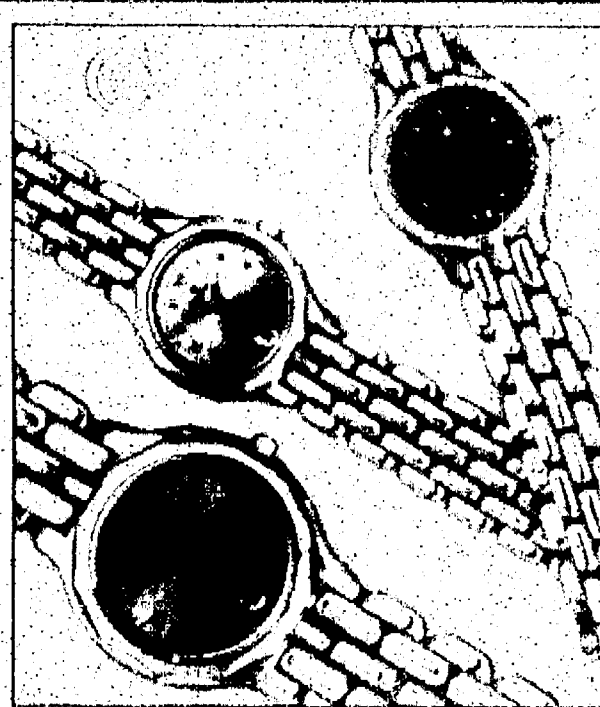
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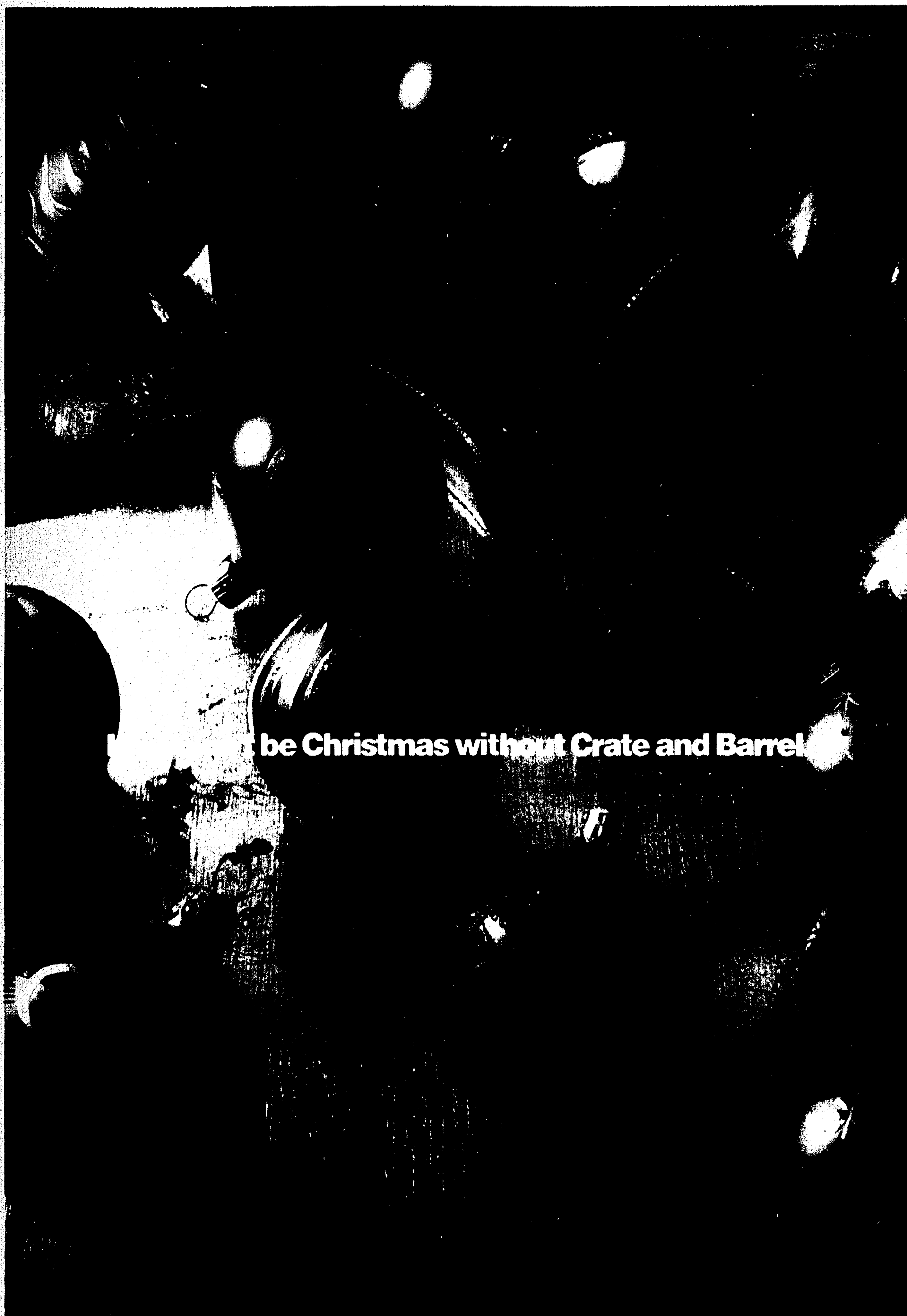
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## FAMILY ROOM



KAREN MEIER

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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

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

■ Cute and cuddly dogs and cats, not to mention a few kittens, are causing a stir these days. The stir is among people at nursing homes, hospitals, schools, hospices and day care centers treated to visits by the Pet-A-Pet Club.

BY DIANE GALE  
STAFF WRITER



Leave it to a cuddly dog or a purring kitten to bring smiles and excitement to people in nursing homes, hospitals, schools, hospices and day care facilities.

Volunteers in the local Pet-A-Pet Club who take their dogs, cats and sometimes rabbits to places like Botsford Community Center in Farmington Hills, Redford Geriatric Village and 33 other facilities in metropolitan Detroit get results.

"We have a great response," according to Pet-A-Pet Club president Ruth Curry of Redford. "One activities director said that before we visit, at least five days, all the people are excited and talking about the visit."

Curry praised the many benefits that come from pet therapy.

"One woman who had cancer told me: 'You know, I forgot for one hour today.' And boy, does that make you feel good."

Curry said despite the many contacts people have had with the animals there haven't been any bad experiences with an animal acting poorly.

She recalled, however, a situation



JIM JACQUELIN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**Gentle touch:** Elsie Deehan, a resident of the Four Chaplains Convalescent Center, gives Danielle Morning's seven-week-old kitten a kiss during a regular Pet-A-Pet Club visit.

once where a dog didn't seem suited for the visits and the owner immediately knew it wasn't a good idea to pursue the work.

Pet-A-Pet Club's itinerary reads like a who's who of area nursing homes. Curry coordinates visits at Cambridge West in Redford, while Wilma Wagner, a teacher at Franklin High School, takes her students with her to Marywood Nurs-

ing Care Center in Livonia.

Visits also are scheduled for Plymouth Court in Plymouth, Four Chaplains in Westland and Marycrest Manor, Angela Hospice Home Care Center and Dorvin Nursing Home in Livonia, to name a few.

But more volunteers and their pets are needed, especially at facilities like Sarah Fisher, Botsford Continuing Health Center and The

Greenery Extended Care Center in the Farmington area.

Estelle Biesiadecki, program coordinator, said the volunteer work is rewarding, especially because "we get a beautiful response from the patients."

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## ENGAGEMENTS

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ladywood High School and is attending Schoolcraft College where 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.

## 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 Beren Baptist Church in Livonia.



A May wedding at St. Thomas A'Becket Catholic Church in Canton 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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## Weber-Nippa

Carl and Irma Weber of Frankmouth 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 Frankmouth 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 Frankmouth is planned.

## 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.

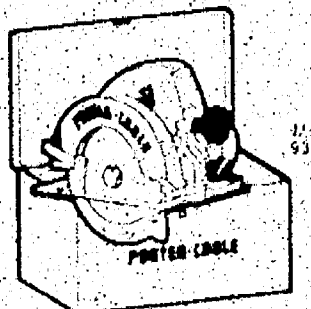
The bride-to-be is a graduate of Allen Park High School and is attending Schoolcraft College. She is employed by Oakland Sports Medicine as a physical therapist technician.

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

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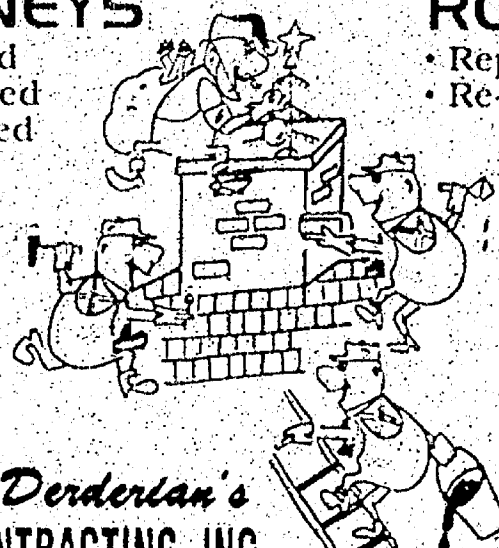
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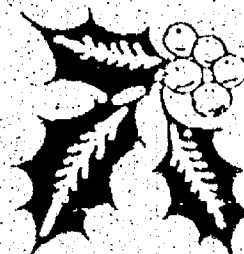
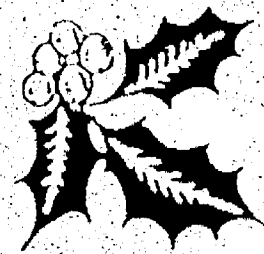
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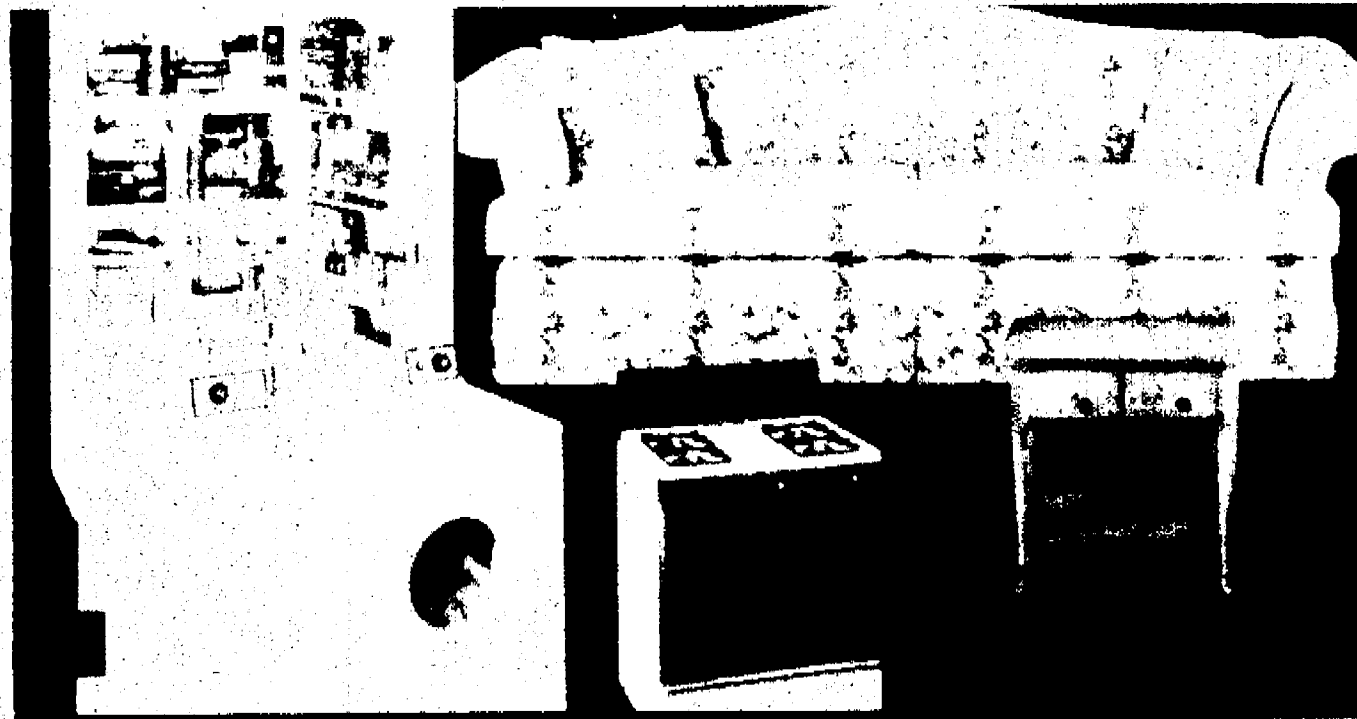


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## GRAPHOLOGY PROFILES



LORENE GREEN

I have thrown away several at-

tempts 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

Today's large, right-slanted

handwriting quickly brings to mind a socially-oriented young woman. She likes to be on the go and enjoys people and activities with them. Her caring heart reaches out to others with love and understanding. It would be difficult for our writer to conceal her feelings as her body language would give her away. Sad movies or stories can start the tears rolling.

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, that is until something comes along that 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 me 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-nots" 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

may still feel torn by the past. These ambivalent feelings can cause indecision for her.

There is a little intuition in this handwriting. It can, if trusted, give her insight into other people's thoughts and feelings. It can also effectively direct her through difficult situations by relying on her "hunches."

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## Nemesis returns A larger problem is retreat

**A**n old nemesis that has reappeared in public education is causing local budget administrators to pencil in new costs for mandatory services—an unwelcome task given the restricted funds available to districts. The nemesis is a billing system for special education services called charge backs. A half-dozen years ago the Wayne Intermediate School District (now known as RESA - Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency) sent bills called "charge backs" to local districts to pay for the operating deficit of center-based programs.

The re-emergence of charge backs is symptomatic of a continuing retreat by state government in the social needs of our citizens. We are reaping the harvest of a state government that is enthused about building highways but won't build children.

Center-based programs are centers which the intermediate district oversees and finances for special education students throughout the county. Superintendents and school boards prefer that the intermediate district operate the centers because it is too expensive for local districts to provide this service to their students.

An example is the Burger Center for autistic students in Garden City. The Wayne-Westland and Livonia districts find it too expensive to meet the needs of autistic students locally and prefer to send them to Garden City. In like manner, Redford Union has the Ashcroft Center for deaf students and Livonia Public Schools has the Northwest Skill Center to provide job training to special education students.

In earlier years, superintendents and school boards were unhappy with charge backs because the amounts were unpredictable and made budgeting difficult. There also were concerns about whether formulas pro-rating costs back to local districts were equitable.

The intermediate district responded a few

years ago with a millage request to increase the countywide special education levy from 1 to 2 mills. Voters approved the millage, and charge backs were eliminated. The intermediate administrators cautioned educators and the public at the time, though, that charge backs might return. And now they have.

A major reason for the return, beyond inflation, is an increase in special education students in center-based programs. Two major contributing causes are the increase in crack babies and teenage mothers. Both produce developmentally disabled children with disorders that fall in the lower functioning range that are served by RESA centers. This is especially true since court rulings requiring medically fragile children to be served by public education.

This becomes a real dilemma. The answer should not be to increase the countywide tax from 2 to 3 mills. This can become a never-ending cycle if other fixes are not found. One problem is that Gov. John Engler and his friends in the Legislature continue to retreat from their responsibility to public education in Michigan.

The goal to balance the state budget and cut programs is so overriding and dominant in Lansing that little attention is given to statewide social problems that are landing at our school doorsteps.

Prospects for a solution are bleak. With the state turning its back, RESA has no choice but to charge local districts to meet operating deficits for mandated programs. When local districts are pinched, local voters will feel the pain.

But residents will first fight back against local school boards who will turn the heat on RESA while Gov. Engler and Friends will be insulated from the heat. Things will get far worse before Lansing will be motivated to step up to its responsibilities instead of passing the plate to local governmental units.

## Gambling won't solve problems

**P**roblem: 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 area 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 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 government, 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 this area. Ludbroke 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.

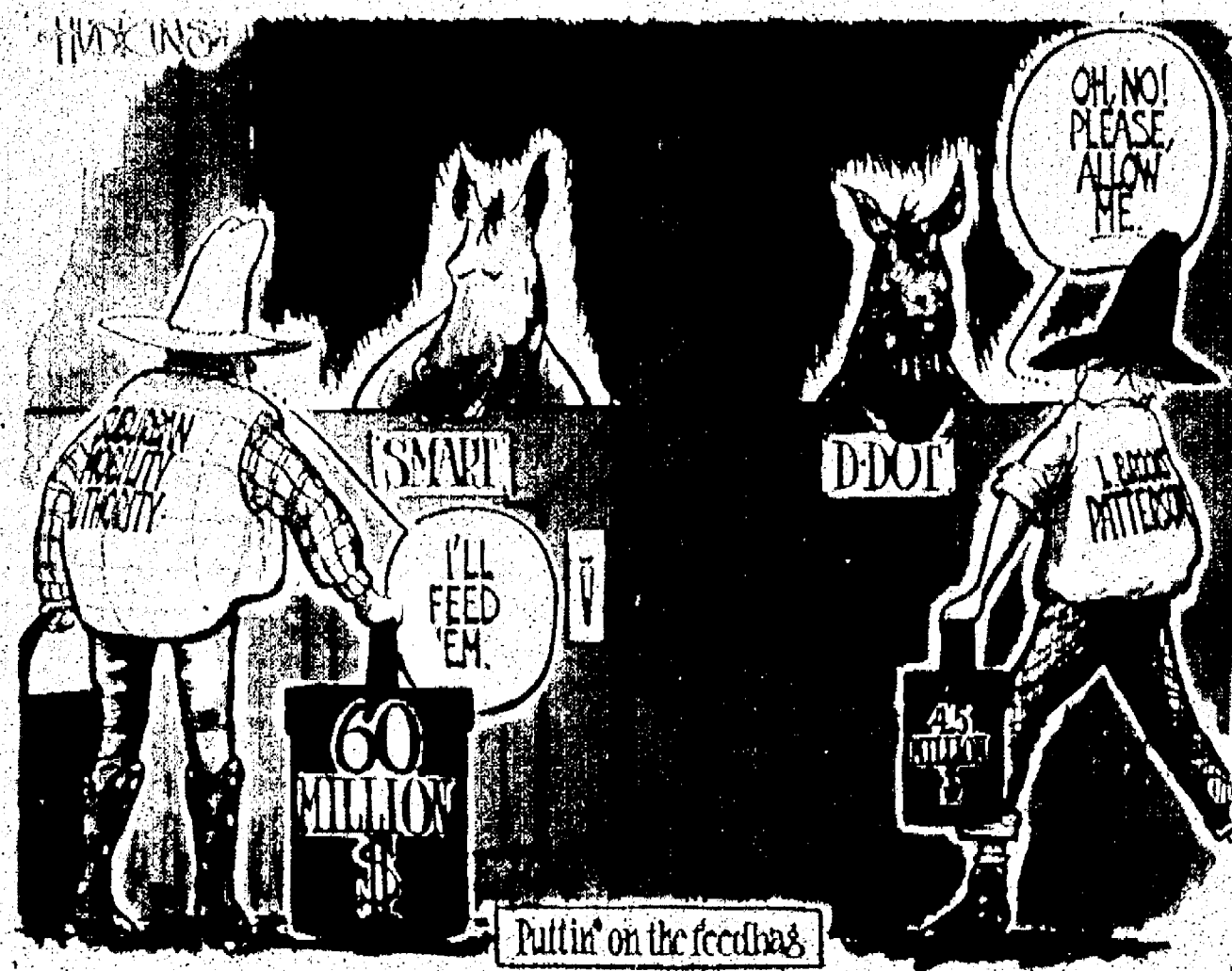
The second proposal is to allow a casino at Metro Airport.

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 them. Taxpayers have voted funds for schools, community colleges, jails 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.

ARKIE HUDKINS



## LETTERS

### Keep abortions out

**T**hough president Clinton's health-care reform is detained until 1995, consistent monitoring is imperative, having in mind his determination to, somehow, include abortion, in one way or another! So forewarned is forewarned, when referring to this possibility!!

It's difficult to understand how "abortion" can be part of the health-care reform, since, truthfully it is the deliberate murder of the unborn babies in the womb from one to nine months of gestation.

It's quite apparent that it is normally and medically unethical and a diabolical incentive for abortionists to make it a "business venture" which many have made.

When abortion and rationing are explicitly excluded from the health-care reform this will render our government monies, which can amply provide health care for those in need of it!! This is a potential for the same resolve!

Considering "over 30 million abortions," since Roe vs. Wade, about two to five percent were abortions as a medical necessity!!

We need to face the actual truth!! Abortion is the destruction of human, unborn life!! No matter how conceived, it is part of this humanity and ought to be protected, defended and respected!! It has a constitutional "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!"

We have a moral obligation to defend the innocent, defenseless, unborn babies in the womb! Who will defend them if we don't?

Julianne Pieknik, Westland

### Novak backed

**I**t's a shame to think Eileen DeHart (state representative elect) thinks only old people should be considered for office. And only old a person who lives in a community 28 years, is qualified to be active.

If Michael Novak (her defeated opponent) was as bad as she portrayed him to be, how come she won by only 810 votes. And she lost in her home precinct. How could an unknown, as she kept telling everyone, do that to her. Evidently the 10,047 voters thought different

ly. For running for the first time, I would say he did a great job.

As for the negative literature, if it's not true, don't worry about it. But taxes are sent to the property owner, not to a name. So now what.

Well we will be watching her honesty and integrity in Lansing. She will not be able to have Justine Barnes to make her decisions.

If young people are not going to be allowed to get into politics, because of age and length of residency, what will happen to our country when the old die? We hope Novak will be back.

God Bless America.

Mrs. J. Chyba, Westland

### Paying for careers

**I**t is interesting to note that, based on the annual salary paid to a U.S. senator (\$136,000), candidate Michael Huffington of California would have had to "work" nearly 210 years in office to recoup the \$28 million he spent seeking the position.

Oliver North would have had to "work" 130 years to recoup his expenditures of \$18 million, while Sen. Diane Feinstein will have to "work" 100 years to make up the \$14 million she spent, and Sen. Edward Kennedy will need 60 years to recover the \$8.5 million he spent to get the job.

How many politicians use this financial formula to seek office and then, upon election, try to run government spending based on similar logistics? Am I missing something here? It is no wonder that we are in such financial distress!

