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## Teen cited in shooting

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Westland youth is charged with trying to kill three other men Sunday night when he allegedly opened fire with a 12-gauge shotgun outside of his residence on Mecosta, near Grand Traverse and Venoy, police said.

None of the victims suffered any gunshot wounds during the 8:30 p.m. incident in the Norwayne neighborhood, Westland police Sgt. Scott Fetner said.

However, one victim, identified as 25-year-old Robert Hubbard of Romulus, was "beaten over the head with beer bottles and cut up" moments earlier by a group of unknown assailants outside of the defendant's home, Fetner said.

Hubbard was treated and released at a local hospital.

Defendant Jeffrey Garfield, 17, was arraigned Monday before 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos on three counts of assault with intent to murder and one charge of felony firearms.

Bokos entered a not-guilty plea for Garfield, ordered him jailed in lieu of a \$100,000 cash bond and scheduled a Dec. 12 preliminary hearing that will determine whether he should stand trial.

The attempted shootings followed a dispute that started one night earlier when a group of

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## Special education cuts feared



State Rep. Thomas Kelly said that the state can avoid cuts in special education funding by using the \$1.5 billion rainy day fund. He spoke at a meeting of 100 parents who fear cuts in state spending.

BY LEONARD POGER  
EDITOR

An estimated 100 area parents of disabled students have mounted a protest to fight what they fear are major cuts in programs and services for their youngsters.

On the verge of a letter-writing campaign to state legislators, the parents heard from their local state officials who attempted to discount

their fears that the state will soon enact the cuts.

The parents' fears are based on published reports that Gov. John Engler may cut special education spending to pay for a potential court ruling.

The legal dispute involves appeal of the so-called Durant case, a Court of Appeals ruling that could cost the state billions.

The case involves a suit by 84 mostly suburban school districts. They complained the state under three governors had failed to pay for special education, bilingual education, driver training and school lunches, as required by the 1978 Headlee Amendment to the Michigan Constitution.

The 100 parents met at Westland's Stottlemeyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center, which houses many of the programs for preschoolers.

The parents, led by Michelle Darling of Westland, are also planning a group letter-writing campaign

tonight (Thursday) to urge state officials to maintain special education programs and services.

The parents were given plenty of support Monday from state Democratic state legislators who promised help.

State Rep. Eileen DeHart, whose district includes most of Westland, commented that the problem "is a common sense issue, not a Democratic or Republican issue."

"My commitment is for no cuts for special education pupils."

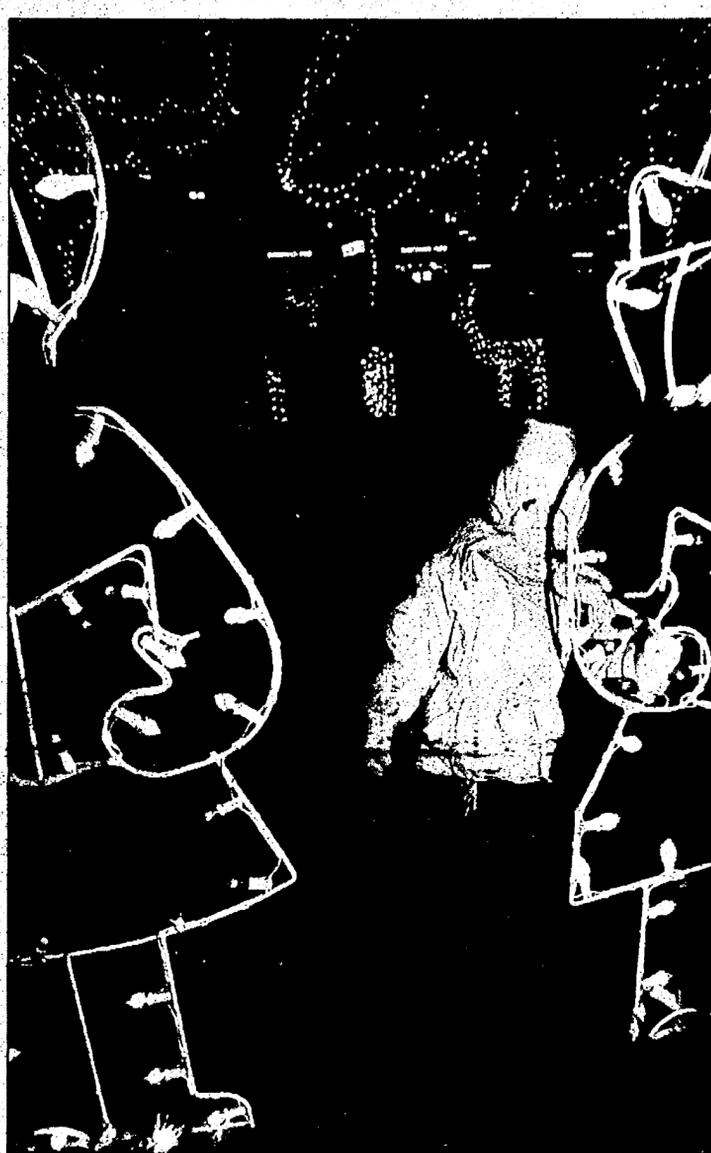
State Rep. Thomas Kelly, whose

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**Checking lights:** Megan Daugherty, 4, (right) checks out the light displays following Santa's arrival at City Hall in Westland. (Above) Wayne Shier, 3, of Westland listens to Santa's words of wisdom. Santa spent time talking with children at the fire station following the tree lighting ceremony. For more on the annual event, turn to Page A2 for other photos.



## Young, old welcome Santa Claus

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Bundled in warm clothing, 8-year-old Andy Patino stood amid hundreds of people who flocked to Westland City Hall Monday night for a Christmas celebration.

"I want to see Santa Claus. I've been good all year," Andy said, moments before the jolly man in red made his way through the crowd.

"I'm going to tell Santa that I want a guitar for Christmas," Andy said. "I like to play instruments, and I want to play in a

band."

What kind of band?  
"A Thanksgiving band," he said, smiling.

Accompanied by his mother Debbie, his 2-year-old brother, John, and his 6-year-old sister, Alexandria, Andy joined a cheerful crowd that sang Christmas carols and applauded when thousands of Christmas lights were turned on to illuminate City Hall grounds.

It marked the first year that the Patino family participated in the city's annual tree-lighting ceremony.

"It's really nice," Debbie Patino said. "I didn't know this was something that we could come to. I thought we just had to see the lights from afar."

City dignitaries stood on the City Hall terrace and joined the crowd below in singing Christmas carols. But the attention turned to Santa Claus when he arrived to greet the audience.

Children jumped up and down, trying to get a better view of Santa as he stepped to a podium and urged the crowd to pray for those in the armed services who won't be with their families for

Christmas.

Later, youngsters flocked next door to the city's main fire station to talk with Santa and to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Some children cried because their parents - not wanting to wait in line - decided to skip the fire station visit.

Mayor Robert Thomas, addressing the crowd, encouraged everyone to "do one little thing for somebody" this holiday season, such as shoveling snow for a senior citizen, buying a toy for a

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**Nominations wanted**

The Westland Kiwanis Club and Mayor Robert Thomas are co-sponsoring their third annual Salute to Excellence to honor the city's outstanding mother, father and teacher of the year. Added to this year's recognition program is the "high school senior of the year" honor.

The winner in each of the four categories will be publicly honored at a program Wednesday, April 9, at the mayor's annual state of the city address.

Nominees for the father, mother and senior honors must live in the city while the teaching nominees must work in the city although residency isn't required.

Nomination forms are available at the mayor's office in City Hall and local school buildings. Deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Questions concerning the recognition program may be directed to Deputy Mayor George Gillies at 487-3200.

### PLACES & FACES

**Holiday singers**

The Glenn Singers, made up of John Glenn High School choral students, will perform at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Greenfield Village's Martha Mary Chapel. There is no charge for the holiday choral concert.

The school choir is directed by Irene Fritz. A Greenfield Village spokeswoman said that the facility is already decorated for the holidays.

**Edison activities**

Edison Elementary School students will have a busy week next Monday. First, fifth-graders will be visited by eight Drug Abuse Resistance

Education (DARE) mentors from John Glenn High School.

At the same time, other students will be involved in "Santa's Secret Workshop," picking out Christmas gifts for parents, relatives or others.

**Bowling benefit**

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army Corps will hold its first bowlathon late Saturday night, Dec. 14, at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. Check-in time is 11:30 p.m.

The event will raise money which will enable the Salvation Army to help local needy families enjoy a merrier Christmas, said Corps Capt. Mark Welsh.

Pledge forms are available at the Salvation Army Center, 2300 S. Venoy; Westland Bowl; U.S. Print, 6570 N. Wayne Road; Chamber of Commerce, 36900 Ford; and City Hall, 36601 Ford.



**Winners all:** The four winners of the essay contest (right) threw the switch to light the trees. They are (from front to back) Alexas Larimore, Breanne Porta and Adrian Campbell. Not visible is winner Megan Gilbert. (Below, right) Children and adults joined together in the annual sing-a-long, part of the city's Christmas tree lighting ceremony and welcoming of Santa Claus. (Left) Lindsay Chmiel, 5, checks out the reindeer pulling Santa's sleigh.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

## Yule

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needy child or making a meal for a neighbor.

"What a great thing that would be," Thomas said.

He also gave Santa the key to the city - a key that the mayor said would ensure that Santa could get into each and every residence to deliver gifts.

## NOEL

Deputy Mayor George Gillies, master of ceremonies, announced the top three winners of a student essay contest sponsored by the Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

Lincoln Elementary fifth-grader Breanne Porta won top honors for her essay on "What Christmas Means To Me." Her essay focused on how lucky she is to spend Christmas with a loving family.

Second place went to Jefferson-Barns Elementary fifth-grader Lean Potvin, while the third-place winner was Patchin Elementary first-grader Caitlin Burns.



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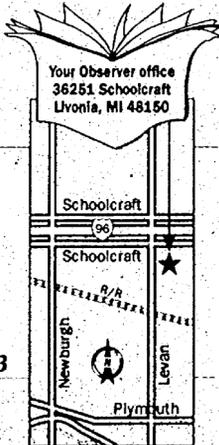
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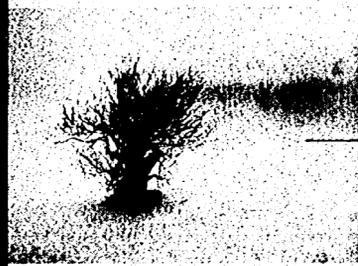
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"This is the ultimate museum of Scouting," said John Primrose, executive for the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, "featuring all sorts of patches, pins, uniforms, books ... anything you can think of having to do with Scouting, exhibited by collectors from all over the U.S. and Canada."

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# Kids know what makes holiday toy story

BY DIANE GALE  
SPECIAL WRITER

No one knows better how to identify the most popular toys this holiday season than the kids parents strive to please. We toured area stores to find what these experts are looking at this year.

Aris and Christo Papaionnou of Livonia were focused on maneuvering the Brio train cars around the tracks on a table in Jacobson's at Laurel Park, and they barely lifted their eyes as they rattled off their favorite picks.

Aris, who was adamant about adding the half to his mother's proclamation that he was 7, said he liked Star Wars figures, Nintendo 64 and Goosebumps "stuff." "I like the scary things," he said.

Four-year-old Christo's taste ranges from Barney items to action packed Power Rangers.

"I want some trains, too," Christo said adding that he also wants a Power Wheels bulldozer and Nintendo.

Their mother, Katerina, said their choices were a surprise, because they weren't the same things they told her they wanted.

A few minutes later Avery and Amara Raines played at the table. Avery, 2, clearly wanted anything to do with Pocahontas and her 3-year-old sister asked Santa for a play cash register.

"Mostly what I've gotten so far are educational toys, because they have too much other stuff," said their mother, Romayne Raines of Pleasant Ridge.

Zack Dunlap, 9, grabbed a Basket of Puppies 101 Dalmatians, yelled to his mother, Lisa, to come see and put it back on the shelf at the Meijer store in Canton.

"I'd like a U of M starter coat," said the 9-year-old Canton resident who was also shopping with his cousin, Melanie Dunlap, and his sister, Shana.

Zack hoped to find metal molders, Legos and figures like Bat-

## 'I'd like a U of M starter coat.'

Zack Dunlap, 9

man under the Christmas tree.

"I want the coat he wants," Melanie, 10, of Westland said pointing to Zack. In-line skates, a new outfit and play make-up would be nice, too.

Shana, 6, fancies American Girl dolls and "all" the accessories. Beanie Babies were a quick afterthought.

A few aisles away Alex Fabiszewski, 9, of Canton was shopping with his father, Tom. Alex liked the movie "Star Wars" and anything to do with it like, action figures and ships. The third-grader said he has noticed that the "Space Jam" movie and toys are popular with kids in his class.

Nearby, Wei Chang pushed her 3-year-old daughter, Lucy, in a basket as the girl clutched a stuffed cat and peered up at the tall aisles of toys. With a little prodding from mom, the youngster remembered she liked puzzles.

Mikey Semsedina, 4, wore matching Michigan jackets with his father, Pete, at Target in Westland. Mikey said he plans to ask Santa for Power Rangers.

Lee Oltersdorff, 12, of Garden City, decided to try-out a skate board in the aisles. His choices were Play Station and Nintendo 64. His friend, Zack Walkois, 13, likes CDs.

Meanwhile, Bradley Fitzsimmons, 6, of Westland was eyeing the Micromachines and SSP cars complete with pull cord that energizes the car before it blows up. His 14-year-old brother, Matt, is a big fan of model airplanes and Nintendo.

Michael Swope, 3, of Ypsilanti, likes the traditional fire trucks, Hot Wheels and the movie, "Toy Story."

Sticking with the basics is always a good bet, according to



STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIELY

**Toy time:** Wei Chang and daughter, Lucy, of Canton Township shop at Meijer in Canton. In photo at right, Lee Oltersdorff, 12, of Garden City tests a skate board at Target in Westland.

Robyn Hussey, manager of the Pied Piper in downtown Plymouth.

"We still find kids enjoying the things that make them use their imaginations," Hussey said. "The Brio trains and the blocks are popular, because they can still be creative."

If you've seen the movie, "Jingle All the Way," with Arnold Schwarzenegger it's a good reminder that whatever is on your child's list this holiday season, you probably shouldn't wait until the last minute to go shopping.



**Beans talk:** Robyn Hussey, manager at Pied Piper in Plymouth, says that the Beanie Babies are very popular.



**On track:** Aris Papaionnou, 7½, of Livonia and his brother, Christo, 4, play with the Brio train at Jacobson's in Laurel Park Place in Livonia.



**All in the family:** Zack Dunlap, 9 of Canton, his cousin, Melanie of Westland, 10, and his sister, Shana, 6, shop at Meijer in Canton Township.



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district includes the southeast corner of Westland, said that the state has a responsibility for special education students.

"There are people in our society who need us and we can't turn our heads on them," he said.

Kelly added that "it's hokey" that administration must pay for the potential adverse court ruling by cutting other departments and special education programs.

The legislator urged that the state use the \$1.5 billion rainy day fund to pay for any court award.

On the other side, several Republican legislators tried to convince parents that there is no move in the near future to cut special education funds.

State Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Redford, said that she met with Engler that day to discuss the legislative agenda for the next weeks and that it doesn't include cutting special education.

But she noted that all state spending "is on the table" for anywhere from \$500 million to \$1.5 billion to pay for a potential court award.

State Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, stressed that he doesn't expect any legislative votes on the issue since there are only six working days left in the current term. A new state House, which

will be controlled by the Democratic Party, will be convened in early January.

Before the meeting began, State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, told the Observer that he feels the protests were initiated through a "boiler room group" and professional associations after hearing of the Durant decision by an appeals court.

Two parents, Dawn Rush and Anasie Yazbec, told the legislators and other parents of the needs that preschool disabled children have and the importance of state funding.

During most of the meeting, Lydia Beltran, a Michigan Education Association consultant for professional development, discussed how the state regulates special education programs.

She pointed out that parents should attend a state board of education meeting scheduled for next Thursday, Dec. 12, in Lansing, when special education rules will be discussed.

Beltran and parents fear that the state board may revise the rules to reduce programs or services.

She pointed out that the board will have new members when it resumes business in January.



Story told: Dawn Rush holds her son, Nathan, 2, who has cerebral palsy and receives help through special education programs.

# Meal aids woman

BY CASEY HANS  
STAFF WRITER

Carol Koshy has much to be thankful for this year — even more so on Thanksgiving day.

The new Canton resident got a home-cooked holiday dinner complete with the fixins delivered by Rob Bellows, a former Garden City resident and now a delivery person for the Livonia-based Takeout Taxi food service.

But the nicest thing, she said, is that he did it on his own time — and with food from home.

The gesture was especially appreciated by Carol, who is blind, and lives with her seeing-eye dog and companion Katie.

Rob, who lives just around the corner in Canton, brought her a plate full of turkey, potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, corn and salad, all made by his mom.

"I was shocked," she said. "He's a hard worker and very thoughtful. He tried to leave right away, and I said 'wait a minute — I have to give you a hug'."

"You just don't hear about people doing good things anymore," she added.

Rob has delivered Takeout Taxi meals to Carol about twice each week since she moved into her new home Nov. 19 in the

## HOLIDAY

Warren/Sheldon area.

An employee of Takeout Taxi for the past year, he was rather reserved about his gesture of goodwill. The day before, he said, he had showed Carol how to use her new stove, and she mentioned that a friend had bought her a turkey TV dinner for the special day.

He just thought the home-cooked meal would be a nice thing to do, he said.

Bellows and his family moved to Canton a year ago from Garden City, where he grew up and graduated from Garden City High School. Marnie Esper, a manager at Takeout Taxi, said they were pleased with his holiday gesture.

"We have a lot of good people working for us," she said, many who help older and handicapped customers by taking out garbage. "It's nice to help people — especially if they're older."

Carol said she often orders from the company, which delivers food from various restaurants in the area. Her favorites? Ribs and steak and cheese subs, she said.

# Goodfellows raise \$15,688 for children

BY DARRELL CLEM  
STAFF WRITER

Westland Goodfellows raised \$15,688 from a weekend fund-raiser aimed at providing Christmas toys for needy children — an amount that marked a nearly 50 percent increase over last year's total, a volunteer said.

"It was wonderful — absolutely wonderful," acting Goodfellows secretary Madeleine Schroeder said Tuesday.

Goodfellows, who sold their familiar newspapers at major city intersections on Friday and Saturday, far outpaced last year's \$10,684 in sales, she said.

Westland firefighter Jeff Pochron, alone, brought in \$2,003, ranking No. 1 in newspaper sales for a second consecutive year, Schroeder said.

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Firefighters have long played a major role in Goodfellows fund-raisers, but the Westland Police Department also stepped up its involvement this year, she said.

"We had more police officers than we've ever had before," Schroeder said.

Goodfellows leader Jerry Smith told the Westland City Council during a Monday night meeting that at least 45 volunteers helped out with this year's fund drive.

Sales were so brisk that the organization ran out of the 8,000 newspapers that had been ordered for the 1996 season, Schroeder said.

Smith told the council on Monday that, "I had to dig into a trick bag, and some (con-

tributors) got 1995 newspapers."

Schroeder, who is in charge of newspapers and toys, said that 2,000 of the 1995 newspapers were sold.

Many motorists could be seen Friday and Saturday dropping money into canisters that Goodfellows volunteers carried at major intersections.

The newspaper sale coincides with the post-Thanksgiving shopping rush that kicks off the Christmas gift-buying season.

By all accounts, Westland shoppers this year appear to be in a giving mood.

Money raised by Goodfellows is used to buy toys for needy children who might otherwise receive no gifts for Christmas.

The group will pack baskets of food and toys in time for delivery just before Christmas.

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## POLICE

men — some from Canton Township — went to the defendant's house and smashed windows, allegedly because of differences over a girlfriend, Fetner said.

In retaliation, another group of men went to a Canton Township residence late Saturday or early Sunday and also smashed windows, Fetner said.

The Canton group returned to the defendant's house Sunday night, only to be confronted by a group of about 10 of the defendant's supporters, the sergeant said.

Hubbard was beaten with beer bottles after he walked to the house and asked for Garfield, Fetner said. Hubbard managed to escape, and he had begun to flee toward nearby Venoy Road when the defendant allegedly came out of the back door and opened fire with a 12-gauge shot-

gun, Fetner said.

Shots were allegedly fired at Hubbard, Nathaniel Maddox, 18, of Canton Township, and an innocent bystander who was sitting in his truck at a traffic light at Grand Traverse and Venoy, Fetner said.

Three or four shots were reportedly fired, he said. The truck was hit, but the driver wasn't injured, he said.

Police were notified at that point, and Garfield was arrested outside of his house without incident, Fetner said.

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## Staffers garner plaudits for work

Community Opportunity Centers, Inc., is among the residential care providers statewide that will be observing Direct Care Staff Appreciation Day on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The day has been proclaimed by Gov. John Engler to recognize the vital role direct care staff performs in providing support services to persons with disabilities.

COC, with headquarters in Livonia, operates residential centers for the developmentally disabled in Garden City, Plymouth, Livonia and Redford.

The Michigan Residential Care Association estimates there are more than 45,000 direct care staff persons serving disabled persons in licensed residential care facilities, supported independence programs, and vocational programs.

The governor's proclamation noted that in the early 1970s in Michigan steps were taken to provide community-based and home supports and services for residents with disabilities and to move away from institutional care.

Since that time Michigan has been recognized nationally for its community and family-based programs for the disabled, said Gov. Engler, and the success of these programs "would not have been possible without the inspirational courage and determination of Michigan's citizens with disabilities and direct care staff."

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## Leukemia victims battle disease, hope for help

BY LARRY PALADINO  
STAFF WRITER

Last week, Chris, a 7-year-old second-grader from Birmingham, found out his leukemia was in remission.

That *should* be good news. It is good news, except . . . he was told that before, but it didn't last.

"To keep him in remission the best chance is for a bone marrow transplant," said his mother, Janine, during a news conference last week at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club.

It was held to drum up support for a massive area blood and bone marrow drive spearheaded by the Phoebe Foundation of Beverly Hills, in cooperation with the J.P. McCarthy Foundation of Bloomfield Hills, the Southfield-based Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Chris' disease, which is usually fatal, was diagnosed Nov. 30,

**■ Chris is just one of eight children being spotlighted in the "Save A Life Sunday" blood and bone marrow drive from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Beverly Hills health club.**

1992, but through drugs and chemotherapy, it went in remission for four years, his mother said, "then relapsed Oct. 17. But now, it's in remission again."

He was off medication for nine months when the relapse hit, she said. The cancer had only been found in his bone marrow before, but suddenly it was spotted in Chris' spinal fluid.

"Now it's a whole new ball game," said Janine, who asked that her last name not be used.

Chris' father, also named Chris, said his son has been so sapped by his illness he barely got out of bed for two weeks.

"His mind is sharp, but his body is not willing," the senior Chris said.

The boy's classmates and the

staff at Harlan Elementary School, meanwhile, have been terrific, the parents said.

"Christopher hasn't gone back to school yet," his mother said, "so they have been sending him tapes of what they've been doing, like their Halloween party, and they even went Trick or Treating for him. The principals and teachers were out to see him. And in science class they had a crash course in what leukemia is all about."

Chris is just one of eight children being spotlighted in the "Save A Life Sunday" blood and bone marrow drive from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Beverly Hills health club, as well as Kar-

See **DONORS, A9**

## Drive to help Livonia man

A bone marrow drive will be held to help save the life of Robert W. "Bud" Wisner of Livonia.

A resident of Livonia for 49 years, he is one of 26,000 people who have diagnosed with leukemia this year. He and others need a bone marrow transplant for a chance to survive this life-threatening disease.

Wisner was diagnosed on April 15 and has had all the chemo treatment to put him in remission. He was in remission for three months when his leukemia returned.

He has had many blood

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## United Way offers Holiday Connection

For the sixth consecutive year, United Way Community Services' Tel-Help Service will offer its "Holiday Connection" program until Dec. 30.

Holiday Connection serves as a clearinghouse to meet the special needs of the tri-county area during the holiday season, including:

- Referring families or individuals in need to human service agencies
- Linking individuals, families, or groups wishing to donate time with volunteer opportunities
- Matching financial or other resources with agencies serving families with similar needs

Virgil H. Carr, president and CEO of United Way Community Services, said the demand for resources continues to increase each year.

"Of the more than 800 calls that Holiday Connection received in 1995, less than 5 percent were from businesses and families wishing to donate goods or financial resources," Carr said. "Because the need for services has been greater than the resources available, agencies and groups often can't meet all the requests."

This year, a Holiday Connection Wish List booklet with requests from various human service groups was developed. It is a tool for companies, service and church groups, families and individuals interested in volunteering or donating items. Requests for booklets must be made early, as quantities are limited.

Individuals or groups who want to give resources such as food, blankets, toys, or money also may call the Holiday Connection and be linked to the specific agency.

Help ensure a brighter holiday for people in need by volunteering time or donating money or other resources to the Holiday Connection.

For additional information, call (313) 226-9888 or 1-800-522-1183 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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OBITUARIES

LAWRENCE A. OHMER
Services for Mr. Ohmer, 59, of Garden City were Dec. 2 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mr. Ohmer died Nov. 28 in Garden City. Born April 30, 1937, in Detroit, he was a tool and die worker.

Survivors include: son, Kevin (Janet) Ohmer of Tucson, Ariz.; daughter, Anne-Marie (Michael) Ohmer; six grandchildren; mother, Adele Ohmer; and sisters, Theresa (Terrence) Nicholson, Katherine (Richard) Long of Livonia and Margaret Rutzel.

ALEX J. WALKER

Services for the Garden City infant were Dec. 4 from the Santeiu & Son Funeral Home with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Westland. The Rev. Gary Damon of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City officiated.

The infant died Dec. 1 in Dearborn. He was a triplet born Oct. 9, 1996, in Dearborn.

Survivors include: parents, Annette and Danny Walker of Garden City; brothers Dale and Keith; grandfather, Albert Giannarino; great-grandfather, John Dochery; uncles, Ron, Rick and Gary Walker; great-

aunts, Helen Morris and May Mills; and second cousin, Charles Morris.

GEORGE E. WOLF

Services for Mr. Wolf, 77, of Garden City were Dec. 4 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Westland, followed by cremation. The Rev. Leonard Partensky officiated.

Mr. Wolf died Nov. 30 in Garden City Hospital. Born Dec. 12, 1918, in Detroit, he was a sheriff's department employee.

Survivors include: sons, Henry and Wayne (Diane); daughters, Linda Chilkiewicz, Lou Ann (David) Berlin, Sharon Mox and Debra (Al) Wagner; nine grandchildren; and a sister, Gloria Hernandez.

DEBBIE JOAN LEWIS

A memorial service for Ms. Lewis, 26, of Westland was Dec. 1 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home. The Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church officiated.

Ms. Lewis died Nov. 25 in Garden City. Born Nov. 10, 1970, in Bellflower, Calif., she was a food service company waitress.

Survivors include: father, Tony Lewis Sr. of Wayne; sister, Cherie (Tom) Prillwitz of Wayne; and brothers, Tony Lewis Jr. of Wayne and Coe (Lyn) Lewis of Westland.

Westland.

MAURICE R. NEIL

Services for Mr. Neil, 77, of Westland were Dec. 2 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery. The Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiated.

Mr. Neil died Nov. 28 in Westland. Born March 4, 1919, in Detroit, he was a baker.

Survivors include: wife, Jean; daughters, Joan (Richard) Hamilton and Judith (David) Knox; sons, William (Kathy) and Thomas (Elaine); 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one brother and one sister.

FAY HOWE

Services for Mrs. Howe, 81, of Westland were Nov. 29 from Uht Funeral Home with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. The Rev. Roy Forsyth officiated.

Mrs. Howe died Nov. 27 in Hope Care Convalescent Center, Westland.

Born Aug. 16, 1915, she was an assembler.

Survivors include: sons, Gerald Bryant and Gary Howe; stepdaughter, Gloria Krumm; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death was her husband, Kenneth.

JOHN HENRY JONES

Services for Mr. Jones, 81, of Westland were Nov. 30 from the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Neil Cowling of Kirk of Our Savior Church officiated.

Mr. Jones died Nov. 25 in Garden City. Born in Pardee, Va., he lived in Sterling Heights before moving to Westland in 1977. He served in the Army during World War II and later worked for

many years as a furniture refinisher.

Survivors include: daughters, Vicki (Hubert) Warren of St. Clair, Sharon Douglas of Taylor, Wanda (Carl) Venditelli of Canton Township; Dot (Paul) Abraham of Clinton Township, and Faye (Frank) Kozlowski of Taylor; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

He was preceded in death by Evelyn, his wife of 43 years.

Memorials may be donated to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield, Mich. 48076.

MILFORD A. ELLERHOLZ

Services for Mr. Ellerholz, 73, of Westland were Dec. 2 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Knollwood Cemetery, Canton Township. The Rev. Drexel Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiated.

Mr. Ellerholz died Nov. 29 in Garden City Hospital. Born Aug. 30, 1923, in Detroit, he was a nut and bolt company supervisor.

Survivors include: wife, Marilyn; sons, Gerald and Thomas; daughters, Carol (Thomas) Curling and Debra (Michael) Sagan; grandchildren, Kelley, Laine and Adams; and brothers, Harold and Willard.

MARGARET I. SANECKI

Services for Mrs. Sanecki, 82, of Westland were Dec. 1 from Uht Funeral Home with interment in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Fred Cooley officiated.

Mrs. Sanecki died Nov. 28 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born July 3, 1914, she was a retired Parke-Davis Co. secretary.

Survivors include: sons, Jack (Christel) and James (Peggy); grandsons, David and Scott;

great-grandsons, Scott, Jr. and Joshua, and sisters, Annona Ferguson and Edith (Ervin) Felt.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Raymond, and a brother-in-law, Thomas Ferguson.

MATHILDE KARL

Services for Mrs. Karl, 89, of Westland were Dec. 1 from the Uht Funeral Home with interment in Woodmore Cemetery, Detroit. The Rev. Kurt Heidman officiated.

Mrs. Karl died Nov. 28 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born Nov. 11, 1907, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: daughters, Anneliese Johnson and Hildegard Withrow; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and sister, Bertha Yost.

DAISEY F. CARTER

Services for Mrs. Carter, 72, of Westland were Dec. 2 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Livonia. The Rev. Mark Moore of the Agape Christian Center officiated.

Mrs. Carter died Nov. 28 in Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. Born Nov. 15, 1924, in Sanders, Ky., she was a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons, Stephen, Gary (Barbara) and David (Sally); daughters, Christina (Donald) Haskins, Annette (Thomas) Kelly and Karen (William) Boyington; 13 grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Ryan, and brother, James Godman. Preceding her in death were her husband, William, and a daughter, Kathie Laesch.

REBECCA MCALLISTER

Services for Mrs. McAllister, 93, of Westland were Dec. 3 from Our Lady of Loretto Church with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. The Rev. Joseph Esper officiated.

Arrangements were by the Charles Step Funeral Home, Redford Township. Mrs. McAllister died Nov. 30

in Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born Sept. 6, 1903, in Scotland, she was a member of Our Lady of Loretto and a homemaker.

Survivors include: sons, Norman (Mary) and William (Margorie); grandchildren, Kenneth, Diane Giancarlo, Douglas, Christine Hammerle, Elizabeth Liepak, William, Bruce, Theresa and Barbara; and great-grandchildren, Mark, Joseph and Meagan Giancarlo. Preceding her in death was her husband, James.

BARBARA A. GARRISON

Services for Mrs. Garrison, 65, of Westland were Dec. 3 from the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home with burial in Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville. The Rev. Donald Lintelman of Nativity United Church of Christ officiated.

Mrs. Garrison died Dec. 1 in Garden City Hospital. Born Jan. 16, 1931, in Detroit, she was an insurance office manager.

Survivors include: daughters Diane (John) Mehl, Carl Dierickx and Suzanne (Kurt) Morris; son, Robert III; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; father, Noble Bates; stepfather, John Most; brother, Richard Bates, and sister, Kathy Petlicke.

CHARLES SWANK

Services for Mr. Swank, 75, a former Wayne County parks and forestry division foreman, were Dec. 2 from the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with interment in Cadillac Memorial Gardens West Cemetery. The Rev. Neil Swanger officiated.

Mr. Swank, of Grand Rapids, died Nov. 27 in Veterans Hospital. He was born April 22, 1921.

Survivors include: wife, Billy; sons, Stuart and Jason; daughters, Sharon Huneau of Wayne, Kathleen Foley and Crystal Swank; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Tommy, Harold, Robert and Raymond; and sisters, Ethel and Althea.

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December 16, 1996
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Mayor and Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 16, 1996, at 7:15 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the adoption of the proposed ordinance...
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY.
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70 OF THE CODE OF GARDEN CITY
PURPOSE
Whereas, the City Council recognizes that, by statute, no local community may enforce a local ordinance which is in conflict with the provisions of the State Motor Vehicle Code (Act 300, P.A. 1949), and...
Whereas, the City Council recognizes that the Michigan Legislature has enacted new legislation specifying the penalties and sanctions imposed for moving violations in construction zones, at emergency scenes, and in school zones, to wit, Section 257.601b (1) of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and...
Whereas, the City Council recognizes that some provisions of the existing Code of Ordinances relating to the penalties and sanctions imposed for moving violations in construction zones, at emergency scenes, and in school zones would conflict with the newly enacted statute, and...
Whereas, the City Council has previously adopted the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages as promulgated by the state police under the provisions of Act 62, P.A. 1956, and from time to time has amended said Code regarding the penalties and sanctions imposed for moving violations in construction zones, at emergency scenes, and in school zones, and...
Whereas, the City Council finds a continuing need for the enforcement of a local ordinance to set the penalties and sanctions imposed for moving violations in construction zones, at emergency scenes, and in school zones, NOW THEREFORE...
THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS, THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING THE PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS IMPOSED FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES, AT EMERGENCY SCENES, AND IN SCHOOL ZONES, THE CODE OF GARDEN CITY SHALL BE AMENDED AND/OR REPEALED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION TO CHAPTER 70, TITLE VII OF THE CITY CODE AS FOLLOWS:
PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS FOR A FINDING OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR A MOVING VIOLATION IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE, AT AN EMERGENCY SCENE, OR IN A SCHOOL ZONE.
Section 70.18 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, a person responsible for a moving violation in a construction zone, at an emergency scene, or in a school zone during the period beginning 30 minutes before school in the morning and through 30 minutes after school in the afternoon is subject to a fine that is double the fine otherwise prescribed for that moving violation.
Whenever practical, signs designed in compliance with the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control Devices shall be appropriately placed at the construction zone by the State Transportation Department or road authority having jurisdiction over the construction zone notifying operators of vehicles that for the protection and safety of construction workers the fine for a moving violation in this area is double the fine otherwise prescribed for that moving violation.
As used in this Section:
(a) "Construction zone" means a designated work area described in Section 257.627 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
(b) "Emergency scene" means a traffic accident, a serious incident caused by weather conditions or other occurrence along a highway or street or which a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical personnel are summoned to aid an injured victim.
(c) "Moving violation" means an act or omission prohibited under this Act or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to this Act that occurs while a person is operating a motor vehicle, and for which the person is subject to a fine.
(d) "School zone" means that term as defined in Section 257.627a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
Except as herein modified, said Code shall remain in full force and effect.
RONALD D. SHOWALTER
City Clerk-Treasurer
Posted: December 3, 1996
Published: December 5, 1996

2 shopping malls are planning yule events

Local shoppers will find plenty of activities while they look for Christmas gifts at Westland Center and Wonderland Mall this month.

At Westland, the Burger Center for Autistic Students will perform in a choral music concert at noon, Dec. 18, in the mall's east court.

There will be a series of concerts at 7 p.m. today and the next two Thursdays, starting at 7 p.m. in the east court.

The groups will be a sextet tonight (Thursday), and quintets led by Del Kauffman on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19.

The following holiday events will be held during December at Wonderland Mall, Middlebelt at Plymouth Road in Livonia.

Dec. 6 - Join Kevin O'Neill from WKQI radio for "Christmas Follies '96" in center court at 11:30 a.m.

Dec. 6-Jan. 4 - American Red Cross will be holding a month-long blood drive at the center.

Dec. 7 - Livonia Goodfellows will be holding annual paper sale throughout the mall.

Dec. 7 - "Visitors from Another Planet Learn About Christmas" puppet show at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.;

Dec. 9 - St. Mary Hospital free blood pressure testing 8

a.m. to 10 a.m.;
Dec. 13 - Burger Center Autistic Choir performance at noon;

Dec. 14, 28 - American Heart Association free blood pressure screening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.;

Dec. 14 - Garden City High Choir performance at center court 1 p.m.;

Dec. 14-22 - Livonia Lamp-lighters annual Candy Cane Sale held throughout the center;

Through Dec. 24 - Mall Greeters will be available at all major entrances noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday to answer questions;

Through Dec. 24 - Wonderland Mall has paired with Metropolitan YMCA to collect new toys, children's clothing, and non-perishable food items. All items can be turned into the information booth or the YMCA booth near Winkelman's;

Through Dec. 24 - Get your picture taken with Santa 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Photo prices start at \$6.99;

Through Dec. 24 - Take a ride on the "Holiday Express" train from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday near Montgomery Ward. Prices are \$1 per ride.

Garden club sells greens

Your chance to purchase holiday greenery and simultaneously benefit the charitable Plymouth Branch of the Women's National Farm & Garden Association arrives Friday, Dec. 6.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the club's annual Holiday Greens Mart will take place at the Forest Place Mall.

Wreaths, boxwood and holly will be sold at the event, coordinated by Jill Ginder and Eileen Wittenberg. Set for the same time and day is the association's bake sale, headed up by Stephanie LaGosh and Arlene Tanari.

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# Archer to speak to Canton Economic Club



Mayor Dennis Archer

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer will be the guest speaker at the Canton Economic Club's monthly luncheon on Dec. 12.

The lunch begins at noon and will be held on a Thursday, and not on the usual Wednesday, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The lunch costs \$15.

Archer was always active in politics, even while embarking on his long legal career.

Archer was elected mayor of Detroit in 1993, after he served

nine years as an associate justice on the Michigan Supreme Court. Archer was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard to the court in November 1985, the first black to sit on that court in nearly 20 years and only the second in Michigan's history.

Archer was one of the nation's most respected attorneys because of his highly successful trial work for defendants and plaintiffs and because of the important offices he held, including the presidencies of the State Bar of Michigan, the Wolverine

Bar Association and the National Bar Association. In 1985, he was included in the list of the 100 most powerful attorneys in the U.S. by the National Law Journal.

Archer practiced law with Charfoos, Christensen & Archer in 1973-85, Hall, Stone, Allen, Archer & Glenn in 1971-73, and Gragg & Gardner in 1970-71.

Because of his desire to serve the community, Archer began to explore the world of politics.

Archer worked in Richard Austin's campaign for mayor of

Detroit and Secretary of State. He was a campaign manager for Recorder's Judge Samuel Gardner, Mayor Coleman Young in the 1977 re-election campaign and for George Crockett Jr. in his successful bid for Congress in 1980.

Archer also served in high positions in the campaigns of Blanchard, former U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle, U.S. Sen. Carl Levin and former Wayne County Executive William Lucas.

Archer received his juris doctor from Detroit College of Law

in 1970 and bachelor of science from Western Michigan University in 1965.

Seats for the luncheon are limited. The reservation deadline is Dec. 11.

The Canton Economic Club is a program sponsored by the Canton Community Foundation. Reservations can be made by contacting Ellen Tucker at the Canton Community Foundation at 981-3002.

# DEQ to review proposed storm water permit guidelines

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and local communities are expected to review guidelines proposed for general storm water permits to check compliance with federal laws and whether communities can afford them.

The latest revisions call for checks of illegal connections and cross connections between storm and sanitary sewers, and checks of septic tank fields.

Jim Murray, Wayne County's director of environment, appeared at a court hearing

before U.S. District Judge John Feikens last month with state and other county officials to discuss the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project and how problems of combined sewer overflows are being addressed. CSOs combine storm water and raw sewage in sanitary sewers and empty into the Rouge.

The hearings are conducted to assess and ensure the Rouge project aims at meeting the Clean Water Act.

"Local communities will be looking at several things they will be obligated to do," Murray

said. "Whether they have septic tanks or a septic system, they will need to review systems and factors. Hundreds exist in Oakland County and some here in Wayne."

Whether those requirements will be written in the permits or in local ordinances or both remains to be seen, Murray said. "I think that the DEQ will work with communities to try and figure that out," Murray said.

Murray expects these obligations will be evaluated to see what is needed.

"The court and judges wants

an evaluation on what geoinformation system (GIS) should be put in, but communities are concerned about the cost," Murray said. A federally mandated GIS may not be much more expensive than the current one used for the project, Murray said.

"All the information we have from across the country shows development has a direct impact on water quality," Murray said. A map of the subwatersheds would diagram and analyze development, watersheds and water quality.

The next court hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23. The DEQ

will discuss a five-year storm water action plan, which may include the following general stormwater permit guidelines:

- Subwatershed survey results and analyses to detect illicit connections to storm water systems; steps planned to require removal of illegal discharges, and a schedule of additional surveys;

- Subwatershed survey results and analyses to check whether on-site septic systems are functioning, alternatives proposed for residential or business locations with failed on-site systems, and copies of subwater-

shed river surveys to demonstrate bacterial indicators are not present;

- Examples and descriptions of a storm water education program for residents and businesses to prevent river pollution, and alternative disposal options for wastes if local controls are inadequate;

- Local regulations intended to prevent disposal of wastes in storm drains and illegal sewer connections;

- Regulations requiring storm water management at development sites and significant redevelopment.

# Holiday giveaway offered at LightFest

Oldies 104.3 WOMC radio is joining with Farmer Jack supermarkets to sponsor a great holiday give-away at the Wayne County LightFest.

On two consecutive Tuesdays, Dec. 10 and 17, each car entering Lightfest will receive a numbered coupon. On the following Wednesday, between 4 and 5 p.m., WOMC's Tom Ryan will draw the winning number.

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Wayne County LightFest is open through Jan. 1, except on Dec. 25, from 7-10 p.m. Cars enter Hines Drive at Merriman Road in Westland, 2.5 miles

south of I-96, and proceed one-way eastbound, exiting at Warren just east of Telegraph in Dearborn-Heights.

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### American Heating & Air Conditioning

Recent energy awareness has aroused considerable interest among area homeowners in the field of energy-saving heating products. Heating and air conditioning systems today must be considered not only in terms of home comfort, but also in terms of providing an energy-efficient investment.

We suggest to the people of the Westland and Garden City area who have heating or cooling problems that you let American Heating & Air Conditioning located at 34623 Birchwood in Westland, phone 313-722-6339, handle the job. They have been serving this area for 27 years and are looking forward to serving you for many more. This firm specializes in the heating and cooling field and through years of experience has gained an enviable reputation for quality work at reasonable prices. They offer sales, service and installation.

Nowadays it seems that many companies have overlooked customer service, but American Heating prides themselves in the fact that they are a customer oriented company and are out to satisfy everyone of their customers to the best of their ability.

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Probably the most important advice you'll ever receive will be to "seek professional legal assistance whenever legal problems arise." This advice should be heeded by everyone, as laws are constantly being changed and updated and new laws are being brought into effect every day. Thus, the average person should not handle his or her own legal problems.

The firm many Westland and Garden City residents have turned to for legal assistance in divorce and family law, child support and visitation, paternity, child custody, bankruptcy, wills, estates and probate matters, juvenile matters, criminal offenses, and personal injury is Susan F. Widenbaum, Attorney-At-Law. Located at 28015 Joy Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster) in Westland, phone 313-427-0303, Susan offers aggressive representation with personal attention. Call to make an appointment to see this licensed practicing attorney and discuss any of the above legal matters. She will be happy to assist you in any possible way.

We take pleasure in referring our readers to the LAW OFFICES OF SUSAN F. WIDENBAUM for legal assistance. Call 313-427-0303 for information or a consultation.

### WESTLAND COUNSELING CENTER

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As one of Wayne County's leaders in the carpet cleaning industry, the experts at New Horizon Carpet Cleaning serve both residential and commercial accounts with recognized TOTAL dependability. With so many methods of carpet cleaning advertised, it is difficult for homeowners and business people to choose which method is best. In carpet cleaning the bottom line is how many satisfied customers the company has, and New Horizon Carpet Cleaning Services will match their list of satisfied clients with any in the area.

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We congratulate THE LENNOX COMPANIES for continued dedication to excellence on every job. THE LENNOX COMPANIES would like to thank their customers. They value your business and look forward to serving your needs in the future.

### Lee's Auto Sales

For many years, automobile dealers considered "used cars" as a sideline to the business of selling new models. Things have changed in recent years and one of the big reasons is the kind of business operated by Lee's Auto Sales. Family owned and operated by the Debolski's, Lee's Auto Sales has been serving the area since 1976. They believe that the used car buyer is just as important as the new buyer. They are determined to give each customer the finest quality, and the best possible customer price. They have a large "family" of customers who return because they know that integrity, service and assurance of quality are passwords here.

The safe way to buy a used car is at Lee's Auto Sales located at 6969 Middlebelt in Garden City, phone 422-4590. They take personal pride in every used car they sell. On-the-spot financing and insurance service truly makes them a "one-stop" headquarters for your automotive needs. Stop by Lee's Auto Sales and see their full line of sharp used cars. The Debolski family would like to wish Westland and Garden City families a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

### PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE WESTLAND

Living here feels good! At PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE WESTLAND, you'll find their staff enables many residents to maintain their former life-style and assists others in becoming as independent as possible.