Anthony Brehler, Livonia

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## POINTS OF VIEW

## 'Tis the season: Be wary of thieves, stress

**Y**ou're trying to do too many things at once. The hectic pace during the holiday season is making you uptight, exhausted, irritable and vulnerable.

If you fit this description, heed some good advice. It's not mine. I'm a nervous wreck myself. But, according to a regional economist, if properly managed, your chores can be fun and exciting.

Your tasks won't seem so insurmountable if you make a daily list of everything you have to do. Then prioritize each item.

Don't get wired up on coffee. Listen to soothing music, develop a regular sleeping schedule, take a brisk walk or jog on a cold day, determine what will cause you anxiety, rehearse your coping skills and just generally chill out.

OK, now that you're hanging loose

and ready to conquer the shopping malls, here's some helpful crime prevention tips.

Even before you leave home, plan your coming shopping experience in your mind. Figure out where you are going and how to avoid a bad situation as you venture forth on your mall crawl.

The best present you can give yourself for Christmas is a cellular phone. You may hate driving behind someone talking on one, but a phone is invaluable if you're in trouble on the road.

If your car konks out, you can call police and officers will come and rescue you. When you're on your way from the mall you can call home and family members will be waiting at the door to see you safely inside.

Be aware, alert and avoid problems. When you're shopping, walk with a



JACKIE KLEIN

purpose. Don't lollygag or drag your body around. Hear all and see all.

The most vulnerable shopper is the woman limping along on high heels, gazing aimlessly into store windows and carrying a shoulder bag that can easily be cut by a rip-off.

Know where you're at in the mall. If you see someone who seems suspi-

cious, tell a security guard. If you think you're being followed, get to a lighted area where the crowds are. Don't be a loner.

To avoid carjacking, carry your car keys on a separate ring. Don't leave your car registration or insurance papers in your car. They've got your name on them.

The obvious precaution is to lock your car. But sometimes you forget. If a carjacker should approach you, give up your car keys but don't give up yourself. Women can even fake a heart attack and lie on the ground to keep from being kidnapped and/or sexually assaulted.

There are a variety of devices you can install in your car to keep would-be thieves from driving it away. And there are gadgets you can carry that make a lot of noise when they're activated to

scare off a bad guy who approaches you.

If you live in the suburbs, your car is ripe pickings for auto thieves. They know where the good stuff is. If there are two cars side-by-side and one has a burglar alarm, the thief is likely to steal the other one.

The crime prevention bureau suggests parking in a lighted area. If you're doing some big time major buying, it's a good idea to lock some gifts in your trunk where they will be out of sight and out of your overburdened arms. You can also use a locker.

Don't leave home with too much cash and try to tuck your credit cards in an inconspicuous place on your person. There is no shortage of sticky fingers out there.

## Grand Rapids taking over the Michigan House

**F**or 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 was able to pick up two posts — John Fitzgerald of Grand Ledge, speaker pro tem; Dan Gustafson of Williamston as one 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 Burgess, the Livingston County judge, didn't have a chance.

Readers of this column won't be surprised.

There has been noisy leadership from the Grand Rapids area in an effort to get uniform state funding for



TIM RICHARD

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 Michi-

gan 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 — the gang that wants to use tax money to ram its version of Christianity down the throats of other Christians, Jews, Moslems and independents.

Get ready for change — maybe even an improvement.

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## Appoint judges as a way to help wash off the mud

**A**larmed 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.

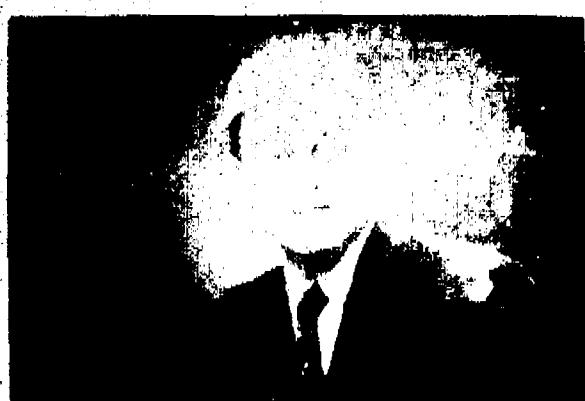
I asked Judge Moiseev about that.

Her reply: "Society wants judges to be wise and just, but then they make us run in the muck, 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 have talked to — agree appointing judges would be far better than electing them.



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**Judicial contests come to revolve around name ID (mysteriously, often emphasizing Irish ancestry) and increasingly nasty name calling.**

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 thrash.

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:

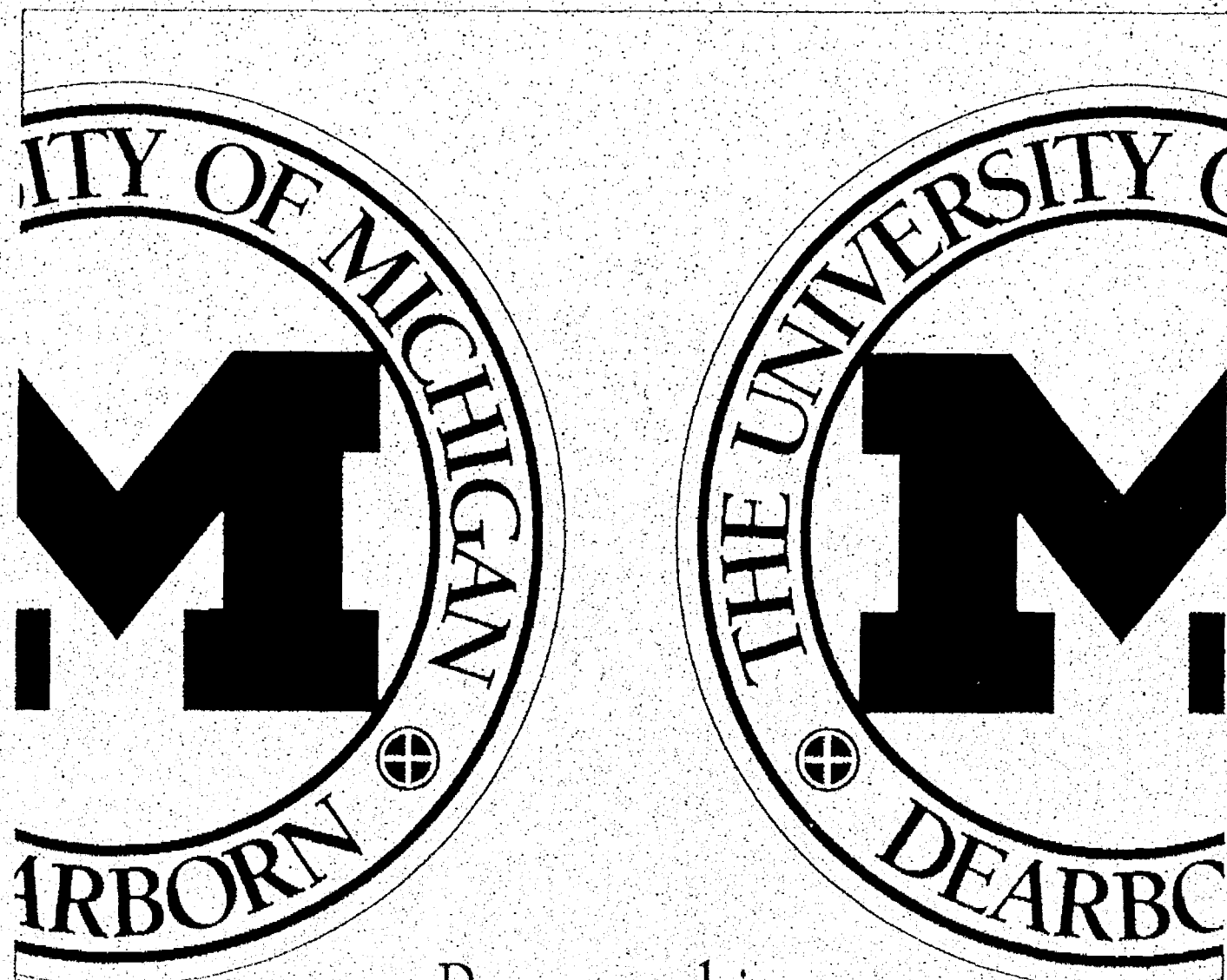
"Everything we heard — from phone calls to the office to conversations with voters, both informal and for the purpose of a pre-election article — told us Korn's campaign tactics were a bigger issue than Moiseev's perceived lack of judicial temperament."

"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.

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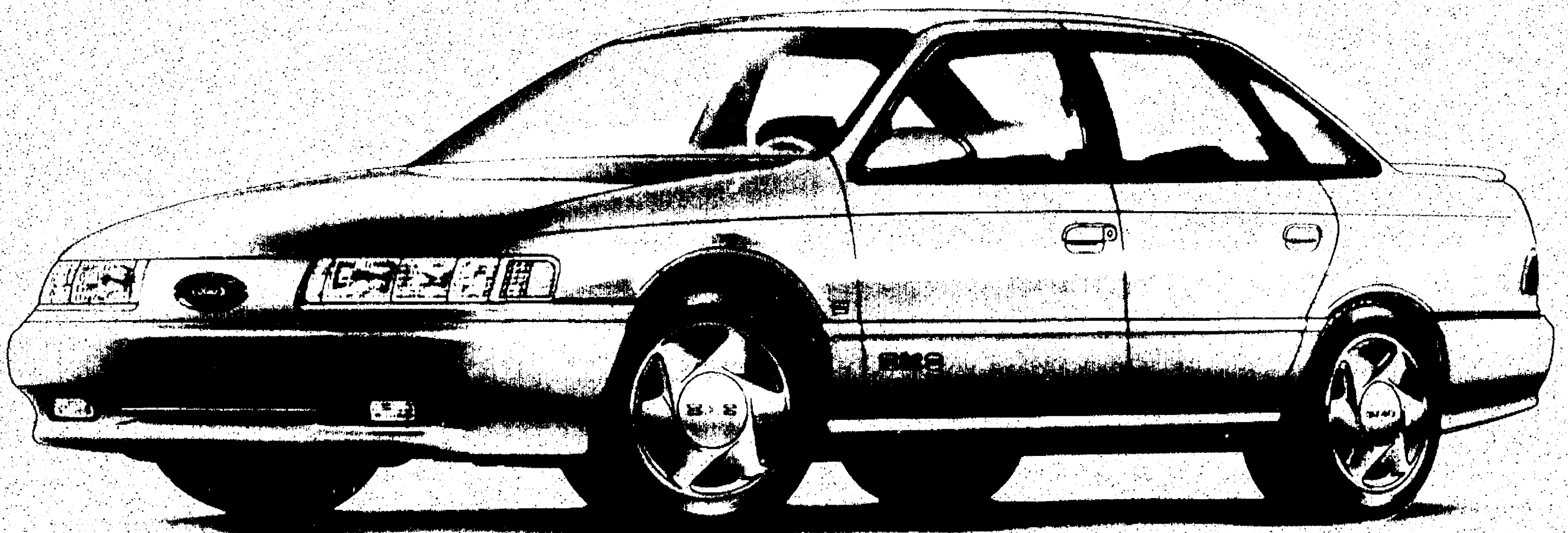
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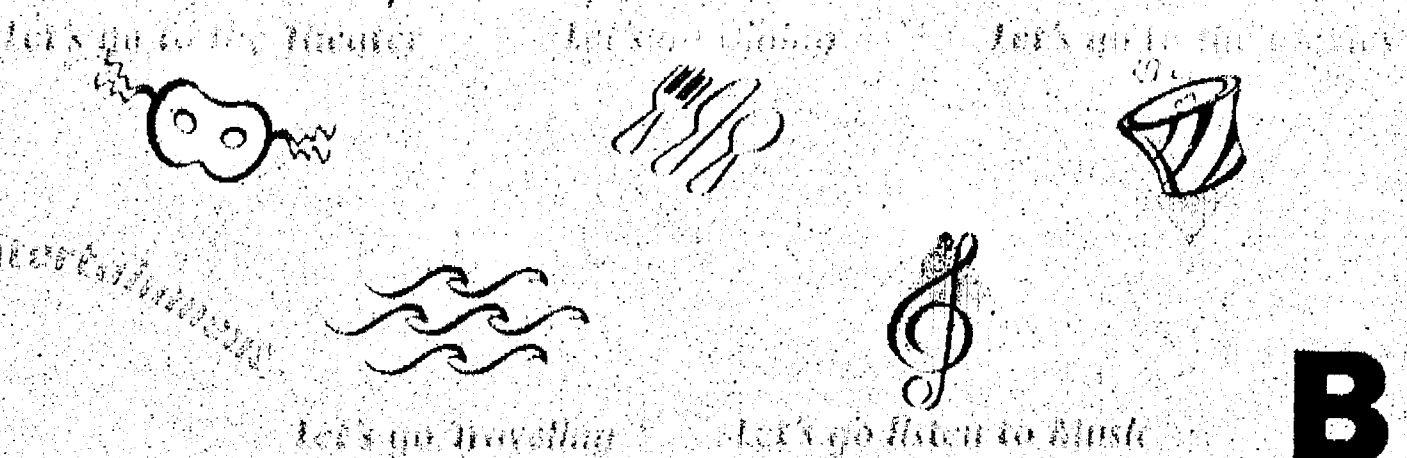
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994

## ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

## Polish holiday feast is a season highlight

**T**he 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 Sinkowski 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

Dining



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

Theater



Find out what's on stage in your community.

Movies



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

Travel



Holiday gifts for the travelers in your life.

Music



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

## Looking ahead

► Holiday happenings

► These gifts made readers "Speechless."



ART EMANUELE/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

# Dazzling Displays

light up the skies



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

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 Up the World," and the display offers a decidedly international

flavor.

Also, this year, for the first time, motorists can stop at Domino's Pizza World Headquarters and enjoy new indoor features, such as a Christmas Shop and Arts and Crafts open 6-10 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. About 35 different juried artists will display their works. On Fridays and Saturdays beginning Dec. 10, there also will be an indoor International Creche Display featuring nativity scenes from around the world.

Visitors to the Christmas Lights will also be treated to an indoors Celebration of Trees display in the Lobby B entrance to Domino's Pizza World Headquarters every night. The exhibit of 40 decorated trees, each with a different theme, includes a woodland tree, cathedral tree, Winter Wonderland tree, and one decorated with cartoon

## 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) 668-1850

**Wayne County Light Fest**  
Hines Drive at Farmington Road in Westland and heads eastbound to Warren Avenue. Open: Daily 7-10 p.m. through Jan. 1. Closed Dec. 23. Admission: \$5 per car. (313) 261-1930

**Wild Lights**  
Detroit Zoo, 10 Mile at Woodward, off I-696, Royal Oak. Open: Daily 5-8 p.m. through Jan. 6, except for Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1. Admission: \$3 adults, \$1.50 for children. Children under two free, parking is free. (810) 303-0200. Tickets available at the door or through Ticketmaster (810) 615-0000

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## Encore goes 'a wassailing' during holidays



**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

BY MARY JANE DOERR  
SPECIAL WRITER

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, is in the Interpretive Programs Department

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# Holiday concerts lift spirits

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season. The Livonia Symphony, Redford Symphony and Farmington Area Philharmonic are among the groups that will be performing this weekend. Look for them in the list that follows.

■ "Around the World at the Holidays" featuring the Livonia Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Churchill High School's James P. Card Auditorium, (Newburgh at Joy Road) Livonia. Concert of seasonal favorites with the Clarenceville High School Choir and guest conductor Volodymyr Schesliuk. Dancers from the Bunny Sanford School of Dance will also perform. Concert concludes with audience participation in Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Tickets \$12; senior (age 62 and older) \$5; students, \$5. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741.

■ Farmington Area Philharmonic presents their holiday pops concert — "The Nutcracker & Other Sweets," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Farmington Hills Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt. Tickets \$15, senior citizens, \$12; children under 12, \$5, available at all Metrobank locations, and by calling (810) 478-2075.

The musical centerpiece of the concert will be Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," intermingled with narrations from the original story by E.T.A. Hoffman. Other narrations will include excerpts

from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," and Clement C. Moore's "A Visit from St. Nick." Also on the program is a Mannheim Steamroller arrangement of "Deck the Hall," and Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride." There will also be a sing-along arranged especially for this concert by music director, Karen Nixon Lane.

The concert, sponsored by Target Stores, will be presented in the Philharmonic's popular "theme" concert format, with decorated concert room and complimentary refreshments.

■ Madonna University Chorale presents their annual concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Felician Motherhouse Chapel. There is no charge. Call (313) 591-5097 for information.

■ Farmington Community Band will present "Holiday Collage," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Harrison High School auditorium on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake Roads in Farmington Hills. The concert band, jazz/dance band, and several small ensembles, will play a collection of holiday classics. Tickets available at the door. Call (810) 476-5014 or (810) 489-3412 for information.

■ Redford Civic Symphony presents its annual Christmas concert with the St. Valentine Choir, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at St. Valentine Church, on Beech Daly, south of Five Mile in Redford.

The program includes Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite," Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," and a sing-along at the end of the program.

■ Nardin Park United Methodist Church presents the Brazeal Denard Choral in concert 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The church is at 29887 W. Eleven Mile, just west of Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$5. Call (810) 476-8860.

■ Motor City Metro Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society presents "Home for the Holidays," a concert of barbershop and holiday classics 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Mercy High School Auditorium, 11 Mile at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 625-6211 or (810) 634-1332 (evenings) for tickets.

■ Christmas celebration, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River. Program features Tony O'Brien with the Detroit Handbell Ensemble, Maria Nazarenko, soprano and Ray Shuster, tenor. Tickets \$8. Call (313) 487-9638.

■ Cool Yule will be presented by Farmington Community Chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

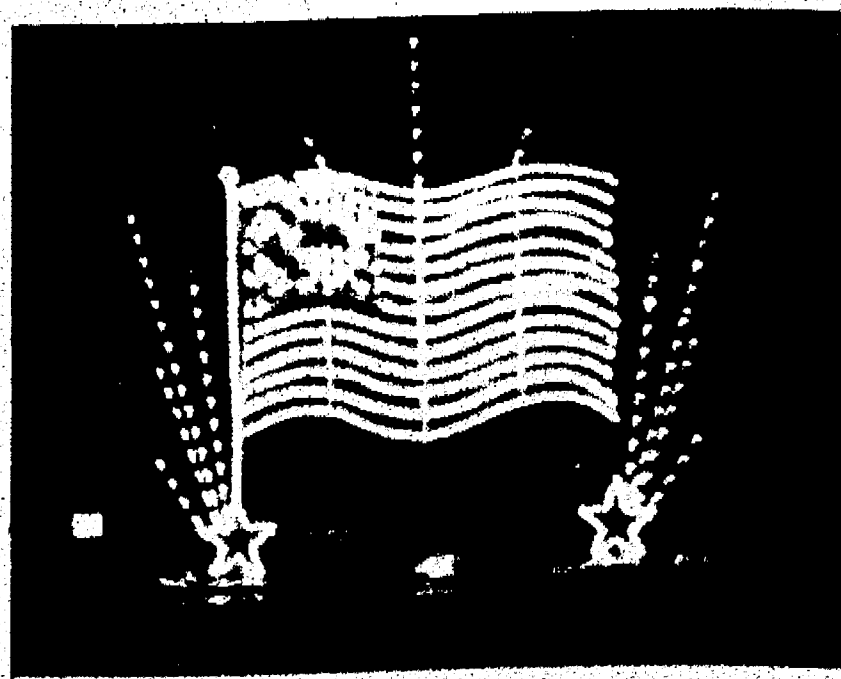
Tickets \$6, senior citizens and students \$5, children 10 and un-

der \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door on an availability basis. Call (810) 474-4516.

■ Julie Rose of Redford is one of the singers performing Handel's "Messiah," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, Dearborn, (one block south of Ford Road, two streets east of Chase). The performance will feature the 35-voice DeHaven Choral and Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$7 each, \$5 for children 12 or younger, available in advance or at the door. Call (313) 581-7495 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Community Choir presents "Echoes of Christmas," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (Six Mile between Merriam and Middlebelt) in Livonia. The concert will feature the ensemble "Solid Brass," traditional holiday favorites and a Christmas Carol sing-along. The Schoolcraft College Chamber Singers will also perform. Tickets are \$4 each. Call (313) 462-4448.

■ Livonia Civic Chorus, featured in our photo above, will present its 30th annual Christmas concert, "A Christmas Wish," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. There is no admission charge.



Stars and stripes: This illuminated American flag "waves" to crowds along Hines Drive in Wayne County's Lightfest.

## Lights from page 1B

characters. When the Christmas Light Display is unplugged on Jan. 8, the trees will be donated to charitable organizations throughout metro Detroit.

The outdoor light display uses 500,000 lights. Two new sets have been added to the scenic drive, "The Annunciation" and "The Presentation," which help to complete the narrative of the Christmas story that the display shows.

There are lighted tunnels, some adorned with tunnels.

Proceeds from entrance fees are donated to charities. Over the past two years, more than \$160,000 has been distributed to over 130 charities and service organizations.

The Domino's Pizza Store is open on weekdays and weekends and offers hot chocolate and coffee, cinnamon bread, pizza and other snacks for sale.

# 'Nutcracker features PSO, local dancers

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will present "The Nutcracker Ballet," at Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium in Plymouth, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 11. Tickets, \$14 adults, \$8 students. Call (313) 451-2112.

The holiday festivities will continue after each matinee performance with the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony League. Children will have the opportunity to meet the dancers after the Saturday and Sunday performances at the tea.

Tim Smola, of Canton, will return for the third time to dance the role of the King. The role of Clara will be performed by 13-year-old Pamela Rose Lawrie, who has been a member of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet since 1992.

Kristine Sills will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy. She has danced with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Company, and is a member of the Metropolitan Ballet Theatre of Detroit.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutcracker," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Call (313) 421-8264 or (313) 464-7310.

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit will present "Nutcracker," Dec. 9-11, 14-18, 20-23, at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$22, \$25 and \$27 all



Holiday ballet: Here are some of the dancers from the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company who will be performing "The Nutcracker," Dec. 9-11 with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

(313) 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6656 for tickets and showtimes.

■ Oakland Festival Ballet Company is staging six performances Dec. 16-18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Guest artists Karen Denise Galay and Raymond Rodriguez, principal dancers with

the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company, will perform as Sugarplum Fairy and Cavalier. Oakland Ballet's Kuan Lin Fan will dance as Nutcracker Prince.

Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. All seats for the morning performance on Friday, Dec. 16 are \$10 each; for Saturday and Sunday performances the prices are \$14 children and senior citizens and \$16 adults. Call (810) 546-7610 or Ticketmaster for tickets.

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at Greenfield Village, and is seen in many of the productions at the Village Players. Silver has been in two films: "Hoffa," and "Let's Shoot All the Lawyers." He's also had leads in MOT productions, and is finishing his masters in business administration at the University of Michigan.

Besides teaching, singing, and raising her two daughters, Diane Calhoun does commercials. Mezzo-soprano Louise Fisher of Northville sells commercial carpets. Tenor Michael Parr, of Livonia, is in the claims department of Allstate Insurance Company and is studying voice with former Metropolitan opera singer George Shirley. Peggy O'Shaughnessey of Troy, the newest member of the group, is the mother of two talented actresses, and a longtime vet-

eran of the MOT chorus.

"These are the kind of people I like to be around," said Charles Sutherland. "It is a challenge just keeping up with them. Yes, rehearsals are difficult but everyone is flexible and we have gotten into doing quartets, trios, and duets."

Whether singing as an octet or in pairs or solo, these singing singles, with their unique blend of music and choreography, have found something that captures the season's spirit.

"For me it is being close to the audience and seeing the looks on the people's faces," said Jeanine Head Miller. "That is a good feeling."

Mary Jane Doerr of Troy is a fulltime teacher and freelance writer who specializes in opera and musical theater.

## Marquee from page 1B

■ "A Christmas Carol" will be performed in full Victorian costume, with music by the Young Family, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 532-3299 or (810) 349-9420.

■ Detroit Musicians League presents its fifth annual adult student recital, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Hammell's Steinway Hall, 16630 Middlebelt, Livonia. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. Eleven pianists will participate.

■ Michigan Opera Theatre will

audition children ages 8 to 14 Tuesday, Dec. 13, for the chorus of its May 1995 production of Puccini's "Tosca." There are 16 positions available; 8 boys and 8 girls. Auditions, by appointment only, are 4-8 p.m. at the MOT offices, 6519 Second, Detroit. Call (313) 874-7850.

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## LET'S GO! DINING

## Celebrate holidays at festive culinary events

Here are some holiday dining adventures you won't want to miss.

■ **Cafe Cortina**, 30175 W. 10 Mile, Farmington Hills, is offering a Christmas Eve dinner — 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Warm, cozy dinner served in various courses with guests selecting a choice of entree. Cost \$48 per person, call (810) 474-3033 for reservations.

■ **The Lark** is hosting an Old English Holiday Feast, 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 12-14 and Dec. 19-21. Holiday feast will be accompanied by live music, including madrigals and carols. The main dish is roast fresh goose with port wine sauce. Cost is \$76 per person and

does not include beverages or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 661-4466 for reservations.

■ **Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall** restaurant in downtown Northville is celebrating the holidays with two special events — lunch with Santa and a kid's Christmas show, and "Christmas Capers," a dinner theater presentation. Call (810) 349-0552 for reservations and information.

After lunch, served 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11; Dec. 17-18, treat your children to a show.

"Santa is Missing!" It's only a

few days until Christmas and no one can find Kris Kringle. It's up to Santa's elves to find him. But when they finally do find him, they are in for a surprise. Santa thinks that the kids don't believe in him anymore because he isn't cool. So he tries to hype up his image with hilarious results. The cost is \$10.99 for adults, \$9.99 for children.

"Christmas Capers," is running through Dec. 31. The cost for dinner and show is \$37.10 per person, (includes tax and tip).

It's Christmas Eve 1959 and WGEN, a down and out television station is once again preparing for a live Christmas Eve special. Unfortunately, when the station

manager announces that after this show the entire staff will be fired, it's just the beginning of their problems. Between the drunk host, a frantic stage manager, and inept crew, they must somehow put together a live television show. Along the way they sing songs, create hilarious situations, make some of the audience members television stars and maybe even learn what Christmas really means.

■ **The Lyric Chamber Ensemble** presents a holiday brunch on the lighter side at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 11 at Detroit's Gem Theatre and featuring Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society. The 65-

member, Ann Arbor-based group will perform sacred and secular songs from around the world and will be directed by Leonard Riccinto of Eastern Michigan University.

Tickets are \$22 and \$20 with brunch, \$2 less for seniors and students, or \$15 for just the concert. Call (810) 357-1111.

■ **Henry Ford Estate**, a national historic landmark on the campus of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, has scheduled a variety of events. Call (313) 593-5590 for reservations.

"Holiday Luncheon Concerts" are scheduled 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9, 13 and 16. Visitors are treated to classical and holi-

day music. Tickets \$17.

"Santa's Workshop" will be offered 5-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17. Children follow lighted path to Santa's workshop, visit Santa, and receive a gift and cup of hot oyster soup. The workshop begins at the Visitor Center. Admission is \$5.

"Candles and Carols Dinner," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Before dinner, guests are encouraged to tour the residence. Music and candlelight accompany the dinner. Admission is \$35.

"Candlelight Tour and Buffet," will be offered 5:30-7:45 p.m. Dec. 26-28. The tour is \$7 and the buffet is \$18.

## EMU presents musical at Cady's Grill

Pam Cardell, a graduate of Westland John Glenn High School, has been cast as City Her in "The Gifts of the Magi," to be presented 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and Sunday, Dec. 18, at Eastern Michigan University Theatre.

EMU is joining with Cady's Grill to present five performances of the holiday musical in a dinner theater format. The O. Henry classic features a seven-course, family style meal at Cady's followed by the musical in EMU's Depot Town Center. During the meal, entertainment

## PREVIEW

will be provided by the award-winning a cappella quartet A.Y.Y.

Cady's Grill is at 34 Cross St. in Ypsilanti's historic district. The Depot Town Center is adjacent to the restaurant. Tickets are \$24 per person available by calling (313) 487-1221.

Cady's menu includes broccoli/cheese soup, tortellini with julienned vegetables, roasted chicken in roasted garlic sauce, smoked beef short ribs with cabernet sauce, ginger infused carrot coins and homemade cheese cake with triple berry sauce.

In the musical adaptation of "The Gifts of the Magi," by Mark St. Germain and Randy Courts, the six performers present the story of Jim and Della who find themselves with bleak prospects for the upcoming Christmas season.

They are out of work and penniless. But those familiar with the O. Henry story know that the couple's dilemma is solved when both part with their most prized possessions — Della, her beautiful hair, and Jim his heirloom watch, in order to buy presents for each other.

In this production, Jim and Della's story is merged with that of the cheerful bum Soapy and scores of city folk who lend



Pam Cardell

personal touches to the celebration of Christmas in New York City.

## Gourmet dinner benefits pastry team

On Monday, Dec. 19, the 1995 United States World Pastry Cup Team will prepare a gourmet holiday dinner to raise funds for their competition in Lyon, France, in January, 1995. The dinner will be at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

For \$75 per person, gourmet connoisseurs will enjoy a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception and dinner starting at 6 p.m. Dinner will feature Oyster Consommé with Saffron and Shrimp Ravioli, Harvest Breads, Foie

Gras Hudson Valley with White Asparagus, Sorbet, Fantasies, Roast Game Hen Luxembourg, Floral Salad with Goat Cheese Soufflé, Chocolate Illumination for dessert, and a variety of complementary wines.

The Fenton Community Choir will perform. Tickets can be reserved by calling Schoolcraft at (313) 462-4417, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted.

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with Johnny Trudell, 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. The event features a seven-course gourmet dinner and dancing. Tickets \$37.50 per person; tables seat eight.

The chefs who will prepare the delectable feast on Dec. 19 are E. David Auers, Chef proprietor; M. Jos Cihelka, Certified Master Chef; Kevin Gawronski, CEC; Jeffrey Gabriel, CMC; Daniel Hugelier, CMC; Ed Janos, CMC; Brian Polcyn, CEC; Leopold Schaefer, CMC; and Jeff Smith, Chef proprietor.

On Jan. 22 and 23, the team will compete in the Coupe du Monde against teams from 18

countries. Three areas of competition will be featured: chocolate centerpiece with a plated dessert, sugar centerpiece with a chocolate torte, and an ice sculpture with a frozen dessert. The theme chosen by the U.S. Team is the 1940's Art Deco Era of Hollywood.

The U.S. Pastry Cup Team is comprised of Joseph Decker, CMPC, Schoolcraft College; Stanton Ho, Team Coach, Las Vegas Hilton; Jacquy Pfeiffer, Sheraton Hotel & Tower, Chicago; Kurt Walrath, Essex House Nikko Hotel, New York; and Donald Wresell, Four Seasons Hotel, Los Angeles.

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■ **DAKOTA INN RATHSKELLER**  
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■ **ALLEN PARK MOTOR LODGE**  
Dinner theater, at 14487 Southfield Road, "Something's Afoot," a musical murder mystery, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 17. Cost \$20.95 includes dinner, show and tax.  
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■ **GANDY DANCER**  
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■ **GALLOP IN ST. CLAIR**  
The restaurants of St. Clair are hosting the second annual Gourmet Gallop 6-10 p.m. Dec. 15. Horse drawn carriages will carry participants for appetizers at the St. Clair Inn, Murphy Inn, DJ Gallagher's, the Voyageur and Rachelle's on the River. Dessert will follow at the William Hopkings Manor. Tickets are \$27.  
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■ **O'MARA'S RESTAURANT**  
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**Musical:** Nathan Keen of Beverly Hills as Jimminy Cricket (left to right), Ryan Binder of West Bloomfield, (Pinocchio) and Gary Lee Temple of Plymouth, (Geppetto) in a scene from "Pinocchio."

## 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 Shiffman 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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#### CHAMBERWORKS

German romantic chamber music, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Behan Art Center, Troy.  
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#### SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Music on Sundays series 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, features Montage String Trio, main level of library, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield.  
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#### CONCERTS IN THE GARDEN

Josh White Jr., 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Atrium of the Prudential Town Center, 2000 Town Center, tickets, which include concert, continental breakfast at 10:30 a.m. are \$7.50, concert and coffee \$4.  
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#### Holiday concerts

##### CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK

"Gloria of Christmas" with full orchestra, Christ Church Choir, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Christmas from the Carillon, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.  
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##### SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY

Holiday concert, "An Afternoon in Vienna," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Southfield Civic Center Pavilion.  
(810) 354-4717.

##### ROCHESTER SYMPHONY

Sounds of Christmas, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, St. Andrew Church, Rochester.  
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##### DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS

"Holiday Brass," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Christ Church Cranbrook.  
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##### OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Community Chorus 32nd Annual Yuletide Concert 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 in Varner Recital Hall.  
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##### JEANNE COTTER

"Many Snow '94," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, St. Thomas More Church, Troy.  
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##### DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR

"Messiah & Carols" with the Michigan Symphonietta, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Detroit.  
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##### OAKLAND CHORAL

Christmas music from around the world, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 in Varner Recital Hall on campus.  
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##### ORATORIO SOCIETY

"Messiah," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, Detroit Chamber Winds will accompany the choir.  
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##### CANTATA ACADEMY

Concert of Gian Carlo Menotti's 1951 opera (in English), "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and other songs of the holiday season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Tickets \$15.  
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##### VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY

Christmas concert 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, Varner Recital Hall, campus of Oakland University. Two groups Academy Singers (ages 13-18) and Neon Rainbow, (ages 8-12), from the academy will perform. Tickets \$8 adults, \$5 senior citizens, and students. Available at the door. The academy ensembles have recorded over 26 albums.  
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##### Auditions

###### HENRY FORD COLLEGE

Auditions for "Heldi," 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 13-14. Adults and children over 12 are welcome.  
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##### GREENFIELD VILLAGE

Theater company auditions for "The Voice of the Turtle," 7-10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12, Anderson Center, Theatre in Henry Ford Museum.  
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##### BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS

"Bye Bye Birdie," Monday, Dec. 19 and Wednesday, Dec. 21 in the auditorium of Lahser High School, 3456 Lahser Road (north of Long Lake Road), Bloomfield Hills. Performers should be prepared to sing and dance.  
(810) 433-0865.

##### PARLOUR THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Auditions for part of Trevor in "Bedroom Farce," by Alan Ayckbourn.  
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##### Theater

###### MEADOW BROOK

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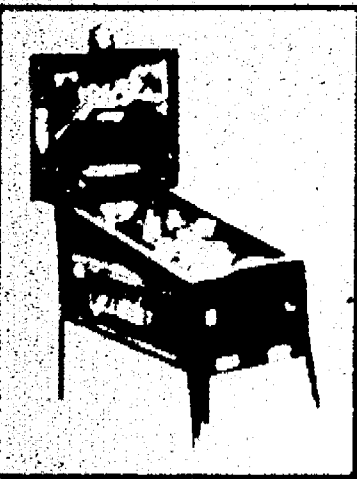
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## Wesley Snipes flies high in 'Drop Zone' action

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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 silted 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.

"Drop Zone," which opens nationwide Friday, is about stunt skydivers who parachute onto government buildings to steal classified computer information. Once finished, they simply parachute off the roof to a waiting truck below.

Snipes plays a U.S. marshal who loses a brother to the thugs. He enlists the help of Jessie (Yancy Butler), who runs her own skydiving school and has a personal axe to grind with the team's evil leader (Gary Buscy).

"In 'Passenger 57,' my character was a vigilante type out to get the bad guy if it's the last thing he did," said Snipes. "This guy, he's kind of plunged into the situation, an everyman who finds himself in extreme circumstances."

Veteran director John Badham prides the movie's realistic depiction of the skydiving subculture. "Whether it's discos in 'Saturday Night Fever' or computers in 'War Games,' I've examined these cultures I knew absolutely nothing about," he said. "I think that whole feeling of discovery translates to many of my movies."

The producers of "Drop Zone" hired some of the country's most talented skydivers, many who travel like gypsies in trailers living for the next jump. The drop zones where they meet and perform stunts are always dangerous and rarely within the law.

Snipes quickly discovered the attraction of skydiving. "That's the great thing about acting — You get to live different lives," he

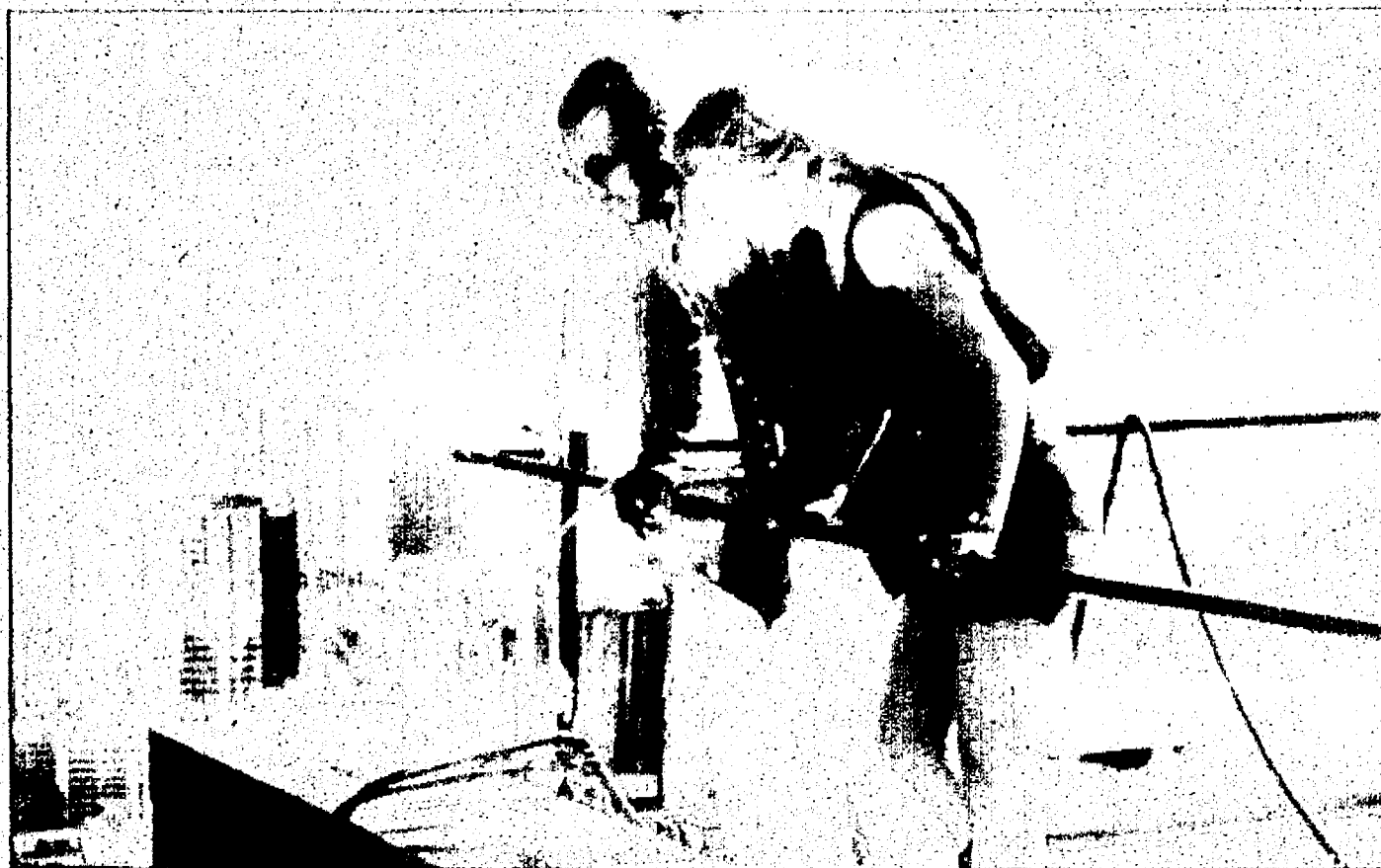
said, "to do something you never would have done on your own; working with the best, so that your level of safety goes up... it's not like Billy Bob's sky diving."

"Drop Zone" is entertaining, Snipes says, though he finds straight dramatic roles "much more gratifying." This isn't surprising for the popular actor, who has chosen his parts carefully, ever since making a splash with "New Jack City" in 1990.

He recently battled Sylvester Stallone in "Demolition Man," then made the low-profile "Sugar Hill." He will soon star as a drag queen in "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar," an offbeat project to say the least.

Snipes hinted that things weren't all that rosy on the set of "Wong Foo" or with its young director. "You have to crawl before you walk," he advised. "Show some respect. Show some compassion. You're working with actors and technicians who have more experience than you."

He fine-tunes his technical knowledge, hoping to direct someday. He may soon play jazz legend Miles Davis, which he doesn't want to turn into "a movie about a drug addict," though he would like to address "why so many of our geniuses have been so self-destructive."



BRUCE W. TALAMON

Thriller: U.S. Marshal Pete Nessim (Wesley Snipes) and Jessie Crossman (Yancy Butler) track down a skydiver for their exhibition skydiving team in "Drop Zone."

What attracts him to movies like "Drop Zone?" "For an action film, it's the hook," he said. "Here it's people jumping out of planes... It's scary to me in real life so I

can make it seem scary on the screen."

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 953-2017,

mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

## Screen Scene

A sampling of what's playing at alternative movie theaters across metro Detroit as reviewed by John Monaghan.

## MAIN ART THEATRE

118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3 twilight).

"The Last Seduction" (USA - 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda Fiorentino stars as a ruthless

femme fatale who double crosses her husband.

"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). Neil Jordan's stunning new film version of the Anne Rice vampire novel features seductive performances from Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and newcomer Kirsten Dunst.

"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA - 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand - 1994). Opens Friday. The tale, based on a true story about two imaginative girls who find themselves mixed up in murder. An acclaimed new movie from Peter Jackson, the director of "Dead Alive."

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4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next Thursday. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight).

"The Professional" (USA - 1994). The new thriller from Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita") finds a hitman taking a young girl

under his protection. Gary Oldman stars.

"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above.

"The Shawshank Redemption" (USA - 1994). Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman play prison inmates whose terms span the decades. An entertaining, if clichéd, adaptation of a Steven King story.

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The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate for a pair of fashion books from a New York

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Get out your photo albums, and start looking for those pictures. The first 25 readers to respond to our contest will receive a pass for two to the opening premiere of "Ready to Wear" at a local movie theater the week of Dec. 19. If you would like your photo returned to you please send along a self-ad-

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Deadline for entries is Monday, Dec. 12.

Send or fax entries to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go! editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Fax entries by calling: (313) 591-7279. For information, call (313) 953-2105.

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## 'Pagemaster' winner likes Willy Wonka story

Keith Shelton, 11, of West Bloomfield is the winner of our "Pagemaster" contest. Shelton wrote about his favorite book "Willy Wonka & the Great Glass Elevator." His prize is an autographed copy of "The Pagemaster" written by David Kirchuer.

Here are excerpts from his win-

ning essay.

My favorite book is "Willy Wonka & the Great Glass Elevator," by Roald Dahl. It is my favorite book because it is a sequel to "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," it is very adventurous and kept me reading.

I liked the story because it was very funny and had some very

wierd villains called Verminious Knids, which are shapeshifters! I liked the characters because they were also very funny. I liked Mr. Wonka because he had all kinds of crazy ideas like landing on the space station, inventing a pill that would make you smaller for example if you were 90 years old such as Grandpa George and

Grandma Georgeina and took 2 or 3 pills you would be a kid again!

"The Pagemaster," now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters, tells the story of a young boy who takes refuge from a storm in an empty library. He is sent on an amazing journey by the Pagemaster, keeper of the books and guardian of the written word.

## Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:

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■ "Disclosure" A high tech story of corporate intrigue and sexual harassment, based on the novel by Michael Crichton. Stars Michael Douglas, Demi Moore and Donald Sutherland.

Opening Friday, Dec. 16

■ "Speechless" Romantic comedy based on the real life relationship of Clinton/Duch cam, paign planners, James Carville and Mary Matalin. Speech writers on opposite sides of a campaign who wage an election battle while romance grows. Stars Geena Davis, Michael Keaton, Christopher Reeve and Bonnie Bedelia.

■ "Dumb & Dumber" Comedy about the misadventures of two incredibly stupid guys on a cross-country trip trying to return a

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Opening Friday, Dec. 21

■ "Richie Rich" Based on the Harvey Comics series, the story of a boy who has everything and takes over the family business when his parents are believed lost in a plane crash. With Macaulay Culkin and John Larroquette.