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Don't you owe it to yourself to inspect the superior facilities at PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE? Their way of life gives their residents the encouragement, opportunity and companionship to make every day as full and vital as they want it to be. That's a good feeling and feeling good is what PRESBYTERIAN VILLAGE WESTLAND is all about. Visit them and see what a retirement community really can be or phone (313) 728-5222 for more information.

### DR. IRENE A. TSENG

It's a proven fact that good dental care is vital to your overall health, as well as your appearance. With today's emphasis on preventing dental problems before they start, there are many advantages in seeing a dentist on a regular basis. Being treated by the same dentist each visit establishes a good relationship where your dentist is familiar with you and your individual needs and can best help you to prevent decay or other dental problems.

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### ROBERT G. GLINSKI,

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Assistant Clinical Professor of Family Practice Michigan State University  
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### FRIENDSHIP CHILD CARE CENTER



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Sending your child to FRIENDSHIP CHILD CARE at a young age only prepares them better for their later school years and life experiences. Children learn through active participation with hands-on experience through exploration and discovery. The center is divided into a carefully structured activity area. Children explore freely while supported and guided by teachers who are trained to help children make their own decisions and mistakes.

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Call Kathy Prager the Director of FRIENDSHIP CHILD CARE CENTER at 313-595-3297 and see what this center has to offer.

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Terry invites you to join their family of satisfied clients! Give them a call today at 729-4200.

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Let the experts at ASSOCIATED GROUP UNDERWRITERS review your present policy. If it is satisfactory, they'll tell you so. However, they may be able to provide you with better coverage and at a better rate.

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### Coldwell Banker Legacy, Inc.

Long lasting businesses have a knack for changing with the times. One of the best examples is Western Wayne County's oldest full-service real estate company, which has changed its franchise and name to Coldwell Banker Legacy, Inc.

"We're helping second generation clients buy and sell homes," said Ted Martin, who owns the firm at 505 N. Wayne Road in Westland (formerly affiliated with Red Carpet Keim). "We found homes for the parents 20 to 30 years ago. Now we're finding homes for their children." "That's why we came up with the name 'Legacy,'" he continued. "It's enjoyable to see that legacy pass on to the next generation."

But the new generation is more mobile than the old, often following jobs around the country. So after 25 years with a regional franchise, Martin signed up with a national firm that excels in finding homes for corporate transferees. "Coldwell Banker is the world's second largest relocation company," Martin said. "It enable us to provide the highest quality service to our buyers and sellers."

Two of the secrets of Martin and his agents success is experience and community involvement. "Together, my agents have accumulated over 250 years of experience," he said. "They're all involved in community activities."

But, none more active than Martin. He was chairman of Oakwood-Annapolis Hospital Foundation; director of Wayne-Westland YMCA; and director of Western Wayne Association for Retarded Citizens; and a founder of Wayne-Westland School District Building Trades Council. Coldwell Banker Legacy is open 7 days a week. For more information call 313-729-2500.

### BELANGER TIRE & AUTO SERVICE

Advanced automotive technology necessitates a more professional approach to auto repairs and servicing. Locally BELANGER TIRE & AUTO SERVICE, is a recommended auto repair center where your guarantee of satisfaction lies in the fact that the owner, Ken Belanger, personally supervises every job.

Their shop is located at 35235 West Warren (across from Westland Shopping Center), phone 313-721-3813, and is fully-equipped with the tools and machinery to render total auto service. Technicians employed here offer prompt professional service including computerized tune ups, oil changes, electrical service, brake, wheel alignment, wheel bearings shock and exhaust system repairs, engine and transmission service, etc. In fact, all of your preventive maintenance, major and minor repairs, can be handled at this one convenient location. BELANGER's also offers a complete selection of tires.

Whether you are in need of preventive maintenance, major or minor repairs or tires, you can rest assured that you will receive the best in service at competitive prices when you place your confidence in these pros. Ken would like to take this opportunity to thank the community. He values your business and looks forward to seeing you soon.

### LENTS CHAPEL - HARRY J. WILL FUNERAL HOME

Time and service have honored the name LENTS CHAPEL - HARRY J. WILL FUNERAL HOME. This reliable firm has faithfully served the people of this area for over 50 years. They relieve you of all worry and responsibility and by sympathetic compassion, bring comfort in your hour of need. Their service supplies the consoling thought that the final tribute to your loved one has been beautiful and respectful.

When a funeral director must be contacted, may we suggest you place LENTS CHAPEL - HARRY J. WILL FUNERAL HOME in charge. They will relieve you of all the many details which must be taken care of and do everything according to your religious beliefs and family traditions.

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We refer our many readers to LENTS CHAPEL - HARRY J. WILL FUNERAL HOME for information regarding pre-arrangement services in your time of need. LENTS CHAPEL - HARRY J. WILL FUNERAL HOME has 3 locations to serve you: 34567 Michigan Avenue in Wayne, phone 721-5600, 37000 6 Mile Road in Livonia, phone 591-3700 and 25450 Plymouth Road in Redford, phone 937-3670.

### DR. IRVIN O. KANAT

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PODIATRISTS / FOOT SPECIALISTS

Podiatrists generally agree, a person's feet must not be neglected. Proper foot care is just as necessary to good health as care of the eyes and teeth.

Podiatrists, the specialists that treat foot and ankle ailments, are very aware that many painful foot afflictions which people suffer from are often easily treated once they are properly diagnosed. Perhaps that is the reason that Dr. Irvin O. Kanat & Dr. G. Daniel Shanahan are recognized as two of the areas leading podiatric physicians and surgeons. Both doctors are Board Certified and Dr. Kanat is a Past President of the American Podiatric Medical Association.

The doctors will perform a thorough medical history and podiatric exam in order to arrive at the diagnosis. Improper foot alignment can cause knee, hip or back pain which may be helped by simple foot orthotics. Dr. Kanat & Dr. Shanahan specialize in diagnosing and treating all types of foot disorders including corns, ingrown nails, plantar warts, bunions and heel spurs. Their special concern is the care and treatment of the foot of elderly and diabetic patients who often develop painful and disabling foot disorders that can be readily alleviated.

Many foot problems are easily corrected when diagnosed early. Call the office located at 29055 Ford Road in Garden City (between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads). Please phone (313) 427-6300 for information or an appointment. The office is open Monday - Saturday.

### Amantea Restaurant

When the people of this area sit back and relax in comfortable, friendly surroundings to enjoy a delicious meal, they probably sitting in the pleasant surroundings of Amantea Restaurant located at 32777 W. Warren Road (1/4 Mile West of Merriman) in Garden City, phone 313-421-1510. Amantea's is well known in this area for delicious Italian and American Cuisine and cocktails, prepared exactly the way you want and served with all the trimmings. They feature pasta, steaks, ribs, pizza, seafood, fish, etc. They also offer carry out as well as facilities which are available for banquets that can accommodate 20 - 100 people (we recommend that you call ahead for large party reservations).

When the owner, Dominic Porco, decided to open over 21 years ago, he had one goal in mind. That was to offer the people of this area the finest food, served among friendly people in a pleasant atmosphere and always with the best service in town. It is evident that Dominic has reached his goal by the customers that return again and again.

Among the family atmosphere at Amantea's, many of their waitresses have been with them since the opening: Diane, Joan, Debbie, JoAnne, MaryAnn, Cheryl and Helen. Manager, Al Lalama has been with Amantea's for 19 years and Manager Scott May for 12 years. Having a family of loyal employees for that amount of time, definitely says something good about the way they operate their restaurant.

Dominic and everyone at Amantea's would like to wish the community a happy and safe holiday season. They look forward to serving you throughout 1997.

### Quality Movers

Michigan's Moving Professionals

Quality Movers, located at 37623 Ford Road in Westland, phone 313-729-MOVE (6683), are considered by many as Michigan's local Moving Professionals. This well respected moving firm has earned a good reputation throughout the state for professional moving service with friendly, experienced personnel. Their modern equipment and packaging methods along with some of the best movers in the field, makes it possible for area residents to make a move in the shortest time possible with complete assurance that everything will arrive safe and sound.

Quality Movers' goal is to satisfy every one of their customers, whether they are moving locally or long distance. They feature residential and commercial moving for homes, apartments, offices, etc. They also offer emergency moves, loading and unloading service for your truck, expert piano moving and delivery service. No job is too big or too small for these professionals.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to express our appreciation of the first rate residential and commercial moving and personal service provided by Quality Movers. Give them a call at 313-729-MOVE (6683) and you'll understand why they are... THE ONLY QUALITY MOVERS IN TOWN.

Gary Bulson and the Quality Movers Team would like to take this opportunity to wish Westland and Garden City residents a happy and safe holiday season. They look forward to serving your moving needs throughout 1997.

### JOSEPH L. MOLFETTO, D.C.

CHIROPRACTOR

Chiropractic is not a new concept. In 1995 it turned 100 years old. Today, Chiropractic has become the largest drugless healing profession in the Western World. This science explains that some of the causes of pain or disease in the body are the vertebral subluxations which create pressure upon nerves and interfere with the normal transmission of vital nerve energy.

The Chiropractor's objective is to locate the place in the spine where the nerve pressure exists and by specific adjustments restore vertebrae to their normal function. These corrective adjustments release pressure on nerves, and thereby allows the body to heal itself. In addition to traditional "back pain" other conditions which may respond to Chiropractic care include treatment of headaches, whiplash, work accidents, sports injuries, pinched nerves, and numbness, to name just a few.

The results from recent studies have just come out. Chiropractic spinal adjustments is now one of the most studied methods of treating back pain. All of the studies have proven that it is nearly twice as effective as traditional medical treatment for back related problems. It has been found that patients recover twice as fast, recovery is for a longer period of time and it is much less expensive.

This information has been brought to you in the interest of better health by: JOSEPH L. MOLFETTO, D.C. located at 29055 Ford Road in Garden City, phone 313-422-1980 for further information or to make an appointment.

### Willow Creek Apartments

Over the past few years, the living habits of Americans have changed dramatically. One of the major factors in this change is the emergence of the modern apartment community. Many people, discouraged with continual home maintenance and the expense of home ownership, have opted for the convenient life-style of apartment homes like those available at Willow Creek.

Located at 1673 Fairwood in Westland, Willow Creek provides an affordable alternative for the life-styles of the 90's. It combines the traditional comforts of home with contemporary conveniences that families, single people and seniors will enjoy.

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If you're seriously interested in finding an apartment you'll be happy to call home, then WELCOME HOME to Willow Creek. Call (313) 728-0630 for more information or a tour. EHO/EOE.

# Save-A-Life Sunday promotes blood, bone marrow needs

Save-A-Life-Sunday is a blood and bone marrow drive that will be held all day Dec. 15, but blood donation activities are scheduled throughout the entire month of December.

Southfield-based Schostak Bros. is donating space at five shopping centers: Laurel Park Place and Wonderland Mall in Livonia, Pointe Plaza in Grosse Pointe, Windmill Plaza in Sterling Heights and Macomb Mall in Roseville.

Drive days for all those sites are Dec. 6-8, 13-14, 20-24, 26-31, Jan. 2-4. For an appointment call: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

Appointments also can be made at the same number for regular donations any time of the year, Mondays through Saturdays, at nine Red Cross donor centers in Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Oak Park, Novi, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Southgate, Roseville and Port Huron.

Here is a list of dates and some Wayne County locations of holiday season community blood drives, also using the 1-800-GIVE-LIFE appointment number:

- Dec. 2 — Westland Free

Methodist Church, Westland.

- Dec. 5 — Garden City Hospital.

- Dec. 6 — Garden City Hospital.

- Dec. 8 — Newburg Methodist Church, Livonia.

- Dec. 15 — St. Robert Belarmine Catholic Church, Redford.

Here are some statistics to absorb:

- More than 14,000 children in southeastern Michigan use blood products to save their lives each year, with 4,000 of them being seriously ill.

- About 70 people in the area are awaiting a lifesaving bone marrow match and there are some 2,000 active searches for matches each day.

- Our communities need 1,000 blood donors every day to help sick or injured people, but only get donations from about 500.

- One typing keeps a name in the National Marrow Donor Registry for life.

# Donors from page A5

manos' Wertz Center in the Detroit Medical Center.

Another of the children is 9-year-old Elizabeth of Rochester, who has neuroblastoma, which affects nerve cells. The others are: 19-month-old Samantha of Warren, who has leukemia and needs a marrow match; Allen, 8, of Goodrich, also with leukemia; Lamiece, 10, who has leukemia and Woodrow, 11, and Bryan, 5, of Detroit who both have sickle cell anemia; and Gregory, 3, of Lenox, who needs heart surgery.

## Need is large

"Between the two places, we're hoping to get 20,000 people to donate blood and 6,000 to register for the National Marrow Donor Program on the 15th," said Tom McCarthy, manager of the racquet club and president of the Phoebe Foundation. The foundation is named after Phoebe Yauck, the daughter of an employee at the club, who was just 3 when she died last June from a rare form of leukemia. A bone marrow match never was found in time for a

transplant operation.

Besides the Dec. 15 event, 77 specific blood drives are being conducted throughout southeast Michigan from Dec. 1 through Jan. 3 and six special sites are being set up in tri-county area shopping centers for holiday blood donations, including Astrein's Jewelers in Birmingham, plus Laurel Park Place and Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

"We're trying to make this one of the best months for donations," McCarthy said. "December is one of the lowest points and its when there's the greatest need. We would like to get people to donate blood on a regular basis every two months."

This is the traditional season of giving gifts, but McCarthy said, but, "instead of money or products, this is about life."

## Expensive work

The effort, though, is costly: \$200,000, he said, mostly due to the \$45 cost for every blood test done to determine bone marrow characteristics. Donors don't have to pay anything, although

contributions are encouraged.

There are 73 people in the area searching for a marrow match.

As for regular blood donations, for some reason they always are low in December, supporters said.

Jeff Weathers, director of products and hospital service for the Southeastern Michigan Chapter

of the Red Cross, said it needs 1,000 pints of blood a day at this time of year and gets only about 500-600.

For an appointment for "Save A Life Sunday" people should call: 1-800-KARMANOS. For an appointment for other blood drive locations call: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

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# Wiser from page A5

transfusions and has spent three months in the University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor.

The bone marrow drive for Wiser and others who need this life-saving treatment will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Detroit Medical Center and Beverly Hills Racquet Club on Southfield Road

north of 13 Mile.

The bone marrow drive is being sponsored by the American Red Cross and Electrical Union 58. Wiser was a journeyman electrician and union member for 34 years.

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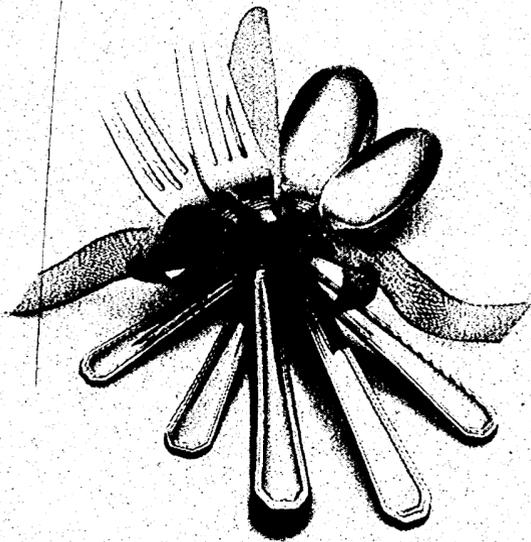
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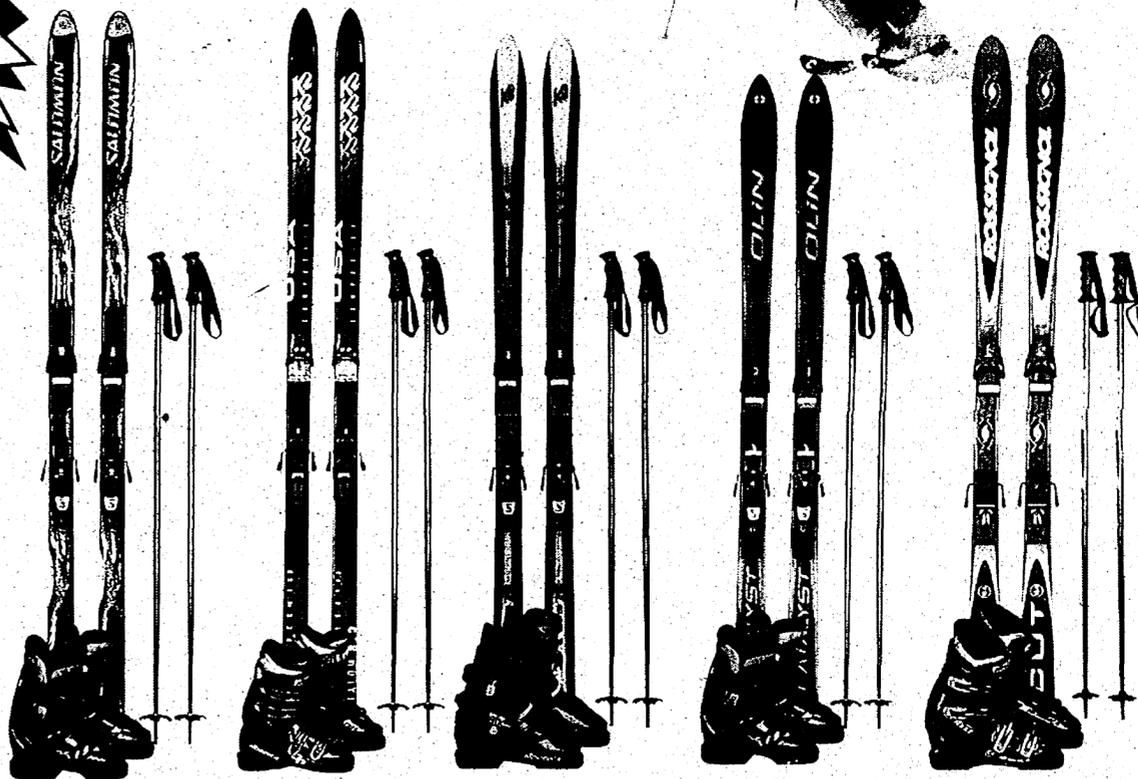
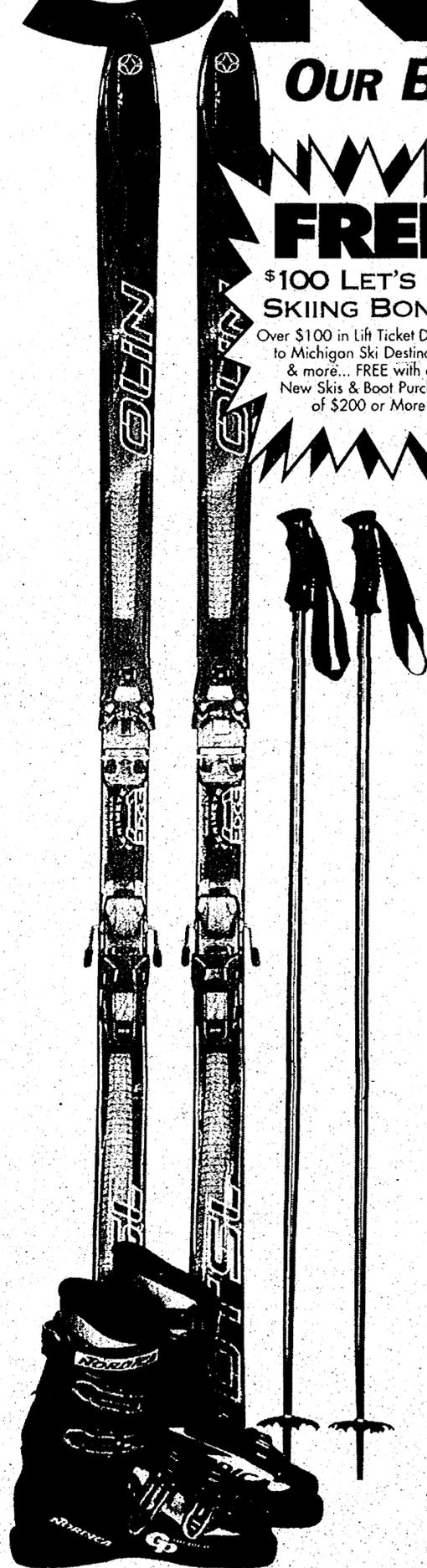
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**Living home: State Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, presents state proclamations and tributes to a direct care staff of a Livonia group home. Geake, left, stands with (front row) Faye Shockley, Ilene Hegler, April Kyle, and (back row) Darryl Porter, Victoria Opara, Gwen Dolan Williams and Shirley Reason.**

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

## Caregivers honored for services

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler has declared Saturday Direct Care Staff Appreciation Day.

Throughout the state, professional caregivers who have provided exemplary care for the developmentally disabled will be honored for their services.

In Wayne County, state Sen. Bob Geake, R-Northville, presented a copy Monday of Engler's executive proclamation, along with a special tribute from the legislature, to the direct care staff of a Livonia group home.

Shirley Reason of Detroit, the home's manager and a professional care giver for 13 years, said her staff treats the residents "just they would want to be treated."

"I have a really good staff. They work like a team. They're basically family."

Reason makes sure her staff

extends that sense of family to the home's five male residents. Staff members take them to the movies, out to eat, the circus, and even to wrestling matches.

"I even took them to one of my family's birthday parties," said Reason. "They're excited wherever we take them."

The Livonia group home is under the supervision of Wayne Community Living Services, a private, non-profit organization that oversees group home operations in Wayne County.

There are presently 500 group homes housing 1,600 individuals in the county, according to Allen Gruenke, WCLS's director of public relations.

Gruenke said direct care staff have the challenging responsibility of "normalizing" the lives of the developmentally disabled, from teaching them to feed themselves to conducting their own banking.

"All of the staff are like teachers. You are teaching people who have been forced to be dependent on others to be as independent as they can be," said Gruenke.

In determining a recipient for the special tribute award, Gruenke asked his support coordinators what were the hopes and dreams of the residents and how is the staff meeting those needs.

"They gave me the assurance that the staff (at the Livonia home) was very conscientious and relating to the people not just as paid staff but as friends as well," said Gruenke.

Gruenke said a formal recognition of direct care staff is long overdue. "They are on the front lines. They're the ones upon whom the whole system rises or falls."

## Music festival raises funds for Focus:HOPE

Focus:Hope presents its annual "Holiday Music Festival — Opus 27" at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Focus:HOPE Center for Children at Linwood and Oakman Boulevard.

Tickets are \$25.

This year's show features some of Detroit's favorite entertainers. Phil Marcus Esser, Barbara Bredius and the entire cast of Jacques Brel at the Attic will perform selections from their show, currently playing in

### BENEFITS

Greektown's Attic Theatre.

WDET personalities Matt Watroba, host of Folks Like Us, and Robert Jones, host of Blues from the Lowland, will also perform.

Rounding out the entertainment for the afternoon are Josh White Jr., Ron Coden, Dean Rutledge, Charlie Latimer, David Reske, Steve Fava, Ron Blight

and Al Ayoub. Former Free Press publisher Neal Shine will be the master of ceremonies.

All the entertainers have volunteered their time for Focus:HOPE.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Tables of 10 are available. Call (313) 494-5500 for reservations.

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## DIAL FOR DATES

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

## FOR THE WEEKEND

### YULE BAZAAR

The Garden City Hospital Guild will open its annual Christmas bazaar at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the hospital lobby, on Inkster Road at Maplewood. A drawing for a raffle to be held during the bazaar is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20. Proceeds from the bazaar and raffle will be used for an EEG brain machine.

### WINTER CONCERT

Schoolcraft College/Radcliff Center will hold a winter concert Friday night by the college's wind ensemble and Motor City Brass Band, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the center on Radcliff, south of Ford and of Wildwood. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Garden City Presbyterian Church women will hold their annual Christmas festival in the church, 1841 Middlebelt, two blocks south of Ford, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7. There will be a turkey dinner from 4-7 p.m., arts and crafts, white elephant sale, silent auction, specialty rooms, make it/take it, bake sale, cookie walk and tea room. It is open to the public.

### SANTA PAWS

Photos of Santa Claus holding family pets will be taken at the Michigan Humane Society animal shelter, on Marquette east of Newburgh, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 8. Charge is \$5. Proceeds from the Polaroid photos will be used to benefit animals at all three MHS shelters. 721-7300.

### CRAFTERS WANTED

The Lathers School PTA, Garden City, will hold its 25th annual Christmas boutique Saturday, Dec. 7, in the school, on Marquette at Harrison. For \$20 table rentals, call 427-2363.

### CRAFT SHOW

St. Kevin and St. Norbert Churches wants crafters for its craft show, to be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at 30053 Parkwood off of Inkster Road. Table rentals are \$15 each. Call 728-2470 or 563-0993.

## UPCOMING

### HOLIDAY JAZZ

Schoolcraft College's Radcliff Center will sponsor a "Jazz Up the Holidays" concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, in the center on Radcliff, south of Ford and east of Wildwood. There is no admission. Free refreshments will be served. To perform will be the SCool Jazz and the group's Prime Chamber Singers.

### FAMILY THEATER

Garden City's Maplewood Center will hold its monthly family dinner-theater at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the center on Maplewood west of Merriman. "The Wish Giver" is the name of the upcoming production. Christmas cookies and milk will be served. Only advance tickets, priced at \$5 each, will be sold. Call the center 525-8846 or 525-8847.

### BLIZZARD BUCKS

The annual Blizzard of Bucks fund-raising program will be held for the American Cancer Society through the Travel Desk,

271 N. Inkster Road, Garden City. Persons who donate \$1 will have it matched by the Travel Desk in its Blizzard Bucks campaign. The benefit will be held through Dec. 20.

### FOR WALKERS

The Maplewood Senior Center, Garden City, has formed a new walking club. It will be held from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 5 of the community center, with a fee of \$2. The club will have a 20 minute and a 30-minute walk. 525-8851.

### OPEN SKATING

The Westland Sports Arena, on Wildwood near Hunter, will continue its open skating program through March 31. Hours are 1-2:45 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, and noon-1:45 p.m. weekdays. The Thursday session will be for adults only. 729-4560.

### GC DEMS

Garden City Democratic Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month in room 5, Maplewood Community Center, on Maplewood west of Merriman. Call Carol Larkin, 421-2638, or Billy Pate, 427-2344.

### WESTLAND DEMS

The Westland Democrats meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Rowe Meeting House, on Marquette just east of Newburgh. For information, call John Franklin, 595-7638, or Paul Krarup, 729-6248.

### MILITARY GROUP

The 82nd Airborne Division Association/Wolverine Chapter meets at 6 p.m. the second Sunday of each month at VFW Post 3323 Hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale. It is open to veteran qualified parachutists and veterans of any military branch. 728-5859 or 728-7214.

### VETS TO MEET

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 387, meet the second Wednesday of each month at the Bova VFW Post, on Hix between Ford and Warren Road, Westland. The chapter is open to all Vietnam veterans. Associate memberships are available. 728-3231.

## BENEFITS

### HOSPICE SALE

Community Hospice Services, on Warren Road at Venoy, will hold a fund-raising holiday nut sale now through Dec. 20 for each container, priced at \$10 each. The group may be contacted at 522-4244.

### AIDS PROGRAM

The Garden City Fantastic Sam's family styling center is accepting donations through Dec. 21 for a charity benefiting mothers and children with AIDS. The business on Ford east of Middlebelt is accepting toiletries, toothpaste, soap, diapers, toilet paper, baby formula and other items. 525-3342.

### LOTTO DRAWING

The Garden City Knights of Columbus Council 4513 has a daily three-digit lottery drawing based on the Michigan Lottery daily numbers. Proceeds are used to finance the K. of C. Hall's building improvements. Tickets are \$10 for the month with a guaranteed winner every day except Sunday. Tickets are available at the hall, on Ford east of Merriman. 425-6380.

## FOR SENIORS

### MONTHLY MEAL

The Wayne Ford Civic League schedules its senior meal 11:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.

on the first Sunday of each month at the league hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford, for people 50 and older. Cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. The meal includes beer, beverages and dancing to Big Band music, and door prizes. 728-5010.

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

### AIM

Anxiety or panic attacks? AIM (Agoraphobics in Motion) meets 7:30 p.m. every Thursday in Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. AIM is a support group for those working on recovery from anxiety disorder or phobias. (810) 547-0400.

### RATIONAL RECOVERY

Rational Recovery is a non-profit, self-help organization for people experiencing problems caused by alcohol and/or substance abuse or other self-defeating behaviors. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Garden City Hospital Community Health Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. (810) 476-2657.

### EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

Emotions Anonymous, which holds a 12-step program for a new way of life, meets at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays in Room 5 of Garden City Hospital's Community Education Center, on Harrison north of Maplewood, Garden City. 421-1776.

### CHILD BIRTH CLASSES

Garden City Hospital, on Inkster Road at Maplewood, is sponsoring classes for parents of newborns, weekend childbirth instruction, a "refresher" childbirth education course, and a new support group for expectant teen-age mothers. For information on all programs, call 458-4330.

### WEIGHT LOSS

Garden City Hospital will host a weight loss peer support group at 11 a.m. Saturdays in Classroom 3 of the hospital's Medical Office Building, on Inkster Road near Maplewood. Members will focus on self-esteem issues and follow their own nutritional and exercise program. 261-4048.

### BLOOD PRESSURE

Free blood pressure screening is available 9 a.m. to noon the third Wednesday of each month at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center, Wayne. A registered nurse will be available in the emergency room. Cholesterol and glucose screening are also available for a nominal fee. Appointments aren't required.

## FOR YOUTH

### OPEN GYM

The Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and the City of Westland Parks and Recreation Department present "After School Open Gym

and Activities" 3:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays at Stevenson Middle School, Wednesdays at Marshall Middle School, and Thursdays at Adams Middle School. The winter program begins the third week in January and the spring program begins the first week in April. Programs last eight weeks. 722-7620.

## EDUCATION

### ADULT ED

Wayne-Westland Schools Adult Education has free classes in adult basic education, GED preparation, high school completion, and vocational training. Register at Tinkham Adult Center, 450 S. Venoy, Westland. 595-2429.

## BINGO

### K OF C BINGO

The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus hold bingo games starting at 6:45 p.m. Thursdays in its hall on Van Born, east of Wayne Road. 728-3020. Monday bingo The Notre Dame Assembly Knights of Columbus holds bingos at 6:30 p.m. Mondays in its hall on Van Born east of Wayne Road. There are specials held on the last Monday of each month. 728-3020.

### WFCL BINGO

The Finesse Girls Travel Softball Boosters hold a bingo from 6:30-9:45 p.m. every Monday to raise money for the girls softball program. The bingo games are held at the Wayne Ford Civic League hall, on Wayne Road, two blocks south of Ford.

### DEMS BINGO

The Metro Wayne Democratic Club sponsors bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Joy Manor Bingo Hall, on the south side of Joy, east of Middlebelt. Proceeds are used by the club to sponsor Little League baseball teams, the Salvation Army, School for the Blind. 422-5025 or 729-8681.

### DEMS' BINGO

The 13th Congressional District Democratic Party will hold bingo games at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the Cherry Hill Hall, on the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy. 421-1517.

### BINGO AND SNACKS

The auxiliary of VFW Post 3323, Westland, serves snacks and provides charity games at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday in the post hall, on Wayne Road at Avondale, 326-3323.

### SHAMROCK BINGO

There will be bingo at 11 a.m. Wednesdays at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 35100 Van Born, east of Wayne Road, Wayne. Doors open 9 a.m. Food available. Proceeds go to charity. 728-3020.

### SMOKELESS BINGO

"Smokeless" bingo meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, at St. Simon and Jude Parish Hall, 32500 Palmer, east of Venoy, Westland. Offered are three jackpots of \$400,

\$300 and \$200.

### NO SMOKE

"No Smoking" bingo will be 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Friendship Center, 1119 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Residents from Westgate Towers, Taylor Towers, Greenwood Towers, Liberty Park, Presbyterian Village and Carolon Condos, etc., are eligible for transportation to bingo if they have a minimum of five players. 722-7632.

### K OF C BINGO

Pope John XXIII assembly of the Knights of Columbus Council 1536 hosts bingo games at 6:45 p.m. every Thursday. The games are located in the Livonia Elks Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Road, one block east of Merriman, Livonia. 425-2246.

### CIVITAN BINGO

Wayne Civitan bingo is at 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.

### JAYCEES

Westland Jaycees host bingo games at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Joy Manor, 28999 Joy, Westland. Three jackpots paying \$250, \$300 and \$300, progressive. 525-2962.

## RECREATION

### BASKETBALL

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

### SQUARE DANCE

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

### 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.

### WOLVERINE PACERS

The Wolverine Pacers, a race-walking club, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9 a.m. Saturdays in Levagood Park, Dearborn. Gary Gray (313) 464-8890.

## ON THE ROAD

### GC TRAVEL

Garden City Travel Club: Information, call trip direc-

tor Laree Yard at 522-4446.

## CLUBS IN ACTION

### CAMPING CLUB

Moonliters Camping Club meets 8:15 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at Canfield Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Dale, south of Ford, Dearborn Heights. Family camping with all ages, scheduled camp outs during the camping season. Harvey and Marion Grigg, 427-3069.

### WEEKENDERS

The Weekend family campers meet the second Wednesday of the month in Franklin High School, on Joy east of Merriman. 531-2993.

### HOLY SMOKE MASTERS

The Holy Smoke Masters Toastmasters Club meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at Ryan's Steak House, on Warren Road east of Wayne Road. It offers an eight-week seminar on public speaking called "Speechcraft." The fee for "Speechcraft" is \$30, 455-1636.

### 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 Henry Tolk, 421-4954.

### HOST LIONS

The Westland Host Lions Club meets 6:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month in Denny's Restaurant, Wayne and Cowan Road.

### MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES

For information on a Mothers of Multiples Club in your area, call Shelly Weir, 326-1466.

### 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 Caesarean 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, 525-0962.

### CORVETTE CLUB

The Corvette Club of Michigan meets at 8 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month in Les Stanford Chevrolet, Dearborn. Glenn Simms, 676-5633, 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.

## SCHOOLS

### NURSERY OPENINGS

### GARDEN CITY CO-OP

Garden City Co-op Nursery

School has openings for 3-year-olds for the upcoming school year. A new program to start in the fall is for mothers and toddlers. Parents may call Shari Schmidtke, 261-1345, or Debi Zahor, 425-0174.

### LIVONIA COOPERATIVE

The Livonia Cooperative Nursery, located at W. Chicago and Hubbard, is taking applications for the upcoming school year. Openings are available in the 3- and 4-year-old classes. Call Susan at 422-6210.

### PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools have ongoing registration for the preschool program, housed in Marquette School, on Marquette east of Wayne Road. There is a free program for eligible 4-year-olds in the Kids Plus program and a tuition-based program for others. The Kids Plus program is for children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1 who also meet two "at risk" factors to qualify. The program is free for children who qualify. Call 595-2660 for appointments.

### HEAD START

Garden City Public Schools has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in its Head Start program. Eligible are those in low- or modest-income families and/or having disabilities. Classes meet Monday through Thursday mornings. For information, call supervisor Judy Hanson, 425-0540.

### SPACE OPEN

The Little Lambs Preschool has openings for a new Tuesday/Thursday morning session for 3- to 5-year-olds. The preschool is at 9300 Farmington Road, just south of West Chicago, Livonia. Interested persons may call 427-7064 or 421-0749.

### CHURCH PRESCHOOL

The Westland Free Methodist Preschool has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds in the morning and afternoon sessions. The younger pupils attend Tuesdays and Thursdays with the other pupils attending Mondays and Wednesdays. A Friday enrichment class is also available. The preschool is at 1421 S. Venoy, Westland. 728-3559.

### OPENINGS

United Christian School, on Florence near Middlebelt, north of Cherry Hill, Garden City, has morning and afternoons for 3- to 5-year-olds. The school offers classes two, three and five days a week as well as flexible hours for parents who need more than the scheduled preschool hours. There is a full curriculum in pre-reading, writing and early math, including hands-on computer time. 522-6487.

### REGISTRATION

McKinley Cooperative Preschool, housed in Good Shepherd Reformed Church, Wayne Road at Hunter, is registering youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. The school has a certified teacher. Morning and afternoon classes available. Registrations are now being taken for youngsters between 2 and 4 years old. Call 729-7222, for information.

### SUBURBAN CHILDREN'S

Suburban Children's Co-op Nursery has fall schedule openings in its 2-year-old toddler parent class 9:30-11 a.m. Fridays. There are openings in the 3-year-old class 9:15-11:15 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, and in the 4-year-old class which meets three afternoons. All classes are in the Newburg United Methodist Church, on Ann Arbor Trail. Call Debbie, 453-7409.

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 313-591-7279. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 953-2111 if you have any questions.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional Info.:

Use additional sheet if necessary.

**World AIDS Day**



**Remembering victims:** Viewing a portion of a quilt to commemorate AIDS victims which was on display in the cafeteria area of Waterman Center on Monday are, from left, volunteer Nancy Bogosian, Julie Paddison, from the Names Project, and Patricia Cooper, a student volunteer. The quilt was displayed as part of World AIDS Day observances. Activities conclude tonight with Lisa Wojciechowski, a certified AIDS educator, discussing AIDS 101 at 7 p.m. in the lower Waterman Campus Center.

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**Livonia councilman joins panel for ethics discussion**

An ethics consultant and a diverse panel will tackle the issue of "Ethical Standards in Municipal Government" Tuesday at the Richard C. Van Dusen Forum on Urban Issues at Wayne State University's McGregor Memorial Conference Center.

Following opening remarks by Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer at 8:45 a.m., ethics consultant Michael Josephson of Marina Del Rey, Calif., will deliver the keynote address on "Ethics Within and Beyond the Code." A panel discussion titled "Easier Said Than Done: Ethics in Prac-

Panel members will be James Alexander, co-chairman of the Oakland County executive board of ethics; Nancy Barbour, director of federal government affairs in the Washington D.C. office of the Dykema Gossett law firm; Michael McGee, Livonia city councilman and principal with the Detroit law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone; Nettie Seabrooks, Detroit deputy mayor; Tim Skubick, newspaper columnist and state capital correspondent for WWJ-AM radio; and Flora Walker, president of the 63,000-member Michigan Council 25 of the American Fed-

eration of State, County and Municipal Employees. Josephson, president of the Joseph and Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics and former WSU law professor, conducts ethics and character development programs for leaders in education, business government, journalism, law and nonprofit organizations. He is quoted and interviewed frequently by the news media. The panel will explore the appropriate role and special problems of municipal ethics legislation and the practical application of ethical standards in local jurisdictions. There will be time for audience

response before the 11:30 a.m. adjournment. The late Richard Van Dusen, in whose honor the program is named, was a prominent Detroit attorney and civic leader. He served in the Michigan House of Representatives, as undersecretary in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as chairman of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the WSU Board of Governors.

The conference is sponsored by WSU's College of Urban, Labor and Metropolitan Affairs and made possible by the Van Dusen Endowment at WSU. Admission is free and there will be a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call (313) 577-5071.

**Pizza chain offers collector's hockey pucks**

Little Caesars Pizza has teamed up with the Red Wings for the "Heroes of Hockeytown" collector's puck series promotion featuring a Hockeytown puck, and present and past Red Wing greats like Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, Alex Delvecchio

and Mickey Redmond. For a limited time and while supplies last, customers and fans can get a different puck each week to create their five-puck set.

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### Children first

## Keep special education funds

Here we go again. The state Legislature enacts a law and Gov. John Engler, anxious to cut the budget, is thinking of ways to get around the law by reducing spending.

This violation of public trust was shown again Monday night when a group of Wayne-Westland school district parents protested feared cuts in special education funding.

Engler is already in the middle of a related dispute which will be heard, probably next year, by the Michigan Supreme Court. That dispute, called the Durant case, which dates back to 1980, concerns the state not funding special educational programs.

The supreme court ruled two weeks ago that it would take the case. Earlier, an appeals court panel ruled in favor of local school districts throughout the state and against the state government which claimed it didn't have the money.

Several state legislators pointed out the political realities of state spending at the parents' protest meeting Monday.

"The easiest way to get rid of a program is not to fund it and then it will go away," said

state Rep. Thomas Kelly, a Wayne Democrat whose district includes the southeast section of Westland.

Kelly, a former Wayne city council member who won a second House term last month, went one step better and offered parents and fellow legislators a way to deal with a potential negative ruling from the supreme court in the Durant case.

Use the \$1.5 billion rainy day fund, he told the parents.

Kelly, a former John Glenn High School faculty member, also provided a sharp focus for the overall issue of the state's responsibility for special education.

While some see governmental programs only as a drain on the taxpayers, Kelly and the Observer see it another way.

"What we have to face is that there are some people in our society who need us," Kelly said. "We can't turn our heads."

The legislator urged that state officials must "sit down and face reality on a common sense basis and avoid partisanship."

The Observer hopes that Engler and other key state leaders are listening.

## Solutions for Michigan roads

Across the nation, Michigan's Gov. John Engler gets attention for 21 state tax cuts. What the rest of the nation doesn't read, however, is that our roads and bridges are in terrible shape. It's apparent on our riding comfort and vehicle repairs.

Engler himself refuses to admit there's a problem. In an October interview with Observer editors, he commented on delays for county road construction. He simply wasn't embarrassed by the general bad condition of Michigan roads.

Citizens Research Council of Michigan led its recent 12-page report on highway finance with this conclusion: "In interstate comparisons, Michigan ranks low in both amount of money spent on highways and in the condition of its roads ... (T)he gasoline tax ... at 15 cents per gallon is among the lower rates in the nation."

Meanwhile, even the lame-duck Legislature refuses to act to pump in more road money. We won't get into which party is dodging the issue, but instead offer our own ideas for increasing the \$1.3 billion road funding pot.

**1. Sales tax correction.** Michigan taxes motor fuel at 15 cents per gallon for transportation, a rate that could be raised. But remember that Michigan is one of the few states to levy its sales tax (6 percent) on fuel without dedicating that revenue to roads, a violation of our "user fee" principle.

Most of our state sales tax goes to fund schools. We could easily pump \$350 million more into roads by removing the sales tax from fuel and substituting an equivalent 8-cents-a-gallon increase in the fuel tax.

That would, of course, leave public schools \$350 million short. We suggest that the governor and Legislature admit they cut other state taxes far too hastily in 1994. They could replace the lost school revenue with some combination of increases in the single business tax and personal income tax - both of which were among the 21 tax cuts the governor boasts about.

The U.S. Congress imposed a 4.3 cents-per-gallon tax on fuel that goes into the general fund. Congress should either should either a) repeal the 4.3 cents or b) dedicate it to the

transportation fund.

Off limits should be vehicle registration fees, which have been hiked to \$337 million in 1995, according to the Citizens Research Council study. Michigan has moved from a weight-based fee system to a price-based system already. There is no justification in tapping this already-tapped source.

**2. Equity changes.** Michigan splits its transportation funds between the state, counties and municipalities based on a formula first written in 1937 and revised in 1951 - a formula sadly out of date. CRC reports:

Wayne County has 1.6 percent of the statewide mileage of county roads and absorbs 15.9 percent of the county vehicle miles traveled.

Oakland County has 2.7 percent of the county road mileage and absorbs 13.6 percent of the vehicle miles traveled. Macomb and Washtenaw counties in southeastern Michigan and Kent in western Michigan have similar discrepancies in having small portions of the county road system and big portions of traffic.

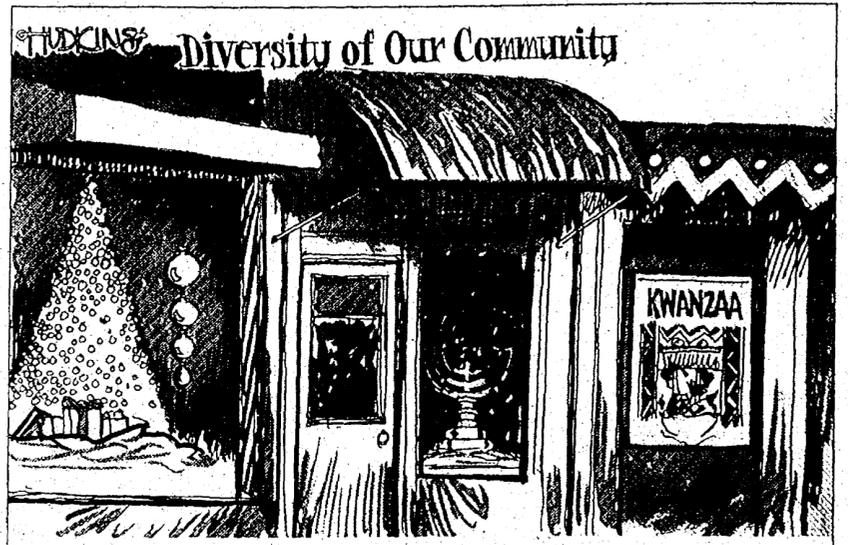
Clearly the road formula must be brought up to date to reflect suburban traffic, not soybean fields.

We remind everyone that just one year ago at this time, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments was battling Engler over the use of federal road funds. The governor wanted to commandeer three years worth for use on state trunklines - a plan that would have made his tax cutting record look good but wouldn't have helped suburban roads.

**3. Trucks.** Michigan has a 164,000 pound weight limit on trucks. Most of the rest of the nation limits trucks to 80,000 pounds. The trucking lobby says heavy trucks don't damage roads if the weight is spread out on across 11 axles. We doubt that. Lower truck weight limits are necessary.

Michigan motorists are practical folks with little interest in ideological claptrap. They want better roads and know they will cost money. They're looking to Lansing for a dose of political courage to produce more road funds.

ARKIE HUDKINS



LETTERS

### Warm up library

I like libraries - all libraries. There is no such thing as a bad library.

But, there is something about the new Westland Library that leaves me feeling a bit cold. I don't know if it's the architecture, the color scheme, the lighting or the internal arrangement - but something is not right.