■ "Mixed Nuts" A Christmas comedy for the '90s about a group of people at a suicide hotline on Christmas Eve, dealing with love, birth, death and fruitcakes. Stars Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn.

Opening Friday, Dec. 23

■ "Nell" A woman raised in a remote cabin in the wilds, becomes a source of wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist who control her fate.



Comedy: Lloyd Christmas (Jim Carrey, left) and Harry Dunn (Jeff Daniels) are dressed to kill at the swanky Snow Owl Ball in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Dumb and Dumber." Benefit premiere at the Fox Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. Tickets, \$15, call (810) 645-6666.

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## Play has peaceful message

"The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light," a multi-media, multi-cultural holiday extravaganza will be presented 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 in the Southfield High School auditorium, 24675 Lahser Road, between Nine and Ten Mile in Southfield.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Cans of food will be collected for the hungry. Call (810) 569-3888.

The story concerns a lotus flower that yearns to blossom in the light, and the Great Sage who finds the lotus and thereby helps the world find its peace.

"This show is a hymn of hope in an age of great cynicism," said playwright Rishikavi Raghudas. "We show how the human heart has the power to change difficult conditions, and how the labels which define us -- need not divide us."



**Spiritual fable:** *The lovely lotus flower (Vidya Shaker, left) offers itself to the Great Sage (Dr. Robert Huchingson) for the sake of world peace, in Rishikavi Raghudas' poetry/music/dance drama "The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light." Raghudas (right) reads from his epic poem.*

A spectacular sequence near the show's climax features dancers representing the sacred traditions of ancient Europe, ancient

Egypt, modern Africa, Native Americans, Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and several others.

## Transfiguration hosts Cookie Walk

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Road) in Livonia. Call (313) 476-3432 for information.

Pick the variety of cookies of your choice, and pay by the pound. The event will end when all cookies are sold.

## Twisted Christmas tale lots of fun

A comic, musical twist on a classic old tale will happen Dec. 14-17 when Off Broadway Productions presents the madcap, who-donit, "A Fractured Christmas Carol."

The show runs Wednesday, Dec. 14 through Saturday, Dec. 17 at Gina's Restaurant, 1985 Cass Lake Road, Waterford. The cost is \$20 per person. Dinner begins 7

p.m., curtain is 8 p.m. Call (810) 682-6540.

An original spoof written, produced and directed by husband and wife team Beth and David Nelson of Waterford, the show lets playgoers have a "Dickens of a time." The cast includes Julie Yolles of Birmingham.

In the show, Scrooge is mur-

dered and the audience must help the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future discover who killed him.

Was it Bob Cratchit, his clerk? Tiny Tim, who wants money for an operation so that he can walk? Lucy Cratchit who, like everyone else, hated Scrooge, or Fred Scrooge, the old geezer's nephew?

## HFCC dancers present show for kids

Henry Ford Community College's Full Circle Dance Company will bring to life the classic story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on campus (5101 Evergreen Road). Tickets are \$2, call

(313) 845-9603.

James Komar will narrate this charming tale. Santa Claus will make a special appearance and give gifts to the children attending.

Dancer company members include: Danielle Hasset of

Livonia and Carol Fedak of Canton.

Led by Diane Mancinelli, HFCC dance instructor, the concert is composed of eight different dances, including "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Jazzy Santa," and "The Stocking Dance."

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## MUSIC NOTES



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## Loving sets up site on Internet

**T**he 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 label- 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/mlg/>. The band can be reached at [MLGinfo@emerald.net](mailto:MLGinfo@emerald.net).

**A**lvin'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 Breech will perform that night. For more information, call Alvin's at (313) 832-2355. The bar is at 5756 Cass Ave. on Wayne State University's campus.

**C**apitol 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 Dance," 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).

**G**uns 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 Font-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 is 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 Suno, Blot, Hot Pootin' Puddin' Pie, among others.

Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will headline a concert on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

Deadline is Dec. 16. Call in your nominations to the 24-hour hotline (313) 963-2021 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.

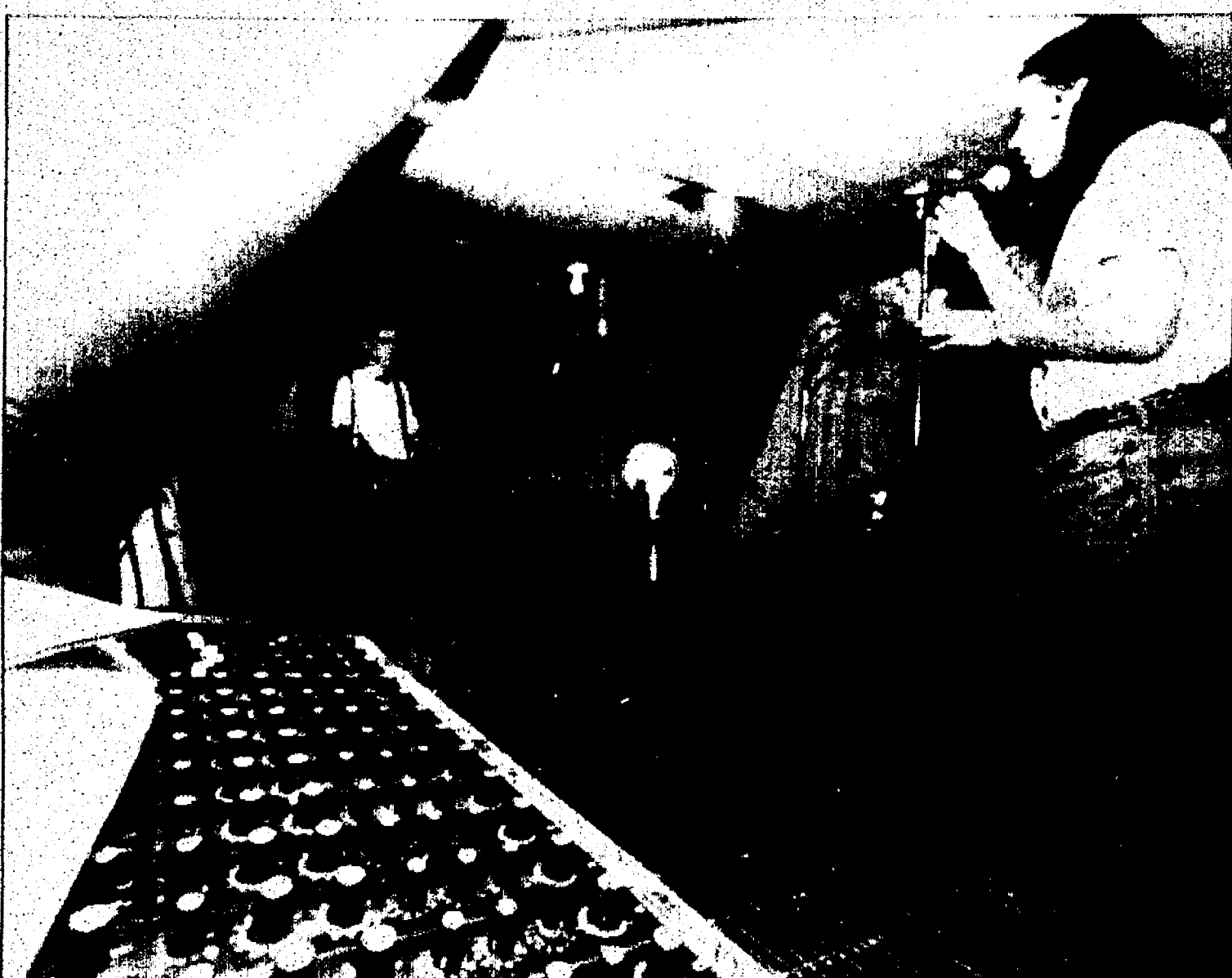
"We've never been the kind of people who actively seek out such fanfare and to break that tradition would go against many of the ideals we so strongly believe in."

"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 Gherin moved to New Mexico to pursue a doctoral degree. Chris Johnston, lead singer and guitarist, and bass player Scott Owens mulled 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 musician 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 Marzorati. 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's 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 Gundharvas on Friday, Dec. 16, at The Ritz, 17580 Frazho, Roseville. Tickets are \$10. Call (810) 645-6666 or (810) 778-6101 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 Mikey (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. Janson, 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 "sourcing 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 Griff'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 begin 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) 993-1245 for more information. They will also perform at Lili's, 2830 Jacob, Hamtramck, Friday, Dec. 9, with Capt. Brody. For more information, call (313) 878-6558.

At Lili's:  
Tearjerks —  
Landon  
Summay  
(from left),  
Mike Nolan,  
Matt Aljian,  
Mikey  
Brown and  
Jim Sabourin — per-  
form at Lili's  
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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 Smoky 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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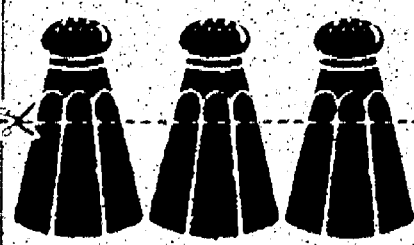
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# LET'S GO! TRAVEL

## Gift ideas for people on the go

By BARBARA MICHAELS  
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 even 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 plan-

ning 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 winter-time 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.

Wish you were here



At the ruins: Lee and Noel Bittering of Canton visited the Mayan Indian ruins of Chichen Itza in October. When not traveling, the couple are real estate agents in Canton.

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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 & Schoolcraft Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

## Take us on vacation

Thank you for sharing your vacation photos with us. We're trying to get in as many as we can. If your photo hasn't appeared in Let's Go yet, don't fret, it will!

It's fun to share news about your family vacation with friends and neighbors by sending photos to the Observer.

To be considered, take your Observer newspaper on vacation and snap a photograph of your family holding the newspaper in a scenic spot. Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope if you would like the photos returned to you.

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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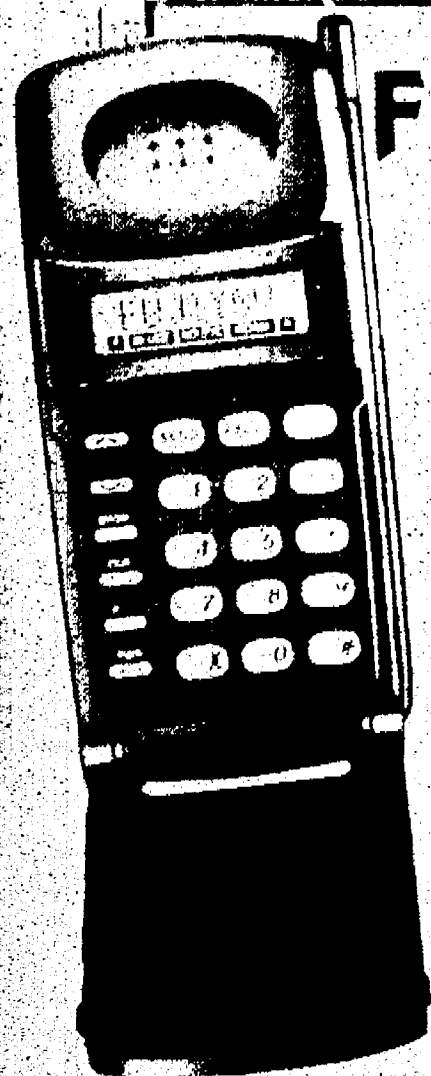
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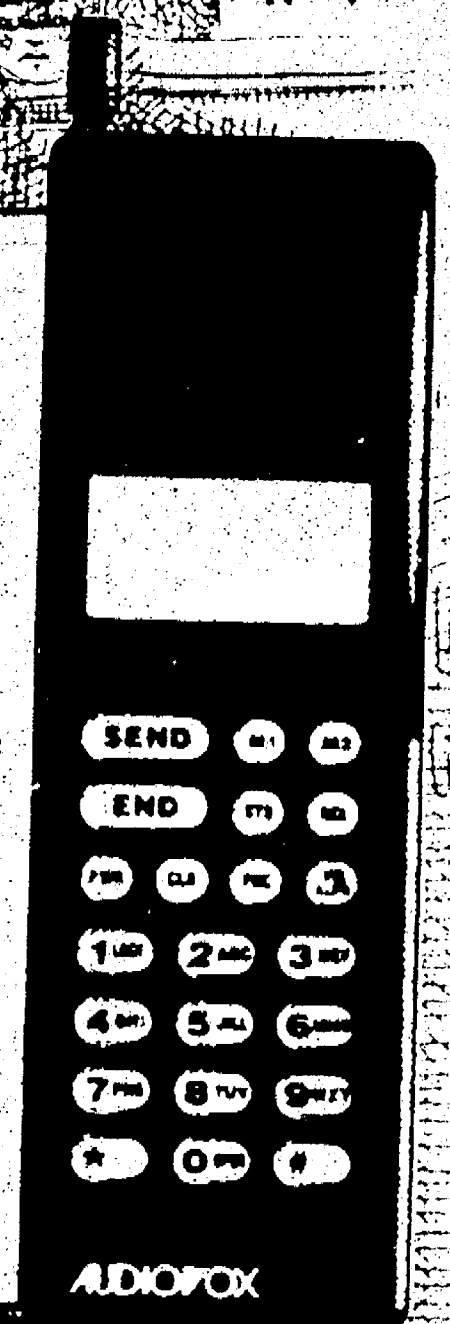
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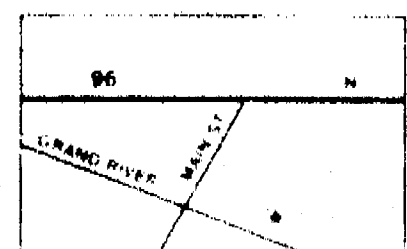


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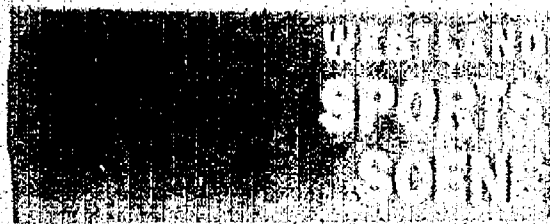
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# SPORTS

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1994



## Youth hockey champs

**T**he Livonia Penguins, a squirt hockey team coached by Gary Sockolosky, recently captured their division at the Thanksgiving Tournament at the new City Sports Center in Detroit.

The Penguins, sponsored by Jack Demmer Ford, felled Southfield Omaha, 7-3 in the championship. They posted a 4-0 record.

Members of the Penguins include Matthew Kennedy, Mark Walczyk, Josh Young, Jonathon Sockolosky, Ryan Peterson, Richie Culbertson, Josh Latzman, James Wood, Joe Canike, Mark Demmer, Scott Wolfe, Reed DeMarco, Casey McCreedy, Pat Tullio, Alex Laassers and Travis Gorski. George Kennedy and Cary McCreedy serve as assistant coaches. The team manager is Diane Wood.

■ Sean Marshall (Livonia Churchill High), a penalty killer, center and defenseman, is a member of the Lakeland Hawks Midget A hockey team (ages 15-16) that captured the Silver Stick Michigan regional title, Dec. 1-4, in St. Clair Shores. The assistant captain and his teammates move on to the International Silver Stick Tourney, Jan. 19-22, in Sarnia, Ontario.

## College sports makers

**U**niversity of Detroit Mercy senior Jeff Robertson (Redford-St. Agatha) led a strong sprint performance at the University of Western Ontario's 20th annual Season Opener indoor meet.

Robertson won the 600 meters with a personal best of 1:21.8 and ran the anchor legs on the victorious 800- and 1,600-meter relays.

"Jeff has had a great fall of training and is going to have a great senior season," UDM coach Guy Murray said. "This is definitely our best track and field team ever, and our sprinters are the cream of the crop."

Sophomore Eric McKeon (Redford Catholic Central) was a member of both the 800 and 1,600 relay teams that posted times of 1:31.4 and 3:24.9, respectively.

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## Cage openers



**Tight quarters:** Redford Catholic Central's Justin Hoener (with ball) tries to slide inside Ypsilanti's Keith Curtis. Hoener tallied 23 points in CC's season-opening 70-66 win. See story below.

# Guess heroics saves Wayne



The boys basketball season opened Tuesday with two of Observerland's top teams colliding. Wayne Memorial edged Plymouth Canton on a last-second tip-in by Lorenzo Guess, 54-52.

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Canton coach Dan Young had his first win with 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 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 final 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 out-

standing 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) and Docks (eight) combined for 17 of the Chiefs' total.

Hunter scored on three straight possessions early in the second quarter to extend Canton's lead to 27-18. The Zebras weren't helping matters as they committed 11 turnovers in the quarter.

"We didn't do too much different in the second half," Henry admitted. "We switched a couple of players around on defense to cover Docks and Hunter. Those two combined for 23 points in the first half."

"Those (Docks and Hunter) are outstanding athletes and I was impressed with them. I'm happy we won't have to play them Friday."

The Chiefs allowed Wayne to stay in the game as they failed to make a shot in a six-minute span that carried into the third quarter. In the period, the Zebras narrowed a nine-point deficit to three.

Sophomore forward Rob Johnson (10 points) scored six points in 1:25 to keep the Chiefs in front. A Hunter triple extended the Canton lead back to nine.

Wayne remained close and a three-point play by Richard Johnson with-

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# Clarenceville earns overtime win, 51-50

Livonia Clarenceville went that extra mile to secure a season-opening 51-50 boys basketball victory Tuesday over non-league opponent Southfield Christian.

Steve Parks scored four of his team's six points and Scott

## BASKETBALL

Barnhart took a key charge in overtime to give Clarenceville the win.

Junior forward Jim Vallimont led the Trojans with 14 points and five rebounds. Mark Berry, a 6-foot-7 senior center, added 12 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks.

Barnhart finished with eight points, while junior guard Joe Hernandez gave the Trojans a spark off the bench, both defensively and offensively (seven points).

"We played together and everybody contributed," said Clarenceville coach Rick Larson, whose team outscored Southfield Christian 6-5 in OT after a 45-all deadlock through four quarters.

Garrett Evans and Micah Duffy scored 13 and 12, respectively, for the Eagles, who rallied with a 14-9 run in the final quarter.

■ **DEARBORN 66, CHURCHILL 56:** On Tuesday the host Pioneers broke away from a 34-all halftime tie to gain the non-league victory over Livonia Churchill in the season opener for both teams.

Jason Wilmoth and Kevin Kruger tallied 17 and 16, respectively, to pace Dearborn.

Junior guard Matt Hughes, a transfer from Detroit Trinity, led Churchill with 17 points.

Allen Polanski chipped in with nine, while Tim Wrublewski and Chris Majors added eight apiece. Senior forward Rudy Hatfield grabbed 14 rebounds.

"We had a good start and played well through three quarters, but we had a couple of key turnovers in the second half," said Churchill coach Tom Lang, whose team trailed 53-46 through 24 minutes.

The Pioneers made only three of 12 free throws, while Churchill split one of two.

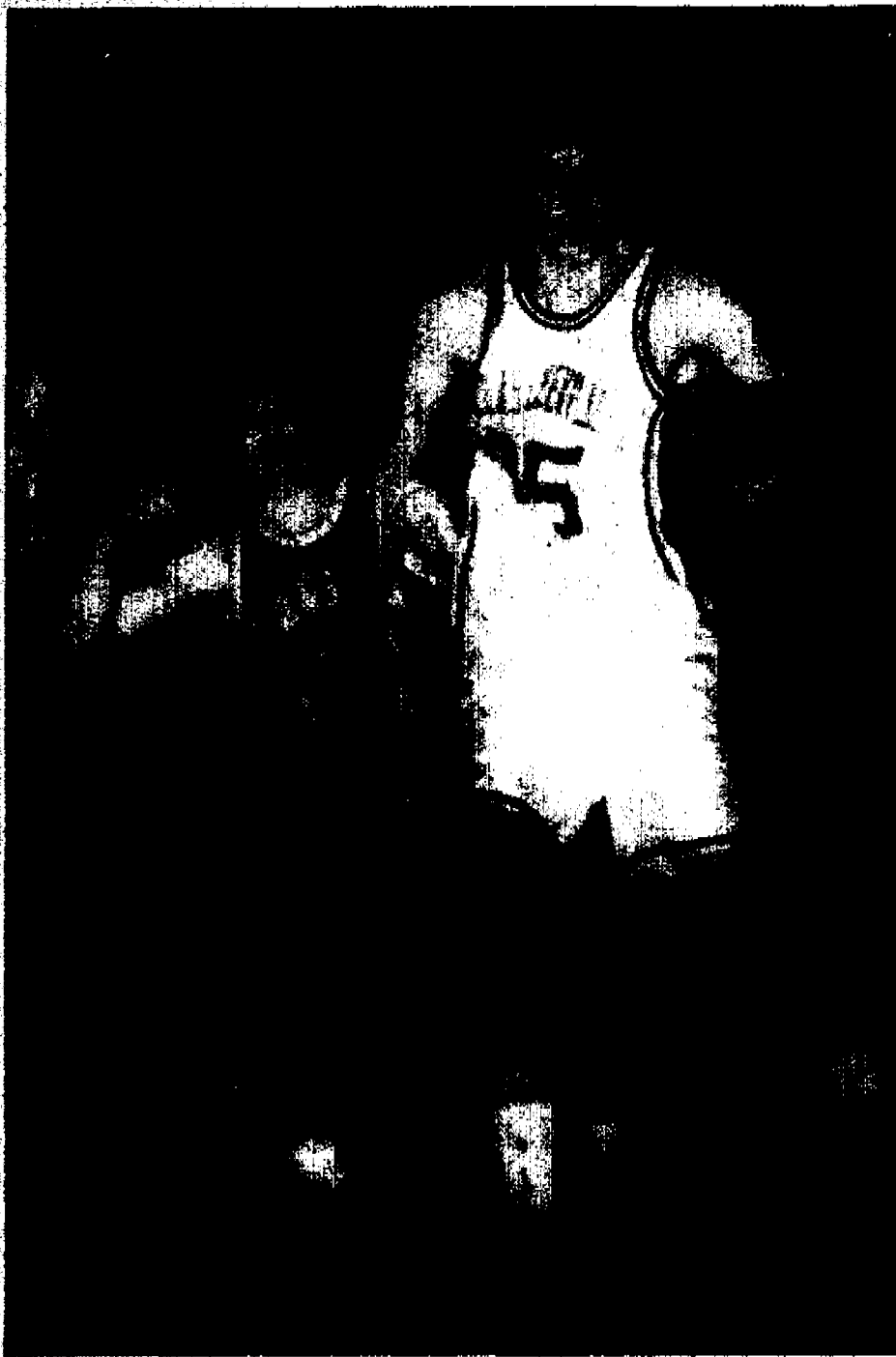
■ **REDFORD CC 70, YPSILANTI 66:** Coach Rick Corvelli was successful in his varsity debut Tuesday as Redford Catholic Central was victorious in its 1994-95 season opener against the host Braves.

CC rallied from a 23-11 first-quarter deficit by outscoring Ypsi 24-4 in the second period.

Junior guard Justin Hoener paced the winners with 23 points, while senior forward Mike Ridley added 19.

Eugene Brooks of Ypsilanti paced all nonwinners with 20 points, including seven 3-pointers.

CC made 18 of 26 free throws (69 percent) compared with Ypsi's nine of 11 (81.8 percent).



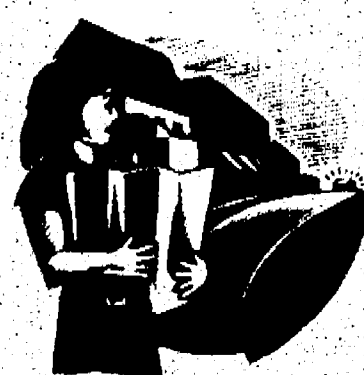
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**High dribbler:** Clarenceville's 6-foot-7 center Mark Berry tries to control the ball.

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## Dimes' 25 goes in vain

This isn't what Madonna University's men's basketball team went west for.

The Fighting Crusaders road trip to Missouri started poorly, with tight losses at Hannibal-La-Grange College (Hannibal, Mo.) Saturday and at Lindenwood College (St. Charles, Mo.) Monday.

Monday's 76-68 loss at Lindenwood resulted from a second-half Lindenwood comeback. Madonna led 38-34 at the half, but improved shooting in the second half by the host team (16-of-26, 58 percent) caused the turnaround. The Crusaders were 17-of-34 in the opening half (50 percent), but dipped to 11-of-34 (32 percent) in the second.

Jualonni Dimes turned in a superb performance, scoring 25 points on 12-of-17 shooting. He also had six rebounds and four steals. Brandon Stone (from Plymouth Salem) added 15 points and Jeff Kennedy finished with 12 points and a team-high seven boards. Brandon Lemley added nine points and three steals.

Lindenwood was paced by Scott Kotovsky's 21 points. Greg Petty had 14 and Eric Samuelson scored 10.

In the loss to Hannibal-La-Grange Saturday, the game was tied at 49-all at the half and remained close throughout. Madonna connected on 40-of-84 floor shots (48 percent); Hannibal-La-Grange (now 8-2) made 32-of-66 (48 percent). Free throws made the difference — Madonna was 6-of-11 (54 percent) to Hannibal-La-Grange's 23-of-31 (76 percent).

The edge in free throws offset Madonna's 41-29 rebounding advantage. Again, Dimes provided the offensive spark for the Crusaders, converting 14-of-25 from the field for 29 points. He also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Stone chipped in with 18 points and Eric Furlotte had 10. Chris-

## BASKETBALL

Madonna women

The Lady Crusaders opened the Hillsdale College Tournament Friday with a 67-56 triumph over Tiffin University, but on Saturday they lost to Hope College 70-55.

Madonna committed 25 turnovers and shot just 33 percent (20-of-60) in the loss to Hope. Vikki Koenig again anchored the Crusader attack, scoring 20 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Stephanie Creley contributed 13 points and nine boards, and Denise Williams finished with nine points and seven rebounds. Francine Williams totaled six points and seven assists.

For Hope, Kristin Carlson scored 25 points, and Nicki Mannes and Lisa Timmer netted 13 apiece. Shelly Kuyers finished with seven points, seven steals and six assists. In their win over Tiffin, shooting again was the difference. Madonna made 27-of-58 from the field (46.6 percent); Tiffin was 22-of-66 (33 percent).

Koenig's 16 points, 10 rebounds, five steals and four assists paced the Crusaders. Megan Marlett led the scorers with 18 points; Williams had 11. Tiffin got 23 points from Ashley Allen, 16 from Angie Shardo and 10 from Liss Willson.

The split left Madonna at 3-6.

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seven seconds remaining in the third quarter closed the deficit to 44-42 entering the fourth quarter.

Johnson finished with 14 points.

It appeared as if the Chiefs would regain control of the game as Hunter nailed a 12-footer, then stole the inbounds pass and dunked to make it 48-42.

After Hunter's thunderous slam, the Chiefs settled for two free throws apiece from Hunter and Johnson for their final points. Wayne fought back until a Guess layup with 49 seconds left tied the game at 49.

Canton was going for the final shot when Rashad stole a pass. Rashad's driving layup was hard off the board, but Guess was alone for the winning tip.

"We tried to keep in front of Guess and box him out all game," Young said. "He's strong, a great athlete and just a tremendous player."

"The Zebras' celebration to the Guess tip-in was in mid-season form, even though their play most of the night wasn't."

Wayne converted 40 percent of its shots (18 of 45) and were 17 for 23 at the charity stripe. Canton made 49 percent of its shots from the floor (20 of 41), but failed to score from the field in two critical spans.

"I'd rather win ugly than lose pretty — it feels much better," Henry said.

## Area elk hunters asked to report news

### OUTDOOR INSIGHTS



BILL PARKER

Hunters never seem to get their fill of stories from the field. Take a recent experience I had with a meter reader, for example. A guy from Consumers Power came to check my gas meter last week. Since the meter is located in the basement of my house, the meter reader had to walk right past my bragging board (a cork board filled with hunting and fishing pictures). Once he saw that I, too, was a hunter the conversation quickly turned to the current deer season and took off from there. Some 20 minutes later my wife Donna came downstairs to see what was holding us up. She quickly discovered why we were still there, shook her 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 best. 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 Tuesday.

Did all you O&E elk hunters come home empty handed? I

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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 gun season. It was kind of a mixed blessing. We were 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 granted 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 21½-inch spread. It was 'by far' the biggest buck the 32-year-old Casey has ever killed."

Kerry Kukhahn 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 Cherokeeville 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 Kukhahn. "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 white 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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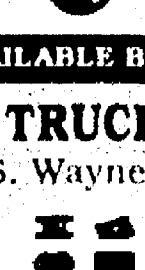
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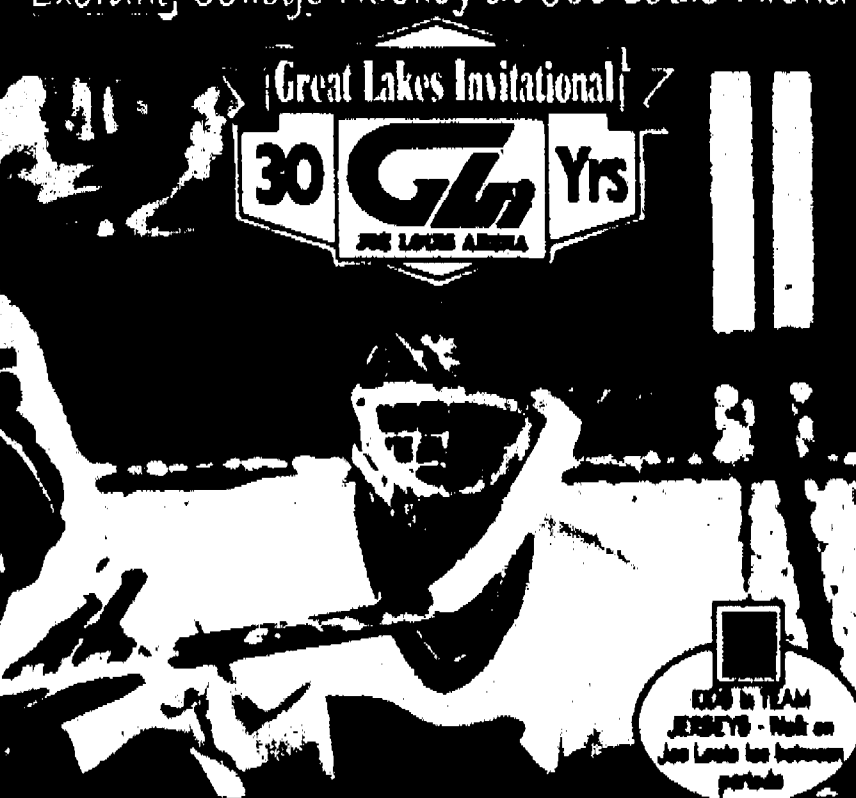
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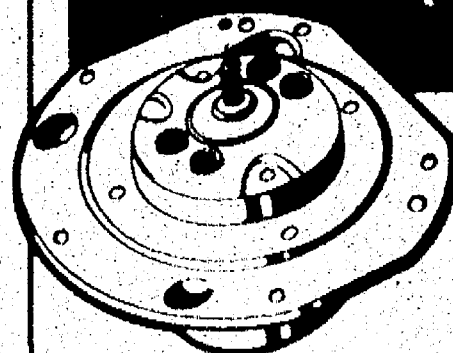
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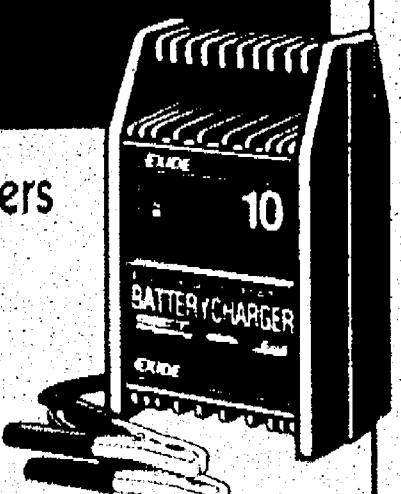
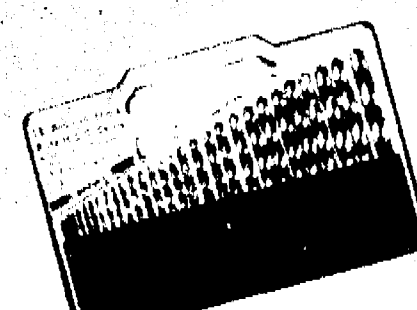
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# Clear-cut pick

## Stevenson talented, experienced

BY BRAD EMOSS  
Staff Writer

On paper, this looks like it could be the year for the Livonia Stevenson High wrestling team.

Everybody's back, and then some, for the Spartans, who captured five meets in 1993-94, including the Observerland and Western Lakes Activities Association, not to mention an 11-1 dual meet record that ended with a Class A team regional semifinal loss to Brighton.

"We have some very experienced seniors who won a lot of honors last year, but they haven't won anything this year," cautions Stevenson mat coach Don Berg, whose team opens its season Saturday at the Wayne County Invitational at Trenton. "We have four guys with state (meet) experience, but you've got to win at least seven matches (out of 13) to win, so who knows?"

"Nobody is going to give them to us. We're going to have to earn it."

Most coaches would like to have Berg's problems. His biggest concern is filling the 100-pound and heavyweight positions.

But the Spartans are solid in the other 11 spots, led by defending 159-pound state champion Craig Martin, a senior who recently signed with Central Michigan University.

Martin was the only undefeated wrestler in Observerland last year, going 41-0, culminating in a Class A individual title. Martin is 90-19 over his three-year career.

This season, Martin will move up into the newly created 215-pound class.

"He's comfortable at that weight," Berg said. "He was around 210 last year."

Berg said that football player Jim Townsend, who is 6-2, 235, may move into the heavyweight slot, but the senior lacks experience.

Three other first-team All-Area picks, all seniors, also return for Stevenson.

■ Chris Jaztremski moves up from 135 to 160. He was 32-10, a year ago, winning the WLAA, Observerland and district meets.

■ Chris Mullett, 31-9 last season, is up to 151 from 145. He was second in the WLAA, Observerland and district tournaments as a junior.

■ Scott Goldman, an eighth place finisher at 140 last year in Class A, is now at 142. He was 24-11 and Observerland champ.

Yet another standout returnee is senior Ben Lewis, a state qualifier at 171 last season. He finished 37-5 and is slated to be at 185 or 172, according to Berg.

Other leading returnees include junior Jon Sata (434), who was

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27-14, sophomore Matt Allison (106 or 112), 15-11 record; sophomore Nick Petryk (142 or 151); senior Matt Fisher (185 to heavyweight); and junior Dan Christenson (119 or 126), regional qualifier and 29-11.

Other promising newcomers include freshman John Seder (100 or 106), sophomore Derek Wieland (171 or 185) and freshman John Brach (106).

Seder, however, is out six to eight weeks with a broken wrist. Wieland, meanwhile, has been hobbled with a twisted ankle.

But don't feel sorry for Stevenson.

The Spartans appear to be loaded — at least on paper.

### Westland John Glenn

Coach Dave Hill is retiring after this season, most likely leaving the duties to assistant Keith Zimmerman.

Glenn graduated a pair of second-team All-Observer picks in Anthony Underwood (119) and Mike Henry (135). Heavyweight Shawn Arbogast is also gone.

But one of the area's top wrestlers returns in senior Brian Kolb (160), who finished sixth in Class A with a season record to 41-12. He was WLAA champion, second at Observerland and fourth in the regional.

Other Glenn senior returnees include Jason Carpenter (142 or 151), Rob Pace (134 or 142), Mike Lewis (142 or 151), Zahn Bozanic (185), Ryan Cretans (160) and Brian Harpster (160 or 172).

Junior veterans include Andrew Cassidy (160) and Kevin Costantino (134).

Sophomore Tim Reeves (160), whose brother Mike was a state champion two years ago before moving on to Michigan State, leads the sophomore contingent that also features Darren Johnson (134), Richard Donahue (152) and Andy Bass (100).

Donahue, who wrestled 40 varsity matches last season, has been hampered by a broken hand.

Another sophomore, Marc Dugas, is a solid 250 pounds and wears a size 16 shoe. He is inexperienced, but looks promising as a heavyweight, according to the Glenn coach.

"If we can get some of our guys spread out at the top of the new weights, we should be OK," Hill said.

### Livonia Franklin

The Patriots lost third-team All-Area pick Jesse Shakarian (171) to graduation. Coach Tim Templeton also received another setback when brother Alan Shakarian (119), who won 19

matches as a freshman, decided not to come out for the team.

That leaves a trio of third-team All-Area picks to lead the way.

Senior Adam Hill, who won 27 matches last season, will suit up at either 134 or 142.

Seniors Tony Dettore (134 or 142) and Ryan Bayer (160) also return with over 40 victories between them.

Templeton is also counting on senior Troy Bracey (119), junior Andy Hill (185), sophomore Ryan Doig (112), junior William Sari (215 or heavyweight) and sophomore Shaun O'Connor (172).

"(Andy) Hill looks very strong," Templeton said. "And Doig took his jumps last year on the varsity, but he has experience under his belt."

"Sari has gone from 195 to about 220 or 225. He went to a summer camp and that should help him quite a deal."

The Patriots, however, must lean on 12 freshman.

"We have enough returning veterans to compete on our side (Western Division of the WLAA)," Templeton said. "On our side, everybody will be gunning for Northville. But of course, Stevenson (Lakes Division) is the favorite."

### Livonia Churchill

Third-year coach Brent Withington lost Jim Stojanowski and David Ziober to graduation, but return first-team All-Area pick Josh Banks (126).

Banks, a senior captain, finished 26-7 last year and qualified for the state Class A meet. He finished first at Observerland and third in both the district and regional. Banks is 56-24 in three years.

"He (Banks) has been working really hard and I expect he'll do well," Withington said.

Another standout is junior Eugene Barbu (185). He's coming off a 19-13 record which earned him third-team All-Area honors.

Other returnees for the Chargers include junior Chris Seder (151), sophomore Ted Begley (134), sophomore Bob Fowler (heavyweight) and sophomore Joe Ramlawi (172).

Withington also likes sophomore Nate Muthow (126) as a promising newcomer.

"We're very young, but this team has been working hard and putting in a lot of time," Withington said. "I expect progression and growth during the upcoming season."

### Wayne Memorial

Jim Zoltowski, who replaces Ken Szmanzky as varsity coach, is no stranger to the Zebras' program.

He served under Don Haney as



JIM JAGIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mat returnee: Livonia Franklin's Adam Hill (top) won 27 matches last year as a junior in the 130-pound class. He was third-team All-Area.

an assistant from 1970-80. He also coached from 1984-88. Zoltowski hopes to bring back some of the glory from the Haney days, which produced a Class A state team championship in 1975.

Zoltowski, who wrestled under Haney, is optimistic about the 1994-95 season.

"We've got some pretty tough kids and I think we can be very competitive in our division (Mega-White)," he said. "We should be battling right there with Wyandotte."

Zoltowski has given a lot of responsibility to assistant coaches Dave Davis and T.J. Harris, both former Wayne High wrestlers.

"I can't say enough about these two guys, it becomes easy when you have guys like that," Zoltowski said. "They ran our conditioning program. They're bringing back the program which has been down for so long."

The Bar twins Matt (134) and Bryan (119 or 126), give Wayne experience along with fellow seniors Jack Brown (112) and Craig Britt (160).

Promising newcomers include sophomore Eric Watson (119 or 126), sophomore Jim Siwula (142), freshman Greg Thomas (142), sophomore Sean McInerney (151), freshman Robert Hall (172), freshman Gary Lindsey (100) and sophomore Pat Grzecki (215).

### Lutheran Westland

Coach Dennis Tuomi lost state qualifier Steve Faith off last year's district championship team.

Returning is senior heavyweight Bryan Sellers, who went 22-19 and qualified for the state Class C-D individual meet.

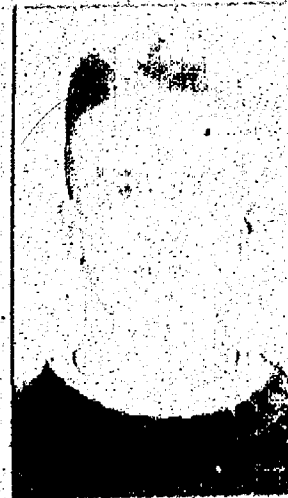
Another top returnee is senior Jason Brasgalla (160), who finished 19-17 a year ago.

Other returnees include senior Jason Burk (142), 20-20 last season; junior Mike Faith (134), 20-21 record; junior Joe Kemp (185), a regional qualifier who finished 13-18; junior Mark Mashburn (151), 8-11 record; junior Jamie McDevitt (172); sophomore Dan Burk (106) and junior Glen Klein (142).

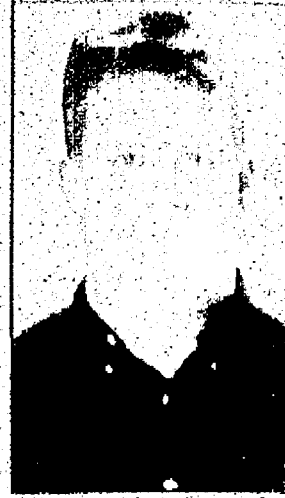
Mashburn, 8-11, was hurt most



Craig Martin Stevenson



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of last year. Dan Burk, meanwhile, was Lutheran Westland's only individual winner at last year's team regional tournament.

"I'm enthusiastic about their progress," said Tuomi, whose Warriors finished third last year in the Metro Conference. "This is a hard working team. I'm pleased with their attitude. It's a blue collar team and I enjoy working with them."

### Livonia Clarenceville

Senior Steve Spisz (160) returns as a Class C-D state qualifier after going 20-11 last season. He finished third in the Metro meet.

Other top returnees for Clarenceville second-year coach Grant Gordon include senior Dan Gasser (151), who took second in the Metro, and junior John Rose

(172), who was fourth in the conference.

"Our numbers are down, we also had a couple of kids transfer," Gordon said. "Right now we can't fill the 185, 215 or heavyweight spots."

Clarenceville's supporting cast will be made up of freshman Eric Tondreau (106), sophomore Chris Lakner (119), junior John Schulz (126), sophomore Pat Smith (151), senior Kevin Aykroyd, sophomore Eric Ledda (134), senior Matt Miotke (160), sophomore Austin Roddy (134), sophomore John Raffin (151) and one of the few female grapplers in the state, senior Stacy Bishop-Rick (119).

Previews of the Redford Union, Thurston, Catholic Central and Garden City teams will appear in Monday's Observer.

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**ALL-AREA OFFENSE**

1971-1972

**Nick Bellovary (OL, Garden City):** Bellovary was a versatile, two-way player for the Cougars. He was a two-time most

He does his job every day and is a

**Stan Stevenson (RB), Wayne:** The All-Mega Red Division back rushed for 999 yards and 14 touchdowns. He began the year with a season high of 250 yards against Adrian in the opener. He also caught one TD pass. Saginaw Valley and Grand Valley have shown interest in having Stevenson on their rosters.

Kelly Zavagnin, and he was equal to them. His punting was better and, as an overall kicker, Ron probably has them beat."

The top defensive linemen for a Salem program always noted for its defense. He registered 39 solo tackles and eight assists. He also had two sacks and caused several fumbles.



**Daya Hensel (DB), Harrison:** A three-

**Don Kanan** (LH), Canton: Kanan led the Chiefs to back-to-back two straight years, 1998-1999, as the team's leading scorer. He was named the Big H of the Game Player seven times this season.

"Scott was the best conditioned athlete in our league," Braxton said. "He

# FOOTBALL

### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

## LINEMEN

**SPECIALIST**  
sr. Ron Bialobrzski (6-2, 180), Redford CC

**FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE**

### FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

## LINEMEN

**BACKS**

sr. Dave Henschel (5-9, 165), Harrison  
sr. James Hagelthorn (5-11, 170), Glenn  
jr. Jake Siskosky (6-1, 185), Farmington

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Chuck Gordon, Westland John Glen

## SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

**LINEREN**

**QUARTERBACKS**  
 Sr. Dave Erickson (6-4, 215), Franklin  
 Sr. Chris Wall (6-0, 165), St. Agatha

3, 165). S

sr. Mike Brannon (5-11, 192), Salem  
 sr. Lenny Gardner (5-10, 165), Canton  
**SPECIALIST**  
 jr. Kyle Vessell (5-10, 165), Hanson  
**SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE**

## SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

## LINE MEM.

ST. KEN MAGYAR (5-10, 185), RE-ROD CO.