The place is an "Ice Palace." It aspires to grandeur - but at the expense of people. It reminds me of some university libraries where the sheer quantity of books is paramount and people are stuffed insignificantly into the cracks and corners.

There are no inviting vistas - only cold nooks and crannies. It's not a "people place." You just want to go in, do your business and get out quickly.

The white ceiling looms high above your head like an iceberg. You can't relax in that environment. Architects and designers have known for years that people prefer small enclosed spaces for relaxing - it's probably our mammalian instinct to seek out a cozy "den."

The purple, green and white color scheme is - let's say "interesting" - and as cold as a politician's handshake. The stark "washed blond" furniture and furnishings only add to the "frosty" feeling.

The magazine and newspaper area - much favored by seniors and working adults - is tiny and cramped with readers almost sitting knee to knee. And the magazines are unattractively displayed - like slabs of meat on stark unit metal shelves.

The overall effect is of a surgical waiting room in some large hospital where people fidget nervously with old magazines.

Something must be done! Hire an interior decorator or designer. Warm the place up.

Make it a people place - with plants and art and interesting things to look at. Hang kites from the ceiling or paint murals of gods and heroes - no politicians, please!

I like libraries. There is no such thing as a bad library.

But a library that makes its patrons feel like they are sitting out in the cold will quickly lose the support of the community - no matter how grand it aspires to be.

Walter Warren  
Westland

I was 61 when I enrolled in classes at the Western Campus (in Van Buren Township) and at first I expected to take a few subjects just to keep busy and to take my mind off the problems of the illness of my husband. The fun of study and the joy of learning new subjects totally exceeded my expectations.

I was able to earn an associate degree in applied science, computer and data processing, which further helped me get a job when I needed one. Having the WCCC Western Campus located so close to my home was one reason I went back to school.

I don't think I would have gone very far out of the area, otherwise.

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Henrietta Bernhardt  
Belleville

### Understanding cultures

Thank you for the article describing how the Native Americans feel about our Thanksgiving Day and, at the same, time giving us a little insight into their culture.

I believe that the Original Americans have always wanted, in some way, to share their beliefs and culture with us and that we have been too stubborn to listen to and accept what they have to offer.

If you could find a person of native descent to write and the room in your paper to print articles about the Native American culture, maybe it would help Geo Fuhst's efforts with Indian World.

Of course, as was pointed out in the article, the cultures of the various nations are diverse. The rites and ceremonies of one Nation would not necessarily be the same as another nation, but perhaps knowing the ways of one or two groups would go a long way toward helping we who are not natives understand and appreciate their way of life.

Jim Kirby  
Livonia

### College praised

Residents of western Wayne County are very fortunate to have the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College located so conveniently in their neighborhood. My own experience is one small success story for the college.

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number. Letters should be mailed to: Editor, The Westland Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

### COMMUNITY VOICE

#### QUESTION:

What brings you out so early for your Christmas shopping and to fight the crowds this Friday morning?

We asked shoppers at a Kmart store this question.



"The big jewelry sale, which opened at 6 a.m. I will also probably be Christmas shopping until Christmas Eve."

Jackie Hilden



"Nothing special. I'm shopping for everything."

Leonard Butkiewicz



"I was visiting my sister here and she took me out shopping."

Jackie Cronon



"I just want to get an early start, which is different for me than in past years."

Marcy Janae

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

# Kids on wheels, go to parents not city

Since the dawn of man, kids have amused themselves and terrified their elders with neck-breaking activities. "Dad, can I borrow the wheel?" most likely echoed in all the better caves of the day.

After reading a young lady's recent report on what she felt was unfair harassment of her friends on wheels, and what city commissioners might do to compromise, I, once again, noted the glaring absence of parental involvement. Many moons ago, long before I met my husband, I admired his family home frequently as I walked to and from work.

I was perplexed by what looked like a wooden roller coaster on the side of the house in this most meticulous of neighborhoods. The tiny town of Marblehead, Mass. is a historical gem, and its claim as the birthplace of the American Navy provides affluent

tourism from the yachting yahoos and sailing blowhards all over the world.

The skinny streets that swoop down to the sea lined with all sort of fascinating old structures are every skateboarder's dream and adult's nightmare. Most of the kids in this town were quite privileged with horses, skiing, boating, windsurfing and such, but when skateboarding became the craze the town was in an uproar.

Keeping in mind the age of the town and the size of the state you must use your imagination and believe me when I tell you that townies and tourists alike packed the streets in season so just walking about required all the skill and technique the average Joe could muster.

The opposition to the kids on wheels was relentless from police, businesses, plain people and parents. Of course, youth will have its way so

GUEST COLUMNIST



DOROTHY MATSU

the pursuit of this mania had kids building up new ramps against utility poles in the most congested areas as quick as the police tore them down. Lo and behold, a miracle occurred! It is called parental-responsibility, and among its many glorious benefits springs the education of their children in personal responsibility. Against

what must have been tremendous odds, some truly remarkable parents decided to build a half-tube in their yard for these kids.

The boy who is now my husband designed the curve. His father decided how the wood was to be cut, and the mom, a passionate gardener, sacrificed her ground in order to know where and with whom her kids were.

It must have been a terrific undertaking considering all the details and trying to get even grudging support from other parents. Rules were laid down and followed. The kids signed waivers and agreements to use protective gear at all times and it was their responsibility to keep out nuts.

When I first moved out here I was baffled by anyone I saw with an inclination to skateboard on these flatlands, sort of like cross-country skiing, I thought.

As for the sidewalks and roads it seemed as pointless as square wheels. It is now apparent that the smooth new streetscape has a bit of questionable appeal, hardly challenging.

If you think the police have nothing better to do than harass you, you already have a serious problem. You must keep in mind that these activities are of interest to you only.

To others it is incredibly tiresome to watch you teetering back and forth and worse, knowing the only amusement you might give those you aggravate would be some horrible injury.

So, sorry but you're whining up the wrong tree. Gather your wits, make a plan, and challenge your parents, not the city, for support and ideas on a place to call your own.

*Dorothy Matsu is a Plymouth resident and a frequent guest columnist.*

# Supreme Court's inner workings stay secret

What's going on with our state Supreme Court? What kind of political shenanigans are these?

Colleagues have peppered me with those questions more times than I can count since Michigan's highest court unexpectedly reversed itself for the second time in a year.

The short answer: I don't know. Courts aren't subject to the Open Meetings Act. What goes on in the locked inner sanctums on the second floor of the Law Building in Lansing is secret.

Here are some facts:

- On Nov. 21, the Supreme Court reversed itself and decided to hear Gov. John Engler's appeal in the case of Durant vs. State, a suit by mostly suburban school districts seeking state funds.
- The court had voted 6-1 on Sept. 27 against hearing an appeal. The effect

would have been to let stand a Court of Appeals decision that the state owed school districts a pile of money for special education, special ed transportation, bilingual education, driver training and school lunches.

That vote was the exact reverse of the Sept. 27 vote. Who or what changed the justices' minds? There was no explanation. The majority just issued an order saying it would hear Engler's appeal. The case has been up and down the court system like a yo-yo, and suburban school officials are mighty unhappy.

- Last Feb. 12, Chief Justice James Brickley reversed himself in a teacher health benefits funding case (Musselman vs. Governor). Brickley said the Supreme Court lacked power to mandate that the governor and Legislature pre-fund school retirees' health benefits.
- Brickley's switch meant there were



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four votes (a majority) saying the Supreme Court couldn't compel Engler and the Legislature to do what the teachers wanted.

At the time, there was speculation that Brickley had caved because he wanted Republicans to renominate him for the Nov. 5 election, for which he needed Engler's support. The facts belie that notion. The Nov. 21 order came after the election, when Brickley had no political need to curry favor

with anyone.

Also, it just isn't like Jim Brickley, whom I've known for a lot of years, to make a court decision to prolong his own political life. Brickley is one of the classiest and most principled persons ever to serve in state government.

If Phil Power were to give me six months for an investigation, I would like to produce something like "The Brethren," the book Bob Woodward (of "All the President's Men" fame) and Scott Armstrong wrote about the inner workings of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Relying on inside leaks, Woodward and Armstrong found that Chief Justice Warren Burger played games with the assignment of opinions. They found that which cases the court decided to hear were as important as the decisions themselves.

Judges at all levels would have you

believe they are plaster saints whose reasoned decisions are based on a steely-eyed, unbiased reading of the law. Nonsense. They bring personal life stories, political philosophies and a record of campaign contributions into the inner sanctums of the appellate courts.

In newspaper circles, the commonest way to learn about the inner workings of a group is to go to the dissenter, the person unhappiest with the machinations. My guess is that Justice Charles Levin, retiring Dec. 31, might be a fountain of material. Levin didn't belong to either party; he dissented, often at great length, fairly often.

So what's going on inside the Michigan Supreme Court? I don't know.

*Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events.*

# Detroit Public Schools hold back city's plans

The theory du jour of urban restoration is to convert deteriorating center cities into entertainment destinations. And it now looks like Detroit will have two new stadiums, one for football and one for baseball, and at least three new gambling casinos in addition to the theater district.

Add these to Mayor Dennis Archer's coups at getting General Motors to take over Ren Cen and redeveloping GM's old headquarters in the New Center area, and it looks as if this mayor is getting awfully close to achieving critical mass in his efforts to save his city.

But there is one perfectly enormous obstacle: Detroit Public Schools. Everybody recognizes that no young families with kids are going to move into Detroit when the schools are as miserable as they have been for years and are now approaching meltdown.

- Over all, the performance of Detroit students in the recent Michigan performance examinations was substantially below average.
- A \$19.9 million shortfall turned up unexpectedly in the audit for fiscal 1995-96. Superintendent David Sneed says another \$20 million to \$25 million will have to be cut from the budget next year, making a total of \$124 million that the district has had to cut from its \$1.1 billion operating fund since this summer.
- Consequence of these cuts has been severe, including the elimination of busing for 11,000 elementary students and the admission that the district lacks money to replace 12-year-old textbooks.
- When some principals last month failed to stock toilet paper in restrooms for fear of vandalism, the district's woes became the subject of worldwide scorn.

There is no shortage of candidates to share the blame. For years, the district's ossified central bureaucracy and aggressive teachers union have quarreled, often at the expense of kids and parents. Replete with chauffeured cars and payments just for attending meetings, the school board has been a constant source of embarrassment. And now another superintendent looks as though he's in well over his head.

It's the educational equivalent of the Iron Triangle: rigid, interconnected, unmovable, unbreakable.

None of this is new, of course. Even in the heyday of Coleman Young's near-absolute power in Detroit, he always steered away from tack-



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ling the school system. Nobody ever said Hizzoner was a fool.

However, other cities, affected with the same intractable problems, are developing interesting and novel solutions:

- The financial control board created last year by Congress to oversee Washington, D.C., last month announced a plan to appoint a seven-member board of unpaid trustees to run the school system, thereby sweeping aside the locally elected board.
- Fed up with Chicago's persistently poor schools, the Illinois Legislature in 1995 gave Mayor Richard Daley emergency powers to run the system for four years.
- Cleveland's schools were put in state receivership in 1995, paving the way for an agreement between the teachers union and the board that provides \$25 million in economic concessions and holds teachers accountable for student performance.

Dennis Archer is no fool, either. He's got to be looking at drastic measures such as these.

He can - and, in my view, should - radically restructure the schools.

But he also needs to recognize that the first rule of politics is that there is no such thing as a silver bullet. If he's going to restructure, first he must figure out how to develop an educational infrastructure that shows teachers and administrators how thousands of disadvantaged and displaced kids, mostly minority, can actually learn. That might be the most difficult thing of all.

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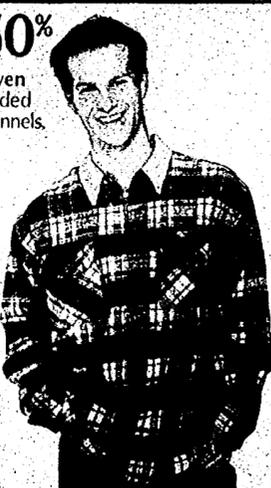


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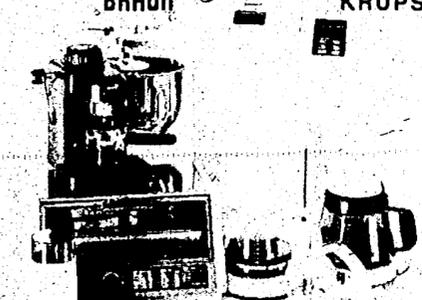


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## Managing kids now and then

It was a November Saturday. Weather clear, roads good; good day for a trip to Lansing. Had I been an octopus - or Sister Andrea. Sister Andrea. She taught at the same Catholic high school as I did, many years ago. She taught history, I taught English. She maintained complete control over her history students. I? I tried.

She'd stand beside a student's desk, hand resting near the back of the student's neck, and lecture. Never raising her voice. Yet, everyone listened - to every word, every pause. Never fidgeting, never figuring out what to wear to the dance that night. She had command.

She might've been in her 50s back then; I was just beginning my 20s. And I knew, even back then, that some people just have that magic, that ability to captivate and control without resorting to yelling, cajoling, overt stuff like that. And as much as I knew that some people possessed that magic and as much as I admired and respected that, I knew I didn't possess it, not at 23 years old, 110 pounds, shoulder length brown hair, a Miss in front of my last name, standing before 30 16- and 17-year-olds. I'd have to yell my way to respect or cut my hair or become a nun or something, anything.

Well, I did resort to some yelling. I didn't care

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## Show lets seniors strut their stuff

■ They were super models in their own right, a group of 10 senior women who strutted their stuff at a holiday fashion show that featured nearly new and gently used clothing.

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



Model Lela Mager

They strutted, they posed. They whirled and they twirled.

Fashion designers would have been proud to see their fashions modeled with such panache.

Ten "regulars" modeled clothing, some nearly new and many outfits complete with designer labels, at the Maplewood Senior Center in Garden City.

"The models had a blast," said Cheryl Stepanian, adult senior coordinator at the center. "They had fun trying on the outfits; at times, we had three at a time in the dressing room."

"And they found terrific outfits at a very low cost that had designer names on them that looked new or gently used."

Models at the first-ever holiday fashion show and tea hammed it up for their "fans" at the center, then gladly signed up for the next show sometime next spring.

For the first of many new in-house activities, Stepanian turned to Molly's Closet, a Downriver resale

shop, which "let us literally clean out the place."

The models - some who volunteered, some who were coaxed by Stepanian - selected four-five outfits for the show, and extra items were brought in and featured at a small boutique.

Jewelry for sale in the center's gift shop and quilted jackets made by members of the craft class also were modeled.

"We found people wanted to buy some of what was modeled," Stepanian said. "They also found other things not in the show they could buy, and some of the models bought some of the outfits they modeled. The shop owner even gave the models a discount."

More than 80 seniors showed up for the show that included guest speaker Jackie Green, author of the "Metro Area Resale Directory" and Channel 2's resale expert who is heard on WEXL radio the last Tuesday of the month.

In a way, the show helped promote one of the center's better kept secrets, the Maplewood Thrift Shop, where bargains can be had, most in the 50 cents to \$2 range.

Run by the Volunteer Committee, the money it raises is used to purchase items for the center - office chairs and a word processor, to name a few things - and to benefit area charities.

Relatively new to the center, Stepanian had done shows like this while she was senior coordinator for the Gibraltar School District. She is pleased with the response of seniors.

"They're really receptive to new things here, so we're getting a great response," said Stepanian. "Some of the models have already signed up for the next show and so have some people from the audience."



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It costs what? The price on the fringed top Dorothy Etherington modeled caught the attention of the audience and master of ceremonies Cheryl Stepanian.

For the next show, Stepanian will stay closer to home, working with Second Avenue, a Garden City-based resale shop, and other local retailers.

Stepanian had several reasons for offering the fashion show. One was to offer seniors a way of finding

quality clothing at a good price and for recreation.

"A lot of seniors are on fixed incomes or are low income," she said. "This is another way for them to find good, quality items at good

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## McWinner 'roars' with the Lions

Before mid-October, 10-year-old Amber Jacobs of Westland never won anything.

This weekend she gets to show that she's won in a big way.

The Hamilton Elementary School student was randomly selected as part of a McDonald's contest to serve as a "Lions Honorary Captain" when the Detroit Lions play the Minnesota Vikings Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Pontiac Silverdome.

As an honorary captain, Amber will meet Lions players and coaches, stand along the sidelines during the pregame

warm-ups and have her photograph taken during the coin toss on the field.

In addition, she gets four tickets to the game, \$25 worth of McDonald's gift certificates, and Lions hats and T-shirts.

Amber will attend the game with her parents, Jackie and Todd, both graduates of Westland John Glenn High School, and her brother Brian, 5.

The shy Amber, whose favorite subjects are science and social studies, admits that she's a little nervous about going out on the field.

- Christina Fuoco



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# Handbag designer makes visit to local Jacobson's

Celebrated handbag designer Sharif will make a personal appearance at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store, Newburgh and Six Mile roads in Livonia.

A fourth generation leather craftsman, Sharif creates handbags noted for their workmanship, attention to detail and distinctive style.

Growing up in Egypt as the only son among eight children, Sharif was heir apparent to run his family's leather business. As a young designer, he traveled extensively throughout Europe where he learned new leather-making techniques and machinery technology. He also studied at the major fashion houses in Italy and France and

received an art degree from Alexandria University.

Embarking on his own, Sharif worked in Europe's handbag industry for many years before arriving in the United States in 1971. By 1974, he was chief designer for industry leader Morris Moskowitz Handbags.

Sharif also designed for clients like Halston and Yves Saint

Laurent. As a result of his success, he was invited to teach design and pattern making at Parsons School of Design in New York.

Sharif launched his own collection in 1979 in response to the overwhelming acceptance and success of his designs. With his wide-ranging experience and extensive creative background,

Sharif brought his artistic interpretation to what had generally been a utilitarian part of a woman's wardrobe: the handbag. Sharif's design inspiration comes from observing people as they move.

"When I look at a woman, I think of what will work with her outfit, her look, and her style and then I get ideas for my handbag designs," Sharif said.

He believes a handbag is not just an object for a woman "to put things inside," but is a very visual part of her wardrobe. Because of this, Sharif equates designing a handbag with creating an object d'art.

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### ANNIVERSARIES

#### Smith

John (Jack) and Clara Smith of Livonia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a luncheon reception held at Vassel's Banquet Hall in Southfield.

The Smiths were married on Oct. 5, 1946, at St. Peter's E&R Church in Detroit. She is the former Clara Pfeiffer.

They have been residents of Livonia since 1955. He retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. (Ameritech) after 44 years. She worked in the Fisher Building in Detroit and as a cashier for the former Wrigley Supermarket in Dearborn.

Since he was part of a family of seven and she was from a family of four, they have remained very active with many family activities. He enjoys pho-



tography and she enjoys gardening.

#### Micallef

Charles and Vivian Micallef of Livonia gathered with family and friends for dinner at Carver's in Farmington Hills to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

They also renewed their wedding vows in a service at St. Michael's Church in Livonia.

The couple exchanged vows on Oct. 19, 1946 at St. Boniface Church in Detroit. She is the former Vivian Namu.

The dinner was hosted by their children - Charles Jr. and wife Patricia of Westland, Denyse Marie of Arlington, Va., Janine Frances of Seattle, Wash., Anthony G. and wife Karen of Brighton Township and Charles III of Kildeer, Ill. They also have one grandchild.



He retired 13 1/2 years ago. He was a switchman from Michigan Bell Telephone (Ameritech). She retired 15 years ago, after working in accounting at Oakwood Hospital and Central Heating.

They enjoy family activities, travel and volunteer work.

#### McGarrie

Tom and Pat McGarrie of Livonia celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given by their children, at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

The couple exchanged vows on Nov. 3, 1956, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington. She is the former Pat Bartkus.

The McGarries have lived in Livonia for 40 years. They have three children - Jean Harris of Houston, Texas, Laurie of Los Angeles, Calif., and Jim of Livonia.

He is a proposal engineer with Cargill Detroit Corp. and she is a



legal secretary to attorney Charles Chandler in Livonia.



#### Bozzi

Orlando and Delores Bozzi of Livonia recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a family dinner at the Country Epicure in Novi.

They exchanged vows on Nov. 4, 1956. She is the former Delores Tracy.

They have a son and daughter, Keith and Karen Theodore, and three grandchildren, Kelsey, Eric and Luke Theodore.

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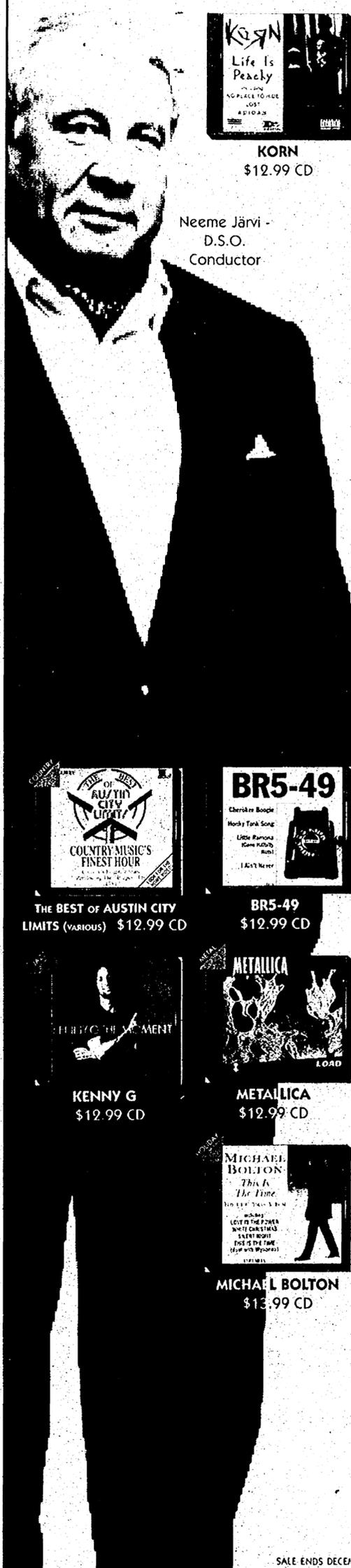
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years, but you know what? It really seems like five years at the most! I think that's nice.

P. C., Westland  
There are two major traits in today's handwriting that I admire greatly: optimism and humor. Spreading sunshine and laughter comes naturally to the writer. A recent article I read in "Discovering the Healing Power of Laughter" by Terry Loncaric says, "Zen Buddhists believe that 15 minutes of belly laughter is equivalent to six to eight hours of meditation." I love humor and am inclined to view it as an important coping mechanism. Humor is also contagious, catch it!

Our writer views life and living in an upbeat, positive manner. She is motivated by good taste and dignity. Her behavior and speech are refined and she strives to maintain a certain decorum in public. She is aware of appearances and may also feel the company she keeps is a reflection on her.

This woman is social, gracious and a little impulsive. Her desire to please and concern for others is quickly noted. She enjoys people and wants her relationships

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Of course I'm hoping it says I'm cute, fun,*

with them to be warm, pleasant and harmonious. However she does not often choose to become emotionally involved.

Her kind heart provides empathy for other people. Sad movies and/or books can bring tears to her eyes.

Augmenting this is her desire to flow with the tide and not make waves. She is usually adaptable and cooperative.

Approval and encouragement are very necessary to our writer. She wants to ingratiate herself to others to elicit their approval. And yet, she is not a pushover! When she feels it is necessary, she can be direct and say it as she sees it.

She is an active person and loathes boredom. There are times when she becomes restless. If things are too routine and/or dull, it might even send her into the doldrums temporarily.

Seemingly, she has a rather narrow philosophic outlook. A proper code of behavior was instilled early in her life. She is

one with firm opinions and inclined to adhere to traditional values and procedure. To new ideas and/or opinions, she is not always receptive. This may be placing limitations on her problem solving ability without the awareness that these security needs could be inhibiting her development.

Our writer is mentally efficient and can also make good use of her time. She takes pride in what she does. When we combine this with her can-do spirit it can stimulate her efforts for success.

If you would like your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please write a few paragraphs about yourself, using a full sheet of white, unlined paper and writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies are not possible. However, objective feedback is welcome.

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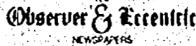
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for that too much, though it did get results, and I did cut my hair, but it was just a trim, and I never became a nun. However, by the end of the year, I had earned some respect and gained some control. It took time.

Now, 17 years later, you'd think that if these things were measured by some meter, the meter needle would do that cartoon thing - the screw holding it in place would break loose, make a big sproing noise, and go flying.

Well, that's not the case. At least not during that November trip to Lansing. A screw did get loose, and it wasn't attached to any cool meter.

Carmen, my 9-year-old gymnast, had a state-qualifying meet in Lansing on that November Saturday, the same Saturday husband Ron and son Tony were away on a Boy Scout trip to an Air Force base in Ohio. Now, I'd tried, really, really tried, to get babysitting lined up for the three little boys, at least 4-year-old Joe and 2-year-old Jack. Steven, I felt, would be just fine coming with me and his sister. Well, it didn't matter what I felt, there was absolutely no one available for that Saturday, for those 10 hours away. So I packed Joe, Jack, Steven and Carmen up and off we went to Lansing.

As I drove the van, I kept a fair amount of control over things. Actually, there was a lot of extra self-control going on in that van, the children were behaving very well. They sensed that anything else wouldn't do.

In addition, two of Carmen's teammates (sisters) and their mom came along as well. So the van ride, there and back, wasn't too bad at all. It was the part inside the gym that required the likes of Sister Andrea or an octopus.

I'd been assigned to bring back scores and final standings for the 11 girls on our team for the newsletter. So I recorded scores: 11 girls on floor, bar, beam, vault. I recorded individual event standings and all-around standings in the echoey, noisy gym. All the while, feeding the baby, changing the baby, looking for socks, feeding Joe, feeding Jack, getting them to the bath-

room in time, getting them water from the water fountain, keeping the two of them out of the way of the parents watching the meet, disciplining them, entertaining them, and preventing hideous bedlam. And root for Carmen. The most important part of the journey.

She did a fine job, came away with an individual event medal and the feeling that it'd all been worthwhile, the hours and hours of practice, the dedication, the sacrifices - for the sport she loves. And seeing her proud of her accomplishments and knowing what it took to get there, made it all worthwhile to me.

Her whole team, the Level 6 girls from the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics, did a wonderful job and received the third-place team trophy out of the 15 competing clubs. The girls qualified for the state meet this weekend in Grandville. And next weekend, Dec. 14-15, they'll be in their home gym on Hix Road in Westland, competing in and hosting the Christmas Classic Gymnastic Meet. The public is welcome to attend.

Of course, I'll be there, cheering my Carmen on, sporting six more arms or a habit.

"Phoenix" note: It's not too late to order "The Phoenix" for Christmas delivery. Send requests to: "The Phoenix," 44456 Clare Blvd., Plymouth 48170. The book is 120 pages long, most of it written by "Family Room" readers. It's heart-warming. Make your tax-deductible donation of \$8.95 (that includes postage) per book to Friends of TRI.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, a Plymouth resident, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a Touch-Tone phone, write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or reach her at her E-mail address: FamilyRoom@worldnet.att.net.



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The nuts: Community Hospice Services executive director Maureen Butrico (from left), and hospice nurse Colleen Formigan are more than willing to share their nuts with Tim Formigan whose Mind, Body and Spirit Institute in Westland is one of the benefit's sale locations.

## Hospice sponsors annual nut sale

Nut lovers can stock up on their favorite snack during Community Hospice Services' eighth annual holiday nut sale.

Proceeds from the sale will fund bereavement programs offered to the public by CHS.

The nut sale runs through Friday, Dec. 20. The packaged nuts sell for \$10 each, with a portion of the sale a donation to CHS.

There are four packages to choose from - pistachios, Ger-

man almonds, cashews and a variety pack containing four types of nuts. The packages contain 12 to 16 ounces of nuts.

The packaged nuts make a terrific holiday gift and provide a contribution to a good cause in the spirit of the holiday season, according to Lori George of the CHS staff.

The nuts are available at CHS's two offices - 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland, and 127 S. Main St., Plymouth

- as well at Decker's Florist, 8214 Merriman Road, Westland, and Peoples Home Medical, 1646 Eureka Road, Southgate, and 1147 Wayne Road, Westland.

Also selling the goodies are The Flower Shop, 7787 Middlebelt, Westland; Sideways Gifts, 505 Forest, Plymouth; Remerica Realtors, 42875 Five Mile Road, Plymouth; Wild Wings Wildlife Art Galleries, 975 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth,

and Mind, Body and Spirit Institute, 38405 Joy Road, Westland.

For more information, call Community Hospice Services at (313) 522-4244.

Community Hospice Services was established in 1981 to provide care to the incurably ill and their families. Care is provided without regard to race, age, religion, diagnosis or ability to pay.

## Sponsors needed for VOA's 'Adopt-a-Family' Christmas program

The staff of Volunteers of America-Southeast Michigan Inc. are in need of sponsors who will "adopt" a needy family for Christmas.

"We've had an overwhelming

amount of applications from needy families this year," said Tanya Wright, coordinator of VOA's fourth annual "Adopt-a-Family" Christmas program.

Sponsors agree to purchase a

minimum of one new toy and one new item of clothing per child and a grocery store gift certificate for the family's Christmas dinner. They are furnished with background information and

detailed wish lists of the adopted family.

Last year VOA was able to arrange for the "adoption" of 175

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For information on becoming a sponsor, call Wright at (810) 548-4090.

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# Wrappers

## Scouts tie up gifts for holiday shoppers

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

Nicki Colling and Becky Ross, both members of Girl Scout troop 976 at Churchill High School, are in big demand as gift wrappers at their families' homes.

After all, they're getting in plenty of practice at the Scouts' gift wrapping booth at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

It's hard work, the girls said, but well worth it.

"After you do it for a few years, it's not that bad," Ross said.

The 54 girls from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Inkster, Detroit, Novi and Farmington Hills and 34 adult volunteers are wrapping presents this holiday season to raise money for scout activities.

"The cookie and calendar sales provide money for everyday activities. This is for the big trips, not the little everyday ones," said Diane Bergendahl, registrar for her neighborhood and a junior and cadet leader.

Last year the troops used the money to visit places like Boston, Mass., Savannah, Ga.,

and Kings Island near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Along with Bergendahl, Sue Roy, a cookie cupboard participant, and Kathy Swan, neighborhood service unit director and a junior leader, are coordinating the fifth annual event for the Cadet and Senior Girl Scout troops of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council. The first two years they were at Westland Mall, but were forced to move after the center decided to stop allowing charitable organizations in the mall.

To volunteer at the gift-wrapping booth, the Girl Scouts and the adult volunteers had to go through a 3 1/2-hour training session.

"They had to learn how to measure, how to wrap odd gifts, and deal with customers. We fluff and make our own bows and name tags," Swan said. "It doesn't matter if they've done it before, they still have to go through training every year."

The biggest concern, however, was teaching them how to wrap. Swan said it's important to teach them how to wrap correct

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Real wrappers: Members of Girl Scout Troop 976 of Livonia, Nicki Colling and Becky Ross, put the wraps on a gift for David Janeski.

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**SENIOR HOUSE**  
Senior House of Livonia will have its fourth annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the retirement residence, 11525 Farmington Road, Livonia. There will be a bake sale, white elephant booth and raffle. For more information, call (313) 425-3050.

**LIVONIA SENIOR CITIZENS**  
The Livonia Senior Citizens' annual arts and craft sale and show will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15128 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information call, May Ann Naboychik at (313) 422-5010.

Ss. Kevin and Norbert will have its annual Christmas bazaar 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Kevin's Social Hall, 30053 Parkwood, Inkster. There will be Santa's Living Room, bake sale, lunch and hourly raffles. For more information, call (313) 728-2470 or (313) 595-1305.

**WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA**  
The Wayne-Westland Family YMCA will have its annual Christmas craft show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the YMCA, 827 S. Wayne Road, Westland. Table space is still available. For more information, call (313) 721-7044.

**FAITH LUTHERAN**  
Faith Lutheran Church will have a holiday craft show and cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Craft show hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; cookies will be sold beginning at 9 a.m. A lunch counter will be available. For more information, call (313) 728-3430.

**ST. THOMAS A'BECKET**  
The Women's Club of St. Thomas a'Becket Church will have its seventh annual craft show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton. There will be more than 75 crafters, a bake sale and hourly raffles. Lunches also will be available. The church is wheelchair accessible and strollers are permitted.

**FARMINGTON WOMEN**  
The Farmington Area Community Women will hold their 21st annual arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Farmington Hills Activity Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. There will be more than 100 crafters, a bake sale, candy store and concession stand. Admission will be \$1. For table information, call Judy at (810) 476-9074.

**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL**  
St. John's Episcopal Church will have its Winter Bazaar 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 574 S. Sheldon Road, south of Ann Arbor Trail. There will be Self-Help Crafts of the World and Shop Around Home Sales Booths, featuring baskets, toys, kitchenware, jewelry, crystal, candles, cosmetics and other items. There also will be a bake sale, fresh greens and poinsettias and a cafe open for lunch. No admission charge.

**MICHIGAN GUILD**  
The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans will have its Holiday Art Fair 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in Building H on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The fair will feature 130 contemporary artists and feature such activities as the "Imagination Station" which allows children to explore their arts talents. Admission is \$4, children under age 12 free.

**Wrappers** from page B8

ly so that paper and ribbon aren't wasted. The Scouts offer 20 varieties of wrapping paper with an impressionist-like design with Christmas trees among the favorites. This year the group added birthday paper to its list. "We listened to people and got a roll of birthday paper. We were kind of afraid that it wouldn't fly but it's proven to be successful," Swan said. The prices are based on the size of the package and if the Scouts provide the gift boxes. It averages out to \$1.75-\$6 per package including the bows,

name and gift tags. "And the Girl Scout smile," Bergendahl said. Colling, a Girl Scout, said that she's seen all kinds of expensive presents come through her booth. "We've wrapped jewelry and clothes. In the past we have wrapped a kitten. It was so cute. He was going to give it to his girlfriend when he got home so we put air holes in it. We have wrapped refrigerators and microwaves. For the refrigerator, they just take it, put it on the floor and go to it," Bergendahl said.

The Girl Scouts are hoping to exceed the \$14,000 raised last year. The actual profit was \$8,400 after paying for wrapping paper, bows, tape and other supplies. "It all goes back to the girls and the moms. It goes into the troop account and averages out to about \$5 an hour," Swan said. So far, she added sales are up this year partially because the booth is in a better location. Last year it was across the aisle in a store that was set back and hard to see. "This year the group is centrally located. They (the customers)

say to us, 'Where were you last year? We were looking for you,'" Swan explained. The service is not limited to purchases made at the mall, Swan stressed. "One man bought gifts everywhere but here. But he brought his presents here just because we're the Girl Scouts," she said. Besides the money they make from wrapping, the Girl Scouts are also accepting donations. On Monday, the Girl Scouts made \$8 in donations. "Even if they don't want a present wrapping, they're very generous in donations," Swan said.

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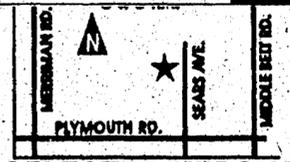
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NEW VOICES

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JASON RYAN SMOTHERS and MARCIE JOY WHITE of Canton announce the birth of AUSTIN RYAN Nov. 10 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Gerald and Peggy White, Kim Kiser and Phillip Smothers.

JAMES and TANYA MONTROY of Garden City announce the birth of NICHOLAS JAMES Oct. 11 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are James and Shelly Montroy of Utica, and Patsy and Jerry Butson and Marvin and Esther Kelle, all of Lincoln Park.

LEIGH and KELLY McBAIN of Livonia announce the birth of LAUREN MARIE March 26 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She has a sister, Marissa, 3. Grandparents are William and Marilyn McBain of Gibraltar and Melvin and Rosemarie Davis of Gladwin.

JESSICA OPPERMAN and BRIAN LAWSON of Westland announce the birth of RAY PHILLIP LAWSON at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Carol Lawson of Biscoe, N.C., Carl Parsons of Troy, N.C., Gail Opperman of Garden City, and the late Phillip Opperman.

TIMOTHY and LORNA TALBOT of Plantation, Fla., formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of SYDNEY IRENE Sept. 11. She has two brothers, Zachary, 6, and Adam, 4. Grandparents are Victor and Irene Zammit of Livonia and Joseph and Bridget Talbot of Redford. Great-grandfather is Frank Peace of Livonia.

JEFFERY SCOTT REED of Westland and SANDRA LEE REED of Garden City announce the birth of NICHOLAS SCOTT REED Oct. 5 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Toots Segler of Garden City, and Onalee and Mike Reed of Westland.

MARK and JOANNE MOENING of Redford announce the birth of STEPHEN JOSEPH Nov. 9 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He has a brother, Sean, 5 1/2, and a sister, Abby, 4. Grandparents are Harry L. and Mary Lou Pheney of Livonia and Clifford and Ruth Moening of Trenton.

LARRY and ANDREA WALKUSKI of Livonia announce the birth of LUKAS LARRY Oct. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Peter and Doreen Walkuski, and Elizabeth Vallmer, all of Livonia, and Rene and Lisa Breeders of Windsor.

NADA ANN and KEVIN WAYNE COOPER of Canton announce the birth of K.C. CLARKE Oct. 18 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. K.C. joins siblings, Melissa, 17, Veronica, 14, Beau,

12, and Dakota, 4. Grandparents are Alfred and Marie McNeal, and Wayne and Marge Cooper, all of Canton.

PAUL and LESLIE PER-RINE of Westland, formerly of Garden City and Big Rapids, respectively, announce the birth of JENNA LYNN Oct. 22 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Gary and Marilyn Perrine of Garden City, and Larry and Stephanie LeGrec of Big Rapids.

RICH and DOTTIE SANTO

of Wayne announce the birth of SHAINA RAE Oct. 23 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins siblings, Richie, 4 1/2, and Ryan, 3. Grandparents are Marlene Santo of Garden City, and the late Richard P. Santo, and William and Judy Gamble of Wayne.

ADAM and SUZANNE MORSE of Livonia announce the birth of MICHAEL STEPHEN Oct. 26 at the Birthing Center at Garden City

Hospital. He joins a brother, Adam Christopher, 2. Grandparents are Harold and Peggy Benash of Fullerton, Calif., and John and Cheryl Morse of Lake Ford, Idaho.

JOSEPH M. and LORI ANN BURNETT of Livonia announce the birth of ABIGAIL LAUREN Oct. 25 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Noah Michael, 22 months. Grandparents are Richard and Linda Allison of Canfield, Ohio, and R.G. and

Peggy Burnett of Canton. ROSE MONTROSE and ED KILLIAN of Westland announce the birth of TARAH MARIE KILLIAN Oct. 26 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. She joins 6-year-old twin brothers. Grandparents are Cathrine Dimeck, Mary and George Clendennia, and Ken Montrose Sr., all of Westland. WILLIAM and KAREN FICKETT of Livonia announce the birth of BROOKE YVONNE Oct. 31 at the Birthing Center at

Garden City Hospital. She joins a brother, Patton, 16 months. Grandparents are Ernie Caudle of Livonia, Sus Ann Caudle of Largo, Fla., and William and Annette Hargis of Atlanta, Ga. TRINA HABICHT and JAMES ADKINS of Canton announce the birth of TIFFANY ANN MARIE ADKINS Nov. 3 at the Birthing Center at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Dorothy Gier, Mike Habicht, Jenny Barlow, Dennis Adkins, Mike Gier, and Don Barlow.

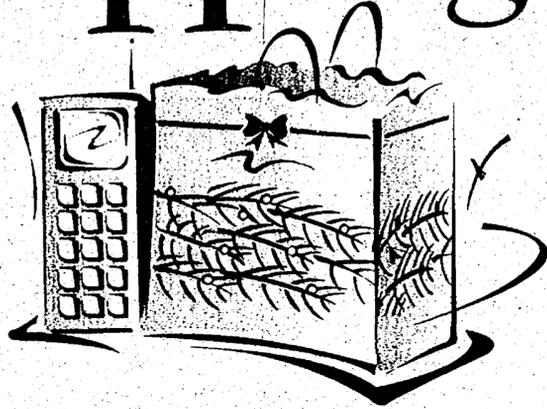
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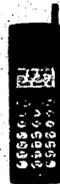
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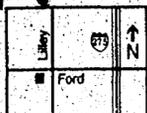
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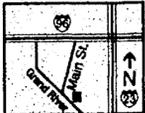
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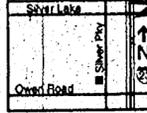
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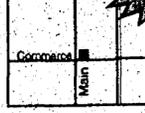
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# With God's help, Charismatic church finds home

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO  
STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Kenneth R. Bieber calls it a miracle that his congregation, Church of the Risen Lord, was able to purchase the old St. Michael Church building in Westland.

The church held its congregational day of prayer on Sept. 8 to "seek the Lord's direction about where we were at and where do we go from here."

"We weren't thinking in terms of buying a building," Bieber said.

On the way to the event, Bieber and his wife, Diane, passed by St. Michael Church at 821 N. Newburgh and saw a "for sale" sign in front of the building.

The following Sunday, the Canton couple presented the idea to the congregation of 10 families, who raised \$11,500 within a week.

But they still needed an additional \$4,000 for the down payment, so Bieber hit the information superhighway.

"I went out on the Internet to reach out to fellow churches and friends," he said. "Within a matter of weeks, we raised the money that we needed along with an extra \$700."

The Biebers made an offer on the church on Sept. 18, and the congregation held its first Sunday service Nov. 10. The name of the church was placed above the doorway on Sunday, Nov. 24.

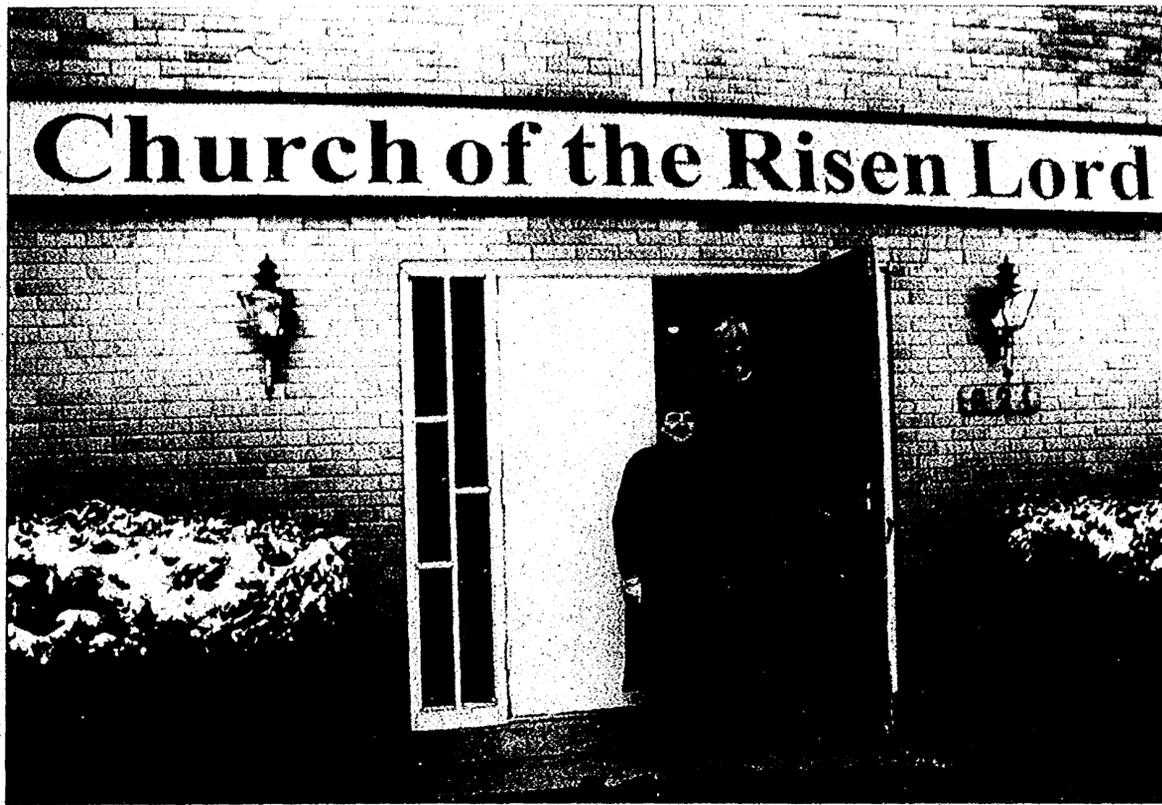
They are just now able to sit down and sort out the whirlwind of activities surrounding the church.

### With God's help

"It's easy for us to see now through the sequence of events that God really was with us," Bieber said. "We weren't even planning on it (buying a building)."

"We've driven by this building many times. It just so happened that the building went up for sale a couple days earlier."

Before moving to its new quarters, Church of the Risen



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JAGDFELD

Welcome sign: In a way, the new name over the door is a welcome sign for the Rev. Kenneth Bieber and his wife, Diane. The couple saw that the former St. Michael Church in Westland was for sale in September and with the help of the congregation and others was able to buy it for the Church of the Risen Lord, a charismatic Episcopal church.

Lord held services in homes, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton and Disabled American Veterans Hall at Joy and Newburgh roads.

For the next few months, Church of the Risen Lord will share the space with St. Michael Church until its new location in Plymouth is ready.

"They're slowly moving more things out," he said. "We're slowly converting more and more of

the building to make it more representative of who we are."

Worship services are held at 10 a.m. Sundays, with a healing Eucharist at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. The church is south of Marquette on Newburgh Road between Cherry Hill and Ford roads.

Prior to starting the Church of the Risen Lord, the Biebers lived in Bridgeport, Mich., where he served as vicar and then rector

at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

Disheartened with the Episcopal church, the couple became affiliated with the Charismatic Episcopal Church, which is not connected with the prior church.