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

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 Sneakers) at the Livonia Family YMCA is \$6, and it is only open to adults. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

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.

The congregation of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is holding a Christmas cookie walk 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. Participants can fill their box 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.

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

**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, Grecco, 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) 427-6532.

**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 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. The church is at 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 422-0149.**

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 Borke 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.

**Plymouth United Assembly of God's Children's Choir will present the musical "Baa Baa Béthlehem" 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.**

"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 Haggerty Road, Northville. Admission is free. For more information, call (810) 348-7600.

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.

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, Cherub, Choristers, Brass and Woodwind chigra performing folk carols from various countries. The concert is free, however, a free will 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.

The choirs 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.

**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.

**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) 525-3604 or (313) 261-9276.

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

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. 18. It will tell the Christmas story through music and recitations. Refreshments will follow.

Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church will have two midweek Advent vesper services at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14. The Rev. Gregory Gibbons will look at the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ, "The Lion of Judah" and "The Root of Jesse." The church is at 14750 Kinloch,

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will have an Advent song service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. "Christmas - A Time of Joy," a pageant by school children about the coming of the Savior, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

The Schoolcraft College Community Choir, under the direction of Livonia native Donald Stromberg will perform a holiday concert, "Echoes of Christmas," at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. The Schoolcraft Chamber Singers will also perform. The \$4 tickets can be bought at the door, and donations to the choir will be accepted. For more information, call Schoolcraft's Continuing Education Services at (313) 462-4448.

Internationally renowned Irish tenor Mark Forrest will be in concert following a 2:30 p.m. rosary Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjugorje 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. Beatrice 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.

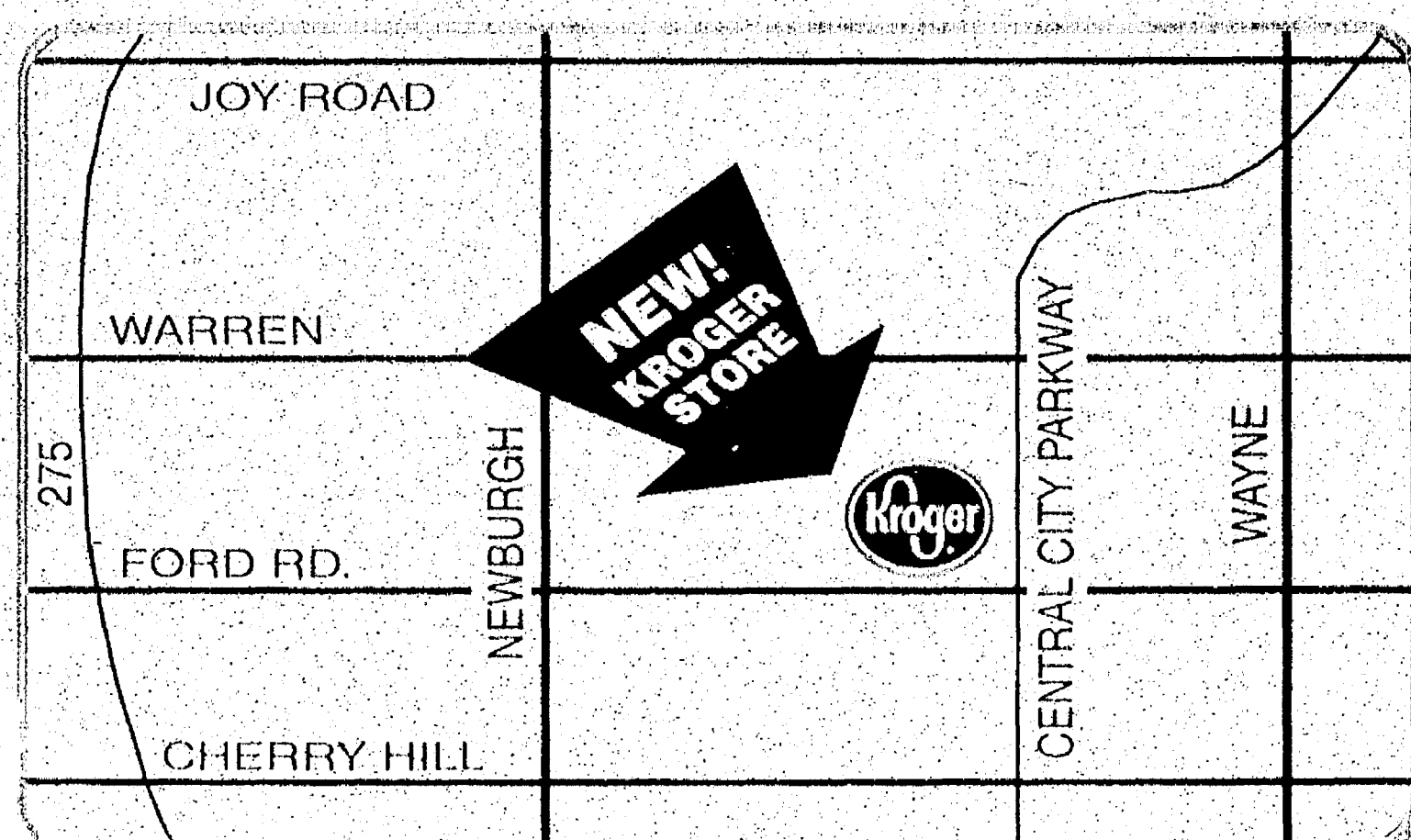
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MARTY FIGLEY

## Holiday plants: Festive touch, colorful legends

**M**any 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.

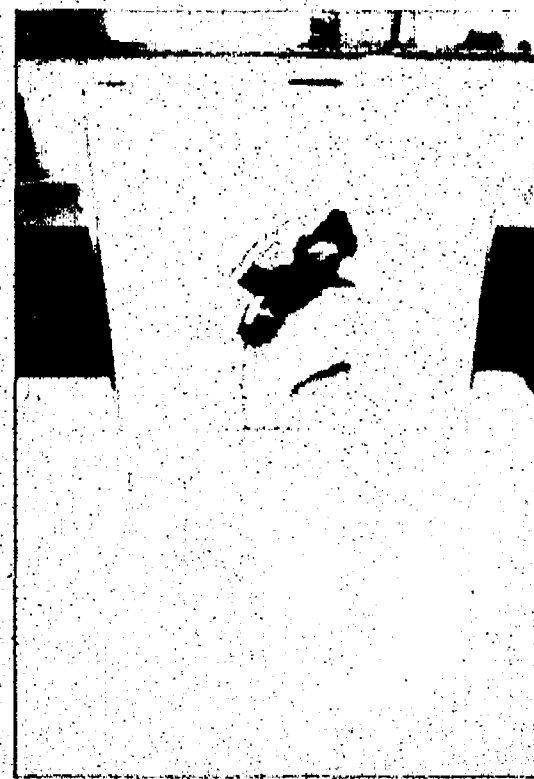
A photograph of an artwork that is reproduced as an offset lithograph is not a print. It will not increase in value beyond a few dollars, if at all.

"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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JOE JOSEPH/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 artist 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, wooden engraving, and 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 woodcut prints 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 1796 in Germany by Alois Senefelder, lithography resulted from the playwright's attempt to find a more expensive way to publish his plays.

**Serigraphy**, silk screen, or silkscreen printing producer works by the use of fiber mounted in a frame. The print artist cuts out areas of the screen not to be printed. In the case of a color serigraph, 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 \$35 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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**Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schofield Rd., Livonia, 48150, or fax them to: 414-491-7274.**

## 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, 301 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.

## Art Beat

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 Baraszi, Christmas items; Canton Township - Lori Markiewicz, stenciled baskets; Garden City - Linda Burton, South-west ceramics and cactus dish gardens; and Livonia - Marlene DeFoor, hand painted Christmas bulbs; Susan Hancock, 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 range from \$2 for a Christmas ornament to over

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horrors of war 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 1950s 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 collographs, each with their own trademark 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-19th 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 an inexpensive way to publish his plays. Early lithography was dominated by French artists, Honoré Daumier, and Eugène Delacroix as well as by Francisco Goya in Spain.

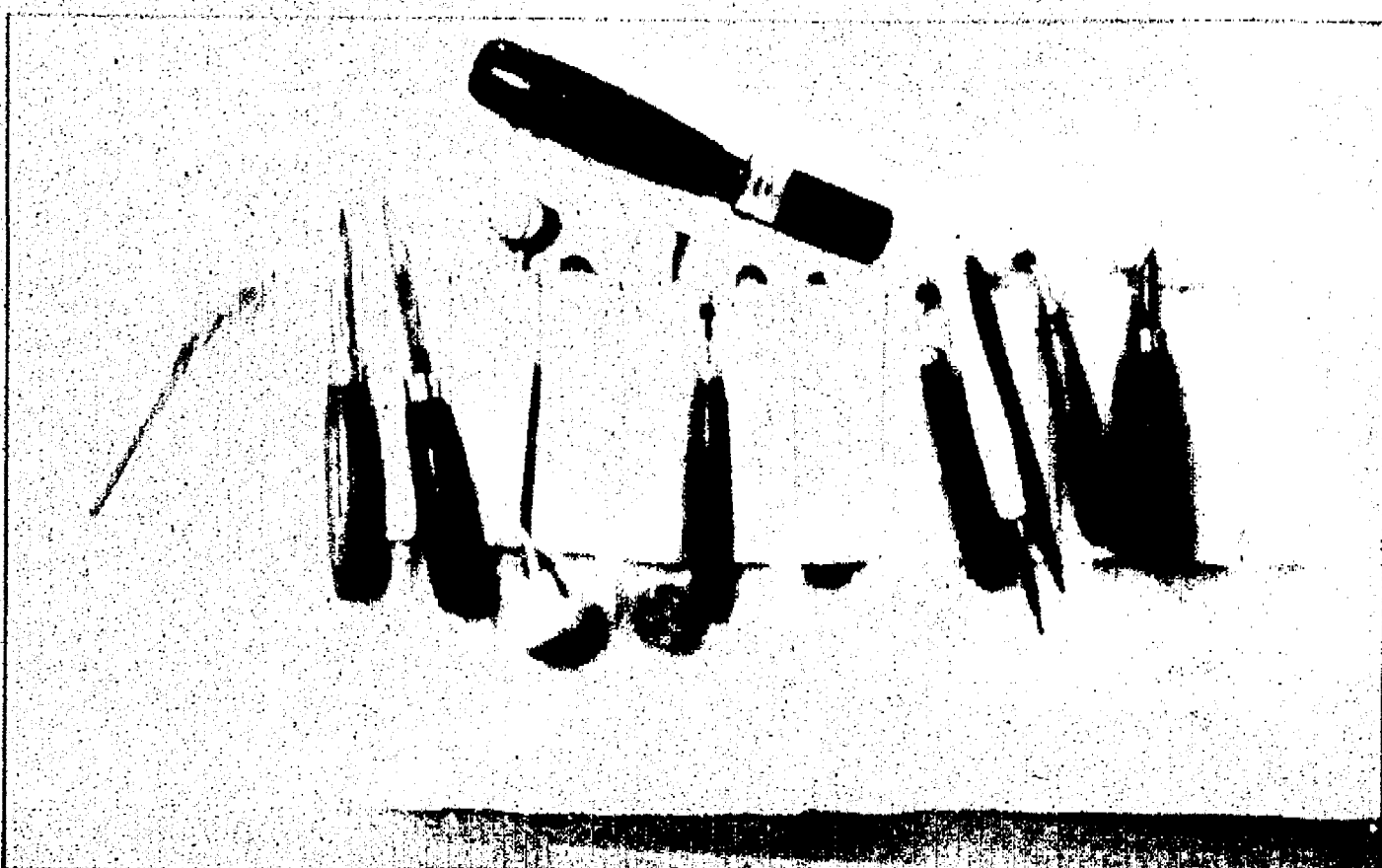
Currier & Ives hand-colored prints dominated the lithography business in the United States in the mid-1800s. Although lithography declined in popularity during the last four decades of the 19th

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.

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. Pop artist, Andy Warhol mastered this method in the 1960s.

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



JIM JAGIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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 artists

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-

tensely effect 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

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Douglas Semivan

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 it," 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?"

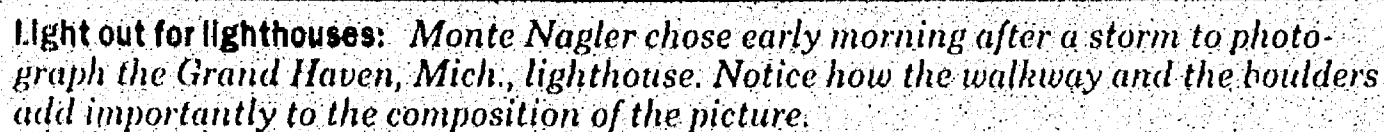
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Monte Nagler is a fine arts photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then his mailbox number, 1873. His fax number is (810) 644-1314.

Native West, 863 W Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, presents their 10th annual Holiday Art and Jewelry Festival (Dec. 5-11).

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**MADONNA UNIVERSITY**  
Now through Dec. 11 — The university will host an exhibit featuring fine art in various constructs by Patricia Williams now through Dec. 11 in Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library building, 5000 Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 1 p.m. to 6 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. 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, 883 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 inlaid with semi-precious stones called Rock Kritters, 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 at the Farmington Hills campus, Orchard Lake Road 1-696. 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, 16376 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 HILBERRY GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 15 — An exhibit of

new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoski will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 6-7 p.m. Friday. Komoski 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.

**O.R. N'NAMOI GALLERY**  
Through Dec. 31 — "Scrapple from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monograph 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, 5353 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 Tarky, Altman, Picot, Agam, Lebadang, Fanch, Mouly, Wolfson, Cambier, Bragg, Kipniss, LeKinff 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 1-800-521-9554.

## 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 works included Howard Dombrowski of Redford, "Pasture," oil; Nancy Thayer of Lathrup Village, "Hidden Waters," acrylic; Karen Carter Van Gampier of Troy, "Shimmering Twilight," oil; and Deborah Hecht of Bloomfield Hills, "Table," ceramic on iron base.

Third prize recipients and their pieces included Ernest Kellet 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 Pears," 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," handcolored 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 Art 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 forum. 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. Bova 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. Bova Gallery is at 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills.

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# Exhibitions

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day, call the gallery at (810) 642-2700 for reservations. The show concentrates on Smith's jazz images. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

**■ MAROISIAN 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. Friedric Bolling, an art collector and the director of the UM-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 GALLERIES**  
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 Midwestern 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 Sepeshy, among others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. In the Park Shelton Building at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit, (313) 874-1955.

**■ SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND 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, current economic, political and social crises and the breakdown of the family unit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 3-5

E. Adams, Detroit, (313) 965-5422.

**■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**

Through Dec. 17 — "John Stephonson: 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 Stephonson: 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/GALLERY**

Through Jan. 12 — 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 this jazz great's 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 Lucock 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. Lucock'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 Tingle. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

**■ SISON 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.

**■ RACKHAM 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) 767-4417 for information.

**■ WEARLEY STUDIO GALLERY**

Through Dec. 23 — "Unauthorized Descendancy," featuring works by metalmith Mary Douglas and woodworker Stephen Litchfield, 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) 549-3016.

**■ MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY**

Through Dec. 29 — The gallery at Oakland University in Rochester opens its 1994-95 season with "Art of Book Illustration: Selected Works by Arthur Ignatius Keller." Keller was recognized as one of the leading illustrators of the turn-of-the-century period called the "Golden Age of Illus-

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 Balfour and the 1927 Detroit Institute of Arts by Paul Cret. Call (313) 833-7900.

**■ DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS**

Through Jan. 8 — "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) 546-6770.

**■ BRIDGE STREET GALLERY**

The recently opened gallery features Alaskan art and designer 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 ARTI 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 NOW GLAM**

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 out" 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 9 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

Maui 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) 514-1203 for information.

**■ SELO/SHEVEL GALLERY**

To Dec. 24 — "The Art of the Wood Box," an exhibition and sale featuring the work of 29 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 in Ann Arbor, (313) 761-4620.

**■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART**

To Dec. 31 — The painting "Gardanne" by Paul Cezanne is on view on the main floor at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor. Cezanne's geometricizing rendition 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.

## Figley

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"The Fragrant Flowers Birthday Book" (\$15.95) eloquently describes a flower for each week of each month. Growing instructions and the flower's history are included as well as a space for birthday names for each week.

In "A Feast of Flowers" (\$35), Heiteau relates her experiences and conveys her passion for flowers from the time she was a child in France to her present home in Washington, D.C., and the several gardens she has attended in between. A beautifully written and illustrated book, it can be savored at any time of the year. Many ideas for using and displaying the plants are refreshing and clever.

"A Bulb for All Seasons," Quin Ellis (\$13. Hearst-William Morrow), gives specific instructions about how to grow a bulb each month of the year. Short and sweet, with display ideas and colorful illustrations by Bud Peen.

Waldenbooks or your favorite book store can order any of these books.

### TIMELY GARDENTIPS

■ Workman calendars make welcome gifts. "The Natural Garden," Ken Druse, and "Herbs: Bouquets, Recipes and Fine Country Things," Emelie Tolley, are \$8.95 each. "Glorious Flowers: The Madderlake Calendar for 1995" and "Gardener's Calendar 365 Page-A-Day," Barbara Damrosch, are \$9.95 each.

■ Dig the hole before the ground freezes for your live Christmas tree.

■ Don't neglect house plants at this busy time. Remove dead foliage and pinch back to shape as necessary.

■ Spray broadleaf evergreens with an anti-decidant to prevent dehydration, when the temperature is above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

■ Pot Easter lilies for April flowering.

■ There's still time to prune trees if the temperature is above 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 963-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.



**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 to 3:00**

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH!**  
1115 MAPLE. South off Ann Arbor Trail just West of Harvey Street. An important location with a gorgeous treed rear yard. This pampered Cape Cod features 4 bedrooms (2 up, 2 down), formal dining room, hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, screened porch, 2 updated baths, never furnace, finished basement and attached garage. \$139,900 (453-8200)

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH!**  
PACIFIC STREET... always popular, by reason of its low traffic location, well maintained homes and tree-shaded settings. Pleasingly maintained Cape Cod with a fenced rear yard and aluminum covered exterior trim. There are 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths (one in the finished, carpeted basement), a wonderful windowed eating area, garage, etc. \$123,900 (453-8200)

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH!**  
A WONDERFUL NEW HOME READY for you to make your color selections. There are 3 large bedrooms (the master has a cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet and private bath with a skylight), whirlpool tub and separate shower, formal dining room, great room with a fireplace, 2nd floor laundry, insulated windows, basement, 2 1/2 baths and 2 car garage. \$199,900 (453-8200)

**PLYMOUTH!**  
"WOODLORE NORTH" a 3,800 sq. ft. one-of-a-kind custom built home with 4 or 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, a gorgeous entrance foyer, hardwood flooring, 1st floor master suite with twin walk-in closets, oversized study, bleached oak island kitchen, 2 fireplaces, family room or an Au Pair suite, 1st floor laundry and 3 1/2 car garage. \$369,250 (453-8200)

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 to 4:00**

**PLYMOUTH!**  
9565 COLONY FARM DRIVE. South off Ann Arbor Road and West of Beck Road backing into a 7 acre commons area, this striking Colonial has endless expensive upgrades. There are 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, oversized formal dining room, new kitchen, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace, screened porch, finished carpeted basement, etc. \$429,000 (453-8200)

**NORTHVILLE!**  
EDENDERRY HILLS SHADBROOK presents a long admired French Colonial with a spectacular setting. There are 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, period carpentry detailing, an elegant foyer and open wood staircase, a front-to-rear living room with a fireplace, a new kitchen with Corian countertops, a gorgeous family room with a fireplace, 1st floor laundry, study, etc. \$435,000 (453-8200)

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH!**  
AN OUTSTANDING TREED and fenced rear yard adds considerable enjoyment to this Classic Colonial. Inside, the designer perfect interior includes 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood flooring, family room with built-in bookcases and a fireplace, a large living room, formal dining, finished carpeted basement, new carpeting, etc. \$189,900 (453-8200)

**SALEM TOWNSHIP!**  
NEVER BEFORE OFFERED! A spectacular treed setting on nearly 6 acres with an equally memorable custom built back and cedar home, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, breath-taking living room with a studio ceiling and fireplace, separate formal dining room, a fabulous library, island kitchen, walk-out finished lower level family room with a fireplace, etc. UNH-VALED! (453-8200)

**PLYMOUTH!**  
NEVER BEFORE OFFERED! A quiet street, a popular Trailwood with a treed rear yard. Faultlessly cared for with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, newer island carpeting, formal dining room, island kitchen with new countertops and Kohler sink, family room with a wood burning fireplace, study, 1st floor laundry, appliances, etc. \$199,900 (453-8200)

**PLYMOUTH**  
"DRURY LANE" presents a premium setting on nearly an acre. A custom built 3,150 sq. ft. home with 4 large bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, formal dining room, hardwood flooring, open staircase, power roof, family room with a full wall fireplace, a study, 1st floor laundry, covered rear porch, finished basement and 2 car garage. \$249,900 (453-8200)

**PLYMOUTH!**  
NEW ON THE MARKET! An undervalued wood setting falls this extensively developed and highly pampered custom home. Surprisingly spacious with a formal dining room, hardwood flooring, large updated kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, an 11' family room, finished carpeted basement with a fireplace and a large 2 car garage. \$154,900 (453-8200)

**PLYMOUTH!**  
"BEACON TRAIL" presents a beautifully developed Colonial offered by the original owners. There are 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, gleaming new hardwood flooring in the living and formal dining rooms, a new kitchen, family room with a fireplace, a study, 1st floor mud room, finished carpeted basement, new roof, gorgeous rear yard, etc. \$241,000 (453-8200)



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## TOYS FOR TOTS

To bring holiday joy to needy kids, Coldwell Banker Schwitzer 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. 20.

Center sites include: Birmingham, 534 S. Woodward, (810) 642-2400; Bloomfield Hills, 860 W. Long Lake, (810) 646-1800; and Troy, 901 Tower Drive, (810) 579-3400. 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 (1-4 p.m.), 33030 Northwestern Highway, (810) 737-9000, and Royal Oak (noon to 3 p.m.), 1000 N. Woodward, (810) 599-1400. 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."

## FOREIGN SERVICE

Jack Christensen Relocation Group has created an International Relocation Division, designed to serve the needs of corporate transferees in major world cities.

Representatives at Jack Christensen speak several languages, including Dutch, Czech, Russian, Polish, Greek, Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, French and German.

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 its "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, 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 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 Symbles 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 more than 90,000 houses 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 Accent Realty decided to log on to Prodigy after a seminar presented to its office by other ERA associates, said Rita Rooks, a Realtor affiliate 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 Accent Realty is also hooked up to the Electronic Home Selling Network, an in-house computer network that allows customers to go to into an ERA office and view homes show-

cased locally and throughout the country.

With this network, the broker keys 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 price 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

## CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q. Our complex is currently very small and is the first phase in the development. The developer owns an adjacent parcel, which is to be developed as Phase II, consisting of another phase of relatively few units.

Our phase has been sold out for a number of years and our association's transitional control date was three years ago. As of this writing, the developer is still a board member, but does not have any contact with the association.

The developer has had some problems with the law, and state and local municipalities. Many of the co-owners in our phase have unresolved construction problems. When we took over, we were

many thousands of dollars in the hole. Needless to say, we are not excited about the prospect of building Phase II with this developer.

Phase II is basically landlocked without the use of the entrance and our two roads in Phase I.

A. You have a myriad of problems, unfortunately too typically associated with the transition of control from the developer to the association in too many instances.

You need the various audits that are discussed in my booklet, "Condominium Operation: Getting Started and Staying on the Right Track."

Why the developer retains a seat on the board and does not participate is unexplainable. Why your co-owners and the association are not pursuing the developer for construction defects is highly suspect.

Whether the developer has a right to complete the condominium units in your condominium or through a separate condominium is not clear.

Whether the developer has retained easement rights over the roadway of your condominium is also not clear without a thorough review of your documents. You need legal guidance as soon as is possible.

Q. I am interested in buying a condominium, but am concerned about the concept that people who have no experience in running condominium associations end up getting elected to the board.

Is there any way that we can ensure that these directors are enlightened or educated. Are there any classes that are being offered in that regard?

A. One of the major issues in condominium governance that is being debated around the country is the fact that volunteer boards are comprised of only the members of the association, some of whom may not necessarily have any expertise in condominium operation and are placed

in positions of power, without adequate skill and/or training.

Organizations such as United Condominium Owners of Michigan and the Community Associations Institute are designed to facilitate the governance of condominium associations through education of directors.

There are classes that are taught on condominium operation, such as classes being offered through Oakland Community College.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham-area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit questions by writing: Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Bingham Farms, MI 48025. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion. To leave a voice-mail message for Robert M. Meisner, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1871.

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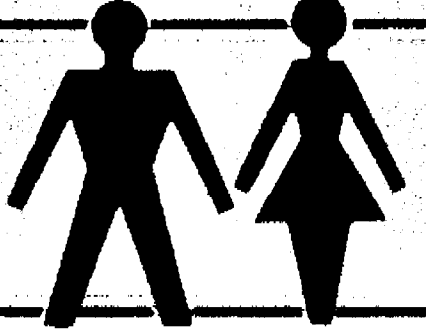
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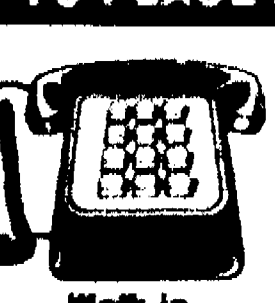
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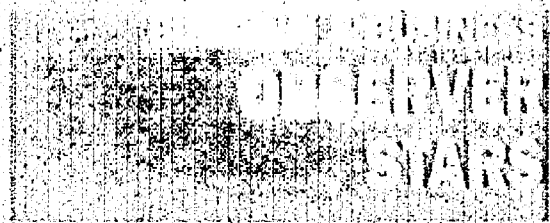


DOUG FUNKE,  
BUILDING & BUSINESS WRITER  
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# BUILDING & BUSINESS

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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.

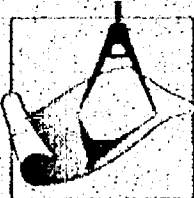


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## Architect has built for the old world and new

■ Architects bring life experiences to their jobs. Some are fortunate enough to live, study and work in several different cultures.

BY MARY RODRIGUE  
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.



DAVID DEAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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

■ '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, 21P

### Communication links:

Newsletters can foster good feelings among employees and clients, maintains Carol L. Heminger, a consultant.



BILL BREIDEN/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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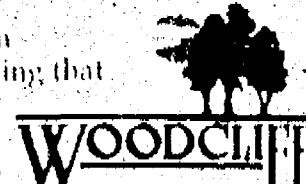
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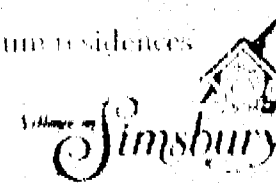
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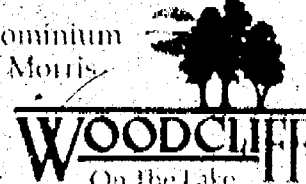
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private. It's throwing money down the toilet and creates worse problems with employees.

Be careful about putting in something you wouldn't want a client to see. Problems with no solutions. Clients will walk through a plant, see a newsletter and pick it up.

What about external newsletters?

Heminger: This is where you want to provide good information, technical tips if you're technically

oriented.

I don't like canned ones.

I did one for a real estate firm. It talked about the south Redford market, first time buyers. That wouldn't have been appropriate 10 years ago when the market was stagnant. It wouldn't be appropriate for Birmingham.

The whole idea of a client newsletter is who is your reader? Who is your audience? We help identify who their audience is.

Identify frequently, you hear 'I want it to sell, but not be salesy.' This is a marketing dollar you're spending.

How do you prepare?

Heminger: I like becoming part of the company. If it's a manufacturing operation, I want a tour of the plant. I want to meet staff.

What's it cost for you to pull a newsletter together?

Heminger: The minimum would be \$500. It can go up from there from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for one issue. It depends on how much work they want to do and how much us. From initial editorial calendar to distribution, we can do it.

For some companies, it's money well spent. They don't have to pull people away from their regular jobs. So many times, people base the decision on bottom lines. They don't calculate how much people's time is spent.

Do most companies have some kind of internal or external newsletter?

Heminger: It's a surprising number how many don't have them. I've done calling and they say, 'We don't do that here' or 'We don't need that.' They're wrong.

Do clients always take your advice?

Heminger: No. I feel like I have to slap some people. (Laugh) Most do. If they get to the point where they've come to see me, they've had enough hard knocks to know they need somebody to help out.

Why can't sophisticated business people handle their own promotions or newsletters?

Heminger: One of the most important things I can do for a client is look at things objectively. They have no ability to throw bad stuff away. It's human nature. No one wants to admit they made a mistake or need a change of direction.

I offer people a fresh set of eyes. How often should a newsletter go out?

Heminger: I've seen them every week and that's too much. Quarterly, it's too easy to fall out of the habit. Monthly, you're pushing staff. Bimonthly works nicely.

What's better for a newsletter — short and punchy like USA Today or all-inclusive with lots of background like the New York Times?

Heminger: I like both.

I think there's an appropriate time for a lot of snippets and bullets where people can look at information and get it quickly — production statistics, safety measures, general news of the company.

I think some features, letters from editors, letter from the president, where are we, what are our goals — need to be more in depth.

External — all (items) have to be short. It doesn't fly any other way. People are too busy.

## Architect from page 1F

Chaldean Social Services Council. He is an active member of the Brightmoor Tabernacle Assemblies of God congregation in Southfield.

Last September he traveled to Siberia with church members to deliver \$360,000 worth of medical supplies.

"I do a great deal of missionary work in South America, building churches and schools," he said. "I've gone on three trips to Paraguay, Ecuador and Chile. The people of South America are

beautiful.

"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."

Keer is anxiously awaiting the arrival of his sister from Iraq. She is the last of his family to emigrate and is due any day now.

"I enjoy what I do and I live life to the fullest. The gifts that we have, we must use wisely. I can't see wasting it."

## Kmart volunteers cited

Following is a listing of community volunteers recently cited by Kmart who work in company stores in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area.

Efforts ranged from feeding the hungry to helping the homeless to raising funds for non-profit, help agencies.

■ Canton: Charles Wagner, Gerard Grimes, Linda McMullen and Lori Sealy.

■ Bloomfield Hills: Deanna Miracle, Val Kears, Rochelle Pillsburg and Jackie Aubuchon.

■ Farmington: Cathy Petee, Jamie Schehr, Carol Laird and Luann Markcum.

■ Farmington Hills: Katie Smith, Jane Stacherski, Lois Burgess and Betty Armstrong.

■ Garden City: Veronica Slaven, Vivian Gajda, Jackie Jaynes and Tami Riggs.

■ Livonia (Store 4430): Kathy Anderson, Kathy Smith, Debbie

Pezon and Toni Burlison.

■ Livonia (Store 4352): Mary Morton, Mary Lou Behrendt, Sally Klebba and Dolores Lokuta.

■ Plymouth: Susan Dent, Barb Tallman, Carla Vollmer, Nancy Dailide.

■ Rochester: Jeannine Groves, Anna Nyyzo, Diane Naren and George Reichart.

■ Southfield (Store 4074): Willie Cameron, Cathy Schkeford, Linda Moore, Stormy McQuire.

■ Southfield (Store 4192): Rosn Compton, Harriet Bargaineer, Margaret Smith and Mary Gunther.

■ Westland: Judy Biggs, Donna Ewing, Vicki Boljesic, Sheila Smith, Judy Aiken, Debbie Fields, Susan Shaffer and Jo Ann Porth.

■ Troy: Dawn Martin, Gene Morris, Bonnie Horning and Marilyn Rutkowski.

## BUSINESS DATEBOOK

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

### REAL ESTATE SEMINAR

The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors a continuing education seminar for licensed real estate agents and brokers to fulfill annual license requirements 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Southfield. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$48.50 for BASM members, \$63.50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

### TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

The New Enterprise Forum and the Southeastern Michigan Venture Group host a joint breakfast program "Investment Opportunities in the Technology Corridor" 8 a.m. at Radisson of the Lake, 1275 S. Huron, Ypsilanti. Cost with registration prior to Dec. 9 is \$25, afterwards, \$30. To register, call Jaki Lewis at (313) 596-0402.

### FINANCIAL SECURITY

Smith Barney hosts a free seminar "Securing Your Financial Future" 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the Columbia Center, 201 W. Big Beaver, Troy. For reservations, call (800) 227-1931 or (810) 740-2100.

### WORKPLACE VIOLENCE


The American Society of Employers presents a seminar "Managing Workplace Violence and Traumatic Events" 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its offices, 23815 Northwestern, Southfield. Speaker: Kenneth L. Wolf, Multi Resource Center. Cost is \$195 for members, \$225 for non-members. Advance registration requested at (810) 353-4500.

### PROCESS INTEGRATION

Macro Engineering Solutions presents a free workshop on "Manufacturing Process Integration," focusing on building orders instead of inventory. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Metro Airport Hampton Inn. To register, call Jonathan Floyd at (800) 370-4537, extension 123.

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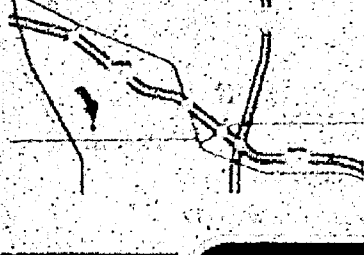


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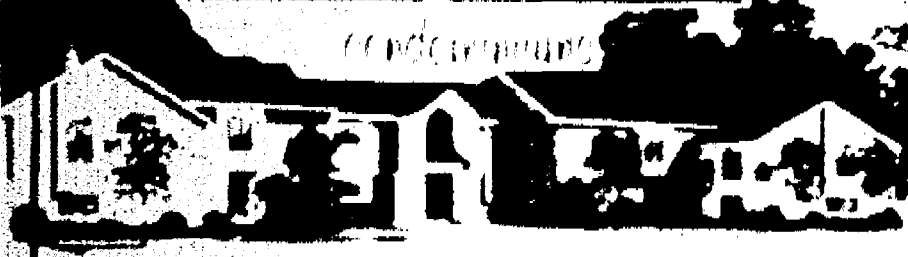
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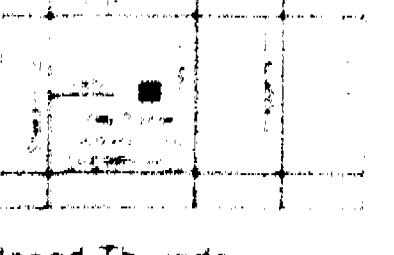
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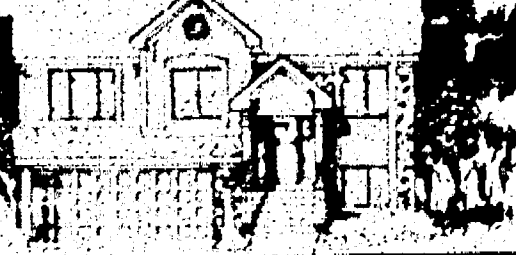
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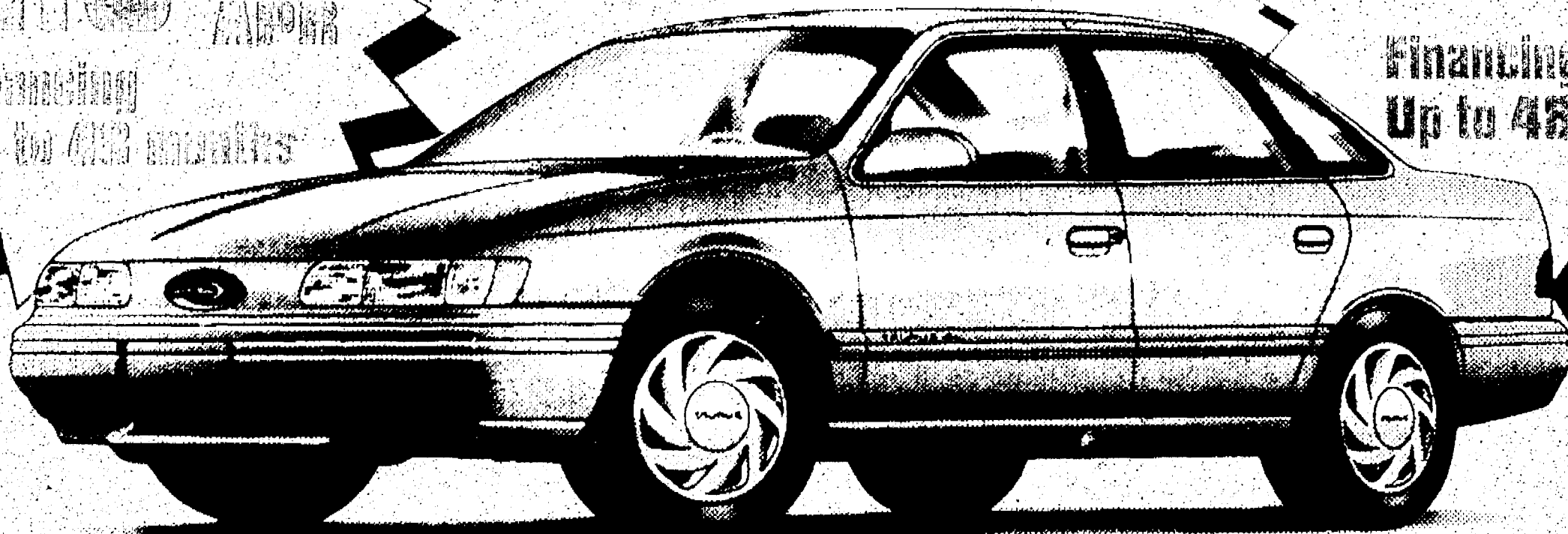
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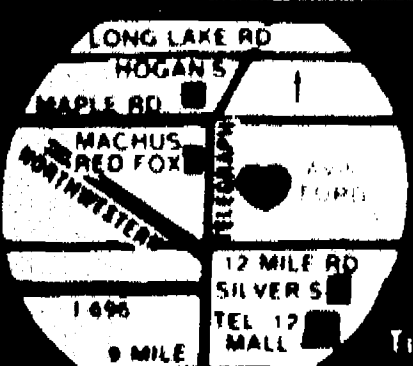
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perstar for more than 20 years, Grammy Award-winning Kenny Loggins marks his first venture into family-oriented music with "Return To Pooh Corner." The album consists of the songs he sings to his own four children and the title track, "Return To Pooh Corner," is a new version of his original hit song "House At Pooh Corner."

Loggins, who first gained international attention as half of the rock duo Loggins and Messina, has also enjoyed a successful career as a solo artist, releasing such chart-topping hits as "Celebrate Me Home," "Whenever I Call You Friend," "This Is It," "I'm Alright" and "Forever."

Award-winning pop and country music singer Nicolette Larson first hit the charts with her recording of Neil Young's "Lotta Love." Her subsequent hits include "I Only Want To Be With You," "Rhumba Girl" and "That's How You Know When Love's Right" (a duet with Steve Wariner). For the last several years she has put her career on hold in order to devote herself full time to her young daughter, Elsie May, to whom she dedicates her Sony Wonder Family Artist album, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep."

A pioneer in the field of family entertainment, Tom Chapin has put togeth-

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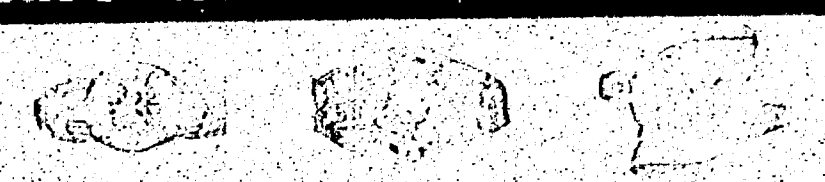


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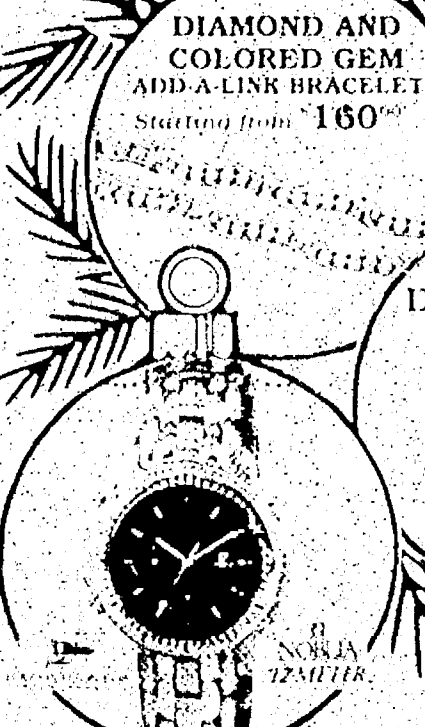
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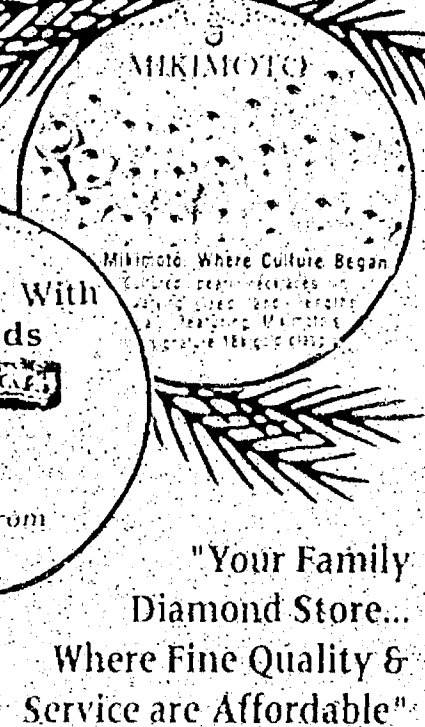
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## Adopt an animal, offer a museum as gift that lasts

BY BARBARA WILSON  
STAFF WRITER

If your holiday shopping list is growing year by year, perhaps it is time to consider some alternatives that would satisfy a whole family at once rather than buying for each member of the clan.

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Here are some family gift ideas.

■ Adopt an animal at the Detroit Zoo for as little as \$25 and as much as \$200. The fee will go toward the feeding and care of a designated animal at either the Royal Oak or Belle Isle zoos. The family will receive a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet about the adopted animal and a membership card. The family will also receive free admission to the zoo's annual adopt-an-animal appreciation day. The arrangement is good for one year, but can be renewed annually and families derive great pleasure from visiting the animal they are helping to care for. Participants, however, cannot take their adopted animal home with them.

■ An annual family pass to the zoo costs \$50 and gets the whole family into the Royal Oak and Belle Isle zoos, as well as the aquarium and about 150 other zoos nationwide. The pass entitles two adults and all children and grandchildren under the age of 18 to



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**Ultimate teddy:** An annual membership to the Detroit Zoo or a contribution to the Adopt-an-Animal program may be the perfect gift for hard-to-buy-for families.