"Episcopal" means "bishop" in Greek and the name is included in the CEC because it is governed by bishops.

### New denomination

The CEC is a new denomina-

tion, founded in June 1992 by the Most Rev. Randolph Adler in California.

"It was started by three non-denominational charismatic churches that were interested in the history of the church," Bieber said. "They found there was more to the worship than what they were doing."

According to Bieber, the CEC blends three traditions - liturgical/sacramental, charismatic and

evangelical.

"That's what makes us unique," Bieber said. "A lot of churches will emphasize one of those aspects. This is a blend of these three."

"It's the three streams of worship that makes one river."

Besides the three streams, there are two things that the church emphasizes. Members believe that they are called upon to be a worshipping community and that the Lord of the Risen Church is to be a place of healing.

Four years ago there were three CEC churches in California. Now there are 200 worldwide, including five in Michigan - Westland, Brighton, Lennon, Bay City, and a cathedral in Rochester Hills at Crooks and Auburn roads.

Bieber attended Michigan State University-Oakland (now known as Oakland University) before graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He served as a U.S. Naval lieutenant in the Vietnam War.

Following his military service, he became national sales manager for I.S.I. Fluid Power and got involved in the church.

A few years later, he said, the Lord called upon him.

He graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa., eventually leaving the Episcopal Church in 1994.

He and his wife have three children, Kirsten, Anna and Kenneth Jr., and four grandchildren.

"We came out of a church (Episcopal Church) where the authenticity of the Scriptures were no longer recognized and the divinity of Jesus as a unique way of salvation was discredited," Bieber explained. "That's happened in a lot of churches. We're not here to take people out of churches."

"If you want to worship in these three streams then you're welcome here."

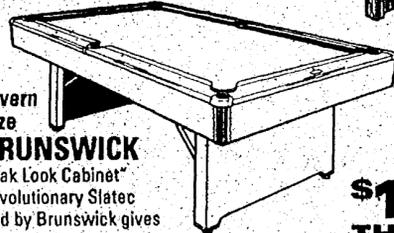
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# Classical Bells ring in the season at Mt. Hope Church

The Classical Bells, Michigan's premier handbell ensemble, will present a Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, Livonia. The concert will feature

favorite melodies of the season, both sacred and secular. A reception in the church fellowship hall will follow the performance.

The Classical Bells rings six octaves of English handbells plus four octaves of choircimes, the only handbell set that large in the Midwest.

Twelve members of the ensemble are handbell ringers and directors from many communities in the Detroit metropolitan area. They combine an entertaining presentation with outstanding musicianship, making the group as delightful to watch as it is to hear.

The ensemble, organized in 1983, has been featured in programs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, including the Holiday Pops concerts in 1994 with conductor Richard Hayman, the Detroit Aglow program at the Fox Theatre, and Brunch with the Classics at the Somerset Collection.

The Classical Bells has produced two recordings, broadcast over local radio stations, and a cable television program, shown every year for the Christmas season.

In addition to their busy performance schedule, the members share the art of handbell ringing with hands-on experiences for school children to encourage the proficiency of others. They also offer individual and group workshops for all levels of ringing.



Ring-a-ding: Members of the Classical Bells are putting the finishing touches on a concert of sacred and secular Christmas music the group will present Friday evening.

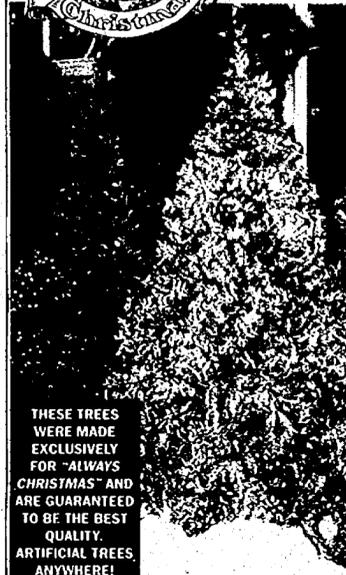
The Classical Bells is affiliated with the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers and

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Throughout December, they will be among the many volunteers who, for the 88th year, will be making visits to homes and businesses all over Michigan to inform, educate and raise funds for a variety of humanitarian projects locally, state-wide and

internationally. Only 4 percent of funds raised are used for fund-raising expenses. The remaining 96 percent goes to benefit the public in the form of health education classes, disaster response, nutrition classes, clothing distribution, summer camps for the blind and for disadvantaged children and meeting the needs of the inner-cities of Michigan. Michigan Adventist Communi-

ty Services helped 30,018 people last year. More than 430 volunteers spent a total of 66,022 hours in service to their communities. Volunteers processed 188,482 items of clothing and 16,328 items of bedding and dispensed \$26,212.50 worth of food. In addition, 856,040 items of clothing were shipped to international destinations to meet the many needs of the world's poor

and displaced people. "Your contribution to the volunteer workers who contact you helps meet a great variety of human needs in our community and around the world," said Alice Merrifield of Cherry Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church. "We thank you for your support of this humanitarian program and be assured that those whom you have helped say thank you also."

## RELIGION CALENDAR

Listings for the Religion Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to Sue Mason at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2131.

### 'FESTIVAL OF ST. NICHOLAS'

The music Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, under the direction of Dr. Michele Johns, will present "Festival of St. Nicholas" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the church, 1160 Penniman Ave., Plymouth. More than 250 members of the Music Ministry will participate in the festive program that features the beloved traditional carols and the legends of the good saint who has inspired our jovial Santa Claus.

The Plymouth Counsellors Choral, the Guitar Group, two Singations Choirs, the Counsellors Youth Choral and six Bell Choirs will perform, in addition to a brass quintet from the University of Michigan School of Music.

Admission is free and complimentary tickets are available by calling the parish office at (313) 453-0326.

### NEW BEGINNINGS

Rev. Kearney Kirkby will speak on "Personalizing the Process" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, as part of New Beginnings, a grief support group held year-round at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. The program is for people suffering as the result of the death of a loved one. Anyone can attend any or all sessions. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-6038, Marilyn Wilkinson at (810) 380-7903 or Rosemary Kline at (313) 462-3770.

### ORGAN RECITAL

Old St. Mary's Church in Greektown will present its annual Advent Luncheon Organ recital at 11 a.m. Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, at the church, 646 Monroe Ave., Detroit. Performers will be Bob Barnhart, organist of Old St. Mary's. Patrick Macoska, organist of St. Mary's of Redford, and Paul Shafer, organist of St. Ambrose Church. There is no admission charge. For more information, call (313) 961-8711.

### BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL

A Boar's Head festival and Feast will be held, beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,

27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The medieval English Christmas celebration is probably the oldest continuing festival of the Christmas season. It was presented as early as 1340 at Queen's College in Oxford and in time became a part of the Christmas celebration of great manor houses in England.

St. Paul's celebration will start with the festival, followed by the feast at 6 p.m. in the social hall. Tickets for the festival only are \$5 and \$12 for the festival and feast. Tickets are available in the church office between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS

Covenant Community Church will present "Four Tickets to Christmas" Friday, Dec. 6, and Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 25800 Student St., north of Five Mile Road, Redford. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the performance at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6, with the performance at 6 p.m. and dinner at 8 p.m. on Dec. 8. Tickets cost \$10 in advance. For more information, call (313) 535-3100.

Temple Baptist Church will present its "The Glory of Christmas pageant," "The Journey of the Fourth Wise Man," at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21, and a 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Tickets cost \$6 each for balcony and main floor seating. Children under age 4 will not be admitted due to the length of the production and child care will not be provided. For more information, call the church's ticket hotline at (313) 255-3339.

### 'ALPHA GLOW'

A Ladies only holiday dinner, featuring Christian comedian Joyce Sankey will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Alpha Baptist Church, 28051 West Chicago, Livonia. Punch will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a catered dinner and Sankey at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 and cap reserved by calling the church office at (313) 421-6300.

Sankey has opened for celebrities like Tim Allen and Bob Saget. She currently performs in churches throughout the Midwest, blending celebrity impersonations with Biblical stories.

### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Church Women United of Suburban Detroit-West will have their Christmas fellowship luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec.

6, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29889 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington. The program will include the installation of officers and a Christmas Video Collage by Gordon Draper. Cost is \$5. Reservations must be made by Monday, Dec. 2, by calling Margaret Totton at (313) 261-3737. Babysitting also is available by calling Totton by Dec. 2.

### CHOIR FEAST

The Youth Choir of Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Choir Feast, beginning with appetizers at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. followed by the entertainment. Tickets cost \$12.50 each or \$25 per couple. Babysitting will be available. For more information, call the church office at (313) 422-0149.

### WEEKEND RETREAT

Madonna University in Livonia is offering an Advent retreat, entitled "The Three Comings of Christ," 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the university's Residence Hall and chapel.

Rev. Thomas Moore, director of seminarians for the Diocese of Saginaw, will facilitate the event. Topics will include "Historical Christians," "Day to Day in Our Lives" and "The Future Coming." Time also will be allotted for quiet reflection, prayer, reconciliation and a Sunday liturgy.

Cost is \$12 and includes lunch and refreshments. The deadline for registering is Wednesday, Dec. 4. Madonna University is at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia. For more information on the retreats, call the campus ministry office at (313) 432-5419.

### TREATS AND TREASURES

Meadowbrook Congregational Church will have a Treats and Treasures sale 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Novi. Holiday cookies and other baked goods, Christmas decorations, jewelry, attic treasures and cutlery will be featured.

### ADVENT BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbytery Men's Council will have its 16th annual Advent Communion Breakfast at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Congressman Dick Chrysler will speak on "Faith and Politics: How My Christian Background

Has Affected My Decisions in Washington."

Reservations are limited to 300. Tickets cost \$6 and are available from the Detroit Presbytery Office, (313) 345-6550, or George Irwin at (313) 425-3024.

### CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Garden City Presbyterian Church will have a Christmas Festival 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. There will be a bake sale, craft room, white elephant sale, tea room, cookie walk and silent auction. A turkey dinner will be served 4-7 p.m. Cost will be \$6 for those 13 and older, \$4 for ages 6-12, \$3 for ages 3-5 and free for those under age three.

### EUROPEAN CHRISTMAS

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox A capella Choir and special guest singers will present an Eastern European Christmas at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Carols from Russia, Romania, the Ukraine, Serbia, Greece, Poland and Hungary and liturgical music from the Orthodox Church's Feast of the Nativity of Christ will be performed. A donation of \$7 is requested. For more information, call (810) 478-3432 or (313) 427-6592.

### SUNDAY SERVICE

Pastor David Powless will speak on "We have Found HIM" during the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Warren Road Light and Life Free Methodist Church, 33445 Warren Road, Westland. For more information, call the church at (313) 458-7301.

### CHRISTMAS TEACHINGS

Crossroads Church of Plymouth will begin its Christmas teaching series on Sunday, Dec. 8. The topics for the 10:30 a.m. service are "Jesus One of Us: His humanity allows him to relate to our needs and struggles" on Dec. 8, "Mary, Did You Know?: Born in a cradle, he came to provide salvation on a cross" on Dec. 15 and "The Joy of Jesus: Celebrating his goodness" on Dec. 22. Crossroads, a young, contemporary church, meets on Sundays at west Middle School, 44401 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth Township. For more information, call Pastor Rob Eddy at (313) 641-6400.

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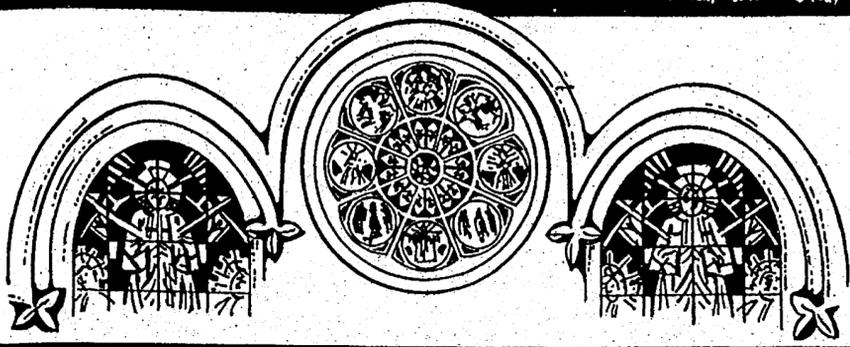
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and Handbell Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. The concert will feature the church and school choirs, Senior Choir, Day School choirs, Chamber Choir and Bell choirs as well as Christmas carols sung by the congregation. Refreshments will be served in the gymnasium following the concert.

The choirs of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will present their annual Christmas Collage Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 39020 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Sacred and secular music will be performed by the vocal and bell choirs as well as a flute quartet, Celtic harp, organ and guitar. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the church at (313) 464-0211.

The 15th annual St. Aidan Christmas Concert will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. The performance will feature the St. Aidan Adult Choir, Children's Choir and, from the cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the Redford Youth Theatre Choir. The donation is \$5 per person, with children under age 10 free. Proceeds will go for food baskets for the needy. A brief reception will be held immediately after the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are available at the church office and will be sold at the door. For more information, call (313) 425-5950.

Popular Detroit theater organist Lance Luce will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the sanctuary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 26701 Joy Road, Dearborn Heights. Luce is frequently featured at the keyboard of the Redford Theater organ. He will narrate and play traditional and contemporary holiday music as well as favorite Christmas carols. Tickets for the concert are \$12 each, \$6 for children, and can be purchased in advance at the church between 9 a.m. and noon weekdays and at the door. For more information, call (313) 274-3820.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
Newburg United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Festival at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. There will be a special Christmas presentation for the whole family in the sanctuary. Performing will be the Chancel Choir and children of the Sunday School. There also will be a living nativity scene. A potluck and carols will follow, hosted by the United Methodist Women.

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**COOKIE WALK**  
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the third Monday of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. The program focuses on the Actions and Reactions of Kids, the connection between actions and reactions to Christ, families and society. There will be games, singing, crafts and time for thought. For more information, call the church at (313) 721-4801.

**CONGREGATION BEIT KODESH**  
The Sisterhood of Congregation Beit Kodesh will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at

the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Following the general meeting, a Bingo social will be held and prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be served. Guests may attend at no charge. For more information, call Rae Offerman at (810) 474-8051.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**  
The St. Aidan Youth Group is selling Entertainment books through December to support the Youth Conference and World Youth Day. The books are available at the Parish Office, 17500

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## SPORTS

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## Donnelly with Vipers

Mike Donnelly, a 1981 Livonia Franklin graduate and 11-year National Hockey League veteran, has been picked up on assignment by the Detroit Vipers of the International Hockey League.

Donnelly, a former Michigan State star, has 114 goals and 121 assists with five NHL teams. His best years were with the Los Angeles Kings from 1991-94 when he compiled 79 goals and 156 points over three seasons.

He scored the winning goal in Game 7 of the 1993 Western Conference Finals against the Toronto Maple Leafs, sending the Kings to the Stanley Cup finals where they were eliminated by Montreal.

Donnelly, a center, started the 1996-97 season with Utah of the IHL, scoring seven goals and two assists in 14 games. He is the property of the NHL's New York Islanders.

Donnelly and Vipers coach Steve Ludzik were teammates in 1989-90 with the Buffalo Sabres of the NHL. Vipers' general manager Rick Dudley was the Sabres coach that year.

"Ludzy and I have both always held Mike Donnelly in very high regards," Dudley said. "He has great speed, can play both ends and he is another of the character people who have become our trademark."

## Rockets win division

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club Rockets, an under-13 boys team, won the Superior Division championship in the Great Lakes Soccer League.

The Rockets posted a 7-2-1 record while outscoring their opponents 30-10, including Dearborn United, 2-1, in the final game.

The goals were scored by Justin Barnes and Matt Nelson for the Rockets.

Other members of the Rockets include Mikel Facchini, Kevin King, Jr., Chad Lapasinskas, Eric Long, Ethan Lube, Erik Maillard, Richard Maser, Christopher Mazzara, Kevin Mireles, Derek Mireles, Austin Pernia, John Petrosky, David Philbin, Joseph Rzyzi, Andrew Thompson and Brian Zeni.

The Rockets are coached by Kevin Maillard and Michael Mireles. The team manager is John Philbin. The team sponsors include Ajax Materials, Corp., Barnes and Sweeney Enterprises, Guardian Environmental, Inc., E.C. Levy Co., and the McDonald's Corp.

## Culloty shines as frosh

Ryan Culloty, a 1996 Livonia Stevenson graduate, was named defensive rookie of the year for Beloit (Wis.) College's football team.

Culloty, a starting defensive end, was fourth on the team with 26 solo and 33 assisted tackles.

## Charity hockey game

The Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks' old-timers will get together for a charity hockey game at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, at K-Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo.

Tickets are \$11 and \$13 and can be purchased in advance at all TicketMaster locations, the K-Wings Stadium Box Office or Team Sports Association at (888) 868-TEAM. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

For more information, call Ed Conz, Jr. or Lou Willoughby at (313) 432-9864.

## UDM soccer honorees

Goalkeeper Kal Kaliszewski of the University of Detroit Mercy's NCAA soccer team, was named to the Midwestern Collegiate Conference's All-Tournament team.

A pair of stops on penalty kicks by Kaliszewski in the semifinals helped the Titans win the tournament.

Senior sweeper Jeff Thomas (Livonia Stevenson) and forward Dominic Vella (Livonia Churchill) were named to the All-Tournament Second Team while freshman fullback Matt Quinter (Livonia Stevenson) was on the All-Newcomer team.

## LYSC girls finalists

The Livonia Youth Soccer Club United U-17 girls team was a finalist in the 1996 Elks Girls Invitational Soccer Tournament Nov. 23-24 in Raleigh, N.C.

They defeated teams from North and South Carolina as well as Virginia to win their division but were defeated by Southeast Michigan rival Rochester Lightning in the championship game.

LYSC United U-17 is coached by Mario Galindo and managed by Kathy Nastase. Team members include Tina Atwood (Garden City); Melissa Backus, Lisa Fabrikiewicz, Andrea Galindo, Lanette Moss, Stacey Nastase, Jenny Schmidt, Jamie Scott, Nicole Tobin (Livonia); Meryl Denton, Emilie VilleMonte (Farmington Hills); Tracy Hamann, Beth Quincy (Milford); Jamie Jandasek (Brighton); plus Erin Bowdell, Jessica Kenny and Carrie Wasalaski (Novi).

## New season, new coaches

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
STAFF WRITER

Remember that old saying about your guess being as good as mine? That hasn't been true at Wayne Memorial High School for four seasons -- their Guesses have always been better.

Lorenzo Guess and his fraternal twin brother Lavelle will start their final season as Wayne varsity basketball players Tuesday at Plymouth Canton. It will mark the beginning of the end of a storied chapter in Michigan prep sports.

The Zebras will end the Guess Era some time in March. Whether their last game is a victory or not is immaterial. It will be a period the participants and spectators will remember the rest of their lives.

It will be especially memorable for Coach Chuck Henry of Wayne Memorial. He undoubtedly will pause to reflect from time to time upon the privilege of going through great seasons with great players and excellent teams.

Henry and Guess will become part of schoolboy lore with Lofton Greene and the Willie Betts years at River Rouge, Bill Frieder with the Britt brothers (James and Wayman) at Flint Northern, Will Robinson and the Spencer Haywood/Ralph Simpson years at Detroit Pershing, Ralph Grubb and the Russell brothers (Frank, Campy and Walker D.) at Pontiac Central.

"I've known Lorenzo and Lavelle since they were fourth graders on my summer program," Henry said. "I remember picking Lorenzo up from Franklin Junior High. It was the last day of school of his eighth grade year."

"We got in a van and drove down to Kent State. We played eight games against some real good teams from Ohio -- and we won seven of them. He played as a seasoned veteran even then, so I knew he was going to be special all along."

"He's been our leading scorer and rebounder for three straight years. He's played center. He's played point guard. He's defended the other team's best perimeter player and their best post player."

"He's totally unselfish. A great leader. And he exhausts himself in practice situations. Any coach would love to have him."

Only Henry does, however. Also big on the local basketball front is the sweep of coaching changes at Livonia, where three new coaches will be trying to establish their own traditions in the system's Class A schools.

"It's not very often you get three new coaches, all in same school system," said one of the three, Franklin's Dan Robinson. "I'm fortunate to be coming into a situation where there is a Division I player and some other talent left for me."

"It's pretty exciting," Churchill's Rick Austin said. "With each of us having our own ideas about the way

we want to go, I think you'll see a different brand of basketball."

"Churchill will be playing an up-tempo game both offensively and defensively, forcing our opponents to play faster. So from that perspective, I think it's exciting."

"Any time you get change, you get new ideas. I've heard nothing but good things about Tim Newman and I knew (Athletic Director) Dan Freeman is happy with Franklin's new coach."

"Walled Lake Western also has got a new coach," Newman said, "so there's been a big turnover in our (Western Lakes Activities Association) league."

"The new people in there are going to create some new excitement in the league. I think the league as a whole is strong. It's as good as it's been in some time."

"The Franklin and Churchill coaches who are coming in are stepping in to some pretty good programs. I'm looking forward to the competition, the new challenges."

Newman tabbed Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Canton and Salem as teams to beat but noted "everybody else will be very competitive. I don't see that upper echelon that you've sometimes seen in the past. I'm looking forward to it. It's going to be a fun league."

Franklin returns 6-8 Matt Bauman, tendered to the University of Detroit Mercy, but there's a catch. Bauman has a left ankle injury he's still recovering from.

"His rehab's coming along very well," Robinson said. "We're optimistic he'll be back for our first league game, against North Farmington on Dec. 19. I've been telling him all along, 'Get back after Christmas and I'll be happy. Anything before Christmas is a bonus.'"

There will be an adjustment period for the team when Bauman returns. Further complicating matters is the return of junior guard Brian Facione, recovering from a broken collarbone. Though Franklin only won five games last year, the team got a big lift at midseason when Facione and running mate Nick Mongeau were brought up from the junior varsity to run the offense.

"He's still in rehab," Robinson said of Facione. "He hasn't practiced yet. He might get the okay to start practice Friday. He could be back soon. We'll see what the doctor says, how his conditioning is. I'll let him work his way back in."

Newman inherits a Spartan team stripped of starters from a team that went 11-11 a year ago. He's going with a three-guard offense "because I have no choice," the three being Tyrone Davidson, Ed Szumlanski and Scott Babinski. Newman has two 6-3 players and two who are 6-4.

Austin's team is also short on height: The Chargers, 9-12 last year, lead with Shawn Woloszyn. Reports out of the Churchill gym say the 6-3 guard is playing sharply improved defense, which could help him land



FILE PHOTO

**Guess work:** Lorenzo Guess returns for his last go-round at Wayne Memorial High. The Zebras have an ambitious schedule this season but the presence of the Michigan State-bound guard should help them rank among the state's top teams.

a nice college scholarship, while retaining his deadly shooting touch.

Westland John Glenn, 13-7 last year, lost Albert Jones to Tennessee State but returns a nucleus that includes David Jarrett (6-4), Brad Wilde (6-3) plus footballers John Becher (6-5) and Justin Berent (6-6). Reason enough to make them one of the favorites in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

There's another Jones on the horizon, too. Freshman Eric, who's 5-9 but quicker than money out of your wallet. He'll take over at point guard with a little help from another football whiz, sophomore Reggie Spearmon. Lewis Hartwig, another 6-5 footballer, will come in to bang bodies for Coach Mike Schuette.

"I'm looking for a very tough league schedule," Franklin's Robinson said. "I'm looking forward to playing John Glenn, Canton, Salem and the rest. Everybody's excited about it. Our kids have a good attitude and are working hard. It's kind of special to be one of three coaches in Livonia that are new. We'll try to get the quick start on them."

Another Class A power could be Redford Catholic Central, which graduated seven quality players from a 19-5 team but will return at least three who might have the ability to continue playing beyond high school.

Marc McDonald has already signed a tender with Loyola of Illinois while junior center Chris Young, at 6-10, has the size to play collegiately if he can continue to improve. Sophomore Nick Moore, also one of Coach Rick Coratti's starters, is a promising guard.

Coach Rick Larson returns Jason Merritt (6-2) to lead Livonia Clarenceville. The presence of sophomore guard Albert Deljosevic and junior forward/center Justin Villanueva give the Trojans hope of surpassing last year's 12-9 mark.

Joe Pruchnick (6-4) is the go-to guy for incoming Coach Dan Ramthun at Lutheran High Westland. Ramthun has 6-5 center Ben Meyer and 6-5 junior forward Brad Woelke but has no proven guards.

See BASKETBALL, C2

## Churchill makes hockey tourney finals

Getting there was half the fun.

And if Livonia Churchill didn't win the Port Huron Tournament, well, at least the Chargers were privileged to play in the finals.

Wyandotte defeated Churchill, 4-3, Saturday night, in the tournament title game.

The Chargers blew a 2-0 first-period lead when Wyandotte came back with three unanswered goals in the second.

Shaun Marshall, assisted by Jason Hendrian, tied the score for Churchill in the third period but Wyandotte scored the tournament-winning on a power play with 4:09 left in the game.

The Chargers' first two tallies

## HOCKEY

were by Dan Cook, from B.J. Tehan and Gary Kraus, and Matt Grant, assisted by Jason Hendrian and Derik Lee.

The loss was Churchill's first of the season to go with two victories and a tie.

In the first game of the tournament, Friday night, Churchill rallied from a 3-2 deficit to take a 5-3 victory from Port Huron Northern.

Brandon Martoia scored two goals, including an empty-netter as the game wound down. Geoff Cutsy, Grant and Tehan had the other

goals.

Cook, Martoia, Matt Wysocki and Mark Felker had one assist each. Kyle Dawley had a pair of assists.

"Port Huron is a good team," Charger coach Jeff Hatley said, "one of the best in the state. They were physical, a good skating team."

"It was a pretty resilient effort by our kids to come back and win the game."

**•STEVENSON 4, JACKSON LUMEN CHRISTI 1:** Mike Schmidt scored a pair of goals Saturday night to lead the visiting Spartans.

Schmidt's first goal was the second of three unanswered second-period scores by Stevenson which

gave it a 3-0 lead.

After Sean McKernan, assisted by Andy Hooper, scored the lone Lumen Christi goal, Schmidt iced the game with a third-period score.

Anthony Alfonsi faced 27 shots for Stevenson while his teammates were putting 24 on Lumen Christi.

John May scored Livonia's first goal, assisted by Andy Domzalski and Darin Fawkes, on a power play. David Nanas and Mike Radakovich assisted on Schmidt's first goal.

Fawkes, assisted by May, made it 3-0 with a power play marker. Fawkes assisted on Schmidt's final tally as the Spartans improved to 2-1.

## Madonna men cagers cop first win; women lose to unbeaten team

## BASKETBALL

however, shoot 54 percent from two-point range (37-of-68).

Madonna also received 16 points and 11 rebounds from Kristian Magro and 14 points apiece from Mike Maryanski and Christian Emert. Paul Whiting came off the bench to chip in 11 points.

Saturday was a different story as the Crusaders fell behind to the Greyhounds 38-22 at halftime and

shot only 39 percent from the floor (22-of-56) and hit only 6-of-25 (24 percent) three-point attempts.

Slone was the only Crusader to reach double figures with 18 points. Magro, Emert, Chad Putnam and John-Mark Branch added eight points each.

**SVSU 87, Madonna 64 (women):** Madonna's women's team dropped to 2-5 Monday, losing at Saginaw Valley State University.

Katie Cushman's 18 points paced Madonna. Dawn Pelc added 14

points, with Meegan Zann and Chris Dietrich getting eight apiece. Michelle Parmentier pulled down 13 rebounds.

The Cardinals, who improved to 6-0, were led by Judy Stuart with 23 points and 11 rebounds; Becky Jore with 16 points and 12 rebounds; and Jenny Rommel and Teirnye Fisher, each with nine points.

The Crusaders shot only 25 percent from the field (18-of-71) and were outscored 50-34 in the second half. SVSU was 32-of-62 from the floor (51.6 percent).

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who can get them the ball without shooting it first.

Pruchnick and Merritt made Third Team All-Observer last year. Jarrett and Bauman were on the second team while Guess and McDonald were on the first team.

Huron Valley Lutheran's Tod Bartholomew lost a load of size from his team so will try to get his guys into a running mode. Key returnees include 6-3 John Nielson, 5-9 junior Jeremy Zahn plus Curt Guiles, Dan Whitaker, Steve Gereau and Joel Hartley.

But the cream of them all, even though its record may be exceeded by some, should be Wayne Memorial.

In addition to the Guess twins, 6-4 Richard Rashad and 6-foot guard Rodney Hurst give the Zebras experience.

Henry has some size in 6-7 junior center prospect Quintin Turner plus a load of experience on the bench.

To hone them for the league (Mega Red) race and the state tournament in March, Henry has prepared a killer early schedule of Plymouth Canton, John Glenn, Detroit St. Martin de Porres, Romulus, Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Pershing.

"What's going to happen after those six, who knows?" Henry said. "But it will point us in some direction. It's fun for the kids to play good teams, to play in front of big crowds."

While some may claim the Zebras can't be counted among the state's all-time greats because they have yet to win a Class A-tournament champi-

onship, this overlooks the fact that at the high school level how you compete is just as important as how much you win.

"You have to really have a measure of talent to win, you know," Henry said. "There's so many variables that go into it. You've got to have skilled players to win a district, a regional or get deep into state play."

"I think we've had our fair share of talent. We've not had the size some teams have had but we have had quickness. We've been able to utilize that strength to our advantage. You combine that with the years of experience our kids have on the varsity and it spells some measure of success."

"When you win in state tournament play, there's nothing like

it. Two years ago with a very young team it was a thrill when we got to the quarterfinals. And when we got to the semis last year, it was exhilarating for everyone in our schools."

"Every coach would love to get a state championship. But sometimes it just doesn't happen. For us, it's a chapter that has yet to be written. We've been fortunate to be relatively injury free."

"We'll be a good team in March. And if somebody beats us, they'll be a good team."

The interweaving of history is one of the big attractions of high school sports. An era is ending at Wayne Memorial. But somewhere, maybe at one of the three Livonia schools with new coaches, another is beginning.

## BASKETBALL CAPSULES

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: Rick Austin, first season.  
League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).  
Season opener: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Dearborn.  
Last year's overall record: 9-12.  
Notable losses to graduation: Allen Polanski, Matt Hughes, Jay Van Wagner, Chris Majors, Dwight Andrews.  
Leading returnees: Shawn Woloszyn, 6-3 guard; Kevin Renaud, 6-1; Matt Van Buren, 6-3; Justin Mattison, 6-1; Adam Carter, 6-0; Rich Ozkinski, 6-2.  
Promising newcomers: Matt Buzewski, 6-0 junior; Justin Kava, 6-0 junior; Corey Cook, 6-1 junior; Lamar Smith, 6-2 guard; Dale Smith, 6-2; Eric Uhlinger, 6-1.  
Austin's 1996-97 outlook: "We're excited about the prospects for the new season. We think we've got a positive attitude, which started in preseason conditioning."

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Head coach: Mike Schuette, fifth season.  
League affiliation: WLA (Lakes Division).  
Season opener: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at home vs. Ann Arbor Huron.  
Last year's overall record: 13-7.  
Notable losses to graduation: Albert Jones (playing at Tennessee State); De'Korey Albright.  
Leading returnees: David Jarrett, 6-4 forward (Second-Team All-Area); Brad Wilde, 6-3 guard; John Becher, 6-5 forward/center; Justin Berent, 6-6 forward/center; Lewis Hartwig, 6-5 forward/center; Bryce Loughlin, 6-10 senior center; Jason Crofton, 6-1 junior forward; Charles Bailey, 5-9 guard (broken leg, expected back mid-January).  
Promising newcomers: Eric Jones, 5-9 freshman guard; James Harden, 6-1 junior forward; Devin White, 5-10 sophomore guard; Reggie Spearmon, 5-8 sophomore guard.  
Schuette's 1996-97 outlook: "Jarrett will be our go-to guy. He's quite athletic and can bring the ball up the court as well as rebound. He'll do everything we ask."

### WAYNE MEMORIAL

Head coach: Chuck Henry.  
League affiliation: Michigan Mega Conference (Red Division).  
Season opener: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Plymouth Canton.  
Last year's overall record: 23-3.  
Notable losses to graduation: Richard Johnson (Second-Team All-Area, now playing at Schoolcraft); Jameel Wooden (playing at a Texas junior college); Roland Patterson (playing at St. Clair CC); Dan Taylor (playing at Olivet).  
Leading returnees: Lorenzo Guess, 6-3 guard (First-Team All-Area); Lavell Guess, 6-0 guard; Richard Rashad, 6-4 forward; Rodney Hurst, 6-0 guard; Deon Willis, 5-8 guard; Charlie Bailey, 6-1 forward; Shomari Dunn, 6-3 junior forward; Brian Williams, 6-1 junior guard; Kari Catloway, 6-2 junior forward.  
Promising newcomers: Quintin Turner, 6-7 junior center; Reddick Borkens, 5-8 junior guard; Kim Hill, 5-8 junior guard; Mike Spazey, 6-1 junior guard.  
Henry's 1996-97 outlook: "Lorenzo is in his fourth year on the varsity, Lavell, Richard and Rodney are in their third year and Deon is in his second year on the varsity."

### LUTHERAN HIGH WESTLAND

Head coach: Dan Ramthun, first year.  
League affiliation: Metro Conference (West Division).  
Season opener: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Dearborn St. Alphonsus.  
Last year's overall record: 11-10.  
Notable losses to graduation: Sam Patterson; Andy Mackay; Bruce Williams; Scott Lee; Ryan Donaldson.  
Leading returnees: Joe Pruchnick, 6-4 forward; Kevin Wade, 6-1 guard; Ben Meyer, 6-5 center; Brad Woelke, 6-5 junior forward; Albert Cook, 5-11 forward; Luke Horton, 6-3 forward; Mike Dittmar, 6-1 guard.  
Promising newcomers: Brian Spoljanick, 5-10 junior guard; Mike Ripke, 5-10 junior guard; Jake Hatten, 5-11 junior guard; Chad Janetzke, 6-1 junior forward; Chris Doherty, 6-2 forward; Dustin Campbell, 5-8 junior guard (transfer from St. Martin de Porres becomes eligible in January).  
Ramthun's 1996-97 outlook: "Pruchnick is going to be our key guy. He's a three-year starter."

"So far their hard work ethic is a strong factor in my feelings we can win a few games. If we can get off to a good start, I think things will fall our way."

"We don't have much size but we think our athleticism can make up for that."

"Matt Van Buren is a real banger underneath. He's a smart player with a knack for boxing out and getting to the basketball."

"Justin Mattison is a lot of the same. He's smart, and knows how to box out well. Cook is much the same."

"I don't know if we can vie for the top. We don't have as much size as we have had in the past. So we're going to have to up-tempo it a little bit."

"We're going to get our christening very early with that first league ball game."

"Jones, Albert's brother, will start although Spearmon will play just as much as Eric at the point. Harden is real fast; he's the anchor on our 4X100 track team. He's real fast."

"We've got some pretty good size. And I think we've got some pretty good quickness. If we can put it all together, we'll be very competitive."

"The key to our season is going to be our guard play. We've got some decent size, pretty good depth inside. The key is going to be how the guards all fall into place; who's going to run the show."

"We'll play up beat, look for the break, but kind of a controlled fast break. If it's there, great, but if not we'll look for a good shot."

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Dan Robinson, first season.  
League affiliation: WLA (Western Division).  
Season opener: 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at home vs. Garden City.  
Last year's overall record: 5-15.  
Notable losses to graduation: Tim Miller, Eric Hall, Ryan Beasley, Eric Bowman.  
Leading returnees: Matt Bauman, 6-8 center (Second-Team All-Area); Pete Sosa, 5-10 guard; Mike Klisz, 6-6 forward; Brian Facione, 6-3 junior guard; Nick Mongeau, 5-8 junior guard; Paul Terek, 6-2 forward; Kevin Biga, 6-3 guard; Craig Duprey, 5-11 guard; Pat Curkren, 6-5 forward.  
Promising newcomers: Jay Fontaine, 6-3 junior forward; Jacob Goedde, 6-3 junior forward; Brent Accurso, 5-11 junior guard.  
Robinson's 1996-97 outlook: "We're looking to be improved over last year. And obviously we have a lot of returning players."

"We're going to be bigger than most teams we play, so we'll try to punch the ball inside quite a bit."

"We'll run when the opportunity presents itself. We'll try to keep the pressure on the defense. We'll play tough man-to-man defense, primarily."

"We're trying to keep things simple and get good at a few things. I think we can be successful by doing that."

### REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Rick Coratti.  
League affiliation: Detroit Catholic League (Central Division).  
Season opener: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Ypsilanti.  
Last year's overall record: 19-5.  
Notable losses to graduation: Chris Misak (playing at Wayne State); Justin Hoener (playing at West Liberty (Va.) St.); Eric Gilbo (Bowling Green football); Aaron Koslowski (Northwestern football); Richard Turk (playing at Albion); Chris Kennedy (UDM soccer); Michael Jordan.  
Leading returnees: Marc McDonald, 6-1 guard (First-Team All-Area, tendered to Loyola of Illinois); Chris Young, 6-10 junior center.  
Promising newcomers: Nick Moore, 6-1 sophomore guard; Brian Teeley, 6-3 forward; Joe Jonna, 6-1 junior guard; Matt Martinez, 6-0 guard; Darrell Kennedy, 6-4 forward; Adam Tivaro, 6-2 junior; Rob Domol, 6-3; Josh DeCoovo, 5-9; Don Slankster, 6-3 junior; Chris Respondeck, 6-3 junior.  
Coratti's 1996-97 outlook: "We have a lot of newcomers so it's going to be interesting

### HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Head coach: Tod Bartholomew.  
League affiliation: Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.  
Season opener: 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 9, at Southfield Christian.  
Last year's overall record: 9-12.  
Notable losses to graduation: Scott Ohlsson; Dan Zahn; Ben Husby; Josh Hoepner.  
Leading returnees: John Nielson 6-3 center; Curt Guiles, 5-8; Dan Whitaker, 5-10; Steve Gereau, 5-8; Jeremy Zahn, 5-9 junior guard; Joel Hartley, 5-7 junior guard.  
Promising newcomers: Tom Husby, 5-10 junior; Jared Ridegour, 6-0 junior; Nick Wisniskie, 5-6 junior; Jason Manzel, 6-1 junior; Brian Bytner, 6-0 sophomore.  
Bartholomew's 1996-97 outlook: "Last year we walked it out. This year we are going to have to play full-court basketball, defensively and offensively."

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# WL Western wins first football title

BY CHRIS MAYER  
STAFF WRITER

This time there was no last-second, fluke touchdown pass to dash the title hopes.

Walled Lake Western's second visit to the Michigan High School Athletic Association football finals will be forever remembered as the game that produced the school's first state gridiron championship. Putting the haunting memories of four seasons ago to rest, the Warriors built an impressive 18-point lead and held on to upset top-ranked Sterling Heights Stevenson 34-18 in Saturday's Class AA final at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The unranked Warriors (11-2) capped their magical season by setting a myriad of team and individual records, including the most points scored by a winning team in a Class AA final and the first punt block returned for a score in state championship history.

"This is the second time I've been at a press conference like this," said Western 19th-year coach Chuck Apap, referring to the memorable 1992 Class A final in which the Warriors lost in the final minute to Muskegon-Reeths Puffer. "It's a lot nicer this time. Last time I had to hear how on the play that beat us the kid wasn't supposed to go down the field."

The 1992 classic featured one of the most dramatic and unlikely finishes in state playoff history. Trailing by four points late in the fourth quarter, Reeths-Puffer turned a desperation pass into a 37-yard touchdown with 23 seconds remaining and a 21-18 win.

But Saturday's victory generated only pleasant memories.

Talented quarterback Frank Stanford rushed for two touchdowns and a Class AA record 112 yards and bullish sophomore Dave Johnson scored twice and gained 91 yards on 14 carries. Meanwhile, Western's resilient defense kept Stevenson's pro-style offense out of the end zone and leading receiver Tim Steele without a catch for two-and-a-half quarters.

"This kind of gets the monkey off our back," said senior linebacker and captain Nick Gerhard, who was in his third game back since breaking his right hand against Livonia Franklin in Week 6. "I've talked with some of the guys on the 1992 team and they're happy for us. They wanted us to win it this time and finish up some unfinished business."

Western, which played brilliantly in its final five games following a 24-0 loss to Westland John Glenn in the Western Lakes title game, used the big play for a 14-3 halftime lead.

On the game's fourth play from scrimmage, Stanford ran 50 yards for a touchdown to cap a 66-yard drive. The fleet-footed junior faked a handoff to Johnson and took off up the middle, eventually sidestepping Darrin Zahnpenning at the Stevenson

5-yard line en route to the end zone. Senior Pat Gibson added the first of his four extra points with 9:57 remaining in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

Stevenson (12-1) responded with a 13-play, 61-yard drive that resulted in Erik Gibala's 29-yard field goal with 3:46 left in the opening period. The Titans then threatened to seize the lead late in the second quarter, only to be turned away by a tremendous defensive play by junior Tim Druzynski.

Druzynski forced Stevenson quarterback Pat Collins to fumble during a third-and-eight play from the Western 15-yard line. Gary Butske picked up the loose ball and returned it 38 yards to the Stevenson 44.

It appeared the game would stay 7-3 going into halftime, but senior defensive back Paul Merandi would make what Stevenson coach Rick Bye called the key play in the game late in the second quarter.

Merandi came off the left side and blocked Dave Dunlap's punt at the Stevenson 5-yard line. The ball sailed into the air and senior Jason Brewer recovered it in the end zone to give a Western a 13-3 advantage with just 27 seconds to go.

Johnson plowed in from 5 yards out with 6:49 left in the third quarter for a 20-3 lead. Gibson's PAT made it 21-3, but Stevenson quickly answered with back-to-back touchdown drives to steal the momentum.

Collins (11 of 26, 164 yards) found Steele on a 5-yard TD pass just over three minutes later and Collins connected with Joe Alls on the two-point conversion, closing the gap to 21-11. Collins then threw another scoring strike — this one to 23 yards to Dan Valik with 7:39 left capping an 87-yard drive — and Gibala's extra point left the score 21-18.

But the Titans' pursuit of their first state championship would go no farther.

Stanford engineered a seven-play, 54-yard drive that chewed up over three minutes and ended with his 6-yard TD run with 2:05 left. Johnson later added a 10-yard scoring run with 52 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

"Coach (Apap) just told me to step up and be a leader," Stanford said. "I knew we had to take some time off the clock in the fourth quarter."

It was an amazing playoff run for Apap's explosive squad. The Warriors breezed through Battle Creek Central, Brighton and Rockford by a combined 137-62 before knocking off the Titans, who were averaging a shade over 28 points per contest.

"(The Warriors) have just played out of their minds since about the seventh, eighth, ninth game of the season," Bye said. "They really, really believe in themselves right now and they had a motive. We were supposed to win, so the underdog role is a great role to be in a game like this."

# Harrison athletes play valiant game

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Harrison was just one first down, seven yards and an overtime away from possibly winning the Class A championship last week.

While Grandville dominated the rushing statistics and claimed a 24-17 victory in the end, the Hawks weren't that far away from capturing what would've been their eighth state title in 10 attempts.

On Harrison's last offensive play, sophomore receiver Ricky Bryant caught a fourth-down pass for a 16-yard gain but was stopped at the Grandville 7-yard line — four short of the first down.

"If we had (made the first down), I think we would've scored, and overtime would've been a war because they were a very tough team," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "But, sure, you wonder (what might have happened)."

The Bulldogs, who played in their first state final, rushed for 303 yards while holding the Hawks to 58.

Harrison fired back with 282 yards passing — a record for all classes — by senior quarterback Kevin Bambenek.

"(Grandville) was an excellent team that was a little more physical," Herrington said. "A lot of times we were in the right position to make plays and they bowled us over."

"We had trouble getting our linebackers to their backs because of the good blocking and deception by Grandville."

"We needed to score more points; we had been averaging a lot more. If we had scored our 30, we would've won. It wasn't strictly defense; the offense didn't come through either."

It was another good year for the Hawks, who finished 11-2 and won nine straight after losing to Class AA champion Walled Lake Western in the

See HARRISON, C6

## BEST OBSERVERLAND SWIM TIMES

Following is the final list of Observerland girls' best swimming times and diving scores for the 1996 season.