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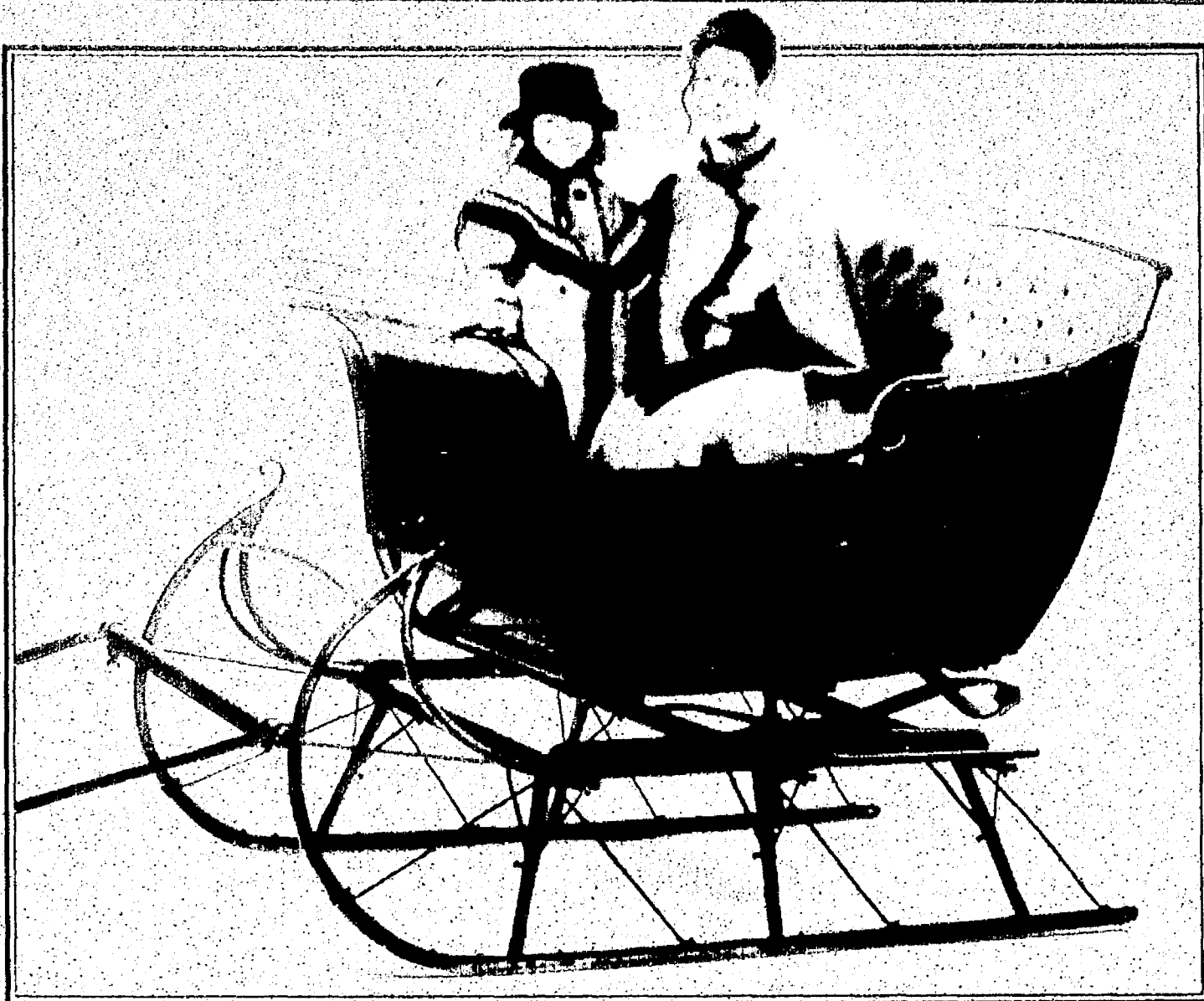
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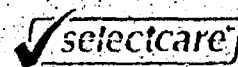


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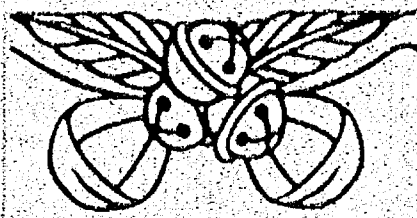
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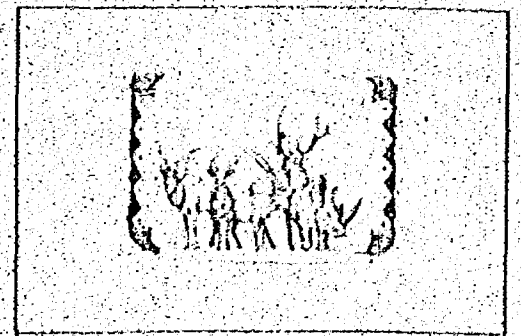
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## Passes *from page 4*

free admission and parking at the zoo. They also receive the "Habitat" newsletter during the year and admission to exclusive members-only events. A family-plus membership is \$65 and includes one guest admission with the covered family. Memberships can be purchased at the zoo, at Twelve Oaks mall on weekends during the holiday season, and by calling the Zoological Society at (810) 541-5717. Gift packets are available to give on Christmas Day as a representation of the membership gift.

■ 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.

The options are endless whether you know a lot about the family or very little. Limit your gift-giving by only your imagination and the resulting reaction is sure to be a great reward.

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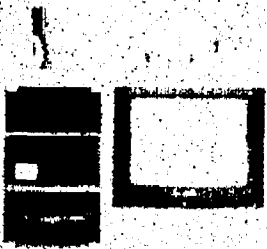
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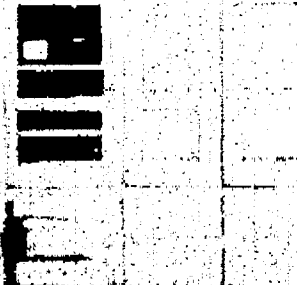
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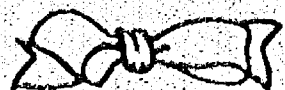
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His premiere video release, "This

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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## Wrap up shopping with gorgeous gifts

BY BARBARA WILSON  
STAFF WRITER

**R**ecovering last minute shoppers 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 handprints, 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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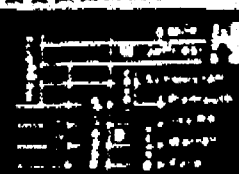
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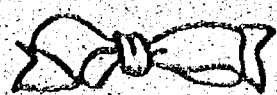


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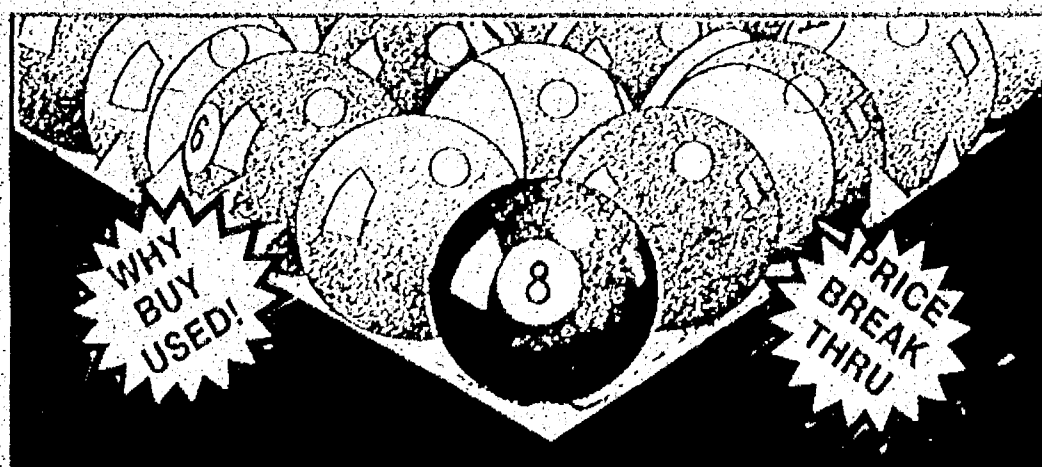
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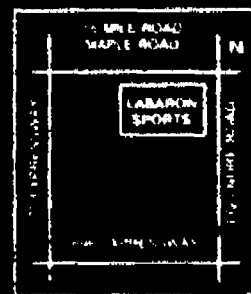
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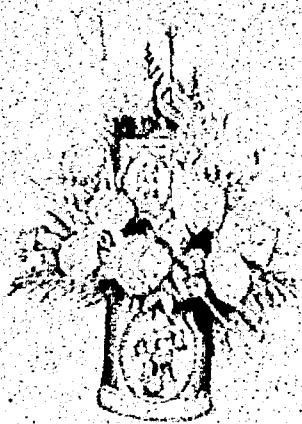
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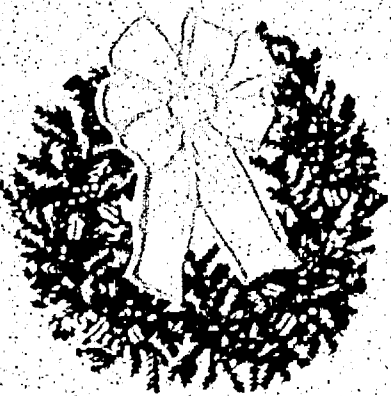


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## Wrap from page 8

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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.

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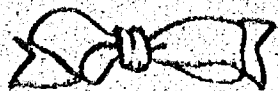


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## Traditional plants brighten the house

BY BARBARA WILSON  
STAFF WRITER

**F**or 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 col-

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 Febru-

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

**S**anta'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 1992 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 an-

ouncement 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 hanks, 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-a-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 in 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-Em and Topps Star Wars Galaxy Trading Cards Collection.

Although movie licenses are a great source for toy companies, for every success there are failures.

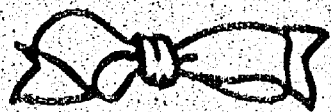
"The Flintstones' movie was a yabba dabba don't for some," said Byrne. "I think kids prefer cartoon Fred to the John Goodman Fred."

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

**T**he 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 shoppers.

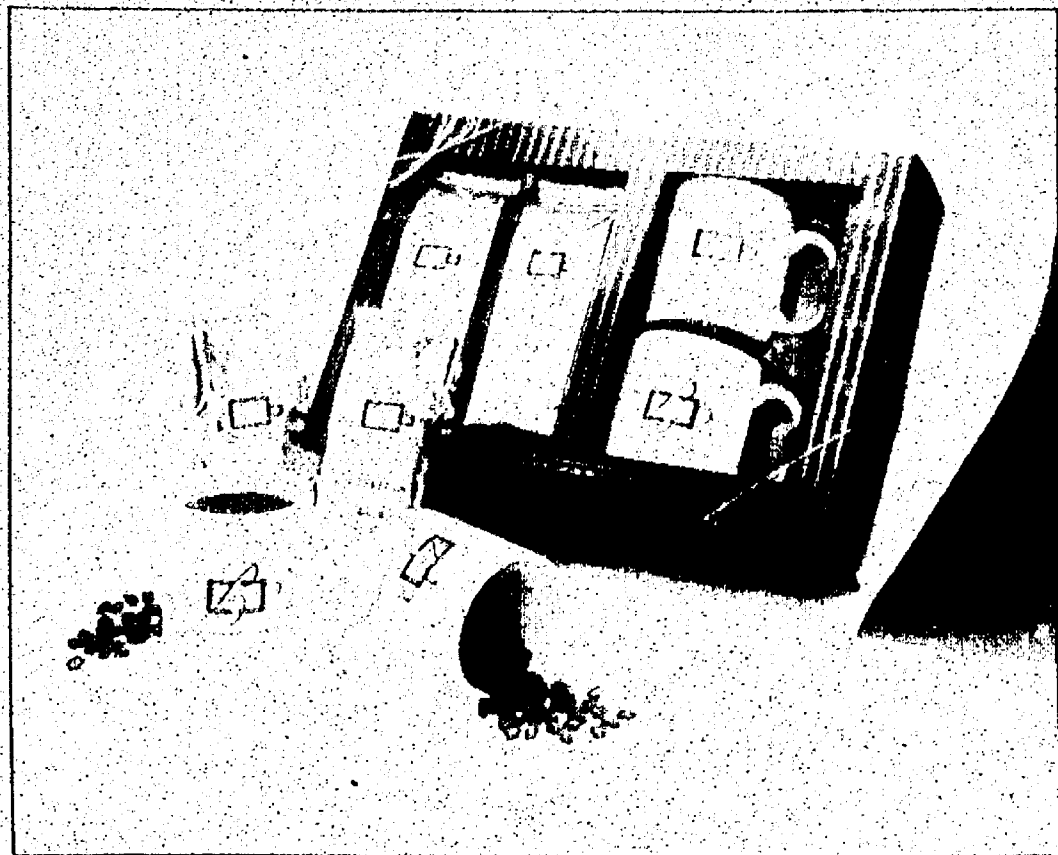
"We also carry a lot of teas for non-coffee drinkers," Vogler added.

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, 1.75-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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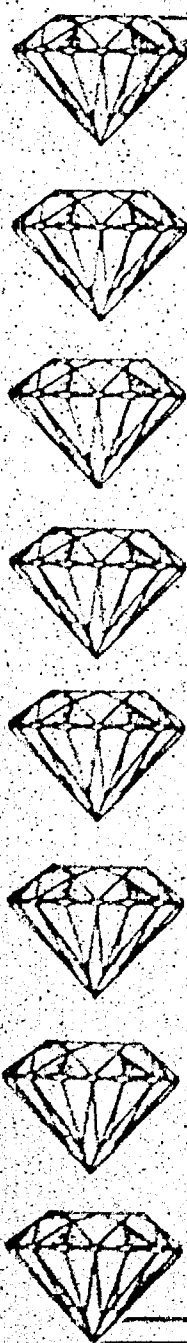
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Bean Company on Penniman in downtown Plymouth has made available a great collection of eclectic gifts for the real coffee lover.

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 additions 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 hurried 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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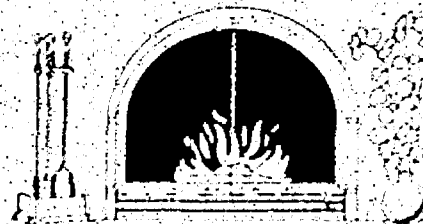
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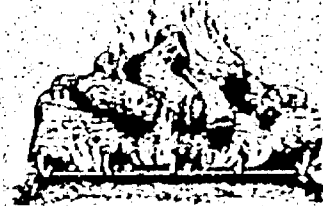
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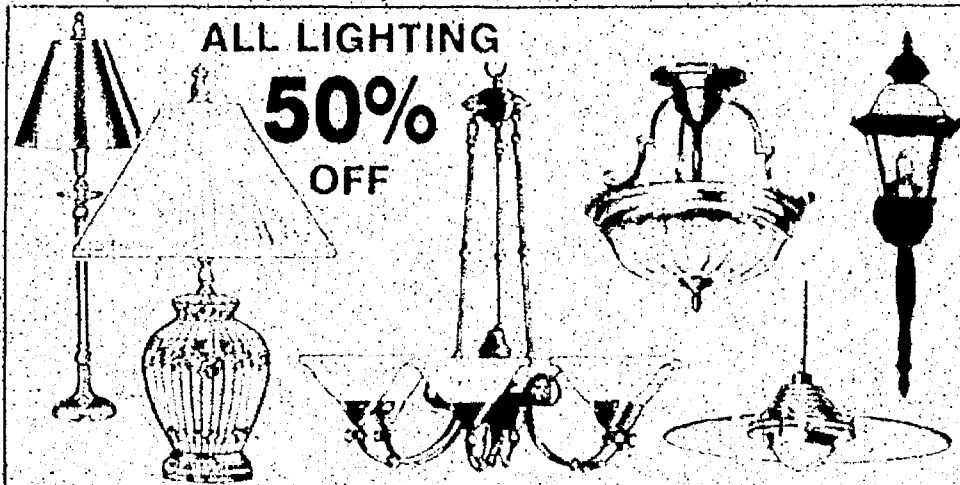


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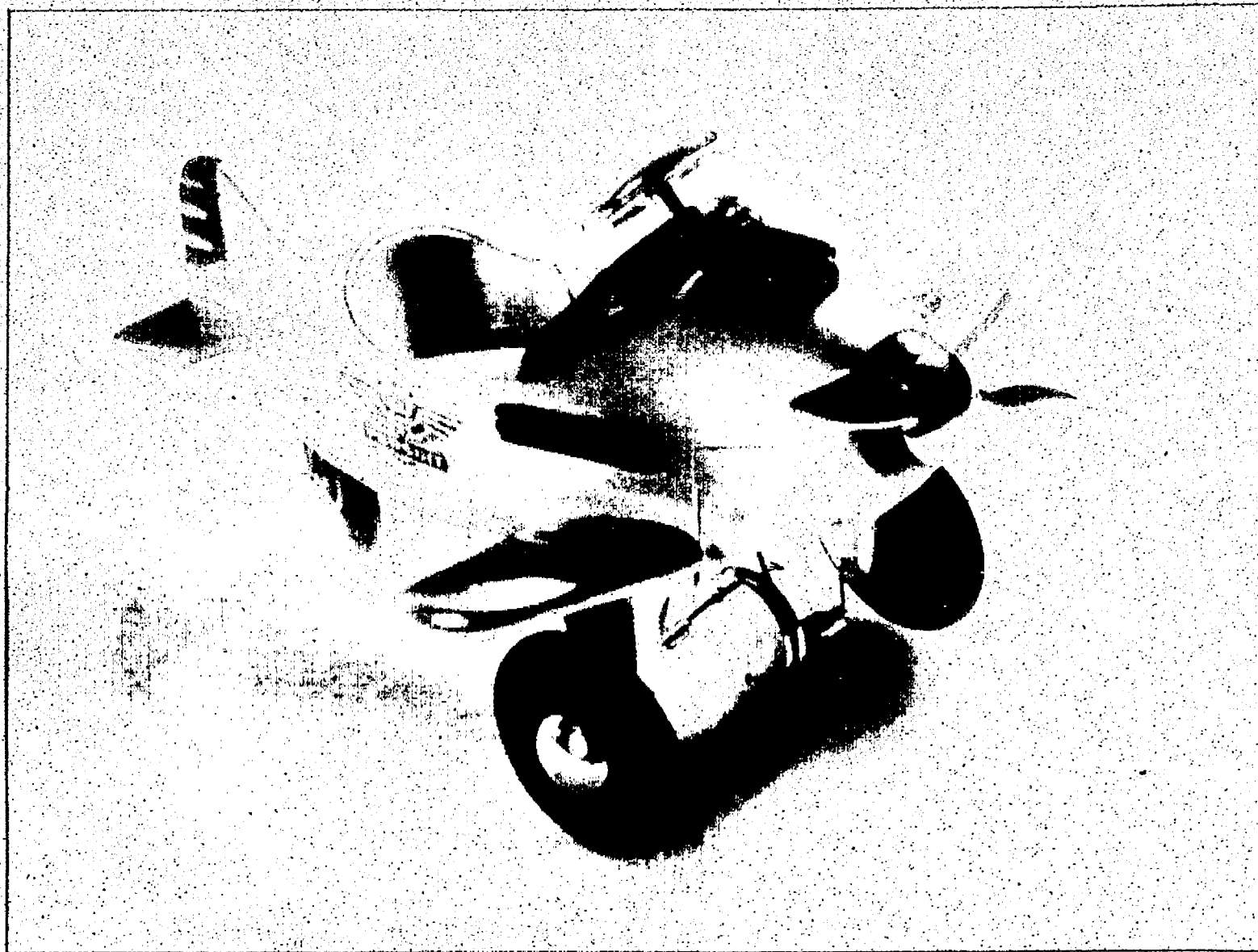
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# Popcorn's 'popularity' puts it on gift lists

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

**W**ho can resist popcorn? The "pop-ular" 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 large 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 "pop-ularity" 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 line-man 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.

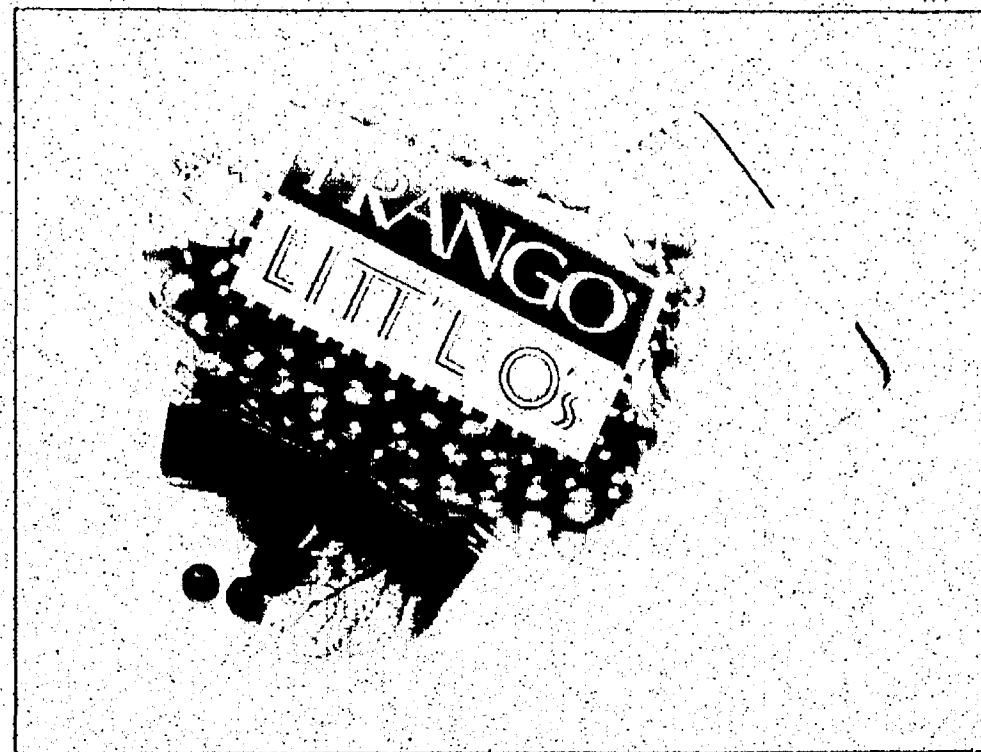
While the company is happy about the walk-in business, it's also working on a fund-raising relationship with local churches and schools. It has sent out fliers and mailers, letting people know it has all the supplies from the seed and oil to paper cones, boxes and bags.

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, Little 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.





## Tips for trimming the picture-perfect tree

BY BARBARA WILSON  
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**T**here 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 Christmases 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 jot down some measurements. If selecting a live tree, also consider how many sides of the tree will be clearly visible as a tree perfect from every few is a gift Mother Nature seldom bestows.

When buying a real tree, make sure the needles are not brittle. Shake or bounce it lightly to determine that it's fresh. If it's not 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 \$50 and \$70.

Many dealers suggest buying your live tree earlier and placing in a sheltered location, such as a garage, in a large pail of water to keep it fresh longer. On the lots, 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 bickering.

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 \$5.99 and \$11.99 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, Barbie, Barney, the Lion King and Looney Tunes join the cast of ornaments available.

A more exclusive line of more than 400 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 cannot 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.

■ Dried fruits and slices of apples will also be a great treat for them.

This is a wonderful project for families to enjoy together and to share the warmth of Christmas with the wildlife near your own home.

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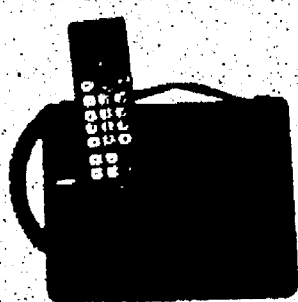
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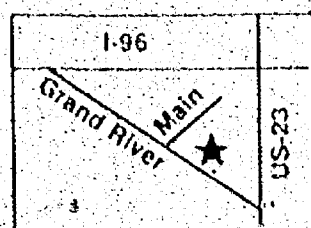
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