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 1:50.29  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.90  
Plymouth Salem 1:53.66  
North Farmington 1:54.24  
Farmington Harrison 1:58.00

**200 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:49.41  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:57.72  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:57.87  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 1:58.72  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 1:59.29  
Betsy Lambert (Harrison) 1:59.65  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:59.76  
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 2:00.10  
Emily Thompson (Mercy) 2:00.35  
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 2:00.91

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:04.82  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:09.97  
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:11.70  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:11.99  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 2:14.62  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 2:16.68  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:17.81  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 2:17.99  
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 2:18.72

Teri Hanson (Canton) 2:19.18

**50 FREESTYLE**  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 24.64  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 24.81  
Dona Schwalm (Harrison) 24.90  
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 25.05  
Jordyn Godfried (Stevenson) 25.11  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.23  
Kellyann Williams (Salem) 25.37  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.43  
Danille Clayton (Mercy) 25.46  
Lyndsey Grondin (Mercy) 25.48

**DIVING**  
Kasey Holt (Wayne) 254.90  
Rebecca Gould (Mercy) 218.20  
Lisa Sabina (Canton) 217.75  
Laurel Dolin (Stevenson) 212.55  
Bridget Christian (Churchill) 200.25  
Jamee Pullum (Mercy) 195.05  
Kelli Dodd (Churchill) 189.00  
Jennifer Marchand (Glenn) 185.80  
Tina Lopez (Ladywood) 184.80  
Jennifer Dewaele (Harrison) 182.30

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 57.98  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 59.02  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 59.52  
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 59.77  
Erin Opwans (Mercy) 1:00.68  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:01.13

Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 1:01.48  
Marla McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:02.44  
Kristen Burke (N. Farmington) 1:02.60

**100 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 51.99  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 53.85  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 54.48  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.77  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 55.03  
Dona Schwalm (Harrison) 55.07  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 55.18  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 55.24  
Kellyann Williams (Salem) 56.09  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 56.09

**500 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 4:48.67  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:12.40  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 5:13.80  
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 5:16.55  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:17.75  
Emily Thompson (Mercy) 5:18.99  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 5:20.94  
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 5:22.10  
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 5:22.77  
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 5:24.29

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 1:37.82  
Farmington Harrison 1:41.70  
Plymouth Salem 1:42.26  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:42.60

North Farmington 1:43.40

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 56.82  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 58.89  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 59.04  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 59.83  
Caroline Kenna (Mercy) 1:01.60  
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:01.90  
Katie Carlin (Mercy) 1:02.06  
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.72  
Molly Killeen (Mercy) 1:03.76  
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:03.92

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:06.95  
Neve Alver (N. Farmington) 1:09.56  
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 1:10.33  
Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 1:10.69  
Martie McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:11.61  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:12.39  
Jordyn Godfried (Stevenson) 1:12.53  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:13.34  
Katherine Docherty (Mercy) 1:13.89  
Dana Dziekan (Mercy) 1:14.48

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 3:35.15  
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:39.21  
Farmington Harrison 3:41.71  
Plymouth Salem 3:46.00  
Plymouth Canton 3:48.30

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The time has arrived for the Michigan Senate to make its move on the bowling bill (HB6114), which passed easily in the House of Representatives a couple of weeks ago.

It must first go to the Senate Regulatory Committee, which is chaired by Senator William Schutte. It is up to this committee to get the bill to the floor.

If you read last week's column, I bowled a 299 game in a "Bowling-A-Thon" fundraiser for Evergreen Children's Services.

Now the rest of the story. I did leave one pin standing — the head pin. Please, no more questions.

For those who like to participate in fundraisers, here comes one such event, the first Salvation Army Bowl-A-Thon, which will take place late night Saturday, Dec. 14 at Westland Bowl. The check-in time is 11:30 p.m., with bowling starting at mid-



night. A minimum of pledges is required for participation with prizes awarded to top collectors. Everybody knows about the Salvation Army and the good things they do for the needy, so it shouldn't take much encouragement to get lots of people to participate.

The format will be 9-pin "no-tap," which makes for more fun in an event such as this. So get some friends and bowling pals together and help make this first-ever become an annual event at Westland Bowl.

For more information and pledge sheets, call Michael Capaldi at (313) 722-7670 or Salvation Army Capt. Mark Welsh at (313) 722-3660.

### Bowling Honor Roll

**Country Lanes (Farmington):** Sunday Goodtimers — Sid Harris, 211/603; Robby Rosenblatt, 201/589; Todd Wortinger, 212/578; Wayne Lanning, 223/610.

**Drakeshire Lanes (Farmington):** Golden Champs — Bob Harrison, 222/565. Commoners — Patti Alspach, 231.

**Nardin Park Seniors —** Doug Howard, 223/571; Less Mollen, 214/548; Fred Foxley, 204/513.

**Tuesday Junior House —** Steve Myers, 256/747.

— Lynn Lewis, 279/698; Bill Mueller, 265/685; Don Johnson, 673.

**Senior House —** Rusty Bellanger, 277/736; Ray Cronkite, 264/726; Gary Archer, 246/709; John King, 257/673; Derrick Jasper, 254/679; Steve Lingerot, 255/673.

**Junior House —** Brent Kennedy, 278/701; Grey Grazioli, 676; Dave Lividini, 268/685; Galen Anderson, 265/684.

**Plum Hollow Lanes (Southfield):** Tuesday Mixed Foursome — Joseph Farrell, 300/674; Charles Richardson, 233-233-249/715.

**Thunderbird Lanes (Troy):** Tuesday Mixed Trio — Ted Gebhardt, 242; David Dix, 236; Terry Kaika II, 233.

**Business Women —** Linda Levon, 223.

**Youth Preps (9-12) —** Dave Fukayama (125 avg.), 255-204-173/632.

**Mayflower Lanes (Redford):** Men's Senior Classic — Gordon Boettcher, 244/631; Mel Abirte, 279/674; Roy Linco, 248-228-216/692; Jim Casteel, 255/657; Tom Pawlowski, 232.

**Westland Bowl (Westland):** Sunday Sleepers — Dick Clarke, 300; Don Parks, 300-299/847; Jeff Heizig, 300; Andy Deverich, 299; John Hurley, 299.

**Tri-City Men's —** Chuck O'Rourke, 300.

**Tuesday Junior House —** Wayne LoPella, 299.

**Novi Bowl (Novi):** Westside Lutheran

**Cloverlanes (Livonia):** All-Star Bowlerettes — Aleta Sill, 248-244-238/730; Kathie Maser, 264-235-215/714; Patti Husken, 234-230-243/710; Gloria McKenney, 247-213-244/704; Lisa Bishop, 224-257/688; Jeanne Gebbie, 268/666.

**Woodland Lanes (Livonia):** Sparemakers — Kathy Lenhardt, 211.

**Guys & Dolls (seniors) —** Stella Datilio, 222.

**Ladies Nite Out —** Vickie Hamme, 269/610; Alicia Ziemba, 655.

**Friday Seniors —** George Gundlach, 239; George Demaree, 608.

**Grandale —** Bub LeBlanc Jr., 290/748.

**Bators —** Bill Dowell, 244/683; Dave Kanack, 247/667.

**Wonderland Lanes (Livonia):** Motor City Men's Early — Tom Small, 259/716; Dave Baughman, 242/676; Jim Molnar, 247/675; Bill Kireber, 266/653; Larry Blanchard, 248/647.

**Saturday Nite Live —** Jim Hopkins, 289/816.

**Wonderland Classic —** Jewff Dishong, 279/764; Chris Kliezinski, 269/763; Ron LeChevalier, 269/746; Larry Minehart Jr., 300; Dave Krivitz, 297.

**Nite Owls —** Mike Piontek, 265/710; Mark Linsner, 227/643; Mark Call, 265/638; Terry Bradford, 245.

**Plaza Lanes (Plymouth):** Western Wayne Youth Travelling Classic — Rob Raymond, 268/659; Matt Bolden, 246/644; Tony Vitale, 225/641; Brent Kossick, 213/604; John Swanson, 225/604; Brad Fuchs, 230/604; Bill Collings, 230/600.

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# Madonna heads west

Whenever heading into a tournament situation like the one facing Madonna University's volleyball team this week at the NAIA Nationals, there's always good and bad.

Well, here's the good: The Lady Crusaders have been seeded eighth, their loftiest pre-tournament ranking ever.

Now the bad: Joining them in their five-team pool is Brigham Young-Hawaii, the No. 1-ranked team in the NAIA. BYU-Hawaii is 24-0; Madonna is 50-4.

Madonna opened the tourna-

ment, being held in San Diego, Wednesday with a pool-play match against the tournament host, Point Loma Nazarene (20-12 for the season).

There were four pools of five teams in the tourney. After completing the round-robin pool play Friday morning, the top two teams in each pool will advance to the quarterfinals, which are Friday evening.

The semifinals are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, with the finals at 6 p.m.

Madonna's other pool-play

matches are against Hastings College (Hastings, Neb.), which was 42-7, at 11:15 a.m. (PCT) today; Peru State (Peru, Neb.), 39-11, at 8:15 p.m. (PCT) tonight; and then BYU-Hawaii Friday morning.

As tough as BYU-Hawaii is expected to be, there are other difficult challenges that could await Madonna. The second seed is Fresno Pacific (Fresno, Calif.), with a 26-4 mark; the third seed is Biola College (La Mirada, Calif.), 27-3.

# Whalers trio is chosen

A trio of Detroit Whalers have been selected to play in the 1997 World Junior Hockey Championships Dec. 26-Jan. 4 in Geneva and Morges, Switzerland.

Goalie Robert Esche and defenseman Jesse Boulerice and Sergei Fedotov were all chosen. Esche and Boulerice will represent the United States; Fedotov will be a member of the Russian team.

Esche, a sixth-round draft pick of the Phoenix Coyotes earlier this year, is 9-14-1 with a 3.41 goals-against average for the Whalers. He has an .893 save percentage in 26 games.

Boulerice, a fifth-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Flyers, has seven goals and nine assists (16 points) and leads the Whalers with 149 penalty minutes.

Fedotov, chosen in the second round of the 1995 draft by the Hartford Whalers, has four goals and 10 assists (14 points) this season.

The week-long tournament for 17-to-19 year-olds includes 10 teams, among them the U.S.A., Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Russia and the Czech Republic. The top four winning teams compete in a qualifying round starting Jan. 1; the gold medal/bronze medal games are Jan. 4.

Each team consists of 22 players. Last year, the U.S. placed fifth; Canada defeated Switzerland 4-1 in the gold medal game.

**Detroit 5, Erie 2:** The Whalers withstood a late third-period rally by the Erie Otters to collect the win Saturday in Erie.

The victory boosted Detroit's record to 9-15-2, good for fourth place in the West Division.

Steve Wasylko scored twice in the opening period and Steve Dumonski got one to stake the Whalers to a 3-0 lead.

After a scoreless second period, Erie battled back with two goals — the last coming with 50 seconds remaining — to trim Detroit's lead to 3-2. Two empty net goals by Andrew Taylor, who also had three assists in the game, and Mark Cadotte in those final seconds insured the Whaler win.

Robert Esche turned away 34 shots in collecting the win.

**Detroit 5, Erie 6:** Harold Druken's goal with 6:27 left in regulation earned the Whalers a tie with Erie Thursday in Erie.

Detroit trailed 2-1 after one period (Sergei Fedotov scoring for the Whalers) and 4-3 after two (second period goals by Troy Smith and Chad Cavanagh).

Andrew Taylor, with an assist from Cavanagh, tied the game at 4-all with a power play goal midway through the third, but less than three minutes later Erie got the go-ahead goal.

# Spartans deflate Goodrich

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

With a trip to Battle Creek fast approaching, Redford Bishop Borgess senior guard Regina Respert wasn't going to let Goodrich senior forward Carrie Nance out of her sight.

Respert held Nance without a field goal in the fourth quarter when the Spartans outscored the Martians, 20-7, to pull away for a 53-37 victory in Tuesday's Class C girls basketball state quarterfinal at Oxford.

Respert, who underwent major knee surgery two years ago, also scored nine points and grabbed seven rebounds while hounding Nance the entire 32 minutes.

"I know Carrie can score 20, 30, 40 points and can pop a 3 from anywhere," Respert said. "I really didn't get tired at all. I was really thinking about Carrie Nance and defending her. I want to be back in Battle Creek and I'm not going to let the knee stop me."

The Spartans, 21-5 overall, get their wish as they advance to the Final Four at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena. They play Frankenmuth, 23-2 overall, in a semifinal at 7:50 p.m. Friday.

The championship game is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday.

Nance, who finished with 15 points, put a scare into the Spartans at the end of the third quarter. Her three-point shot that banked in from the wing just

before the buzzer ended a 10-3 run and cut the Martians' deficit to 33-30.

Did she call bank? "It just happened to go in," admitted Nance, who has signed with Kent State.

To be good, you also have to be lucky sometimes. It was the last field goal Nance would make.

"I was getting very nervous," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "Carrie Nance is liable to make four more of those before I know it. The kid's a great player. We were doing all sort of gimmicks the first three quarters on her. At the start of the fourth we just started playing man to man."

That Respert was able to play the entire game amazed Mann.

"She normally needs a couple blows," Mann said.

The Spartans started the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run. Following a pair of free throws by Nance, the Spartans went on another 8-0 run to lead 49-32 with 1:07 left.

Junior center Ayisha Smith led the Spartans with 20 points and nine rebounds. Senior center Candice Finley added 15 points and five rebounds.

The Spartans held a commanding 33-18 rebounding advantage, keeping the Martians without a rebound until 2:06 remained in the first quarter.

Nance, a shrimp at 5-foot-7 next to the Spartans' frontline that averages about 6-feet, had

10 of the Martians' rebounds.

"If we would have had some taller players, I'm sure it would have helped," Nance said. "We're all the same height."

The loss was the first for the Martians in 26 games. After Nance, senior guard Joy Horton was the Martians' next highest scorer with eight points.

"The key to this game was size disadvantage," Goodrich coach David Semena said. "Our greatest attribute was our heart and character all year. We've been down against a lot of good teams. It's not like we just became 25-0. We handled a lot of adversity."

The Spartans led 15-4 after one quarter despite committing nine turnovers before Goodrich settled down and outscored Borgess 10-6 in the second quarter to make the halftime deficit 21-14.

Goodrich made 15 first-half turnovers before committing only four in the third quarter when it rallied. Respert's three-point shot from the top of the key gave the Spartans a 30-20 lead before a three-pointer by Goodrich's Katie Allis started the Martians on their 10-3 run.

A full-court press by Goodrich caused six Borgess turnovers in the third quarter.

"They're very good at doing what they want to do," Mann said.

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# Aristeo leads Observer's best

BY NEAL ZIPSER  
STAFF WRITER

This past season of girls swimming was memorable as the changing of the guard took place.

Observerland said good bye to possibly the best female high school swimmer to ever compete at an area school — Livonia Stevenson's Anne Aristeo.

But as Aristeo, and several other leading mainstays depart, such as Farmington Harrison's Lisa Richardson and Plymouth Salem's Yvonne Lynn, a host of new and talented swimmers arrived on the scene.

Unfortunately for Western Lakes Activities Association schools, most of those new faces were competing for Stevenson.

The Spartans once again displayed their dominance by winning the WLAA title and going on to win three events at the Class A championships en route to a third-place finish.

Aristeo completed her incredible high school career by breaking the state record in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:48.67. She will swim next year for Stanford University and quite possibly for the U.S. in the next Olympics.

But, as evidenced by the All-Observerland teams, numerous underclassmen made their mark this season and will make next year just as memorable.

Here's the 1996 All-Observerland swim team, listed in order of event:

## FIRST TEAM

**Livonia Stevenson, 200-yard medley relay:** Beware WLAA teams. This foursome was not only the fastest relay at the WLAA meet, but the team of Adrienne Turri, Becky Noechel, Katie Clark and Jordyn Godfroid will return next season.

The Spartans led the area with the fastest time and finished fourth in the state, setting a school record.

"The girls swam well all year and, with no seniors on the team, they should be hot again next year," Stevenson coach Greg Phill said.

**Kelly Carlin, Mercy, 200 freestyle:** This freshman made an immediate impact as she finished third in the 200 and 500 freestyles at the Oakland County championships.

"She trains hard day in and day out," Mercy coach Jim Downs said. "She's very versatile. She can swim distance events, sprints and the individual medley and swim them all strong. She has a great future ahead."

**Elizabeth Posvar, Mercy, 200 Individual medley:** Another fabulous freshman at Mercy was a multi-event qualifier for the county meet. She was the Catholic League champion in this event and the 100 backstroke and set league records in the process.

Posvar set a school record in the 100 backstroke (59.83) and qualified for the state meet in six events (two relays). She took third in the state in the 200 IM (2:09.77).

"She has great versatility with all of her strokes and has great ability with a high competitive level," Downs said. "She loves to compete and has proven she will race under any conditions."

**Adrienne Turri, Stevenson, 50 freestyle:** This junior had the season's best time in the 50 free (24.64) and led off both of Stevenson's WLAA championship relays in the 200 medley and 200 free.

She also finished sixth in the state in the 100 backstroke.

"Adrienne was a great addition to the team this season," Phill said. "She was more than willing to sacrifice for the team, which was evident at the state meet where she sacrificed her 100 back time to give our state championship 200 free relay team the lead off it needed to win."

## 1996 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING TEAM

### First-Team Individuals

**200 free:** Kelly Carlin, Farm. Mercy  
**200 IM:** Liz Posvar, Mercy  
**50 free:** Adrienne Turri, Stevenson  
**100 fly:** Lisa Sabina, Ply. Canton  
**100 free:** Lisa Richardson, Harrison  
**500 free:** Anne Aristeo, Stevenson  
**100 back:** Yvonne Lynn, Ply. Salem  
**100 breast:** Lindsay Feters, Harrison

### First-Team Relays

**200 medley:** Livonia Stevenson (Adrienne Turri, Becky Noechel, Katie Clark and Jordyn Godfroid).  
**200 freestyle:** Livonia Stevenson (Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid, Marti McKenzie and Anne Aristeo).  
**400 freestyle:** Livonia Stevenson (Julie Kern, Katie Clark, Meghan Mocerri and Anne Aristeo).

### Second-Team Individuals

**200 free:** Julie Kern, Stevenson  
**200 IM:** Meredith Spiegel, Mercy  
**50 free:** Cheri Farber, N. Farmington  
**100 fly:** Laurel Dollin, Stevenson  
**100 free:** Teri Hanson, Canton  
**100 free:** Dona Schwalm, Harrison  
**100 back:** Meghan Mocerri, Stevenson  
**100 breast:** Jessica Makowski, Steven.  
**100 breast:** Nevra Alver, N. Farmington

### Second-Team Relays

**200 medley:** Farmington Hills Mercy (Elizabeth Posvar, Meredith Spiegel, Jennifer MacDonald and Caroline Kenna).  
**200 freestyle:** Farmington Harrison (Lisa Richardson, Dona Schwalm, Julie Kluka and Lindsay Feters).  
**400 freestyle:** Farmington Hills Mercy (Kelly Carlin, Danielle Clayton, Jennifer MacDonald and Elizabeth Posvar).

### Honorable Mention

Stevenson: Katy Ballentine, Marla McKenzie; Mercy: Lindsey Grondin, Betsey Lambert, Kristie Gordts, Emily Thompson, Erin Downs, Katie Callan; Canton: Amy Sonnanstine, Angie Frost, Sue Fanning; N. Farmington: Tara Grier, Kristen Burke, Amanda Whitten; Salem: Katie Bonner, Lorissa McKay, Carrie Dzialo, Kellyann Williams, Kathy Kelly, Audrey Hala.

**Lisa Sabina, Canton, diving:** Sabina turned in another stellar season during her junior year, as she finished in 10th at the regional and 30th at the state meet.

Her best score of the season was 217.90 for six dives, just off her career best of 237.70 achieved last year.

"Lisa has the potential to be one of the state's top divers," Canton coach Sarah Eubanks said. "Our goal for next year will be to improve her standings at the state level."

**Katie Clark, Stevenson, 100 butterfly:** To just make the tough Stevenson squad is hard enough, but to make it as a freshman was a great achievement. Clark won the WLAA title in this event, and was second in the 200 IM at the state meet.

The team rookie of the year finished the season with a seventh-place finish in the butterfly at the state meet. "Katie is a tenacious competitor who came through for us big time at the state meet despite being sick," Phill said. "Working with her over the next three years will be a pleasure."

**Lisa Richardson, Harrison, 100 freestyle:** For the second straight season, the senior made the first team in this event. In the past two seasons, she has finished in the top six at the WLAA and Oakland County championships.

Her career highlight came this season when she broke the school record in the 100 free (53.85) at the state meet, where she finished 12th. She also finished second in the 100 and 200 freestyles at the county meet and was second in the 100 free at the WLAA meet.

"Lisa has been a large part of Harrison's success," Hawk's coach Ross Bandy said. "She has been the strength of our relay teams because of her ability to always give a great lead swim."

**Anne Aristeo, Stevenson, 500 freestyle:** The area's, and perhaps the state's, best swimmer could have made the first team in several events this season, but it was this event where she shattered the state record with a 4:48.67 time.

The senior also won the state title in the 200 freestyle and won WLAA titles in the 100 freestyle and the 200 IM. She holds all but two school records and was All-America in five events.

"She's simply the best high school swimmer I've ever worked with," Phill said. "I know she will have a great college career. Look for her in the year 2000 (Olympics)."

**Livonia Stevenson, 200 freestyle relay:** The Spartans won this relay at the state meet with a school record. The team included Adrienne Turri, Jordyn Godfroid, Marti McKenzie and Anne Aristeo, the only member graduating this year. The foursome that also took the WLAA championship.

"They swam what was probably the most exciting race for us this season at the state meet where they pulled off a big upset," Phill said.

**Yvonne Lynn, Salem, 100 backstroke:** Salem will have a hard time replacing Lynn, the holder of five school records.

"Yvonne is everything a coach hopes a student/athlete could possess — talent, academics, personality and leadership," Salem coach Chuck Olson said. "She was the most versatile female swimmer ever at Salem."

The Rocks most valuable swimmer for the second straight year won the WLAA title in the backstroke (59.86). She will graduate with school records in the 200 IM (2:14.62), 100 free (55.03) and 100 back (59.04), and she was on the record-breaking 200 medley and 400 free relay teams.

**Lindsay Feters, Harrison, 100 breaststroke:** The fourth freshman to make the first team set the school record in this event five times this season (1:06.95) and finished fourth in the event at the Oakland County meet.

Feters also broke the school mark in the 200 IM and was a member of the 200 and 400 free relay teams.

"She came to Harrison with a good attitude and goals, and she was very determined to achieve them," Bandy said.

**Livonia Stevenson, 400 freestyle relay:** The team of Julie Kern, Katie Clark, Meghan Mocerri and Anne Aristeo took third at the state meet and first at the WLAA meet.

And like the other Spartan relays, this team will be the favorite again next season as Aristeo will be the only graduation loss.

"If we needed a big win this season, these four girls were always there," Phill said. "With two freshman and one sophomore, the future looks bright in the 400 free relay."

## SECOND TEAM

**Farmington Hills Mercy, 200 medley relay:** The team of Elizabeth Posvar, Meredith Spiegel, Jenny MacDonald and Caroline Kenna finished 10th at the state meet in 1:51.90.

The team also placed fourth at the Oakland County championships and fifth at the MISC Invitational.

**Julie Kern, Stevenson, 200 freestyle:** Kern's credentials could have put her on the first team as the sophomore was the WLAA champion in the 200 and 500 freestyles and finished 12th in the state in the 500 free.

"Julie is a very hard worker who, with a little more experience, will be a great swimmer," Phill said. "She will help Stevenson tremendously over the next two years."

**Meredith Spiegel, Mercy, 200 Individual medley:** The senior won the Catholic League title in the 100 breaststroke and finished eighth in the state in the 200 IM (2:18.71).

"She's the first one in the pool to work every day and has great self-discipline and commitment," Downs said.

"And she doesn't tolerate less than your best efforts when you train with her."

**Cheri Lu Farber, North Farmington, 50 freestyle:** Farber saved her best performances of the season for the state meet, where the junior anchored the 200 medley relay team with a leg of 24.64, and won her heat in the 50 free with a school record time of 25.05.

She also qualified for the state meet in the 100 backstroke this season with a 1:02.72. Next season, she will attempt to be the Raiders' MVP for the fourth consecutive year.

**Laurel Dollin, Stevenson, diving:** As Stevenson's top diver, the sophomore took second at the WLAA meet and a seventh-place finish at the regional.

"Stevenson's diving team has become one of the best in the area because of girls like Laurel and with two years remaining, she'll become one of the best divers in the area," Phill said.

**Teri Hanson, Canton, 100 butterfly:** Hanson's goal this season was to break the one-minute mark in this event and she accomplished the feat at the state meet where her 59.52 gave her eighth place.

The sophomore, who was the Chiefs' most valuable swimmer for the second straight season, took first at the WLAA meet in the 50 free (25.51) and second place in the 100 free.

Hanson also broke the Canton record in the 100 free this season with a time of 55.18.

**Dona Schwalm, Harrison, 100 freestyle:** The Harrison record holder in the 50 free (24.90) finished third in the 100 free at this season's WLAA meet.

"Dona finished the season with her best times in the 100 and 50 freestyles," Bandy said. "She is a big part of the Harrison swim program and will return to be one of the top swimmers in both events."

**Meghan Mocerri, Stevenson, 500 freestyle:** The freshman is one reason why the Stevenson swim program will remain a power. Mocerri took second at the state meet in the 200 free and third in the 500 free.

"Her state meet performance was great with two personal bests and she had the best leg on our 400 free relay," Phill said. "Three more years with Meghan will be fun."

**Farmington Harrison, 200 freestyle relay:** Harrison coach Ross Bandy calls this team of Lisa Richardson, Dona Schwalm, Julie Kluka and Lindsay Feters the most talented group of individuals he's ever worked with and it's easy to see why.

The team shattered the school record in this event by three seconds (1:41.71) and broke the 400 free relay mark by seven seconds with a 12th place finish at the state meet.

**Jessica Makowski, Stevenson, 100 backstroke:** Yet another freshman in the Spartans arsenal, Makowski was fourth in this event at the WLAA meet and fifth in the 100 free.

"Her time dropped steadily all year," Phill said. "I think she's destined to become one of the best backstroke's Stevenson has ever seen."

**Nevra Alver, North Farmington, 100 breaststroke:** Alver swam her best time ever at the state championships in the 100 breaststroke as she swam a 1:09.56 for a 13th place finish. The sophomore was second at the conference meet in the 100 breaststroke and seventh in the 200 IM.

"Nevra is a very good all-around swimmer," North coach Pat Douthie said. "Her talent is most evident in the breaststroke where she is just beginning to realize how fast she can swim."

**Farmington Hills Mercy, 400 freestyle relay:** A pair of freshmen, Kelly Carlin and Elizabeth Posvar, joined a pair of juniors, Danielle Clayton and Jenny MacDonald, to form the state's eighth best 400 free relay team.

The foursome broke the Mercy pool record which had stood since 1989, and the four will return to try to top that mark next season.



200-yard medley relay, first team (from left): Stevenson's Adrienne Turri, Becky Noechel, Katie Clark, Jordyn Godfroid.



200-yard freestyle, first team (from left): Stevenson's Jordyn Godfroid, Adrienne Turri, Anne Aristeo, Marti McKenzie.



400-yard freestyle relay, first team (from left): Stevenson's Julie Kern, Meghan Mocerri, Anne Aristeo, Katie Clark.



200-yard medley relay, second team (from left): Mercy's Elizabeth Posvar, Meredith Spiegel, Jenny MacDonald, Caroline Kenna.



200-yard freestyle relay, second team (from left): Harrison's Lindsay Feters, Lisa Richardson, Dona Schwalm, Julie Kluka.



400-yard freestyle relay, second team (from left): Mercy's Kelly Carlin, Danielle Clayton, Jenny MacKenzie, Elizabeth Posvar.



Julie Kern  
Livonia Stevenson



Meredith Spiegel  
Farmington Mercy



Cheri Farber  
North Farmington



Laurel Dollin  
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## SWIMMING TIMES

Following is the final list of Observerland girls best swimming times and diving scores for the 1996 season.

**200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 1:50.29  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.90  
Plymouth Salem 1:53.66  
North Farmington 1:54.24  
Farmington Harrison 1:58.00

**200 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:49.41  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:57.72  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:57.87  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 1:58.72  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 1:59.29  
Betsey Lambert (Harrison) 1:59.65  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:59.76  
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 2:00.10  
Emily Thompson (Mercy) 2:00.35  
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 2:00.91

**200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:04.82  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:09.97  
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 2:11.70  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:11.99  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 2:14.62  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 2:16.68  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:17.81  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 2:17.99  
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 2:18.72  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 2:19.18

**50 FREESTYLE**  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 24.64  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 24.81  
Donna Schwalm (Harrison) 24.90  
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 25.05  
Jordyn Godfroid (Stevenson) 25.11  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.23  
Kellyann Williams (Salem) 25.37  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.43

Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 25.46  
Lyndsey Grondin (Mercy) 25.48

**DIVING**  
Kasey Holt (Wayne) 254.90  
Rebecca Gould (Mercy) 218.20  
Lisa Sabina (Canton) 217.75  
Laurel Dolin (Stevenson) 212.55  
Bridget Christanson (Churchill) 200.25  
Jamee Pullum (Mercy) 195.05  
Kelli Dodd (Churchill) 189.00  
Jennifer Marchand (Glenn) 185.80  
Tina Lopez (Ladywood) 184.60  
Jennifer Dewaele (Harrison) 182.30

**100 BUTTERFLY**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 57.98  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 59.02  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 59.52  
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 59.77  
Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:00.68  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 1:01.13  
Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 1:01.48  
Maria McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:02.44  
Kristen Burke (N. Farmington) 1:02.60

**100 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 51.99  
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 53.85  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 54.48  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 54.77  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 55.03  
Donna Schwalm (Harrison) 55.07  
Teri Hanson (Canton) 55.18  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 55.24  
Kellyann Williams (Salem) 56.09  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 56.09

**500 FREESTYLE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 4:48.67  
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 5:12.40  
Meghan Mocerri (Stevenson) 5:13.80  
Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy) 5:16.55  
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 5:17.75

Emily Thompson (Mercy) 5:18.99  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 5:20.94  
Julie Kluka (Harrison) 5:22.10  
Betsey Lambert (Mercy) 5:22.77  
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 5:24.29

**200 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 1:37.82  
Farmington Harrison 1:41.70  
Plymouth Salem 1:42.26  
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:42.60  
North Farmington 1:43.40

**100 BACKSTROKE**  
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 56.82  
Adrienne Turri (Stevenson) 58.89  
Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 59.04  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 59.83  
Caroline Kenna (Mercy) 1:01.60  
Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:01.90  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:02.06  
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington) 1:02.72  
Molly Killeen (Mercy) 1:03.76  
Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:03.92

**100 BREASTSTROKE**  
Lindsay Fetters (Harrison) 1:06.95  
Neira Ater (N. Farmington) 1:09.56  
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 1:10.33  
Becky Noechel (Stevenson) 1:10.69  
Marti McKenzie (Stevenson) 1:11.61  
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:12.39  
Jordyn Godfroid (Stevenson) 1:12.53  
Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:13.34  
Katherine Docherty (Mercy) 1:13.89  
Dana Dziekan (Mercy) 1:14.48

**400 FREESTYLE RELAY**  
Livonia Stevenson 3:35.15  
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:39.21  
Farmington Harrison 3:41.71  
Plymouth Salem 3:46.00  
Plymouth Canton 3:48.30

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third game.

"We expected quite a bit from them at the start of the season," Herrington said. "We knew we had some solid players, and we could see through double sessions and the scrimmages we were going to be a good team."

"Then we hit a real good team (Western), but we didn't realize how good they were at the time. We were reeling after that and didn't play well. Then we beat Livonia Franklin, which we

thought was a good team, and we thought we could do something in the playoffs."

"Beating the good teams that we beat in the tournament was a good accomplishment."

The Hawks will have to contend with Western and Franklin in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association again next year but should have another good team.

"We have quite a few experienced players coming back now," Herrington said. "A lot depends on the development of Jared Hopkins at quarterback. He's been with us for three years, but he hasn't had much game experience."

"He's a big quarterback with a strong arm. If he comes through, we should be a pretty good football team again."

## WLAA needs to see total picture



STEVE KOWALSKI

Kudos to my colleague Brad Emons for making such a wonderful argument in his column last month in favor of the Western Lakes Activities Association and Catholic League engaging in regular-season football games.

OK, so Brad didn't say that, but it's a fair conclusion to make. Brad wrote that the WLAA should be proud of the brand of football it plays and shouldn't feel inferior to anyone.

No argument here. But if it's so good, why do the football teams from the WLAA, with the exception of Farmington Hills Harrison, wait until the playoffs to play private schools?

After all, according to Brad in the paper and his weekly updates on WDFN 1130-AM, after Detroit Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Detroit DePorres, what does the Catholic League have?

Harrison, along with Dearborn Fordson and Belleville of the Mega Conference and South Lyon of the Kensington Valley, have played the Catholic League in crossover games in recent years and done pretty well.

The success of Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Western and Harrison in this year's state playoffs, as well as a spirited Detroit Catholic Central cheering section at the Class AA regional semifinal prompted Brad to write his column.

The CC fans stirred some stomachs when they chanted "You play Churchill" towards the John Glenn cheering section.

Churchill has won only one game this decade, so it was a knock at the kind of competition Glenn faces in the WLAA. Brad said the CC fans had it all wrong, since the two schools hadn't played each other since 1990.

Agreed, but since when did chants have to be 100 percent correct?

The WLAA seems to have an unwritten rule, with the exception of its girls basketball powers (Canton, Salem and Walled Lake Central), hockey and Harrison in football, to avoid scheduling games against Catholic League

teams.

Glenn, a powerful football team year in and year out, generally opens the season with a non-league game against an inferior team from the Detroit Public School League. Of course, there is open enrollment and rumors of recruiting violations all the time in the PSL, but that's often ignored here in suburbia.

Suburban public school administrators historically cry about the lack of a level playing field, how they lose players to private and Catholic League schools who have unlimited boundaries.

But yet public schools also get outstanding players who either attended Catholic grade schools or played Catholic Youth Organization sports.

The last two top scholar athletes at Livonia Stevenson (Jill Van Tiem and Eric Curl) came from Catholic grade schools.

A quick review of the last five years reveals first-team All Observer choices Dawn Warner (Franklin), who was a top Miss Basketball candidate and one of the best Observerland girls athletes ever, Julie and Jacqueline Nicastrri (Plymouth Canton), Aimee Cousino (Churchill), Lisa Deshano (Franklin), Curl and Ryan Culloty (Stevenson) attended Catholic grade schools.

I might be missing some, and I know there are others who became solid high school players.

One CYO program I know invites public and private high school coaches to speak at its banquet and there's nothing wrong with that.

You'd never see a private school coach invited to a public middle school banquet.

Some of the public middle school programs in the Observerland area, particularly Livonia, are so poor or nonexistent, the only place to get quality coaching and practice time is the CYO.

I had to laugh at hearing one of the biggest fans of Brad's column was a counselor at an area public high school whose son played CYO football in grade school before starring at Plymouth Salem.

If he's such a staunch supporter of public schools, why'd he feel a need to have his son play CYO ball?

Because of its outstanding tradition in sports, Catholic Central routinely gets scrutinized by others.

There is an overriding opinion

out there that some students choose to attend CC to play sports. I imagine watching the Boys Bowl between CC and Brother Rice, which annually attracts 8,000 fans, might sway a young man's opinion.

But can someone explain why CC has a handful of hockey players every year in its hallways doling out \$4,600 tuition and never playing for their high school team?

High school hockey, even at CC, is considered a step or two slower than junior hockey.

One sophomore at CC is considered one of the top hockey players in the country for his age group and plays for the Detroit Whalers of the North American Hockey League.

Someone suggested to me that parents of these hockey players choose to send them to CC because it's easier to pull them out of a private school for road trips with their travel hockey teams.

That's a funny argument.

The public high school I attended, Franklin, allowed students seven unexcused absences each class per semester.

I'm ancient and I hear that, uh, privilege, finally ended last year. But I also remember a public school coach telling me last year that administrators don't care where there students are after the fourth Friday of each semester when heads are counted and the state determines how much aid each school gets.

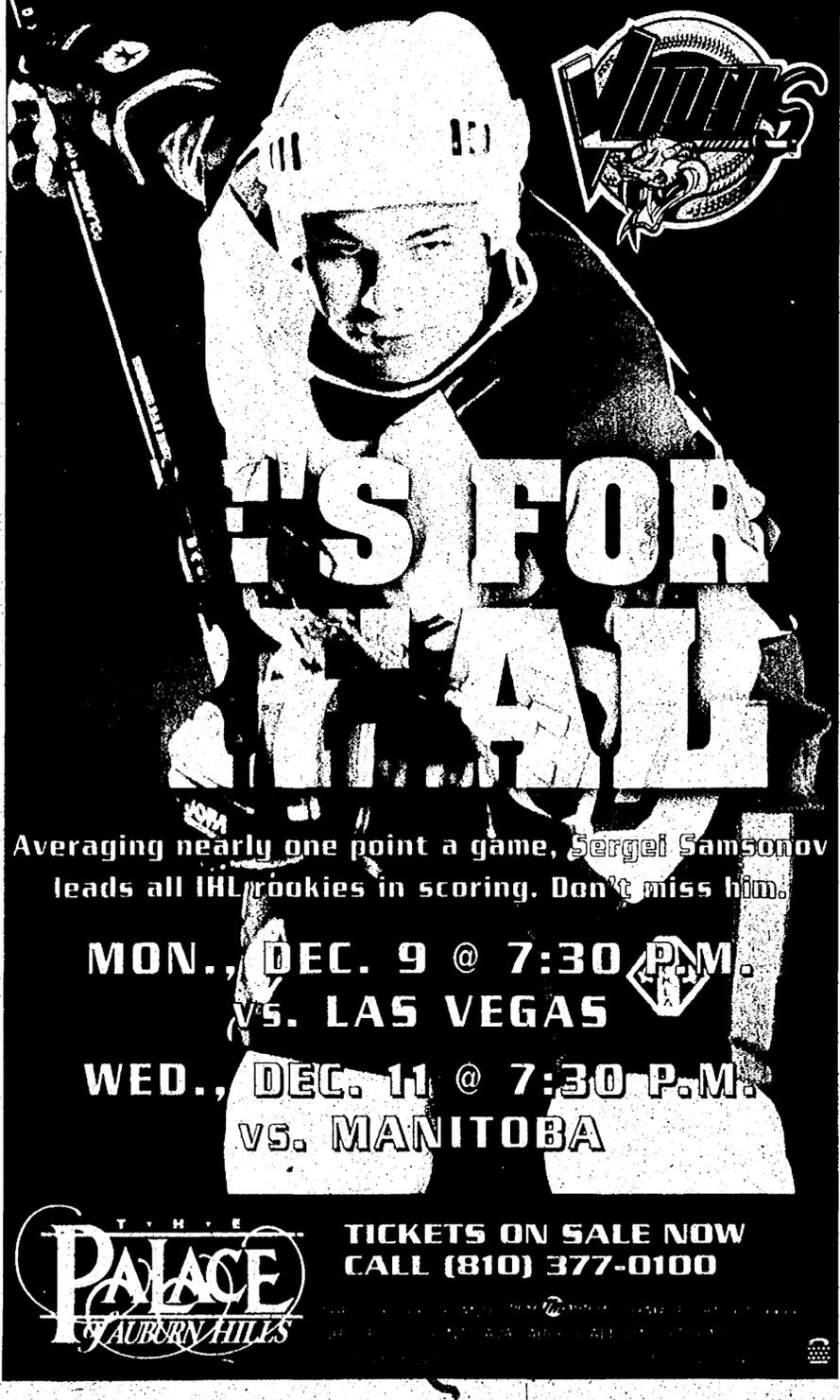
It must be a pretty good education at CC - it's supported by the better than 90 percent rate of graduates attending four-year universities. A Livonia public school principal sends his son there.

What the Catholic League will always have over their suburban public school league counterparts is tradition. Some of the Catholic League schools have been open more than 50 years - there are third and fourth generation kids attending some of them.

As a reporter, I try to be on the fence on this issue.

A few years back, I wrote that Catholic schools have an unfair advantage being able to accept transfer students from anywhere.

I wasn't looking at the total picture.



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## Ask before adopting pets

(NAPS) - The vision of a cute, cuddly pet in a Christmas stocking is charming and if you've been thinking about giving a pet as a gift for the holidays, there are a number of questions you should ask yourself.

Animal expert Leo Grillo of D.E.L.T.A. Rescue, an organization that has been rescuing abandoned dogs and cats from the wilderness for 17 years, has seen far too many pets abandoned after the holidays by their owners who could not care for them. He offers the following tips:

■ Is giving a pet a gift that may not be loved or appreciated by the recipient? Remember a dog or cat or bird is not a tie or a robe. These living, breathing "people" need a lifetime commitment.

■ If you decide to give a pet make sure that previously owned pets were well cared for, that they were safely contained on their own property, that they were well fed, watered, loved and taken for regular visits to the veterinarian.

■ Never surprise someone with a pet for a present. Do your research. Find out if pets are permitted in their residence, if

they are financially able to maintain the expense of a pet or if they are allergic to animals.

■ Take the person to the pound or humane society and let him pick out a new best friend. Then you can pay for the adoption fees and pet supplies such as food and water dishes, collars, leashes and ID tags, a bed and, of course, toys.

■ Think about including the cost of a visit to the veterinarian. Find a vet whose prices are affordable and let the new owner know about him.

■ Puppies or kittens are precious. But older adult dogs and cats are delightful pets, too. Their maturity and affectionate, loyal behavior is a joy to behold.

■ Don't wait until Christmas Eve to give a pet. Holidays are so hectic that the new pet will have a hard time adjusting to their new family without the excitement of holiday visitors.

■ Your gift doesn't end with the animal. Offer to pay for spaying or neutering. Every holiday you can give a gift certificate from a veterinarian for shots or a visit to a grooming salon.



## marketplace

### TIMELY GIFT

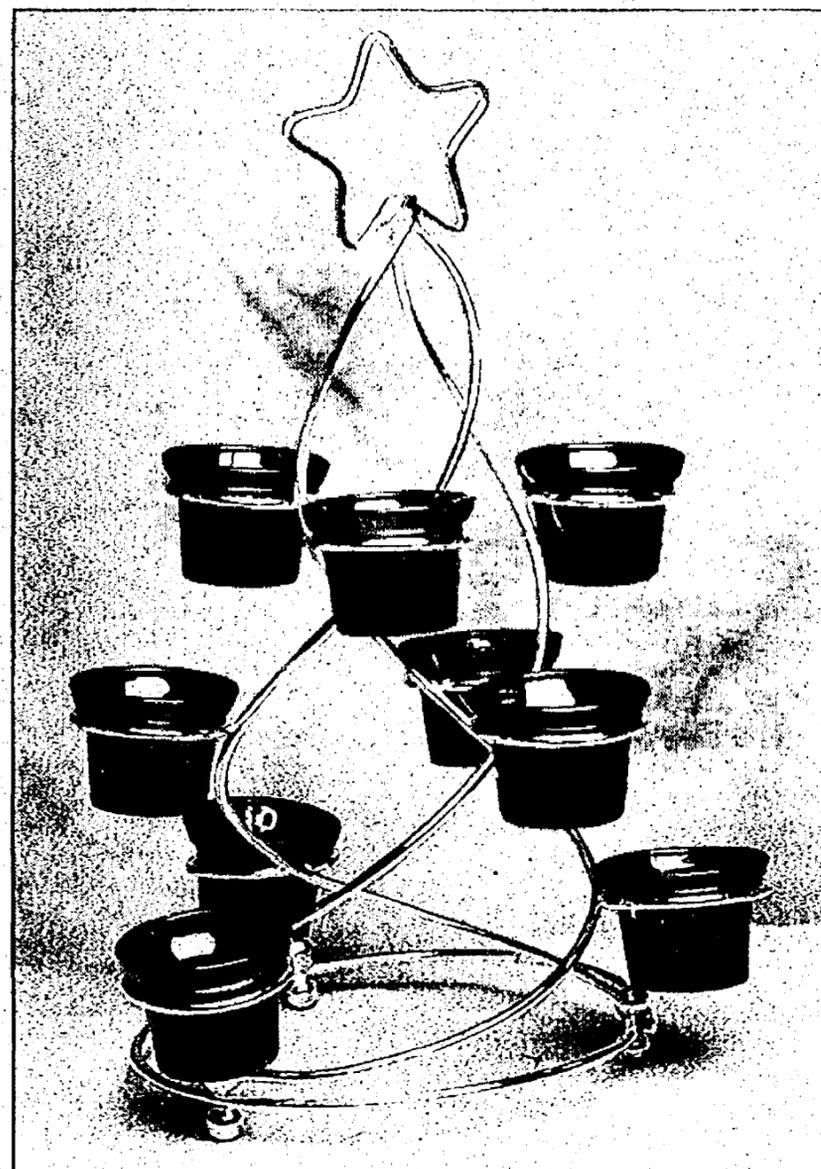
**Claus clock:** Both decorative and functional, this 1996 limited-edition Howard Miller clock features Santa Claus and elves tucking in a sleeping child. Hand-painted and made of resin, "And To All A Good Night" retails for \$75. Available at Heslop's at the Merri-Five Plaza in Livonia, Meadowbrook Village in Rochester Hills, Oakland Mall in Troy and Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield.



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We are looking for your ideas for At Home and for the Marketplace roundup of new ideas. Send your comments to:

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# Celebrate Hanukkah with latkes



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

Tired of those soggy potato latkes Grandma used to make? Feel like you've done Tanta's yearly latke platter? How about making some delicious Sweet Apple Latkes, sumptuous Zucchini Latkes with Roasted Red Pepper Puree, or some crisp

Classic Potato Latkes Ala Bonnie Fishman - AKA Bonnie's Patisserie (on Northwestern Highway in Southfield).

Talented Chef Bonnie, trained at Cordon Bleu Cookery School in London, England, now in business for 17 years, not only sells retail goods - she also caters, serves quaint and quiet lunches, and does cooking classes ... even classes for a Hanukkah Party.

I love the idea of putting a non-traditional spin on the famous potato pancake. That old saying - "if it isn't broken don't fix it" - just doesn't apply here ... take something great and make it greater (and in this case, GRATER!)

Potato latkes (potato pancakes) are synonymous with the Jewish Holiday of Hanukkah (The Festival of Lights). Like a true comfort food, potato pancakes usually take center stage at the holiday table, with added accompaniments of sour cream and/or apple sauce. My own savory preference as an accompaniment for potato pancakes is sour cream and flavored caviar or smoked salmon. Other sweet or savory sumptuous additions could be; fresh chives for topping, honey for drizzling, Spoon Fruit for spreading, malt vinegar for spritzing, or Laban (heavy strained yogurt) for dol-

loping.

Whether it's called Reiberdatschi in Bavaria, Kartoffelpuffer in Northern Germany, Kartoffelkuchen in other parts of Germany, Ratzelach in Poland, or Röstli in Switzerland, the potato pancake is loved throughout the world.

Don't just serve them for a Hanukkah party - serve them for breakfast, lunch or dinner, during cool autumn and winter months. Keep in mind, latkes don't always have to be made of potato - carrots, yams, zucchini, and squash are delicious alternatives. Mini latkes (potato or other vegetable pancakes) make an easy to handle appetizer for parties, look great on a buffet, and are always delicious as a side dish.

If feeling exotic - and want to try flavor-infused caviar with your potato pancakes: Carolyn Collins has transformed the la-de-da caviar industry into trendy and unique - developing flavor-infused caviar such as: Caviar Peppar - spiked with Absolut Peppar Vodka and cured with fresh, hot peppers; Ginger - whitefish caviar infused with fresh ginger root; Smoked Chicago Golden - a smoked, low-salt whitefish caviar with a blend of Midwestern fruit and hardwoods, to name a few. For a catalog write to:

Carolyn Collins, America/Fresh Water Caviar, 925 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. (312) 226-0342.

Bonnie's Patisserie is at 29229 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan. (810) 357-4540. Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

Bonnie Fishman's recipes for Latkes:  
**CLASSIC POTATO LATKES**

Yield: 4-6 servings  
1 onion  
6 medium potatoes

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying
- Applesauce
- Sour cream

Grate the onion by hand or using a food processor and put in a large mixing bowl. Peel all the potatoes, keeping them in a bowl of cold water after peeling each one. Drain potatoes well. Grate the potatoes and add to the onion.

Quickly add the eggs, flour, salt, soda, and pepper. Heat about 1/4-inch oil in a large heavy skillet over moderately high heat. When the oil is hot, drop the latkes by spoonfuls and fry until golden on both sides.

Serve hot with applesauce and/or sour cream.

## ZUCCHINI LATKES WITH ROASTED RED PEPPER PUREE

- 1 pound zucchini, peeled and grated (do not drain) \* you don't have to peel
- 2 eggs
- 3 scallions, chopped fine
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 2/3 cup grated Swiss cheese
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 2/3 cup flour
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- Fresh ground pepper, salt, pinch of cayenne
- Vegetable oil for frying

In a bowl with a spatula, blend together the zucchini, eggs, scallions, dill, parsley, and cheeses. Add the flour a little at a time, just enough to give the batter cohesion, not thick and pasty. Add the lemon juice and seasonings.

Heat about 1/4-inch oil in a large heavy skillet over moderately high heat. Turn heat down to medium. Drop the latkes in by the rounded teaspoon flattening them with the back of the spoon as you go. Fry for 30-45 seconds on the first side. Then flip them over and fry for the same length of time or until golden brown.

Drain pancakes on paper towel. Keep in a warm oven, UNCOVERED, while frying remaining latkes. Serve with Roasted Red Pepper Puree.

## ROASTED RED PEPPER PUREE

- Yield: 3/4 - 1 cup
- 3 medium-large red bell peppers
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

- Pinch of cayenne
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper

Grill the peppers over an open flame or on a grill until blackened on all sides. If no grill is available, place on a pan on the most upper rack near a preheated broiler. Place the charred peppers in a paper bag for 15 minutes.

Rinse the blackened skin under cold running water. Remove the stem and seeds.

Puree the peppers in a food processor. Add the lemon juice and seasonings.

## SWEET APPLE LATKES

- Yield: 2 dozen
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1/2 cup milk or water
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter or margarine, melted
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Vegetable oil
- 3 or 4 medium apples, peeled, cored, and thinly sliced
- Confectioners sugar

Beat the egg yolks until light. Blend in the milk. Stir in the flour, sugar, and salt. Add the melted butter and lemon juice and beat until just smooth.

Whip the whites on high speed until they have formed stiff peaks. Gently fold them into the batter.

Heat a 1/4-inch of oil in a large heavy skillet over moderately high heat. Dip each apple slice into the batter. Lift out with a fork and fry in the hot oil until browned on both sides. Drain on paper towels. Dust with sifted confectioner sugar before serving.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave a Voice Mail message for Ruth, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

## Auction set

The Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court in Bloomfield Hills, will have an auction 6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 10-12.

The auction will feature a very rare book, "Generall Historie of Virginia ..." by Captain John Smith, published in 1632.

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## garden spot

# Here's a scoop on garden gift ideas



MARTY FIGLEY

What can I give someone who is an active gardener? That is sometimes a difficult question to answer, but there are some helpful items that will please the most discriminating.

Tools are always welcome, and the newer ones are lighter in weight and often rust-resistant, which is a plus. Companies are always designing products to make our gardening chores easier and more pleasurable.

My husband is quite enthusiastic about a Razor Tooth Saw that has a pull-back cutting action. Its sharp sharp blade cut through tree branches in a jiffy. It is No. RS7040 and is made by Corono Clipper Company. This company also makes many other tools, among them a very sturdy leather scabbard for hand pruners. The company also offers pro-

fessional pruning advice at (800) 93-PRUNE.

Fiskars also has excellent products. One of the tools it offers is a Gardener's Utility Knife (No. 7846), which has a snap-lock sheath. It is made of Nyglass™, a composite plastic, and has a stainless steel blade.

### Garden aid

Three new Softouch products, a Cultivator (No. 7877), a Transplanter (No. 7875) and a Trowel (No. 7876), are designed to increase comfort for gardeners with reduced hand strength and the pistol-grip handles enable the tools to "go through" soil quickly.

For flower arrangers, the Cut-N-Hold Floral Shears (No. 7919) is just the ticket as is the Serrated Floral Shears that never needs sharpening. Look also for the Pro Power Lever By-Pass Pruner (No. 7968) and the Power Gear Anvil Lopper (No. 7972). Call (800) 500-4849.

Portable Products is the manufacturer of the Garden Boss, a tool storage and organization device that fits over a five-

gallon bucket. Its newest offering is a versatile Gathering Apron, which converts from a knee-length apron to a harvest pouch for large or small items. Plenty of pockets will hold tools. Both are made of Duckwear 100 percent cotton fabric. Its garden tote with a place for every tool is great! Call (800) 688-2677.

The new Alive & Well Nurturing Planters by Bemis control the amount of water applied to container plants. They work like this: Water is added to the base of the planter through a side opening, columns of soil extend to the bottom of the planter and draw water to the plant's root system in a continuous, gentle sipping action.

They are available for outdoor or indoor use and in pretty decorator colors. Call (800) 558-7651.

One of my favorite garden tools is the Winged Weeder, an innovative design that makes this job easy! It is available in two head sizes and three handle lengths. Great as an ice scraper too. Call (800) 388-4539.

### For the children

Among the many tools made by Ames Lawn & Garden Tools are an Anvil Pruner (No. 23-095) and a Bypass Pruner (No. 23-096), which feature precision-ground, heat-treated, high-carbon steel blades with TFE non-stick coating. The grips are contoured and have a hang-up hole.

The company also makes tools specifically geared to children. The happy, bright colors will appeal to the youngsters. A three-piece set for children 3 to 6 years of age is available in tough poly construction, and the set for children ages 7 and up has wooden handles and colorful sturdy metal heads. The tools are also available individually. Look for Eco Masters Kids' Tools. Call (800) 624-2654.

The A.H. Hoffman company, in cooperation with Ames, is producing a potting soil packaged exclusively for children. It, too, will feature the Eco Master superhero characters on the package.

A new Soil Scoop by Garden Works (call (206) 455-0568) is made of stainless steel with a birch handle. Unlike a trowel, it acts as a natural extension of the hand, so that the soil can be worked while reducing bending stress on the wrist. In the shape of a large spoon, the edges are serrated and the point is sharp. The gardener will find lots of uses for this tool.

Craftsman products by Sears, Roebuck & Co. are always a welcome addition to a tool collection. The new 3-7/8-inch Handi-Cut Utility Cutters (No. 37201) has a special offset pivot design and will cut through tough stuff such as carpet, rope, wood trim, shrubs, tile and much more.

### TIMELY GARDEN TIPS

- Dig a generous hole for your live Christmas tree before the ground freezes solid.

- Run your fingers down a branch of your chosen cut Christmas tree before purchase to be sure the needles aren't brittle.

- Cut the butt of the tree an inch above the original cut at an angle and store in a container of water before bringing it indoors. Saw the butt straight across when it's time to bring it indoors.

- Fertilize house plants that are still actively growing, then discontinue until early March. There are a few exceptions to this rule; look at the care tag.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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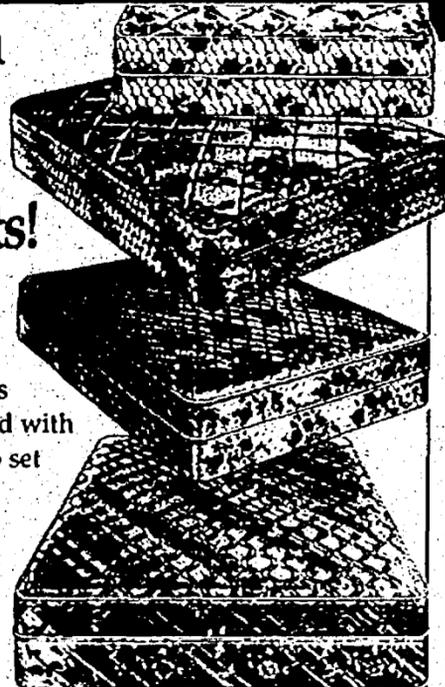
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**On the cover:**  
This is a festive view from the living room of the Jim and Shirley Bruff house. Staff photo by Jim Jagdfeld.



Deck the halls: Jim and Shirley Bruff decorate the tree in their family room. Photos by Jim Jagdfeld

## 20,000 lights showcase tour home

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
Special Writer

Everywhere you look Christmas abounds in the home of Jim and Shirley Bruff. The 70-something couple began decorating their 2100-square-foot ranch in early November installing the nearly 20,000 lights, displayed inside and out. The Bruff home is one of seven on the eighth annual Christmas Walk to benefit Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

As you enter the brickscaped courtyard where even the rocks are decorated with lights, guests are greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Santa goose and offspring. Once inside, a red and green theme puts visitors in the holiday spirit. A basket filled with pine cones in the living room is one of the minor touches of color.

Married for 50 years, the couple display a collection of ceramic Christmas characters like Santas, reindeers and elves in hutches and china cabinets throughout the house. In the family room a tree throws red lights onto the fireplace and seating area.

"We just love Christmas. There will be 35 of us assembled on Christmas Eve: four daughters, 13

grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and two more on the way," said Shirley Bruff.

Now retired after 45 years as a tool and die maker for Ford Motor Co., Jim has used his skills to renovate and upgrade the four bedroom home. Stained crown mouldings, mirrors and ceramic flooring throughout add elegance to the traditional architecture. What was once a wall between the family and living room areas is now an open floor plan which can be separated by a folding stained glass door.

On the finished lower level, Jim used French doors, Merillat cabinetry, built-in desk stations, and recessed lighting to create the additional living space complete with cream carpeting. On a contemporary glass table, 10 animated carousel animals continue the Christmas theme.

French's Flowers & Gifts in Livonia will accent the family's Christmas trim with a centerpiece of fresh holly and greens.

"We're going to keep it basic traditional to give it that extra holiday touch. We'll place fresh red poinsettias around but keep it simple because they already have so much going on," said French's owner Leigh Pistolesi.



Red lights: This lower level Christmas tree is notable for its red lights.

## Tour offers hundreds of tips

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
Special Writer

Choose from an array of holiday decorating ideas at the eighth annual Christmas Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Presented by Friends for the Development of Greenmead, the walk spotlights seven Livonia homes plus the Joshua Simmons/Hill House Museum and Quaker House at Greenmead Historical Village where free hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Local florists will accent homeowner's decorations with fresh centerpieces and arrangements.

Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 the day of the walk, and available at all Livonia libraries, Jacobson's in Laurel Park Place, and the community resources department at Livonia City Hall. On the day of the walk tickets may only be purchased at the Livonia Civic Center Library and the Hill House at Greenmead. Proceeds from the walk and sales of poinsettias at the Quaker House go toward restor-

ing the Alexander Blue House, which will serve as a mini-conference center and wedding reception facility at Greenmead.

"It's exciting because this is the first time the Quaker House has been decorated. It's an old building and will be trimmed with greens and bells," said Janet Bennett, Friends president.

In addition to the Bruff home, the Christmas Walk features a quad level home built in 1974. Ceramic items throughout the home were hand-crafted by the owner. The walk-out family room is decorated and waiting for Santa. A tree is filled with cherished memories spanning three generations during the last 50 years. Additional decorations provided by Buzzy Bee Florist in Redford Township.

A majestic four bedroom colonial hosts an array of family heirlooms given to the homeowner by the paternal grandmother. Of historical note, her great grandfather was a Civil War officer. Most of the holiday dec-

orations supplied by the homeowners with a few artistic creations by Designer's Choice of Plymouth.

Built in 1994, an Early American Southern home exudes tranquility and peacefulness with its natural wooded surroundings. Simple, squared off rooms with nine foot ceilings, fireplaces, European carpeting, archways, and wood floors lead visitors to search out the next room. Five Star Flowers in Livonia helped create the "old time" relaxed holiday atmosphere.

Two story Mediterranean style home features marble tile floors in the kitchen and dining room. Skylight windows in the atrium's cathedral ceiling provide plenty of natural light. Don't miss the dramatic dining room with its high gloss black glass-topped table with matching chairs and credenza spotlighted by a crystal chandelier. McFarland Florist & Greenhouses in Farmington Hills assisted with the Christmas decorations.

A ranch home built in 1963 boasts

an 11 foot Christmas tree under its cathedral ceilings. Additions and renovations to the home include a sunroom with bay window. Listen for the music coming from the church organ manufactured in 1900 by the New York Church Organ Co. During a three year period it was rebuilt and augmented by the owner who will occasionally be heard playing it. Seasonal touches by Roses & Buds (Dried and Silk) in Livonia.

Located in Livonia's first subdivision, this two bedroom Rosedale Gardens home was built in 1940. Since remodeling and redecorating projects began in 1994, the home was selected as the neighborhood's Home of the Season for Fall 1996. Look for reflections of Christmas in every room including a Victorian tree in the living room, a small tree in the peach and white master bedroom, and a 3 1/2 ft. dining room tree decorated with antique prisms. Village Green Florist of Livonia enhanced the holiday atmosphere.

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# Winter remodeling can be win-win

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**A:** Professional remodeling contractors that employ and subcontract quality trades people on a full-time, year-round basis are often looking for winter work to keep their crews busy.

You might benefit by having your project done during the colder months of the year. When a contractor is less busy, a customer may receive more personalized service and even a slightly reduced price, however, the customer must be realistic about the length of time it will take to complete a remodeling project during the winter. There are fewer daylight working hours, many days off due to weather conditions and a lot of holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's, Martin Luther King Jr., and other sanctioned "non-work" days) during the cold weather months. This will definitely hinder the pace of your job.

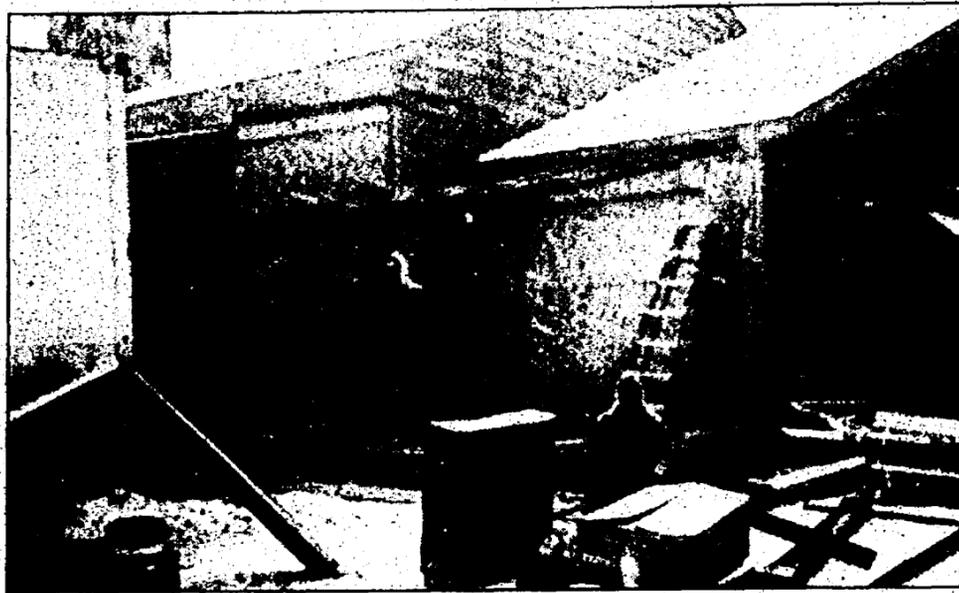
Ideally, footings, will be trenched before the ground freezes a foot below grade level. Usually, contractors dig throughout the month of January in Michigan. If a contractor's schedule or permit approval prohibits trenching before the ground freezes, heavy insulated contractor blankets can be placed over the ground. This helps keep some of the existing heat in the ground until the contractor can dig the footings. When the contractor does not know about the work in advance and the



ground has already frozen, a contractor can thaw the ground with commercial heaters. This method is often associated with the use of heavy tarp. The contractor can continue work under the tarp once the ground is softened. Concrete suppliers have a number of chemicals that can be added to the mix to aerate the concrete and help keep it from freezing and cracking. Once poured, flat concrete should be protected for a short period of time through the curing process when temperatures are below freezing.

The remaining phases of construction can progress smoothly through cold weather months. Although some trades such as painting or brick work can be delayed until warmer weather. Once a room is enclosed, interior work such as drywall, trim and mechanical trades can proceed. If necessary, a commercial heater can be used to warm the area under construction.

Most contractors' crews work shorter days during cold weather to avoid frostbite and to take advantage of the warmest hours in each day. Have patience and all the contractor to manage when and how long their crews work at your home. The contractor is better able to gauge the severity of



**Snow workers:** A crew from Conservations Unlimited of Southfield installers of Four Seasons Sunrooms isn't stopped by a little blizzard.

external weather conditions, work load and the risks facing their trades people.

A winter remodeling project can be a win-win solution for the customer and the contractor. The customer benefits by getting a terrific new room finished and ready for their use by the spring or summer rather than experiencing the hassles of remodeling during those fleeting warm weather months. The contractor benefits by doing your job during the period of the year when business is slower and their crews are not fully utilized.

*Eric Brakke, general manager, Four Seasons Sunrooms & Hurd Windows, Southfield, 810-352-4250.*

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tions, a copy of our roster book, or to have the association speak at a program, call Gayle Walters, NARI-Michigan Remodeling Association at 810-335-3232. Questions can be mailed to "Let's Remodel," 2187 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 103, Sylvan Lake, MI 48320. Answers are provided by members of the NARI-MRA the local chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. Members include professional contractors, manufacturers, wholesalers, consultants and lenders representing all facets of residential and light commercial remodeling. Members answer questions on "Home Improvement Radio," with Murray Gula on WEXL-AM 1340, 12-2p.m. Saturdays. Call in your questions at 810-544-1340.

## Replacing a switch easy with care

**BY READER'S DIGEST BOOKS**  
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It's easy to replace a worn-out electrical wall switch, but you do need to be careful.

### Power Off

First remove the fuse or switch off the circuit breaker that controls power to the switch at your home's main service panel. As an added precaution, before working on any wiring, test the circuit with a neon circuit tester, an inexpensive device available at hardware stores.

Make sure a new tester works by

carefully sticking its probes into an electrical receptacle that you know is working. The tester should light up, indicating a live circuit.

The most common type of wall switch is a single-pole switch, which controls power to an overhead light (or to a wall receptacle) from one location. You can distinguish it from a three-way switch because its toggle is marked On and Off and it has two brass terminals or push-in terminals.

### Opening the Switch

To work on a switch, remove the

switch cover plate. Then take out the screws holding the switch and carefully pull it out by the screw-hole ears in front. If you touch the side, you might encounter a live wire. Next touch the probes of your circuit tester to the two brass screw terminals on the switch.

Also probe each screw and the box if it is metal or the bare copper ground wire. If the tester lights up, the circuit is live. Go back to the service panel, turn off the correct circuit breaker or fuse, and test again.

### Replacing the Switch

A single-pole switch may be wired two ways. If it's attached to the power cable going to the light, it's known as a middle-of-the-circuit or middle-of-the-run switch. If the power cable goes directly to the light and a secondary cable is run to the switch, it's known as a switch loop or end-of-the-run switch.

The most important thing to note is how the wires attach to the switch and to attach the wires to the new switch the same way.

In a middle-of-the-circuit single-

See **Switch**, page D15



## appliance doctor

# For a safe holiday check the stove



JOE GAGNON

This past Thanksgiving has been no different than all the others I have been through in the past 17 years of owning my business. Parts sales of stove parts were brisk and so were the number of people who needed service on that very day.

There were several panic situations where the homeowner had to take the turkey to an in-law or neighbor to finish cooking. Much of this could have been prevented if certain steps would have been taken beforehand, and try not to forget that Christmas cooking is around the corner.

It was not so many weeks ago that many of us were cooking on the outdoor barbecue and had little use for the kitchen range except to heat something on the top burners. Using the oven portion of the range was not necessary until

this past turkey day and only when we placed it inside the oven did we think about, "I hope it works."

**Electric ranges:** Check each burner on top by setting the different controls to low, medium and high. Make sure they operate properly on each setting and if your burners are pull out types, check to see if the burner ends are corroded. Any time a consumer has a burner where the ends are not shiny and free of pit marks, they should replace the burner block as well as the burner itself. Purchase a hanging oven thermometer from your local grocery store and check out the oven temperature. Set it for 300 degrees and see how much it is off. You can make adjustment for cooking by setting it a little higher or lower by knowing how many degrees it varies from the knob setting.

Top burners and over elements should be wiped cleaned once in a while with a perfectly clean dish cloth. Spill over foods which contain an acid base will cause pitting in a burner or element

which will eventually lead to an explosion of the part. I once met a woman who had a big burn mark on her eyebrow which was caused by a top burner blowing up. If this should ever happen to you, step back away from the range and pay attention to where the hot pieces of molten metal are flying. Make sure they don't set the house on fire.

**Gas ranges:** They do not have pilot flames like the model of yesteryear. They have an ignitor which is so fragile that it can break by closing the oven door too hard. So many times I hear from a consumer who has moved the range to lay new floorings or paint the wall, and it fails to ignite and you see the ignitor glowing bright red, do not assume the oven safety valve to be the defective part. In 99 percent of cases, it is the ignitor itself which causes the problem. It provides its own milliamps to the safety valve and if it doesn't provide enough of them to the valve, the valve will not let gas flow through it. The majority of top burner problems have to do with a dirt condition. Top

burner ignitors can be greatly affected by improper voltage, or wall outlets which have not been grounded properly or have incorrect polarity. The hardware stores sell an inexpensive gadget for the homeowner to check these things. Good luck with the holiday cooking this year.

Joe Gagnon, the Appliance Doctor, will answer your questions about maintaining and repairing large appliances. Gagnon is president of Carmack Appliances in Garden City and does a weekly radio program on WJR-AM. He is author of "First Aid from the Appliance Doctor," available at area bookstores.

## Holiday events

The Detroit Historical Museums will host a number of special events during the holiday season.

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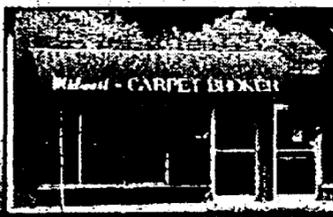
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# Gather the best when you collect



NAOMI STONE LEVY

In the world of interior design, nothing is more fun and appealing than collecting. There is serious collecting, when the collection is of exceptional value with unparalleled items - the best. And then there is a different "serious," when the col-

lection is of great value, but not monetarily.

I recently was privileged to view a quintessential collection of colossal proportions. It was preceded with a lecture by Garth Clark, world renowned in the arts.

His first admonition to everyone who starts to collect was to select the very best one can afford; never compromise quantity with quality. Wise words.

If your predilection is glass, and you already own a few lovely pieces, enhance them with one prestigious

addition. Envision all of them gathered together and displayed with importance.

There are glass blowers and artists whose names are well known, and with whom you should be acquainted. Dale Chihuly heads a list of glass artists, followed by Harvey Littleton and Dominic Labino. The latter two banded together to fashion smaller kilns than the ovens previously used. Joel Phillip Meyers and Howard Ben Tre are recognizable. A very competent local artist is Michael Glancy.

Clay is incredible, whether or not it is glazed. The forms may be classical, or original and creative. Throw a clump of clay on the wheel, and spin a form that can be changed at will. One can use fingers and thumbs, or tools and other accouterments to shape a vessel. Garth Clark showed us slides of forms that are uncompounded.

Artists endeavor to create glorious glaze colors that are mind-boggling. They guard their secret formulas and techniques zealously, including drips

and combinations.

Wood workers are available in several venues. Wood has a wonderful warmth. There are carvers and shapers. The shaped pieces are often turned on a lathe. This work will be finished (stained?) and sealed. More remarkable are the antique forms sometimes named treen, notably from the 18th century. The pieces are usually small since they were carved from tree roots. They have highly individualized graining. Antique shops may display a few rare pieces, since they are fast disappearing.

Ceramics and pottery are another category for collectibles. Whether you invest in the consummate antique Oriental porcelain bowl worth thousands of dollars, or the same size bowl fired in a contemporary kiln, signed by the artist, also priced in three figures, you have selected the best.

Still another area of collecting is in "prints." There exists at art galleries the most incredible array of signed etchings, aquatints, mezzotints, ad infinitum. The

price range is as vast as the quality.

That is what the Garth Clark advice is all about. Don't compromise with quality. Buy only the best you can afford.

Naomi Stone Levy, a Franklin resident, is an interior designer and a former secretary of the American Society of Interior Designers. You can leave her a message by dialing (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1897. Her fax number is (810) 644-1314.

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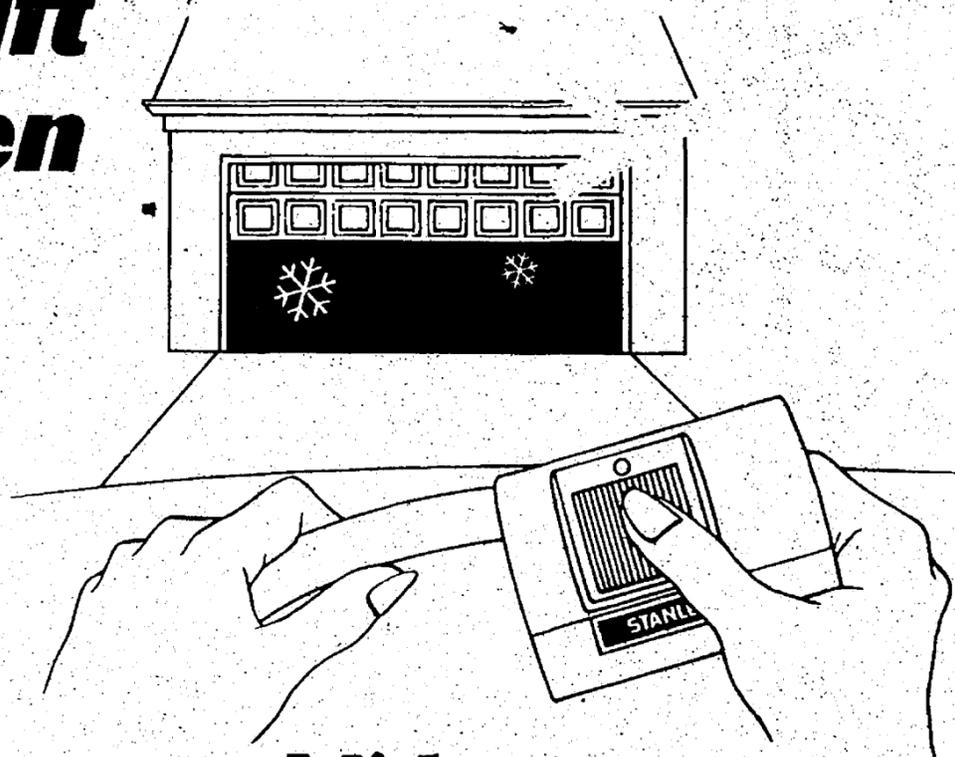
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# Decorate naturally for the holidays

BY CHARLOTTE KENNEDY  
Special Writer

The holidays are here, and we're decorating our homes. As a designer, I am always trying to use things that I can get from my garden for a natural look at holiday time.

I love the process of going on walks in the fresh air and gathering the things I can use. This is a great time to get the children involved and make some lasting memories. We look for pine cones, big and small, grapevine branches, hydrangeas, different berry branches and unused birds' nests. The pine cones, birds' nests and branches can be sprayed or tipped in gold for that wonderful holiday sparkle.

One of my favorite things to use is green moss. I buy it by the bag from my local craft store. You can cover Styrofoam balls with it for the tree or mantel, or just nestle the moss loose to decorate a table top. It's the basis for a very natu-

ral look. Being inexpensive, it goes a long way, but gives a professional look.

I usually do a "groaning" table for the holidays when I entertain. I have used moss to cover the table, piling up oranges, tangerines and chestnuts. Then I add pillar candles in different sizes. Weave ribbon throughout and place a florist's vial with a fresh rose in it and slip between the oranges and tangerines. This makes a spectacular presentation where I place my hors d'oeuvres. Make an impression on your guests with one special table in lieu of several little decorations.

Think about filling glass globes with nuts, cranberries and different greens, adding a pillar candle for a warm, inviting look. Add roping or garland around arches and doorways. It gives you a sense of the garden. Remember, when removing, you will have to touch up nail holes.

Ribbons tend to be expensive. Why not make your own wired ribbon? Look

for beautiful fabrics on sale. You then have the advantage of making your ribbons as wide as you want. Just sew florist wire on each side, and bend and shape ribbons to your liking. Use on gifts or for a lavish look on your tree. Tulle in gold or white also goes a long way for a beautiful look, as well as burlap. The choices are endless.

Use your imagination and gather things from your yard, and you will find each year to be more and more fulfilling as you decorate for the holidays.

Neighbors and friends are more than eager to let you cut. Just ask ahead.

There is a certain sense of looking at natural things that brings us home and is guaranteed to bring back a flood of childhood memories.

Charlotte Kennedy is an interior designer from Northville. She is a member of the "Designer On Call" program of Michigan Design Center in Troy. For a complimentary, one-hour consultation with a designer such as Kennedy, call toll-free (888) DIAL-MDC.

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## Yuletide scenes that you'll cherish



MONTE NAGLER

I like to write annually on probably the best time of the year for recording treasured family memories with your camera - the holidays. So here goes with this year's advice and recommendations.

Christmas and children go hand in hand, so let's begin with them. Remember to move in close to fill the frame and get down on their level. Concentrate on candid as the youngsters unwrap their presents under the tree and begin to play with their new toys. Your photos will appear natural because in all the excitement the children won't even know you're there.

But don't forget other family members. For group shots, have everyone sit or stand around informally rather than stiffly posed. Even try some candid as you did with the children. Try including yourself in the picture by using the self-timer and placing the camera on a tripod or steady table.

As always, check your backgrounds for unwanted or distracting objects. And watch out for undesirable reflections from windows, mirrors or picture glass that may ruin a treasured shot. Most often, a slight adjustment in camera

angle eliminates this problem.

Keep alert for other Christmas subjects that will add variety and interest to your holiday pictures. A colorfully filled stocking, a beautifully wrapped present, or a sparkling tree ornament will all reward you with a fine yuletide shot. Take advantage of today's fast films. Using 1000 or 1600 speed films, try lighting some scenes only with candlelight. Your dinner table or a family member lit only by candles will produce that unforgettable romantic shot. An exposure of f-2 at 1/30 second is all that's needed.

Need a last-minute stocking stuffer? How about one of the Fuji or Kodak disposable panorama cameras? They're inexpensive and produce surprisingly good results. A supply of film, a new camera bag or a beautiful photo-filled 1997 camera will please any photographer.

And at holiday time, we're usually ankle-deep in nature's blanket of winter snow. So bundle up both you and your camera.

Happy holidays to all my readers and friends.

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# Be safe at home in holiday season

For most of us the holidays are about food, fun and family. But for some, the series of celebrations spells disaster.

"Anyone who has had food poisoning knows what a disaster the holidays can be," said Dr. Suzanne White, medical director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Poison Control Center. "All of us need to prepare and store holiday food the proper way."

In addition, White cautions parents and grandparents to keep a close eye on their little ones.

"Kids are fast, they can get into almost anything. Make sure to put medication and vitamins up high and always keep household cleaners and chemicals out of children's reach."

To ensure that your holidays are happy and hazard-free, here are a few safety tips for the busy days ahead.

## FOOD

- *Turkey and fresh fowl* - Be sure to wash the entire bird and the body cavity, remove the entrails (heart, gizzard, etc.), wrap loosely and refrigerate no more than two days before cooking.

- *Dressing* - If possible, make the dressing just before cooking. If you prepare the dressing a day ahead, refrigerate it separate from the turkey. For added protection against food poisoning, cook the turkey and dressing separately.

- *Leftovers* - All leftovers should be refrigerated as soon as they are removed from the table, while they are still warm. Custard and creme-filled desserts can be especially dangerous if left unrefrigerated.

- *Alcohol* - Alcohol is a danger to children and adults. Be sure all alcoholic beverages are out of children's reach.

## Switch from page D10

pole switch, two black (or a black and a red) hot wires are attached to the switch's brass terminal screws. Most modern switches also have a green grounding wire attached to them. Loosen the screws and disconnect the wires. Leave the white neutral wires in the box.

To install a new switch, hook a black hot wire on each brass terminal and tighten the terminal screws. Always hook the wire clockwise - never counterclockwise - around the screw shaft. Attach the green grounding wire to the green terminal screw. If the old switch didn't have a grounding wire, run a bare copper insulated wire from the green terminal screw to the wire connector linking the grounding wires in the box.

Pre-mixed cocktails that look creamy and are flavored with fruits, chocolate and other tempting tastes could be easily mistaken for pop, milk or fruit drinks. Increased alcohol intake could cause dangerously low blood sugar, stupor or coma.

## DECORATIONS

- *Lead* - Old tinsel and some colored ink on wrapping paper may contain lead. These are attractive to youngsters and should be kept out of reach.

- *Tree ornaments* - Ornaments can be dangerous. They can cut or choke young children. Painting or coloring on these objects, however, aren't known to cause poisoning.

- *Angel hair* - Spun glass can cause irritation of the eyes, skin and gastrointestinal tract.

## PLANTS

- *Poinsettias* - Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias aren't poisonous and normally lead to no toxic consequences.

- *Mistletoe* - Mistletoe, especially the berries, can cause irritation of the skin and gastrointestinal tract if consumed.

- *Holly and garland* - Because of its sharp points, if swallowed, holly and other greenery can cause choking, drowsiness and/or dizziness.

Children's Hospital of Michigan is a private, non-profit, 245-bed hospital that has been treating children for 110 years. At Michigan's only freestanding children's hospital, specialists in all areas of pediatric medicine, surgery and nursing provide care for children from birth to adolescence. Children's is a member of the Detroit Medical Center, the academic health center for Wayne State University.

In an end-of-the-run switch, a black wire and a white wire will be attached to the terminals. The white wire is hot, not neutral, and should be marked with black paint or electrical tape to indicate that it's hot. Disconnect both wires and the grounding wire and reattach them to the new switch.

Some switches have push-in terminals on their backs instead of screw terminals. To use a switch with push-in terminals, straighten each wire end and shove it into a terminal. The terminal will grip the wire securely.

## Wrap-Up

After making all connections, fold wires into the box, beginning with ground wires. Then screw the switch into place and remount the cover plate.

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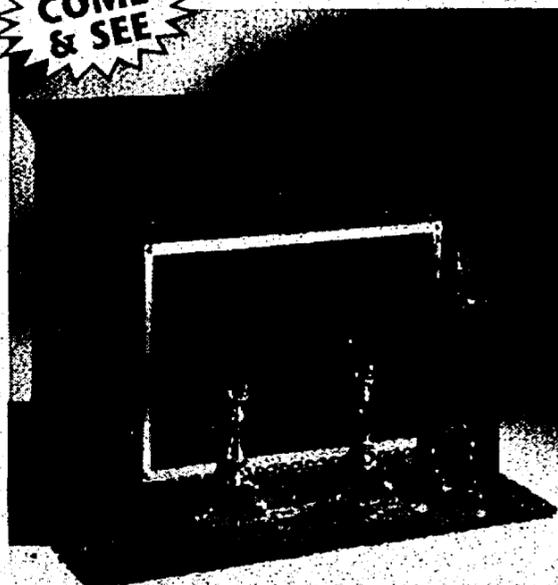
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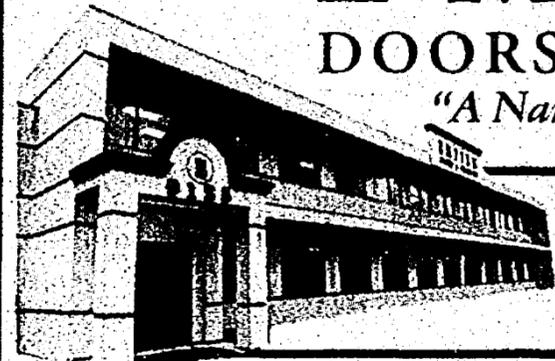
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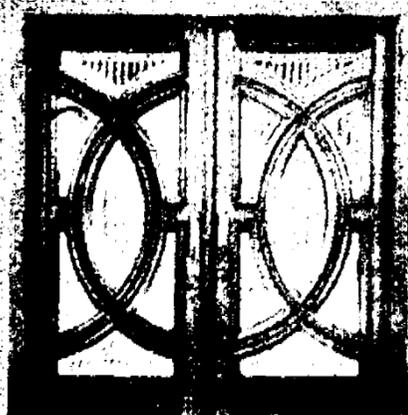
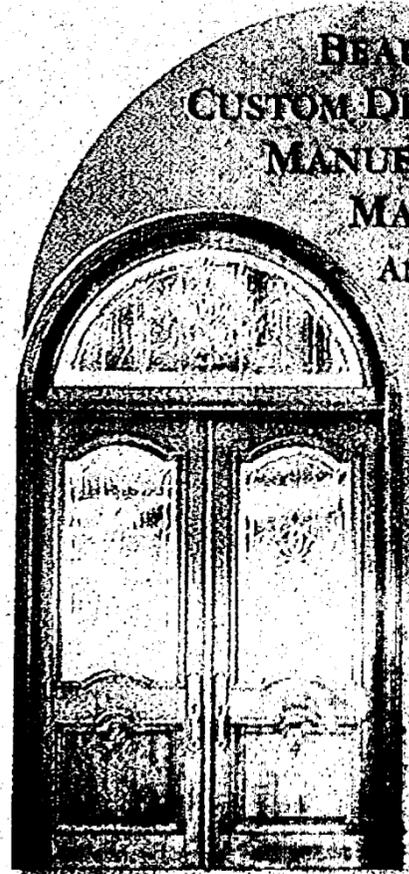
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SUNDAY



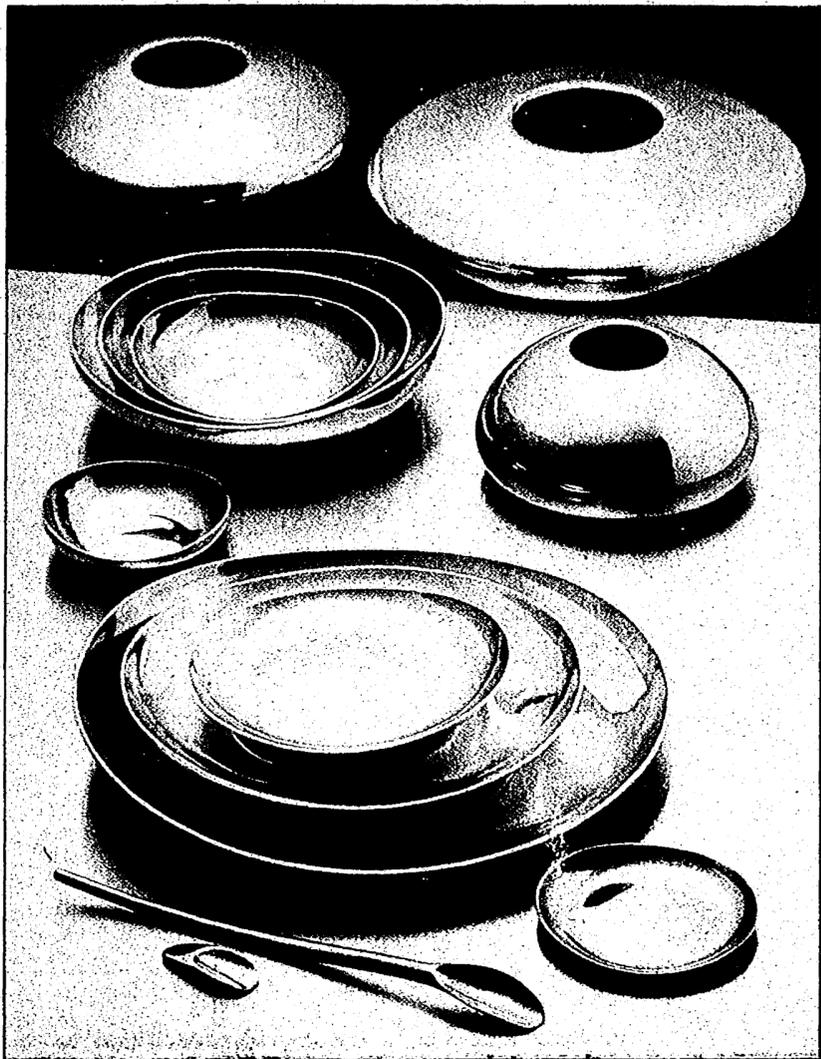
The Chenille Sisters celebrate their new release for kids, "Teaching Hippopotami to Fly," with a performance at 2 p.m. in the Cafe at Borders Books & Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Call (810) 737-0110 for information.



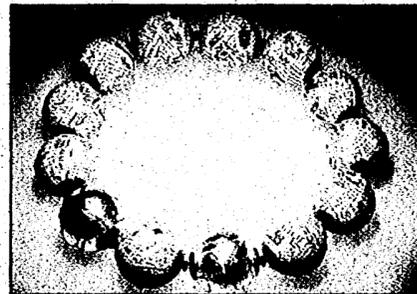
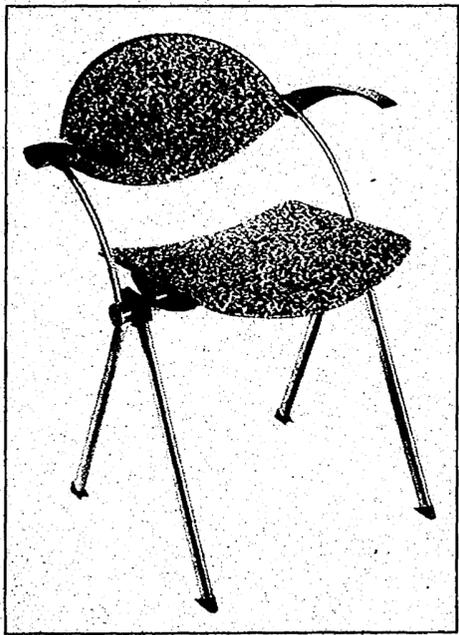
**Hot Tix:** Wilbur the pig (Sandy Ryder, left) listens to some advice from the experienced sheep (Bob Starke, right) about winning a blue ribbon at the fair, as Templeton the rat (Lisa Lacasse, center) and Charlotte the spider (Michelle Mountain, above) look on in "Charlotte's Web," presented at the Anderson Center Theater in Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, in collaboration with Wild Swan Theater. Performances 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Show continues to Jan. 4. Call (313) 271-1620, Ext. 383.

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



**Timely Tableware:** (Above) The Iquom Table Collection made from aluminum scrap from window sashes, automobile wheels and cans was the idea of Japanese designer Hisanori Masuda. Manufactured by Kikuchi Hojudo Inc., the objects were cast in molds of natural mountain sand then sandblasted and polished. (Top right) There will come a time when it will be fashionable to wear this one-of-a-kind necklace created by artist Robert Ebendorf from old newspapers, found materials and 24K gold foil. (Right) Designed by Baldanzi and Novelli, this contemporary chair is produced when crumb rubber from retreading tires is compression-molded then cut into sheets to create upholstery material.



AT THE DIA:

## Design exhibit celebrates recycling

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
SPECIAL WRITER

Ever wonder what happens to all the trash we're recycling? The answer is currently on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Intended to serve as a catalyst for the production and consumption of reused and recycled products, the Ninth Arango International Design Exhibition featuring 100 everyday objects such as furniture, jewelry, clothing, shoes, sports equipment and office products manufactured in 17 countries, is a timely one. During the holiday season trash pick-up intensifies bloating our landfills with solid waste such as corrugated cardboard boxes, wrapping papers, ribbons, and all sorts of packaging.

In the exhibit, an office chair made from 100 percent post consumer plastics by Herman Miller Inc. of Grand Rapids demonstrates the ease with which society is able to reuse resources by recycling. Good design transforms society's throwaways into new functional objects.

"Recycling has been going on forever. It's nothing new. The poor and thrifty have always recycled out of necessity," said Bonita Fike, DIA associate curator of 20th century art.

"These products were chosen based on their

**Re(Use): Good Everyday Design from Reused and Recycled Materials**

**What:** The ninth Arango International Design Exhibition featuring 100 everyday products that celebrate the success of recycling. Manufactured in 17 countries, the newly designed merchandise includes chairs made from old newsprint, carpeting from soda bottles, benches from milk jugs, and necklaces from used inner tubes.

**Where:** The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward. Call (313) 833-7900.

**When:** Through Dec. 14. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

**Admission:** Free with recommended museum admission, \$4 for adults, \$1 for children/students. DIA Founders Society members free.

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FILM

## Moviemakers get 'reel' about education

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Two independent moviemakers want to take film studies out of the ivory tower.

Douglas Schulze and Kurt Mayry, who have been directing and producing films locally as Dolphin Entertainment, are scripting plans for a trade school that will give students real experience in the industry.

The two want to go beyond the academic focus of most college-level film programs. Students at the Birmingham-based Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, they say, will be involved in start-to-finish filmmaking, from studying a screenplay to working on a set and in the editing room to helping with the marketing of a finished feature.

"We come to the field with the advantage of having produced films before," said Schulze during an interview at

Dolphin headquarters in Waterford.

MPI is negotiating with industry professionals — in writing, cinematography, special effects and other areas — to lead its teaching staff. Several have been signed on. They will be supplemented by guest speakers and local technical talent.

Schulze and Mayry are shooting to begin pre-enrollment this month, classes in the spring. The core of the MPI curriculum, eight months of hands-on work on a feature film, should debut in the fall of 1997, Schulze said.

The MPI idea originated with an apprenticeship program tied to "Archangel," Dolphin's latest feature (it has not been released). The apprenticeships gave students, drawn from schools where Schulze and Mayry had lectured or conducted seminars, a chance to

get involved in real filmmaking, not just theory.

"The response was phenomenal," and some students had to be turned away, Schulze said. "You can't find that education in Michigan."

The eight-month MPI program will be divided into three semesters that will see a script transformed into a feature film, Schulze said.

The first semester will focus on story development, organizing a production and familiarizing students with camera, lighting and sound equipment. Principal photography will begin during the second. The third will concentrate on post-production work: editing, sound mixing, and film distribution and marketing.

The institute will also offer three-month course extensions that will allow students to spe-

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Lights, camera... Douglas Schulze (left) and Kurt Mayry, partners in Dolphin Entertainment, have been focusing their energies on a film trade school, the Motion Picture Institute of Michigan, they hope to open next year.

STAFF PHOTO BY DAN DRAN

## Filmmakers host open house

The Detroit Filmmakers Coalition, an education and resource group for independent filmmakers and film fans, has scheduled a Saturday open house at its headquarters in the historic Redford Theater.

DFC offices will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those who work in filmmaking and others who care about film are invited to stop by to find out what the coalition offers.

The 3-year-old group is also planning Saturday workshops on a variety of filmmaking topics, from sound to cinematography, acting to animation. The workshops will take a learn-by-doing approach.

Those in the acting class, for example, will work with a script in front of the camera, while those in the advanced cinematography session will shoot a short scene.

The workshops begin Saturday, Jan. 18, with a three-hour overview

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good design and amount of recycled material that went into them."

The exhibit was organized by the Arango Design Foundation (founded in 1980) whose goal is to educate consumers and alert industry, government and the media to the contributions industrial design can make to society. Scattered throughout the exhibit, placards present statistics about discarded trash.

At least half the junk mail received by Americans, 3.6 million tons a year, is thrown away unopened.

Americans throw away enough office and writing paper to build a wall 12 ft. high from New York to Los Angeles.

While a typical fast food restaurant generates 87,000 pounds of refuse per year, the \$70 billion packaging industry generates the greatest amount of solid waste. If future generations are to have clean air and water, today's primary concerns must include conservation of resources. Everyone must use less and recycle more. Products must be presented to the consumer with less packaging and must be more durable so to save

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*Bonita Fike  
DIA Associate Curator*

energy recycling them in the future.

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Although some of the exhibited products remain prototypes at this stage, many more are available for purchase. Citrus peel boxes can be purchased at the Sandra Collins Gallery in Birmingham, decorative dry pottery at the DIA's Museum Shop, and Polartek clothing, including Patagonia's Synchron fleece sweater, socks and long under-

wear made from recycled soft drink bottles, are available at local retail establishments.

From the time Americans landed on the Plymouth rock to the Great Depression, we had been a frugal society. After World War II all that changed as the automobile assembly line and industry boomed. Marketing became big business as it promoted yearly design changes, transforming Americans from savers to big spenders.

The Flower Children in the late 60s and early 70s triggered a trend to recycle. For a decade, the concept went by the wayside until the institution of curbside recycling programs. Experts hope by the year 2000 that 30 percent of solid waste will be

recycled. Currently, 7,265 curbside recovery programs are in place across the U.S.

In order for industry to successfully market recycled products, attitudes must change. Perceptions about products made from recycled materials have dwelled on the second hand rose aspect when excellent new designs should have been the focus. The exhibit's catalog lists the manufacturers so that viewers may purchase the products displayed. All it takes is a little digging.

"Many of the things they're buying now are made from recycled products. The Petoskey Polysite bench is now starting to be used at bus stops in Detroit. Even though it looks light in weight it took five men to lift it because the arms and legs are filled with cement," said Fike.

"The downside is many manufacturers do not want it known that their products are made from recycled materials. Forty percent of the materials that go into new cars are recycled but they don't want us to know because there's a stigma attached to reusing old products."

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cialize in areas such as acting for film, writing an original screenplay or independent filmmaking.

MPI will work to market its films commercially through the connections Schulze and Mayry have made.

A board of directors has been organized. MPI is offering stock at \$5 a share; investors have the chance to benefit from any profit

the institute's films make.

Tuition isn't cheap: \$7,500 for the eight-month program and \$3,500 for each course extension. But Mayry and Schulze stress graduates will have more practical training than they would get in four years of a typical college film program.

MPI has offices in Birmingham, and some classes

could be held there as well. Mayry and Schulze are still hunting for space to accommodate classrooms and a studio of 4,000 square feet or more. One site in Plymouth is particularly promising, Schulze said.

Dolphin has been around for eight years. "Archangel," a science fiction fantasy, is its second feature (the first was

"Hellmaster.") It has also done commercial advertising work.

For more information on MPI, including enrollment information, call (810) 594-9143. For business-related information, including investment information, call (810) 674-7540.

# Energetic 'Alice' perfect for holiday

"Alice in Wonderland," presented by Paper Bag Productions Ltd., is showing at The Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Show times: Noon (lunch), show starts at 1 p.m. Saturdays; 1 p.m. (lunch), show starts at 2 p.m. Sunday through December 22. Tickets: \$7, includes lunch. Special group rates for 20 or more. Call (810) 662-8118. BY LIBBY PRYSBY SPECIAL WRITER

Are you looking for something different to do with the kids during the holidays? Go visit the energetic casts of "Alice in Wonderland" at The Players Club and enjoy the wonderful lyrics and music after a lunch of hot dogs or salad, apples and chocolate chip cookies.

Speaking of lyrics and music, C.J. Nodus, the director, writes and composes all the sweet songs that charm the audience. Two of the songs, "Morals" and "Mad as a Hatter," are humorous and upbeat holding the audience's attention and putting smiles on their faces.

Director Nodus, who is known throughout the Metro area for his exceptional musical talent, does not let the audience down in "Alice." The music is great. The one thing that does let the audience down — or more specifically, makes the young audience jittery — is the exceptional amount of dialogue. The littler theatergoers just don't seem to be that interested in the amount of words that fill the 1 1/2-hour presentation.

Beyond the dialogue, the production does have a lot of pluses.

The costumes are nicely done. The use of various vests adds a clever touch to the characters. Also, the creative masks cover actors faces, taking the audience further into a fantasy land. The Queen of Heart's costume is especially eye catching. Red hearts, of course, transform a white ball gown into the perfect attire for this character.

Many of the actors in the Saturday cast also do a good job. Kristin Mazaitis, of Dearborn Heights, plays Mary and the March Hare. She is terrific during the "Tea Party Scene," using exaggerated facial expressions and abundant gestures. Her voice carries throughout the theater so all can hear her important lines.

Another actor of note is Richard Dziuban, of Canton. He portrays Bill the Lizard and a Rose Gardener. His most memorable action is when he walks across the stage holding the other end of the rope. Children get a kick out of this because it is a visual humor and it's funny.

Elise Fields, a seventh grader from Farmington Hills, plays the role of the White Rabbit. Her solo song, "Time," is sung well and is a great opener to the "Wonderland."

Other area cast actors, who perform in the Sunday cast include: Ashlee Miller and Kristin Hartman, Livonia; David Langham, Novi; Katie McMahon, Ian Simkins, Dearborn; Jeffery Hyke, Rochester Hills; and Annette Janik and Sarah Perlongo, Dearborn Heights.

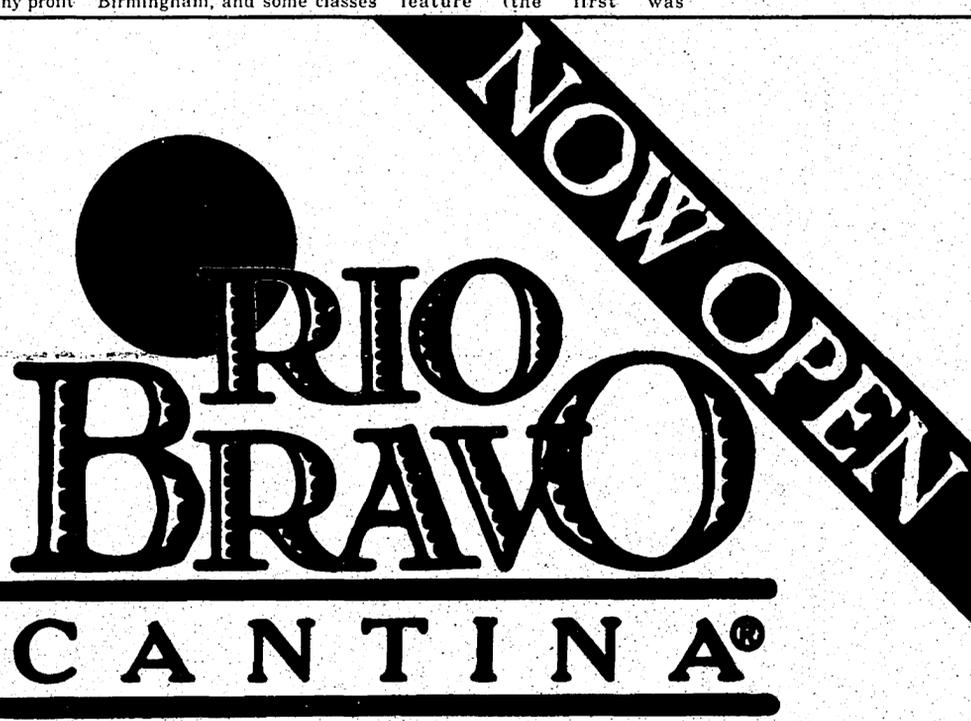
Libby Prysby, a sophomore at Groves High School.

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of filmmaking. Ten topics are covered in the series; three of the workshops are offered twice. Prices range from \$100 to \$175 per workshop for nonmembers. Discounts are available for DFC members and those who sign up for two or more sessions. Visitors to the open house who sign up for a workshop and pay up front

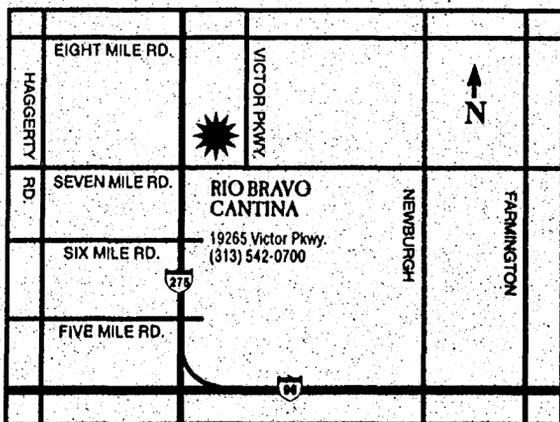
will also get a discount. Each session is limited to 12 participants, with the exception of the first workshop (limit 18).

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FINE ARTS

# Senses come alive at visit to glassblower's studio



LINDA ANN CHOMIN

Recently I had an opportunity to visit the hot glass studio of Don Schneider in Plymouth's Old Village. Watching a glass craftsman at work is an experience few will forget because it is a multi-sensual experience.

The costs for electricity and gas were running like a taxi's meter in my head as he spoke.

Schneider began the glass blowing process. First, he heated the blow pipe in the glory hole of the working furnace before moving to the melting furnace to dip and accumulate the first of three gathers of glass. To eliminate the potential for contamination, Schneider makes all his glass from scratch using sand, soda ash, limestone and chemicals. Ceramic and aluminum crucibles hold the melted liquids similar to the consistency of honey.

Once he'd secured the glass gather on the end of the pipe, Schneider sat down at a bench to work the glowing orange material. Using a piece of sculpted cherry wood he gently shaped the surface. The smell was wonderful.

"The tools are kept wet so they don't stick to the glass. I use cherry wood because it doesn't leave an oily residue and the grains burn out evenly."

Schneider placed the gather in the glory hole to reheat the surface then it was back to the workbench. Sweat poured off his brow onto the bench as he manipulated the red hot vessel with a tool to widen the opening. Reducing the furnace to burn 1,000 degrees cooler, he placed the vessel back into the glory hole where the less intense atmosphere reduced the design he'd trailed onto the glass earlier. After knocking the vessel off the pipe, he gingerly placed it in the annealing oven.

"This is definitely sensuous stuff. It's not just a job to me — I love it," said Schneider who first learned his craft nearly 25 years ago as a glassblower at Greenfield Village. He now regularly travels around the country giving teaching seminars.

For the last 17 years, area residents have been able to see him demonstrate lampworking skills over a 3,800 degree torch flame during Michigan Glass Month in April at the Detroit Science Center and the Detroit Institute of Arts' Family Day in May.

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton is a freelance writer who special-



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Born of Fire: In order to melt the glass before blowing, the furnaces in Don Schneider's studio must burn at 2,400 degrees.

Standing in front of the 2,200 degree furnace, I could feel the intense heat on my face. When he coaxed me to try to make a paperweight, the feeling of shaping glass into a finished product with my own two hands was almost overwhelming.

Schneider throws open the door of his hot glass studio to the public noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22. Look for the York Street Glass sign at 875 York, north off Liberty. Although Schneider's is a working studio not a retail operation, ornaments (some fumed with 24K gold), beads, necklaces, and blown glass furnace work such as vessels and paperweights will be available for sale.

"It's a very expensive operation. The melting furnace stays on 24 hours a day at 2400

ARTBEAT

Artbeat features various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to Linda Ann Chomin in care of Keely Wygonik, Arts & Entertainment Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

GALLERY TO HOST GUEST ARTIST

Navajo artist Mark Silversmith will be on hand to meet visitors as Native West Gallery hosts its 7th annual Art & Jewelry Festival Dec. 5-8 at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Along with the guest appearance, customers will be treated to a trunk show of sterling silver jewelry boasting turquoise, lapis and other semiprecious stones.

Silversmith, who earned his bachelor of arts degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, was named Indian Artist of the Year in 1986. His paintings depict the Natives and the peacefulness of their land.

When Silversmith was commissioned to do a painting for Lee Iacocca he said of the artist, "Mark Silversmith deserves recognition for the quality of his work to depict the culture of the American Indian and the beauty of Colorado."

Hours are 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; until 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. For information call (313) 455-8838.

HOLIDAY ART SHOWS

Observerland artists are gearing up for holiday shows and sales. The Village Potters Guild will present their wares 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7 at the pottery, 340 N. Main Street behind the

Plymouth Landing restaurant. The Guild, a nonprofit cooperative of 23 potters, will offer handcrafted functional and decorative pottery, tiles and sculptural works.

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will also sell their works, primarily paintings, at its annual holiday art show and sale Dec. 9-14 at Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road, between Henry Ruff and Middlebelt in Garden City. The show kicks off 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9 with an opening reception and awards ceremony. The public is invited to browse, meet the artist and enjoy refreshments.

ART SOURCE

Works by photographer Bryan Mitchell will be on display Dec. 6-24 at Art Source, 126 MainCentre (on Center Street south of Main) in Northville. The exhibit opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. The public is invited.

Mitchell is an award winning photojournalist, published in local and international newspapers and magazines. His own work reflects a love for nature and landscape.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, until 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Call (810) 348-1213 for more information.

ANN ARBOR CELEBRATES ART

Discover the visual arts in Ann Arbor and the surrounding area during the fifth annual "Art Day" noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7-8.

A complete listing of participating artists and businesses is available at any of the galleries along with the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Riverside Arts Center in

Ypsilanti. Participating galleries include Selo/Shevel, The Artful Exchange, the DeBoer Gallery, 16 Hands, The Ford Gallery at Eastern Michigan University, The Michigan Guild, and the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Fourteen artists will display their work at the Performance Network Annex/Technology Center on Washington and Third Street in Ann Arbor. An additional 14 artists as well as photographers from the Ann Arbor News and Ypsilanti Press will be on exhibit at the Riverside Arts Center. A variety of artists will also be on hand in studios throughout the area, including ceramist Kay Yourist who is at 422 Packard and mixed media artist Nina Howard at 409 Howard Street across from Kerrytown Shopping Center. Also, plan to visit Whitney Thompson Furniture in Dexter for a sampling of custom crafted items, and Darwin's Stained Glass Studio north of Chelsea.

For more information call Alice Cerniglia at the Washtenaw Council for the Arts at (313) 484-4882.

DECORATIVE THEME TREES

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce spotlights its third annual Celebration of Trees Dec. 4-12, at Laurel Park Place. Decorated trees donated by local businesses will be on display in the mall and auctioned at 5 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Chamber's 5 o'clock Christmas Connection in Salon D in the Marriott Hotel.

The trees, between four and five feet, are perfect for the

home. For information call the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, (313) 427-2122.

CRAFT SHOW

The City of Plymouth's Parks & Recreation Department showcases a Christmas Arts & Crafts

Show Dec. 6-8 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer Street in Plymouth. Admission is \$1.

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MOVIES

# 'English Patient' might be year's best

TICKETS PLEASE



JOHN MONAGHAN

In the wrong hands, "The English Patient" could have easily turned into some schmaltzy tearjerker. Imagine Tom Cruise buying the rights to Michael Ondaatje's prize-winning novel, stripping all its complexity and focusing on what is at the core a pretty rou-

tine story of illicit love, regret, and betrayal around the Second World War.

Fortunately, "The English Patient" that's already topping critics' best-of-year lists is handled with such profound beauty and intelligence that it's difficult to imagine anyone doing it better.

It opens with dark, delicate brush strokes that dissolve into the shadowy, wind-swept sands of the desert. The camera heads higher, just above the cockpit of a single prop plane. Shells and machine gunfire stripe through

it and, as the screen fades to white, the plane bursts into flames.

The surviving pilot (Ralph Fiennes), burned beyond recognition and barely able to breathe, ends up in an Allied army hospital, known only as "The English Patient" because his memory is supposedly lost. Years later, in the ruins of an Italian monastery, a French-Canadian nurse (Juliette Binoche) pieces together his tragic story.

Fiennes, so impressive in "Schindler's List" and "Quiz Show," plays the pilot, Count

Almsy, shown in flashback as a linguist and explorer in the late 1930s whose maps of the Egyptian desert prove a hot commodity when war finally breaks out. He meets Katharine (Kristin Scott Thomas), a married woman who helps fund the expedition, and soon they are in a passionate romance.

Picture this, Harlequin fans: Alone together in his room. The red ball of the Egyptian sunset sinks behind ancient Cairo temples, casting a pink glow of passion over the lovers. They plunge into an all-consuming embrace as he tears the dress from her chest, sinks to his knees and begins to feast on her expectant flesh.

Normally I'd cringe at a love scene like this, but writer/director Anthony Minghella ("Truly Madly Deeply") handles the whole affair with such bloody good taste that it's impossible to knock it.

The movie nimbly jumps between this romance and the unique bond Almsy forms with his nurse, a woman who has lost

virtually everyone close to her. She begins to fall in love with a young Sikh bomb expert (Naveen Andrews) who has learned to overlook in individuals his strong hatred of oppressive English Imperialism.

Almsy's memory is further forced when another Canadian (Willem Dafoe), his hands covered mysteriously by gloves, enters the picture. His own painful story is yet another emotionally draining scene in a movie that is liable to stir even the most detached filmgoer.

Aside from delivering such an emotional wallop, "The English Patient" is full of unique moments and amazing sequences. The nurse and her new lover enter the monastery's temple at night and through a series of ropes and pulleys, she's able to view the breathtaking frescoes face to face.

Should you like to look deeper, you'll find "The English Patient" rich in unifying symbols. The sun, water, fire, even the copy of Herodotus that the man carries turn up again and again to link

the characters. A second viewing is a must to understand how it all strings together.

If the movie falters anywhere, it's when these symbols get in the way of creating three-dimensional characters. Almsy is more or less defined as a deep person by his sole possession: a book of philosophy crammed with scraps of paper. You don't know that much about him as an actual person, before or after his injuries.

But since when has it been a sin to make an audience work for its pleasures? On so many levels "The English Patient" is a rich, satisfying movie experience that will likely be awarded the gold statuette at Oscar time. And for once it just might deserve it.

John Monaghan welcomes your calls and comments. You can listen to him on Dave Dixon's Radio Show AM 1270, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturdays. To leave John a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1866.

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STREET SCENE

# Aggressive Gravity Kills shows a mellower side



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Members of the hard rock band Gravity Kills are relaxing on their bus prior to a show at St. Andrew's Hall in early November.

They're extremely polite and friendly with visitors -

with the exception of over-zealous fans knocking on the bus's windows.

Singer Jeff Scheel, wearing his "unlucky boots," and mild-mannered guitarist Matt Dudenhoeffer sit on a couch with their attention focused on the interview. Douglas Firley, the band's "electro-guru," hides in the back of the bus with his furry Russian-style hat planted firmly on his head. And bassist/drummer Kurt Kerns eagerly wants to be asked more questions.

It's not what you'd expect from an abrasive, throbbing guitar-driven band. Gravity Kills' shows get so fierce and aggressive that Dudenhoeffer accidentally broke two ribs by slamming his guitar into his chest during the band's tour with the Sex Pistols.

"As it turned out we really needed that break," the platinum-haired Scheel said with a laugh. "He got to take his break bed-ridden for three weeks. We made him go (to his parents house). We were like, 'You're going to your mother's house because we knew that Janice would take care of your every need.'"

Dudenhoeffer is fully healed now and returns to town with his band Thursday, Dec. 5, to play radio station WRIF's "The Nightmare Before Christmas" concert with Deep Purple, Danzig, The Hazies, The Hunger, Helmet and Corrosion of Conformity on two stages at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Although the concert seems like an odd pairing of bands, Scheel said that his band fits right in.

"We are a hard rock band with techno and industrial influences opposed to the other way around? (But) we don't see ourselves like hanging out with Glenn Danzig or having a kinship with him," he said.

Looking from the outside in, it seems like Gravity Kills burst on the alternative music scene with the hard-driving yet pop-friendly song "Guilty," which appeared on

the soundtrack to the movies "Seven" and "Escape From L.A." Scheel said that it wasn't that simple.

"Nobody takes into account the 10 years before that. It's overnight for Gravity Kills but certainly not individually. Everybody has been doing this individually for years. People think that 'Guilty' is the first song we ever wrote," Scheel said. "Songwriting is like sculpting or painting. You don't pick up a brush and the first time and once you put it to canvas you create something that other people are going to think (is wonderful). We're not prodigies. It took years to develop songwriting skills."

The four members of Gravity Kills all went to the same high school. Kerns, Dudenhoeffer and Firley have been writing and performing around Missouri in various guitar bands since the mid-1980s. Shortly after moving to St. Louis, the three decided to record a song for radio station KPNT's compilation album starting only four days before submissions were due.

Two days into writing what would become "Guilty," the former vocalist backed out. After being turned down by a series of vocalists the threesome called upon Scheel, Kerns's cousin and a long-time friend to the other members.

He cut the vocals in six hours, mixed it on the final day, and turned the song into the station 30 minutes before the deadline. The pulsating song became a radio hit and shot up the station's chart to No. 1.

"We had a radio hit and all of a sudden all the major labels were flying in," Kerns said.

The band signed withTVT records, the former home to Nine Inch Nails, and released its self-titled debut album March 5. "Gravity Kills" sold 150,000 copies within the first two months of release. Scheel admits that he'd like to see Gravity Kills do a little better.

"We're not there yet. The only disappointment - and this sounds very spoiled but we just have really high expectations for ourselves and we're really driven - for us is that the record isn't gold (selling 250,000 copies) yet. We fully expect that to happen."

Tickets for "The Nightmare Before Christmas" are \$10-\$15. For more information, call (810) 377-0100.

• Steve Vai and his band escaped injury when the group's tour bus caught fire on Monday, Nov. 25, while en route to a headlining show in Oklahoma City. The band and crew were asleep in mid-afternoon when a generator in the vehicle caught fire. Vai was awakened by the fire, and

yelled to the driver to pull over. The blaze spread quickly, destroying two portable DAT machines, two video cameras, two lap-top computers, a bass guitar, and everyone's passports, wallets, clothes, and shoes. Vai lost two Ibanez "Jem" guitars, the new orchestral scores he'd been worked on, and a hand-painted leather jacket.

"Imagine all of us, standing in a field in the middle of nowhere, with no shoes or socks on, watching everything burn," Vai said. As the fire trucks put out the blaze, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation sent a school bus to pick up the band and crew and take them to the nearest motel in the town of Sayre.

Vai and his band performs Wednesday, Dec. 11, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, in Detroit. Tickets are \$15 in advance for the all-ages show. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

• Up and coming supergroup Handsome comes to town at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, to open for Magic Dirt and Yatsura in The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Expect to hear more from the group after its self-titled debut is released in February on Epic Records. Handsome features guitarist/former Helmet member

Peter Mengede, bassist Eddie Nappi, drummer/former Murphy's Law and Cro-Mags member Pete Hines, guitarist/ex-Quicksand member Tom Capone, and vocalist Jeremy Chatelain. Tickets are \$6 in advance for the all-ages show. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT.

If you have a question or comment for Christina Fuoco, you can write to her in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, or you can leave her a message at (313) 953-2047; mailbox No. 2130, or via e-mail at CFuoco@aol.com.



Returning to town: Gravity Kills - from left, guitarist Matt Dudenhoeffer, "electro-guru" Douglas Firley, singer Jeff Scheel, and bassist/drummer Kurt Kerns - play The Palace of Auburn Hills Thursday, Dec. 5, as part of the "Nightmare Before Christmas" concert that also features Helmet, Corrosion of Conformity, Danzig, Deep Purple, The Hazies and The Hunger.

## SCREEN SCENE

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

**Birmingham Theatre** 211 S. Woodward, Birmingham. Call (810) 644-FILM for information. (\$6.50; \$4.25 matinees and seniors)

• "The English Patient" (USA - 1996). Four people meet in a ruined monastery near the end of World War II in this adaptation of the Booker Prize-winning novel by Michael Ondaatje. Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche, and Willem Dafoe star.

• "The Funeral" (USA - 1996). A crime drama set in 1935 about three Italian-American brothers who sacrifice love and family loyalty for fast money and violence. Directed by "The Bad Lieutenant's" Abel Ferrara and starring Christopher Walken and Chris Penn.

**Detroit Film Theatre** 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Call (313) 832-2730 for information. (\$5.50; \$4.50 students/seniors)

• "Taxi Driver" (USA - 1976). Dec. 6 - 8 (call for showtimes). The 20th anniversary rerelease of Martin Scorsese's masterpiece must be seen on the big screen. Robert DeNiro plays Travis Bickle, the taxi driver whose desire to "clean the scum off the street" results in vigilante violence.

• "Who Killed Teddy Bear?" (USA - 1965). 7 p.m. Dec. 9. A fascinating DFT find from

the mid-'60s starring Sal Mineo as a demented busboy who makes obscene phone calls to coworker Juliet Prowse. The gritty scenes of the porn theaters and adult book stores of New York's Times Square precedes "Taxi Driver" by a decade.

**Magic Bag Theatre** 22920 Woodward, Ferndale. Call (810) 544-3030 for information. (\$2)

• "National Lampoon's Vacation" (USA - 1983). 9:30 p.m. Dec. 11. Chevy Chase and family head out on their first family expedition in this hit-and-miss comedy from the folks who brought you

• "Animal House" Imogene Coca has perhaps her best on-screen moments as the hapless Aunt Edna.

**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, seniors and matinee; \$3 twilight) • "Big Night" (USA - 1996). A pair of brothers try to run an authentic Italian restaurant in the 1950s but discover that most people want simple spaghetti and meatballs. An independent comedy starring and co-directed by Stanley Tucci.

• "Vertigo" (USA - 1956). Many call this Hitchcock's most personal film because its main character (Jimmy Stewart) tries to

turn his girlfriend into the image of a lost love. Hitch did the same thing after Grace Kelly left movies to become a princess, sending the old director scrambling for the likes of other icy

blondes, here Kim Novak. The ambitious 40th anniversary restoration sports new color and a remixed soundtrack.

• "The English Patient" (USA - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre listing above.

**Maple Theatre** 4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next

Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call (810) 855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)

• "Big Night" (USA - 1996). See Birmingham Theatre listing above.

• "The English Patient" (USA - 1006). See Birmingham Theatre listing above.

**Redford Theatre** 13670 Lahser (at Grand River), Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 for information. (\$2.50)

• "Annie" (USA - 1982). 8 p.m. Dec. 6; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 7 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). The film version of the hit Broadway musical about the cartoon moppet and her adventures during the Depression. Albert Finney co-stars.

## Birmingham teen will light up room as Lucia

Erika Anden of Birmingham will portray Lucia at the annual Lucia Festival, Friday, Dec. 13 at the Fairlane Club in Dearborn.

Legend describes Lucia as a beautiful young Italian girl, who, as she was about to be married, gave her dowry to the poor and confessed to having become a Christian. She carried the food to the Christians hiding in the catacombs, wearing a candle on her head to help her find her way in the dark. Finally, she was captured, accused of witchcraft, brought to trial as a Christian and sentenced by the authorities

to be burned. However, the wood would not catch fire ... so Lucia was killed by a sword on Dec. 13, 304 A.D., the very day the Swedes believed light returned to their land.

Traveling Norsemen brought tales of her loveliness and saintliness home with them, and the Legend of Saint Lucia was woven into Sweden's early Christmas Festivals by having her appear as "Queen of Light" on Dec. 13. The single candle she had worn became a crown of seven, the pure white gown would be evidence of her purity

and the red sash a symbol of the blood she shed in her martyrdom.

At 8 p.m. Dec. 13, Anden, a Seaholm High School senior, will enter a darkened room donning the white gown, red sash and crown. She will bear gifts of food to her mother, as has become the nationwide tradition. A procession of white-clad attendants will follow her, the girls wearing glitter in their hair carry lighted candles and the boys wearing tall cone-shaped paper hats with golden stars on them carry lighted stars. They will all sing the

song of Saint Lucia, kicking off an evening of dinner and dancing to Panchito and orchestra.

Tickets for the annual event, held by The Jenny Lind Club of Detroit, are \$55 per person. Black tie is optional. Cocktails will be served beginning at 7 p.m.

For reservations, call Barbro Lundberg, president of The Jenny Lind Club, (810) 335-4039.

Erika Anden is the daughter of Margareta and Sven Anden, who have lived in Birmingham for 25 years.

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**BACKSEAT DRIVER**  
Featuring former members of The Bucket. 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 485-5050

**BACKSEAT JOYRIDE**  
9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

**BAKED POTATO**  
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (funk) (313) 996-8555

**BARNSTORMER**  
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 7, High Kicker Saloon, 593 W. Kennett, Pontiac. (country) (810) 334-5550

**GEORGE BEDARD AND THE KINGPINS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 642-9400

**BIG DAVE AND THE ULTRASONICS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$5. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

**BLONDE REDHEAD**  
With Getaway Cruiser, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

**BLUE CAT**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

**BLUE EYED SOUL**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 541-9870

**BLUE HAWAIIANS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

**BLUE ROSE**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Lakepointe Yacht Club, 37604 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia. (blues) (313) 591-1868

**BLUE SUIT**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

**THE BOOGIEMEN**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

**BOTFLY**  
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**BROADZILLA**  
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**LONNIE BROOKS**  
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**SONNY BURGESS**  
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**BUTTERFLY**  
With Immigrant Suns, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (eclectic) (313) 996-8555

**QENA CARTER**  
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Diamonds and Spurs, 25 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (country) (810) 334-4409

**CHARM FARM**  
With Getaway Cruiser, 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (pop/alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

**CHAVEZ**  
With Gondolier, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

**CITY HEAT**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

**PAULA COLE**  
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**DATA CADET**  
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**DEEP PURPLE**  
With Danzig, The Hazies and The Hunger on the main stage, and Gravity Hills, Helmet and Corrosion of Conformity on the second stage, 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. \$15 reserved and general admission floor; \$10 general admission. (rock) (810) 377-0100

**DEPTONES**  
With Orange 9 mm and Downset, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (hard alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT



Children's classic: *Wilbur the Pig* (Sandy Ryder) gets a buttermilk bath in preparation for a visit to the fair, with the help of farmer Homer Zuckerman (Bob Starko, left) and farmhand Lurvy (Jeff Duncan) in "Charlotte's Web," presented in collaboration with Wild Swan Theater of Ann Arbor, at the Anderson Center Theatre in Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. Curtain 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Jan. 4; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 8, 15, 29; and Thursday & Friday, Jan. 2-3. Tickets \$6 per person; additional charge for admission to Henry Ford Museum. Call (313) 271-1620, ext. 383.

**THE DETERENTS**  
With Dryer and Tugboat Annie, 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$4. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

**JOHN DOE**  
Formerly of X, with Scud Mountain Boys, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$9 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock/country-tinged rock) (810) 335-8100

**THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (810) 644-4800

**PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS**  
9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Main Street Billiards, 215 S. Main St., Rochester. (blues) (810) 652-8441

**GANGSTER FUN**  
10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. Cover charge. 19 and older. (ska) (313) 485-5050

**STEVE GORNALL**  
Joe Cocker's guitarist and former local resident, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Sisko's on the Boulevard, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. \$10. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 278-5340

**HARM'S WAY**  
9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$5. 19 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 996-8555

**JOHN HIATT**  
With Steve Earle and The Dukes, Keb Mo and Paula Cole as part of the "All Wrapped Up" tour, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Canceled. (singer/song-writer, blues) (313) 961-5451

**AL HILL AND THE LOVE BUTLERS**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Stan's Dugout, 3350 Auburn Road, Auburn Hills. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 412-1040

**LONG JOHN HUNTER**  
10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Fifth Avenue Billiards, 215 W. Fifth Ave., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 542-9922

**JOHNNY "YARD DOG" JONES**  
Performs as part of a CD release party for Chicago's Earwig Records, with Detroit Jr. and The Hastings Street Blues Band, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older. (blues) (313) 581-3650

**KAS SERENITY**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917

**MICHAEL KATON**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110

**JOHN D. LAMB**  
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, The Rock, 112 E. Third St., Royal Oak. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River, Novi. Free. 21 and older. (singer/songwriter) (810) 542-7625/(810) 349-9110

**MADCAT AND KANE**  
8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (810) 349-9421

**MAGIC DIRT**  
With Yatsura and Handsome featuring former Heimel guitarist Peter Mengede, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$6 in advance. All ages. (alternative rock) (313) 961-MELT

**MAN ... OR ASTRO-MAN?**  
With Cash Money and The Delta 72, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Mill Street Entry below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. ("intergalactic surf rock") (810) 333-2362

**DAVE MATTHEWS BAND**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Savage Hall, University of Toledo, Toledo. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (funky alter-napop) (810) 645-6666

**JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 855-3110/(810) 543-0917

**SARAH MCLACHLAN**  
With Barenaked Ladies, Dishwalla and Duncan Sheik as part of "96.3 Holiday Hootenanny," 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. Sold out. (810) 377-0100

**THE MISSION**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Wagon Wheel, 102 S. Broadway, Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, New Detroit Bar, 655 Beaubien (at Fort Street), Detroit's Greektown. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(810) 693-6789/(313) 963-3355

**MUDPUFFY**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Moby Dick's, 5452 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. Cover charge. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10-Wednesday, Dec. 11, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (blues) (313) 581-3650/(810) 644-4800

**"MOJO NIXON'S HORN HOLIDAYS TOUR"**  
With Backsliders, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$7 in advance. 18 and older. (alternative rock) (810) 544-3030

**PURE**  
With Catherine, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$9 in advance. All ages. (alternative pop) (313) 961-MELT

**RED HOUSE PAINTERS**  
With His Name Is Alive, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Magic Stick inside the Majestic complex, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (acoustic pop/ethereal pop) (313) 833-POOL

**MIKE RIDLEY**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Old Woodward Grill, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Cover charge. 21 and older. (variety) (810) 642-9400

**RIGHTOUS WILLIE**  
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (rock) (810) 543-0917

**KENNY ROGERS "THE GIFT OF CHRIST"**

**MAS\***  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$15-\$30. (313) 983-6611/(810) 433-1515

**THE SCHUARS**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. Cover charge. 21 and older. (alternative rock) (313) 875-6555

**SEBADOH**  
With Pluto, Mazy Star, Face to Face, Goldfinger and Bloodhound Gang, as part of the 89X Christmas concert, 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$8.90 in advance; \$10 at the door. (ethereal pop/alternative rock/punk/ska) (313) 961-5451

**STONE TEMPLE PILOTS**  
With Local H, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (1-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. \$25 general admission floor and reserved. (rock) (810) 377-0100

**SUN MESSENGERS**  
8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (R&B) (810) 543-0917

**KOKO TAYLOR**  
9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Cover charge. All ages. (blues) (313) 487-3045

**TEXAS FLOOD**  
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Walsh's on the Border, 20116 W. Warren, Detroit. 21 and older; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Bullfrog Lounge, 15414 Telegraph Road (at Five Mile Road), Redford. 21 and older. (rock) (313) 441-6190/(313) 533-4477

**TWISTIN' TARANTULAS**  
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Mill Street Lounge below Clutch Cargo's, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (rockabilly) (810) 333-2362

**STEVE VAI**  
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$15 in advance. All ages. (rock) (313) 961-MELT

**JAMES WAILIN**  
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Memphis Smoke, 6480 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Free. 21 and older. (blues) (810) 543-0917/(810) 855-3110

## CLUB NIGHTS

**BIRD OF PARADISE**  
Acid jazz night with DJ Bubblicious, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tuesdays at the club, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$3. 21 and older. (313) 662-8310

**CROSS STREET STATION**  
Ska and world beat, 9 p.m. Sundays. Cover charge. 18 and older; Retro dance party, 9 p.m. Tuesdays. \$3. 21 and older. Cross Street Station, 511 W. Cross St., Ypsilanti. (313) 485-5050

**FAMILY FUNKTION**  
"Uptown Remix," acid jazz, hip-hop, funk and soul dance mix with local and national guest DJs, 9 p.m. Fridays, Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave.,

Ferndale. \$5. 18 and older; "Family Funktion" night, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older; (313) 832-2355/(810) 544-3030 (acid jazz/funk)

**MOTOR LOUNGE**  
"Blue Mondays" with Johnny "Yard Dog" Jones and Bobby Murray with a special guest blues artist weekly; Darren Revell hosts "Big Sonic Heaven," Tuesdays; "Pearl Harbor Club" featuring "volcanic drinks" and the "seedy side of the Swing era" with hosts Jeff King and Perry Lavoisne; Band leader Dan Haddad and "The Motor Powertrain" Thursdays with live jazz; Fridays and Saturdays, dancing with DJ St. Andy, at the lounge, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 369-0090

**ST. ANDREW'S HALL/THE SHELTER**  
10 p.m. Wednesdays "The Incinerator," alternative rock in the Shelter, \$6, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Fridays "Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop, alternative rock, and techno/house, \$3 before 11 p.m.; \$5 after, 18 and older; 10 p.m. Saturdays "Soul Picnic" with funk, hip hop and soul in the Shelter, \$3, 18 and older. 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT

**3-D**  
"Prophecy," techno/alternative dance night, 9 p.m. Fridays; alternative dance, free before 10:30 p.m. Saturdays; Video appreciation night 8 p.m. Tuesdays, free before 9 p.m.; "Noir Leather Presents Sin," a night of fetish and fantasy with demonic music by Aeshma Daeava, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, free before 10:30 p.m., at the club, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. Cover charge. 21 and older. (810) 589-3344

## RECEPTIONS

**FIRST THURSDAY**  
Today is the "First Thursday" of the month. The North Woodward and Townsend Street art galleries in Birmingham will have extended hours tonight. Call the individual galleries for more information.

**HOLIDAY TEA LUNCHEON**  
Luncheon and tea catered by Pampered by Polly and True Confections 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Quilt display, storyteller program, door prizes featured. Seating limited; tickets are \$20 and must be bought in advance. Call (810) 656-4663

**MOORE'S GALLERY INC.**  
The new gallery at 304 Hamilton Row, Birmingham, has an open house featuring light refreshments and traditional African drumming 4-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; (810) 647-4662.

**A.C.T. GALLERY**  
The gallery at 29 E. Grand River, Detroit, presents its annual Holiday Show, a cash and carry exhibit, through Jan. 3; (313) 961-4336. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**THE ANDERSON GALLERY**  
The Anderson Gallery and The Wetsman Collection present A Holiday Gift Bazaar, (featuring jewelry, wearables and collectibles, to Jan. 31 at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 335-4611. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**GALLERY: FUNCTIONART**  
"Home for the Holidays" runs through the holiday season at 21 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, featuring functional accessories including ornaments, menorahs, jewelry, vases and stemware; (810) 333-0333. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Teresa Young and Marianne Spottswood are featured jewelry artists this month.

**HABATAT GALLERIES**  
An exhibit of work by Daniel Clayman, and a special show highlighting the work of 10 Japanese artists, to Dec. 31 at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 333-2060. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY**  
Holiday Gift Exhibit through Dec. 28 at 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 334-6716. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**REVOLUTION: A GALLERY PROJECT**  
A ceramic exhibit by John Stephenson, and "Uneation," a show of works by Robert Adams, Jim Chatelein, Brenda Goodman, Jim Melchert and Buzz Spector, to Jan. 11 at 23257 Woodward, Ferndale; (810) 541-3444. Talk by Stephenson 5:30 p.m., reception for the artists 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7.

**SHAWQUIDO GALLERY**  
Two ceramic exhibits; "Arnold Zimmerman: Small Works" and a group show, "Integration," by Simona Alexandrov, Adelaide Paul and Bonnie Seeman, through Jan. 23 at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 333-1070. Opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**THE SYBARIS GALLERY**  
Baskets by Mary Giles and translucent wall sculpture by Carrie Seld through Jan. 11 at 202 E. Third, Royal Oak; (810) 544-3388. Opening reception to meet the artists 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Also: jewelry for the holidays.

**UZELAC GALLERY**  
Group exhibit, featuring works by Kate Helkunen, William Szaro, Charles Uzelac and Emanuel Vardi, with a special installation by Eun Young Koo Lee, at 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac; (810) 332-5257. Opening reception for the artists 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

**XHEDOS CAFE**  
"What You Might Find," photograph exhibit by an international artist collective; through Jan. 15 at 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale; (810) 645-7527. Opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

**THE ART GALLERY**  
Noted painter Dolores Demers Kurily is featured artist for November in the gallery at Great Oaks Mall, Walton and Livernois, Rochester Hills; (810) 651-1579. Reception to meet the artist 3-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.

## EXHIBITS

**FARMINGTON HILLS ACTIVITY CENTER**  
The 21st annual Farmington Area Community Women's arts and crafts show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the center on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Road (use Gate 4, Door A), features 100 crafters, a bake shop, a concession stand and a candy store. Bring two canned or boxed food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank and receive a free raffle ticket for donated craft items and a savings bond from Metrobank. Admission \$1, all proceeds to local charities. Call (810) 476-9074.

**MESA ARTS**  
Jewelry trunk show of the Peyote Bird Collection 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 32800 Franklin Road, Franklin; (810) 851-9949.

**NATIVE WEST**  
Native West presents its seventh annual art and jewelry festival 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth; (313) 455-8838. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5. Artist Mark Silversmith in person and a truck load of sterling silver and turquoise jewelry featured.

**OCC POTTERS MARKET**  
Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus presents its 21st annual show of clay pottery, jewelry, sculpture, ornaments, wall art, tiles and decorative items such as birdhouses 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the United Food and Commercial Workers' Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, two blocks south of 13 Mile between Stephenson Highway and John R in Madison Heights. Free admission. Benefit pre-venue and advance sale to support student technology purchases for OCC's Royal Oak and Southfield campuses 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5; tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Call (810) 544-4974.

**TOWN CENTER GALLERY**  
Nationally known artist Peggy Reimel Abrams features her handcolored Victorian Santas, including many of her other prints and originals, at the gallery's Holiday Open House 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the Novi Town Center at 43267 Crescent Blvd., south of I-696 and east off Novi Road; (810) 380-0470.

**WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
The Winter Magic Arts and Crafts Show, with works by 75 juried artisans, food, WCC jazz combo music and hourly door prize drawings, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; (313) 971-7424. Admission \$2, free for children under 10. Take US-23 to Ypsilanti Exit 37A. Go east on Washtenaw Avenue, to north on Golfside. The show is at the Morris Lawrence Building, parking lot F.

**ART & CALLIGRAPHY STUDIO**  
Holiday boutique and open house with refreshments and visiting artists displaying their wares 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, 8156 Cooley Lake Road in the Village Square Plaza, between Union Lake and Williams Lake roads, White Lake; (810) 360-6429.

## PROGRAMS

**CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM**  
1992 Cranbrook Art Academy graduate Erika Ayala Stefanutti, one of the featured artists in "Signals: Late 20th Century American Jewelry," discusses her most recent work 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills; (810) 645-3323.

**NEEDLEWORK AND TEXTILE GUILD**  
"Whistlestop," lecture and workshop, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham; (810) 642-9772 or (810) 689-4478.

**ANN ARBOR ART CENTER**  
ArtVentures, the drop-in art activity center at 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor, offers free, hands-on, educational art project Sunday, Dec. 8. Call (313) 994-8004.

**ART DAY**  
Discover and explore the visual arts in Ann Arbor and other locations at the fifth annual Art Day noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 7-8. More than 70 artists at 30 locations and 10 special events featured. Call the Washtenaw Council for the Arts, (313) 484-4882.

**TOUCH OF LIGHT**  
Holiday Glass Show to Dec. 24 at 23428 Woodward, Ferndale; (810) 543-1888. Glassblowing demonstrations 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

**U OF M MUSEUM OF ART**  
"Venice, Traditions Transformed" to Jan. 12 at 525 S. State, Ann Arbor; (313) 764-0395. Docent-led tour 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

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**GEM THEATRE**  
 "The All Night Strut! Holiday Show," through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 58 E. Columbia (across the street from the State and Fox theaters), Detroit. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays (\$23), 7:30 p.m. Thursdays (\$23), 7:30 p.m. Fridays (\$28), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays (\$28), and 2 p.m. Sundays (\$23) and 6 p.m. Sundays (\$19). Group discounts available. New Year's Eve performances: 7 p.m. \$45; and 10 p.m. \$60 includes a champagne toast and dancing afterward. (313) 963-9800

**MASONIC TEMPLE**  
 "Phantom of the Opera," through Jan. 7, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday evenings; 7:30 p.m. Sunday evenings; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees. \$20-\$65. (313) 832-2232/(313) 871-1132

**MEADOW BROOK THEATER**  
 "A Christmas Carol," through Sunday, Dec. 29, at the theater, Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$19-\$29.50. 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21; 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22; 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28; and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 29. (810) 377-0100

**PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY**  
 "Apartment 3A," by Jeff Daniels, through Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Garage Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, and additional matinee performances at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, and Saturday, Dec. 21. \$15-\$20. (313) 475-7902

## COLLEGE

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY THEATRE**  
 "The Play Called Noah's Flood," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, EMU's Quirk Theater, Ypsilanti. \$12 Fridays and Saturdays; \$10 matinees; \$5 for children. (313) 487-1221

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY THEATRE COMPANY**  
 "Below the Belt," through Sunday, Dec. 8, Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theatre, University of Detroit-Mercy campus, Six Mile and Livernois roads, Detroit. Performances 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, with Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. \$10; \$8 students, seniors, UDM employees, alumni; Free, UDM students free with ID. Thursday and Sunday performances only when available at the theater. (313) 993-1130

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND DRAMA**  
 "Sherlock Holmes," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Power Center, 121 Fletcher, Ann Arbor. \$18, \$14 reserved seating; \$7 students with ID. (313) 764-0450

## COMMUNITY THEATRE

**AVON PLAYHOUSE**  
 "Forever Christmas III - Home for the Holidays," Saturday, Dec. 7-Sunday, Dec. 8, Friday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 15, Thursday, Dec. 19-Saturday, Dec. 21, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road (at Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays. \$11 adults; with discounts for students, seniors, and groups. (810) 608-9077

**DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE**  
 "The Stillborn Lover," through Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodward Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$14. (313) 868-1347

**HILBERRY THEATRE**  
 "Tartuffe" by Moliere, through Thursday, Feb. 1, at the theater, Wayne State University campus, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. It runs in rotating repertory with Shakespeare's "A Taming of the Shrew" (which closes Dec. 14), and Alan Ayckbourn's "Time of My Life" (Jan. 20-March 1). Performance days and times are 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. \$9.50-\$16.50. (313) 577-2972

**JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE**  
 "Family Secrets," Wednesday, Dec. 11-Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, and Sundays; 8 p.m. Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays; 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. \$10-\$23 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. Special New Year's Eve shows 7 p.m. (\$35 including hors d'oeuvres

and champagne), and 10 p.m. (\$50 including hors d'oeuvres, champagne and breakfast). (810) 788-2900

**SRO PRODUCTIONS**  
 "Love Letters," Friday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 8, and Friday, Dec. 13-Sunday, Dec. 15, The Burgh, Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, Southfield. \$7 seniors and children; \$8 general admission. (810) 354-9362

## YOUTH

**HFCC'S PERFORMING ARTS**  
 "Pinochio," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Adray Auditorium of the MacKenzie Fine Arts Center at Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. \$6 children 12 and younger; \$7 faculty, staff and students; \$8 adults. (313) 845-9900

**MARQUIS THEATRE**  
 "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," through Monday, Jan. 27, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. \$6.50. Recommended for children older than 3 1/2 years old. Showtimes: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Jan. 4, 11, 18, and 25; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29; Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 26-27 and 30-31, and Jan. 2-3. (810) 349-8110

**THE NOVI THEATRES' CHILDREN'S ANNEX**  
 "The Nutcracker," a two-act play, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The Novi Theatre, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, adults; \$6 in advance, \$7 for seniors, children, younger than 12. (810) 348-6126

**PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**  
 "Alice in Wonderland," Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 22, Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Saturdays, lunch begins at noon with the show at 1 p.m.; Sundays, lunch at 1 p.m. and show at 2 p.m. \$7 includes lunch. Group rates for 20 or more people. 50 cent discount for anyone who brings in a new or in-good-condition children's book for Focus Hope. (810) 662-8118

**YOUTH THEATRE**  
 "Cinderella," as part of the Youth Theatre's "Wiggle Club" season for children aged 3-6, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. (313) 963-7663

**WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS**  
 Presents a 50-minute production featuring vignettes from "The Shoemaker and the Elves" by the Brothers Grimm, "A Merry Christmas" from "Little Women," and "Little Cosette and Father Christmas" from "Les Miserables," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7-Sunday, Dec. 8, at a new location, East Middle School, 1042 S. Mill, Plymouth. \$4. (313) 416-4ART

**WILD SWAN THEATRE**  
 "Charlotte's Web," 2:30 p.m. Dec. 7-8, 14-15, 21, 27-29, and Jan. 2-4, and 11:30 a.m. Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Jan. 4, at the Anderson Center Theater at Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard (at Village Road), Dearborn. \$6; additional charge for admission to the museum. (313) 271-1620, ext. 383

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**STOMP**  
 Eight-member percussion group performs through Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Fisher Theatre, Fisher Building, Detroit. 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. \$22.50-\$35. (313) 872-1000

**FAMILY EVENTS**  
**CHRISTMAS READINGS**  
 Phil Jerome, executive editor of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' sister newspaper Hometown Newspapers, with staff writers Carol Workens and Robert Jackson, read Christmas stories, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Brickscape Christmas Store, 21141 Old Novi Road (north of Eight Mile Road, east of Novi Road), Northville. (810) 348-2500

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERT**  
 "It's a Cowboy Dave Christmas: The Great Reindeer Round-Up," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$7-\$27. (313) 833-3700

**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BAND AND ORCHESTRA**  
 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Pease Auditorium, West Forest at College Place, Eastern Michigan University, Free. (313) 487-2255

**FRANKLIN VILLAGE HOLLY DAY**  
 Featuring ice sculptures, performance by The Merry Munchkins; Hanukkah dreidel game, visit from Santa, carolers, horse-drawn carriage tours, fire station open house, complimentary refreshments, village-wide lighting contest, Menorah lighting, Salvation Army Band, and a "Light Up A Life" sweater drive, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, throughout Franklin Village. (810) 626-6589

**NOEL NIGHT**  
 Featuring carols, art, Santa, culture and carriage rides, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the University Cultural Center, Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-5088

**THE SPOON MAN**  
 Jimmy Krews, "The Spoon Man," performs original comedy with audience interaction, as part of the Kids Koncert series, 1:30-2:15 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7,

room 115 of the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. \$3.25; \$2.50 for groups of 10 or more. (810) 424-9039

**LIGHT SHOWS**

**DETROIT ZOO**  
 "Wild Lights" walking tour features more than 50 animal creations, 5:30-8 p.m. through Monday, Dec. 30 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas day), at the zoo, Ten Mile Road and Woodward Avenue (at I-696), Royal Oak. \$3 adults; \$1.50 for children; free for children younger than 2. Detroit Zoological Society members, \$2 adults; \$1 children. Parking is free. (810) 541-5835

**DOMINO'S FARMS**  
 "Christmas Light Display," 15-minute drive-through display with more than 900,000 lights, 6-10 p.m. daily through Dec. 31, at the complex, Earhart Road, off Plymouth Road about 1/2 mile east of US-23. \$5 donation weekdays; \$7 Fridays-Sundays. (313) 668-1800.

**CLASSICAL**  
**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 "The Nutcracker" ballet, with conductor Felix Resnick and artistic director Mary C. Geiger, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7-Sunday, Dec. 8, West Bloomfield High School Auditorium, 4925 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. \$15 for adults; \$12 students. (810) 845-8850

**BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND**  
 With The Oakland Singers Encore, an honors singing group of Oakland County high school students, perform a holiday concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Sanctuary of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple (at Chesterfield), Birmingham. Free but donations to the band's scholarship fund are appreciated. (810) 644-4010

**CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT**  
 Pianist Awadagin Pratt, 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Orchestra Hall, 3177 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$5-\$35. (313) 833-3700

**CHAMBERWORKS**  
 Perform "Those Fabulous Lachner Boys," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Belian Art Center, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy. (810) 952-8207

**CRANBROOK MUSIC GUILD**  
 The Madrigal Chorus of Southfield will present their Chamber Ensemble 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Cranbrook House, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (810) 751-2435.

**COLLEGIUM CONCERT**  
 Featuring choral and instrumental music, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Holy Trinity Student Chapel, 511 W. Forest, Ypsilanti. Free. (313) 487-2255

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 "A Baroque Holiday Concert," with Conductor and violinist Iona Brown, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Friday, Dec. 6, and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$16-\$58. (313) 833-3700

**GREAT LINES QUARTET**  
 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, as part of the Fair Lane Music Guild, Henry Ford Estate, University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn. (313) 593-5590

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH**  
 With the UMS Choral Union and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$8-\$16. (800) 221-1229

**LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE**  
 "An Old-Fashioned Christmas," with guest organist David Wagner of classic radio station WQRS, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, St. Paul on the Lake Church, Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe. \$18 adults; \$15 students age 17-21 and seniors 60 and older; \$5 children 16 and younger. (810) 357-1111

**JULIANNE MARKAVITCH**  
 Classical pianist performs 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, University Lutheran Chapel, 1511 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 741-0754

**PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 "The Nutcracker Ballet," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14-Sunday, Dec. 15, Plymouth-Salem Auditorium, Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. \$15 adults; seniors and college students; \$8 children. (313) 451-2112

**RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOR**  
 "Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, East Jefferson on St. Antoine, Detroit. \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door. (313) 341-3466

**ROYAL OAK COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA**  
 "Holiday Notes" concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak. \$15 family; \$7 adults; \$5 students/seniors; in advance at Royal Music Center, 512 N. Main St., Royal Oak. (810) 548-4894

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BRASS ENSEMBLE RECITAL**  
 Featuring students Peter Witte, Deric Milligan, and Mitch Williams, performs music by Tomasi, Husa, Gabrieli, Copeland and Grieg, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, McIntosh Theatre, School of Music, Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS**  
 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, recital hall in School of Music, Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**  
 Featuring "Steve Reich's Drumming," 8

p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, McIntosh Theatre, School of Music, Moore Building, 1100 Baits Dr., University of Michigan north campus, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 With the University Philharmonia Orchestra, Chamber Choir and University Choir, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, Hill Auditorium, 825 N. University, Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

**POPS**  
**DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS**  
 "Holiday Brass," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road (Lone Pine Road and Cranbrook), Bloomfield Hills; 7:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, on Lakeshore Drive between Moross and Cadieux, Grosse Pointe Farms. \$20; \$16 students and seniors; \$10 children younger than 12. (810) 362-9329

**DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
 With Roberta Flack, Peabo Bryson, Aaron Neville, Melissa Manchester, and the Perfected Praise Choir with director Marvin Wynans of Perfecting Church, Detroit, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13-Saturday, Dec. 14, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$75. (313) 833-3700

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND**  
 With the jazz and concert bands, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Harrison High School, 29995 W. 12 Mile Road (between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads), Farmington Hills. (313) 261-2202/(810) 489-3412

**MONDAY NIGHT CABARET**  
 Featuring University of Michigan students, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, Kerrytown Concert House, Ann Arbor. (313) 796-2999

**LARRY NOZERO ORCHESTRA**  
 Performs and hosts ballroom dancing 7:10-10:30 p.m. Sundays, Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River, Farmington Hills. \$10. (810) 474-4800

**UPSTAGED PRODUCTIONS**  
 Sings showtunes, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Borders Books and Music, 5601 Mercury Dr., Dearborn. Free. (313) 271-4441

**AUDITIONS**  
**AVON PLAYERS**  
 Audition for "The Nerd," 6-10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, and 7-10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road (at Tienken Road, 1 1/4 miles east of Rochester Road), Rochester Hills. Script is available at the second floor information counter of the Rochester Public Library (not for check out). Performance dates are Jan. 24-26, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, and Feb. 6-8. (810) 841-8401

**NANCY GURWIN PRODUCTIONS**  
 Auditions for the musical "Annie" at the Jewish Community Center-West-Werch Play Structure and Novi Homebound Seniors Program. (810) 347-0400

**OAKLAND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA**  
 "Handel's Messiah," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University campus, Walton and Squirrel boulevards, Rochester. \$10; \$5 senior citizens and students. (810) 370-3013

**PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS**  
 "Christmas Celebration 1996," 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Friday, Dec. 6, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road (West of Sheldon), Plymouth Township. \$8 tickets available at Sideways Gift Shop, 505 Forest (313) 453-8312; Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (313) 455-4677; The Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville (810) 349-1700; and at the door. (313) 455-4080/(313) 425-1208

**ROYAL OAK FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 All ten choirs present "Feast of Carols," 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the church, 320 W. Seventh St., Royal Oak. Concert raises funds for the church's youth and their outreach. (810) 541-4100

**SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHORALE**  
 "Voyeur Tapestry," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St. (at Main Street), Plymouth. \$4. (313) 462-4448

**TUESDAY MUSICALS OF PONTIAC**  
 Featuring the Women's Chorus and the Adele Thomas Handbell Choir, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, sanctuary of the Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford. Free. (810) 673-6568

**JAZZ**  
**EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY JAZZ AND PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES**  
 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, Pease Auditorium, West Forest at College Place, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Free. (313) 487-2255

**KIMMIE HORNE**  
 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, and Thursday, Dec. 12, Fox and Hounds, 1530 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. (810) 644-4800

**JOHNNY O'NEAL TRIO**  
 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Saturday, Dec. 7, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley, Ann Arbor. \$7. (313) 662-8310

**"SO MANY STARS"**  
 Jazz players James Carter, Cyrus Chestnut, Christian McBride and Cyro Baptista join opera queen Kathleen Battle for an evening of music by Duke Ellington, favorite spirituals, and a selection of lullabies and love songs from Battle's CD "So Many Stars," 8

p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. \$18-\$46. (800) 221-1229

**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CREATIVE ARTS ORCHESTRA**  
 Returns from east coast tour that included New York's Knitting Factory with Gregg Bendian, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, Rackham Auditorium, Rackham Building, University of Michigan, 915 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. (313) 764-0594

**TOTY VIOLA'S JAZZ KICK**  
 8 p.m.-midnight Sunday, Dec. 8, Gregh Baraboo's Brewing Co., 35905 Utica Road (at Moravian), Utica. Free. (810) 79-BREWS

**ALEXANDER ZONIC AND FRIENDS**  
 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Murdoch's, 2086 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550

**WORLD MUSIC**  
**BLACK MARKET**  
 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (reggae) (810) 543-0917

**CATKIN**  
 Featuring Kitty Donohoe, Neil Woodward and Wanda Degen, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**CHUCK MITCHELL**  
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**"A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"**  
 With music by the Natale Family Trio including guitarist Domenico Bono and accordionist Enrico Lupo, The Special Performing Arts group, the Italian Study Group of Troy's chorus, and children's folk dancing class, and a visit by Santa Claus 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, Club Venetian, 29310 John R, Madison Heights. \$25 adults; \$12.50 children ages 6-12, includes minestrone soup, tagliatelle, chicken breast piccante, veal tenderloin, rosemary potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, ice cream, coffee, beer and wine. Tickets must be purchased in advance. (810) 585-5246/(810) 588-4425

**THE BIZER BROTHERS**  
 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6-Saturday, Dec. 7, Brady's, 38123 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (810) 478-7780

**BOILED IN LEAD**  
 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. \$10 in advance. 18 and older. (810) 335-8100

**LEAH JACOBS**  
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**CHUCK MITCHELL**  
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**JAMES MEE**  
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**CHUCK MITCHELL**  
 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, The Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe, 145 N. Center St., Northville. \$10. All ages. (810) 349-9421

**TOM PAXTON**  
 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. \$12.50. (313) 761-1451

**DANCE**  
**MIDWEST DANCE THEATRE**  
 "The Nutcracker Ballet," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, South Lyon High School, South Lyon, \$8 adults; \$5 students and seniors; and 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Mercy High School, 29300 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. \$12 adults; \$9 students and seniors. (810) 486-1962

**OAKLAND FESTIVAL BALLET**  
 Performs "The Nutcracker" with the Warren Symphony Orchestra, 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5-Friday, Dec. 6, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Township. \$17; \$14 children younger than 12, and senior citizens; \$13 main floor or \$12 balcony for groups of 20 or more. (810) 286-2222

**COMEDY**  
**BANANA'S COMEDY CLUB**  
 The Gaylords Christmas show, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in Red Timbers restaurant, 40380 Grand River, Novi. \$22. (313) 303 724-1300

**JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB**  
 "Left of Center" improv troupe hosts open mic night 9 p.m. Wednesday, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. (

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

LET'S TALK

SWF, 30, 5'7", blonde/blue, Catholic, physically fit, enjoys working out, boating, skiing, fishing, cooking. Seeking SWM, 28-36, athletic, financially secure, enjoys good conversation, for friendship first. #7442(exp12)

BEAUTIFUL EYES

SWF, 29, full-figured, loves boating, camping and quiet evenings. Seeking SWM, 28-36, who's affectionate, spontaneous and has sense of humor. #7441(exp12)

WAITING FOR YOU

DWF, late 40s, non-smoker, degraded, has been waiting for you! Her life if you're interested in the movie, "The Untouchables" starring Kevin Costner. I would love to hear from you. #7439(exp12)

NEW TO ME

DWF, tall, 50+, attractive, loves laughter and meaningful conversations. Seeking SWM, 40-55, for companionship, etc. I'm a singer, work some nights. #7438(exp12)

YOUNGER MAN WANTED

Never dated a man my age, don't want to start now. Very sexy, young-looking SWF, 50+, 5'10", blonde/blue, green, ready to rock-n-roll with attractive WM, 40ish, with thick hair. #7365(exp12)

TIRED OF MR. CLOSE ENOUGH

Tall, attractive SWF, 36, 5'10", HW, proportionate, brown/hazel, unmarried, yet to find right one. Enjoys racquetball, volleyball, tennis, dancing, movies, music, plays backgammon. Seeking SWM, 32-45, same interests, sense of humor. #7364(exp12)

CLASSY LADY: VELVET OR JEANS

Attractive SWF, 51, N.S., 5'7", from brunette/green, varied interests, enjoys outdoors, dancing, travel, theater. Seeking a man for friendship, romance, or serious relationship. #7362(exp12)

JUST RELOCATED

Attractive SWF, 45, much younger-looking, 5'5", 155lbs, very well-proportioned, considerate, caring, cute and easy to talk to, seeks happy guy. N.S., prefer big, strong guy. #7360(exp12)

ATTRACTIVE, OUTGOING SWF

49, 5'4", redhead, proportionate, financially secure, professional, seeks same in SM, enjoys outdoors, dancing, dining, movies, quiet evenings. #7355(exp12)

LOOKING FOR...

SBM, 38-45, 6'3", fun, humorous, loves people, seeks understanding, considerate, kind, caring, professional, single, mature, for friendship. Must love children. Serious replies only. #7428(exp12)

ANIMATE ME

SWF, 37, 165lbs, bubbly, glasses, smoker, seeks SWM counterpart, under 41, who can relate to "Push" lyrics and Amy Rand laughs and learns by his mistakes. #7427(exp12)

ATTN: CLASSY GENT

A classy lady awaits your reply. She's slender, tall, pretty, affectionate, intelligent and a young-looking smoker. Call if you're intelligent, tall, over 50, romantic. #7426(exp12)

ALL WORK? TIME TO PLAY!

SWF, 22, professionally employed and working too many hours, seeks SBM, 21-30, to go out after work and help me relax. #7421(exp12)

VEGETARIAN WITH BRAINS

Preferred: Vivacious, intelligent, white female, single, 47, slender, compassionate, active, loves: moonlight, beaches, laughter, conversation, blues, art, lectures. Seeks playful, gentle, spiritual, non-prejudice, N.S., politically left, quizzical SWM, 34-59. #7420(exp12)

FUN-LOVING REDHEAD

Seeking SWPM, 28-38, 5'9", prefer blonds, should be athletic, quick-witted, intelligent, fun-loving, and humorous SWF, 5'6", athletic girl, promises great conversation and lots of fun. #7432(exp12)

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Passionate, European-born SWF, very active, young 50, alone too long. Seeking tall, honest, available, intelligent gentleman, with a lust for living, to enjoy life's pleasures with. #7012(exp12/26)

I AM YOUR LADY

Good things come to those who wait. Don't let his slip through your fingers. DWF, 50, life affirming, independent, and sassy. Seeking SWM, 50-70, for companionship. #7228(exp12/26)

ZEST FOR LIFE!

Attractive, energetic DWF, 38, 5'7", brown/blue, fit, loves golf, biking, skiing, sports, dining, dancing. Seeking tall, handsome, successful man, with zest for life. Honest, passionate, and romantic. #7109(exp12/26)

HI, WHERE ARE YOU?

I've been looking for you! Me: widowed WF, 58, 5'2", blonde/blue, N.S., social drinker, I like myself and think you will, too. You: 55-63, honest, caring, romantic, and single. Let's talk! #7108(exp12/26)

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Russian woman, 29, 5'5", 120lbs, new in US, seeks good, American man with strong family values. Believes in pleasing husband and family before career. #7102(exp12/26)

TAKE A CHANCE...

I might be your dream come true! Redhead, realistic, down-to-earth DWF, 38, 5'11", HW, proportionate, bright, attractive, traditional, warm, cozy, enjoys home improvement, music, outdoors, animals, cooking. Seeking clean-cut SWPM, 38-45, 6'3", #7063(exp12/26)

LIVE WIRE

Classy lady, attractive, petite, down-to-earth lifestyle, caring, sharing. Enjoys conversation, museums, flea markets, day/weekend trips, dining, dancing, spectator sports. If you're similar, and want this superb relationship, respond. #7217(exp12/26)

EXTREMELY CUTE

Sexy, golden brown complexion! BF engineer, 25, 5'4", 128lbs, independent. Enjoys movies, replaces pillow fights. Seeking attractive, muscular, medium build SM of any race for lasting relationship. Serious replies only. #7213(exp12/26)

DO I HAVE YOUR RIB?

Widowed WF, young senior, seeks WM, 57+, N.D. Enjoy life, dancing, travel, camping, desires LTR with gentleman. #7205(exp12/26)

SHORT AND HONEST

DWF, 47, seeks SWM, 40-50, honest man. #7203(exp12/26)

HOME COOKED MEALS

SWF, 47, attractive, redhead, 5'2", curvy figure, in good shape, baby-gone, honest, sincere, affectionate, financially secure, no dependents. Seeking companion to share happy home life, good cooking, movies, dancing. N.S. preferred. 43-55. Pets welcome. #6751(exp12/19)

SMART AND SEXY

Attractive, optimistic SWF, 30s, N.S., never married, no dependents, well-educated, professional, slender, outgoing, intelligent, blonde/blue. Varied interests, world travel, music, dancing, sports, country club golf. Seeking educated, accomplished gentleman. #7212(exp12/26)

OLD-FASHIONED

Dated/never dated one, 29, very shy, looking for a nice, blue-eyed, 5'7", 110lbs, enjoys dancing, outdoors, winter activities, seeks caring, true gentleman. #7202(exp12/19)

ECLECTIC SLENDER ATTRACTIVE

Brunette, 5'7", enjoys tennis, golf, sailing, dancing, movies, etc. Seeking a gentleman, 50s-60s, 5'10"+, with varied interests. Let's start our friends. #7016(exp12/19)

EMPTY NEST

Attractive DWF, 38, 5'4", HW, proportionate, intelligent, seeks honest, compatible SWM, 38-45, HW, proportionate, for time dining, long walks, and meaningful conversation. #7052(exp12/19)

YOUTHFUL LOOKING

Attractive, 34, 5'4", 115lbs, blonde/green, mother of one, outgoing, enjoys dining out, movies, dancing, seeks honest, loyal, financially/emotionally secure man for companionship. #7051(exp12/19)

COUNTRY CLUB LADY

Ann Margaret look-alike, mid-40s, petite 5'2", great personality, big smile, enjoys everything outdoors, theater, dining out, golf. Seeking outgoing, active gentleman 50-60, N.S., financially/emotionally secure. #7053(exp12/19)

KNOCK, KNOCK!

Come out, come out wherever you are. Attractive, sensitive, intelligent, never boring DWF, 46, with varied interests, humorous, financially independent, ready to meet man. #7054(exp12/19)

SPECIAL LADY

Outgoing DWF, 45, medium build, fairly attractive, N.S., financially independent, loves children, family, outdoors, theater, dining out. Seeking outgoing SWM, 40-50, flexible, loving, caring, who also loves kids. #7009(exp12/19)

ENDLESS LOVE

Well-rounded, humorous SWF, 42, 5'7", brown/hazel, N.S., enjoys sports, jazz, club dancing, and theater. Seeking handsome, romantic, humorous, mature SWM, 38-52, 5'7"+, N.S., who can appreciate me, for possible marriage. #7003(exp12/19)

SEEKING COMPANION

DWF, mid-50s, 5'2", attractive, intelligent, well educated, enjoys reading, traveling, and theater. Seeking SWM, 40-60, N.S. to explore life's possibilities together. #6992(exp12/19)

HERPES?

Attractive, intelligent, slim DWF, young 40, Seeking SWM, 37-48, with children, values, intelligent, N.S., has herpes, for possible relationship. #6993(exp12/19)

SEEKING SPECIAL GUY

DF, attractive, 37, 5'6", 130lbs, bubbly/green, freckles, teenage daughter. Seeking attractive, honest, successful, guy. No games. #6994(exp12/19)

YOUNG GINGER ROGERS

SWF, 22, professionally employed, with interests ranging from country swing, ballroom dancing, to computers, billiards, and the theater. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is employed, gentleman, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first. #6849(exp12/12)

TRANSVALIENT

Mama detests a good man, love, respect. I am 38, petite, pretty, playful, intelligent, college educated, (rotten situation), needs dedicated investigator to help her. Sincerely worth it! Help her win her heart! #6848(exp12/12)

LOOKING FOR MY PRINCE

SWF, 22, 5'2", medium build, blonde/blue, college educated. Seeking SWM, 22-28, good sense of humor, honest, likes outdoors, N.S., friendship first. #6922(exp12/12)

TOP PIOR EQUAL

WPF, natural detective, desperately needs same to invest cleverness, time, skills into possible genuine relationship. If in a committed, interesting. Only sincere, willing to help, need respond. #6847(exp12/12)

SEEKING NON-PERFECT MAN

His wonderful idiosyncrasies make him one-of-a-kind. He has a terrific sense of humor, attitude all his own. He's a lover, intelligent, (great smile included) loathes boredom. He makes me think, not yawn. #6918(exp12/12)

ORIS FUN 4 U

DWF, 33, seeks WM, who hasn't forgotten what romance and creativity are! Loves to call, a night, museum, more. Most of all, loves to laugh! Call! #6916(exp12/12)

BET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC

Classy, tall, attractive, affectionate SWF, young 51. Seeking well-built, attractive and robust SWM, 50+, with loving, passionate nature, to share life. (I have a committed relationship. No games!) #6912(exp12/19)

LOVE ON INDIAN TRAILS!

White Dove still looking for Geronimo. Seeking a full-blooded Indian of any tribe. I am not petite. No prisoners please! #6911(exp12/12)

I'M OPEN, ARE YOU?

SWF, wholesome, All-American, outdoors with Masters degree, casual female. Seeking non-typical SWM, well-balanced, with feet on the ground, spiritually, physically, financially, good-looking, 6+, for friendship possible relationship. #6908(exp12/12)

BROWN-EYED GIRL

Attractive, intelligent SWF, 31, enjoys dancing, romance, movies, hockey, working out, searching for a hard-working, fun-loving and sincere gentleman who will make my heart smile. #6897(exp12/12)

SWEET FEELINGS

DWF, 47, 5'7", seeks tall, large-boned male who loves to smile, kiss, laugh. Kids are grown (or a most), we're employed, supposedly mature, now the fun begins! Let's share this adventure together. #6728(exp12/12)

HEARING WITH AIDS

DWF, early 50s, 5'4", 155lbs, N.S., employed, secure, honest and thoughtful. Likes fishing, travel, jazz, woodworking and nature. Seeking SWM with similar interests. Friends first. #6754(exp12/12)

CALLING ALL REDHEADS

WM, 38, physician, Irish Catholic, looking for true love. Seeking attractive, funny SWF, with good sense of humor. Need not be a redhead to apply. #6749(exp12/19)

FIRESIDE CUDDLER

Down-to-earth, romantic, feisty, fun-loving, widowed WF, 40, petite-medium build, blonde. Many interests. Seeking sincere, romantic, secure, attractive WM, for friendship possible marriage. #6608(exp12/12)

PRETTY PROFESSIONAL

33, 5'7", slim, long dark blonde hair, kind-hearted, lively, good sense of humor. Seeking sincere SWM, 30s, N.S., with similar interests to share my hopes and dreams. #6725(exp12/19)

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SWF, 36, sub-brown, with much to offer, many interests, seeks large, real SWM, 35-48, with good morals, values, employment. Hoping to share my life together. #6722(exp12/19)

HAPPINESS...

could be achieved by getting a caring DWF, 44, 5'2", red/green, medium build, who loves dining, dancing, golf, movies, outdoors, family, romance. Want to meet an honest, caring man, with similar interests, maybe you? #6713(exp12/20)

SENSUOUS LADY

Looking to warm up your winter nights. I'm sophisticated, exciting, 50/50 teacher/investor, 5'6", shapely, seeks her match, 45-55. Come and light up my life. #6704(exp12/19)

INTELLIGENT & ENERGETIC

Strawberry blonde, 5'7", physically fit, professional, travel for business, adventurous, ready to meet man, 40-60, with sense of humor and playful side. Football fanatic, ok, no couch potatoes please. #6702(exp12/19)

SINCERE

SWF, 40, 5'5", N.S., honest, sincere, down-to-earth, likes movies, dining out, attending local events, seeks sincere, financially and emotionally secure, N.S. SWM, 40-48, 5'6"+, who is spending quality time with. #6697(exp12/19)

SEEKING SOULMATE

Classy, slim, petite, redhead, late 40s, brown eyes, loves bowling, dancing, boating, live theater, seeks male, 45+, who is ready to meet man, #7419(exp12/12)

WHERE'S "THE ONE"

DWF, 34, 5'7", 125lbs, N.S./fun, affectionate, very nice, down-to-earth, one child. Seeking eventual LTR, with a gentleman, who is secure SWM, N.S., 34-48, #7411(exp12/12)

JEWISH KITCHEN BELLE

Roses are reddish, violets are bush, seeking a gentleman who is Jewish, non-competitive, and sweet/warm. Trn, SJF, 54, 5'7", blonde/blue, lets meat for burgers and for, destiny awaits us! #7407(exp12/12)

LOOKING FOR A KEEPER?

Attractive, intelligent, tall, full-figured SWF, 36, long brown/blue, nursing back injury, seeks gentle man to share time with, children welcome, no children. #7406(exp12/12)

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

Attractive SWF, 23, 4'11", 160lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, quiet evenings, skating, long walks, hockey and football. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is looking for a LTR. #7429(exp12/12)

BLACK MODEL TYPE

SBF, 5'11", 155lbs, available for honest and mature SWM, 40-55, N.S., DWF. Let's talk! #7014(exp12/19)

SHAPELY, SMART, SENSATIONAL

Slender, sweet, blonde beauty, with varied interests including: world travel, country club, golf, dancing, and all the finer things in life. Seeks companionship with handsome, fit gentleman, 48-60, with similar traits/interests. #7013(exp12/19)

ARE YOU SMILING? GOOD!

Then you're just the type who needs to read this ad! I'm a SWPF, 28, well-adjusted. Seeking SWM, who appreciates creativity, spontaneity, a warm smile. Let's enjoy thunderstorms, wild concerts, cozy nights together. #6914(exp12/12)

THERE'S MORE TO LOVE...

SWF, seeks gentleman 50+, 70 inches tall, with smart-but-personality and old-fashioned manners. Sophisticated and mature, not stuffy and old. Enjoys evenings out, quiet times at home. #6913(exp12/12)

DYNAMIC, BEAUTIFUL PHD

SWF, 5'8", Cultured, tennis/golf, skiing enthusiast. Mean apple pie. Theater addition. Dance lover. Seeking counterpart, 33-47, #6902(exp12/12)

SOMEONE GENUINE

DWM, 40, 5'6", 150lbs, brown/blue, handsome, affectionate, romantic, seeks an equally lovely, intelligent, and interesting female, 29-39, to share variety of interests, for a long-term, monogamous relationship. All's answered. #7418(exp12/12)

TIRED OF REJECTION...

by low-lites? Rather be rejected by a better class of person? Invariably curious, good-looking SWM, 39, would like to hear from you. #7412(exp12/12)

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE

Good-looking DWM, baby boomer, no dependents, one woman man, seeks slim, attractive WF, N.S., dependent-free, 30s-40s. #7064(exp12/26)

MOTORCYCLIST

SBPM, 53, 5'7", N.S., Drugs, seeks a D/WF, 47+, without under age children, who enjoys outdoors, traveling, enjoys working out, dining out, and is willing to attend motorcycle rallies. #7226(exp12/26)

SAVVY

Dapper, sharp, educated SBM seeks a sharp lady, 40-49, who enjoys jazz, chilled wine, movies, traveling. Seeking slim, attractive WF, 35-50, face unimportant. #7225(exp12/26)

GAMES? DON'T CALL!

Sincere, caring SWM, 49, average looking, humorous, quiet, 175lbs, 5'10", homeowner, smoker. Seeking slender, loving, loyal SWF, 35-42, #7224(exp12/26)

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME

SBM, 29, 6'2", 210lbs, no dependents, enjoys movies, sports, music, and dining out. Seeking SWF, 21-35, for dating and possible LTR. #7222(exp12/26)

GREAT GUY

I am tired of singles bars. I am healthy, good-looking and wish to meet an attractive woman, 30-40, for a fun relationship. #7221(exp12/26)

LOOKING FOR MRS. CLAU'S

Tall, good-looking SWM, 39, who enjoys concerts, Red Wings, movies and romantic dinners, seeks a pretty SWF to spend quality time and the holidays with. #7220(exp12/26)

MACARENA WITH ME

Good-looking SWM, 5'8", 155lbs, depressed, dignified, humorous, easygoing. Seeking slim, attractive SWF, 30-39, who enjoys Chinese food, movies, theater, musical events, concerts, and romance. #7219(exp12/12)

NEW TO AREA

Attractive SWM, 29, 5'9", 155lbs, degree, professionally employed, enjoys boating, sports and theater. Seeking slim, attractive WF, 35-50, for friendship and romance. #7218(exp12/26)

COMMITMENT OK

Loyal, affectionate, humorous DWM, 51, 5'11", 195lbs, healthy, N.S., D/WG, seeks to share love and life with SWF, with good personality, for friendship or more. #7216(exp12/26)

COMPANIONSHIP

SBPM, 35, 6'1", well-built, financially independent, financially stable, and sports. Seeking tall, educated female for companionship. Happy and outgoing. #7215(exp12/26)

EASYGOING BLUE-COLLAR

SWM, 41, 5'10", 200lbs, brown/green, attractive, clean-cut, N.S., social drinker, enjoys working out, dining out, outdoors and quiet nights at home. Seeking a LTR with woman of similar interests. #7210(exp12/26)

ERELONG EROS...

Ambitious, adorable SWPM, 26, 5'10", brown/blue, desires wealthy, intelligent SWF, for romance and adventure known only in myths. #7211(exp12/26)

DESPERATE PEOPLE...

aren't the only ones using the personals! Handsome, successful D/WPM, 38, 6'4", 195lbs, enjoys laughing, passion, monogamous relationship. Seeking physical/mental relationship, with beautiful, trim, intelligent SWF, ready to enjoy life. #7210(exp12/26)

DATE WITH DIGNITY

Mr. Excitement, 41, brown/hazel, good-looking, hiking, hammer, camping, bicycling, hiking, hamster, camping, bicycling, hiking, hamster, camping, bicycling, hiking, hamster, camping. #7208(exp12/26)

BEST FRIEND WANTED

SWM, 32, 5'9", 190bs, brown/brown, multiethnic, enjoys sports, roller-biking, hiking, hamster, camping, bicycling, hiking, hamster, camping. #7207(exp12/26)

NO GAMES

Easygoing, secure SWM, 32, 179bs, 6'5", blonde/green, loves the outdoors, seeks SWF, 28-35, who is honest and fun! #7227(exp12/26)

SOULMATE WANTED

**THEATER**

# 'Cavalier' joins wife in 'Nutcracker'

The Plymouth Symphony and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet company celebrate their sixth anniversary together performing the Christmas tradition, The Nutcracker Ballet, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 3 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday, Dec. 14, and 15, at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium at 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Dawnell Dryja and Mark Nash, husband and wife, courtesy of the Cincinnati Ballet will perform the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier, respectively. "Dawnell and Mark have been married for about a year," said Dawn Greene, Dawnell's mother and director of The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company. "They met while performing 'Dracula,' with the Dayton Ballet, where Dawnell played 'one of Dracula's three wives. Mark was Dracula.'" Greene added.

Dawnell said the chance to

perform "Nutcracker" with her husband was "great, a nice opportunity." Her husband added, "It's even better because we're dancing for her hometown."

The part of Clara will be performed by Lauren Christiansen of Canton. In addition, 45 other dancers from communities such as Detroit, Canton, Westland, Livonia, Clarkston, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Dearborn, Ann Arbor, and South Lyon. The Madrigal Choir from the high school will also perform.

The performances of The Nutcracker are being sponsored by Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs, Panasonic, Industrial Company of Plymouth. The Sunday, Dec. 15, performance is being sponsored by NBD, Private Banking and Investments, a new corporate sponsor for this season with the Plymouth Symphony. Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults

and senior citizens and \$8 for children K-12. For tickets or more information, call the Plymouth Symphony office at 451-2112.

Here are some more local performances of "The Nutcracker."

■ The Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Michigan Opera Theatre. At The Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. Eighteen performances, Dec. 5-22. Curtain times: 8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 7, 15 and 22; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20; and Saturdays, Dec. 8, 14, and 21. Tickets \$13-\$35, call the DSO box office (313) 833-3700, or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutteracker" at Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; 2 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 15. Tickets \$12 adults, (in advance); \$14 at the door; Senior citizens and students, \$9 (in advance); \$11 at the door; Children \$6. Call (313) 427-9103.

■ Children's Annex presents "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Novi Theatres, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets \$8 adults, \$7 senior citizens and children under 12. Call (810) 348-6126.

■ Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents the "Nutcracker" at Farmington High School, 3200 Shiaswassee, Farmington 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Tickets \$10 adults; \$7.50 children 13 and under, call (810) 473-9570.

Performance at the State Theater, Michigan Ave. (one block west of Wayne Road), Wayne 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets \$5 adults; \$3 children, call (313) 721-7400.



**Ballet:** Dawnell Dryja and Mark Nash, husband and wife, will perform the parts of the Sugar Plum Fairy and the Cavalier in the "Nutcracker" ballet.

# SRO's 'Love Letters' compelling

## DIA schedules workshop

"Love Letters", presented by the City of Southfield's Senior Arts League, runs until Dec. 15 with afternoon and night performances at The Burgh. Tickets cost \$7 for seniors and children, \$8 for general admission. Refreshments are included in the price of admission. Tickets may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, or the Southfield Adult Recreation Center, 24350 Civic Center Drive. The Burgh is located one block east of Telegraph, on the northwest corner of Civic Center Drive and Berg Road, (810) 827-0700.



**Romantic:** Janet Ginis in SRO Productions presentation of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters."

BY BOB WEIBEL  
SPECIAL WRITER

SRO's compelling production of "Love Letters" is at once familiar and unusual. Familiar in the sense that playwright A.R. Gurney once again deals with upper middle class WASP families. Unusual, because the form is a staged reading.

Two actors with minimal props, setting and costumes simply read snippets of letters they've written to each other over the years.

Sarab Kamoo (Melissa) and Dennis Broadhead (Andy) make a winsome couple. Though they never physically interact until the very end, we get a full picture of their relationship, as they recall bits and pieces of their lives. In voice and mannerisms,

they marvelously go from childhood to middle age. Melissa is inclined to live on the edge; Andy is the stable one. Like oil and water they coexist, never consummating their love — until it is too late.

It's a poignant story with comedy, sorrow and missed opportunities. In a more perfect world they would have grown up, married and lived happily ever after.

But Gurney reveals that the rainbow at the end of the yellow brick road isn't always obtainable.

Back in the old days — back in the land of Oz — back in a more perfect world, Melissa and Andy did the usual kid things. She wrote: "Will you be my valentine?" He responded, "Yes, unless I have to kiss you." We learn of their experiences at camp, dance

class and all the rest. Soon they're off to boarding schools, the college.

Andy has more success on the rowing team than getting to first base with Melissa. She treats him like a brother, and is getting a "reputation" with other guys.

She marries a man named Darwin, "He works on Wall Street, and believes in the survival of the fittest." They have children. They divorce. Andy inquires, "Is she thinking of second marriage?" She responds, "I did. I was. I'm not now." She dabbles in art, drinks too much, and dries out in alcohol rehabs.

Andy becomes a law professor at Harvard, marries, is elected to the U.S. Senate and is featured on "Sixty Minutes." At long last, they consummate their love, going at it, "Like two old WASP's at a Brooks Brothers sale." News reporters get wind of their affair. She needs him, but it is too late. His career comes first.

Director, Nancy Harrower, does a splendid job of direction and has double cast the show. Sarab Kamoo and Dennis Broadhead appear on Dec. 6, 14 and 15. Frank and Janet Ginis will perform on Dec. 7, 8 and 13.

On final bouquet for a most unusual and interesting program. A rose attached, with letters inside from the cast and crew. Nice touch.

The Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, offers a variety of events.

Call (313) 833-7900 for information.

"The Art of Thomas Wilmer Dewing: Beauty Reconfigured" continues to Jan. 19. Related events include lecture by Barbara Dayer Gallati, exhibit co-curator and associate curator of American art at The Brooklyn Museum, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in Lecture Hall. The talk is entitled "Model Women: Dewing's Transformation of the Working Girl into the Ideal Female."

A drop-in workshop will take place 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the Education Classroom. Participants will create a simple ankle or wrist rattle, then attend a musical performance in the museum. The performance of African dance is in conjunction with the "African Form and Imagery" exhibit.

# Musica Viva opens 10th anniversary season

Musica Viva Concerts opens its 10th anniversary season with international superstar Juan Serrano, "King of the Flamenco Guitar" on Dec. 14.

Serrano, who has performed for sold-out audiences worldwide and has made over 22 recordings, will be joined by legendary

dancer Clara Filgueiras and singer Maija Temo for an evening of "Flamenco Passion" beginning at 8 p.m. in the Smith Theatre of Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus.

For ticket information, call (810) 471-7667, or Ticketmaster

at 645-6666. Tickets are \$20 prepaid and \$22 at the door.

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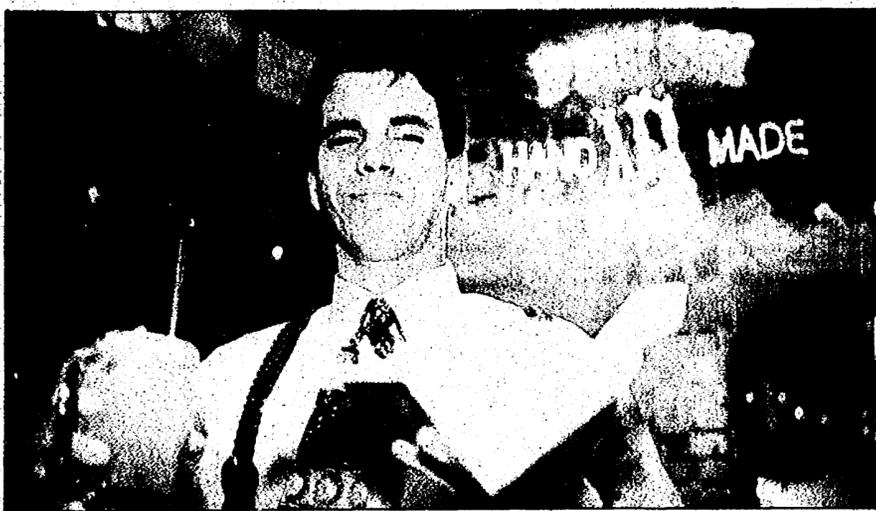
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DINING



Happy to serve: Philip J. Hickey, president of Rio Bravo Cantina is originally from Redford.

# Restaurateur comes home

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The debut of Livonia's Rio Bravo Cantina last month was also a homecoming for the chain's president.

Philip J. Hickey Jr., who grew up in Redford Township and graduated from St. Agatha High School and Michigan State University, got together with longtime friends at the Nov. 14 opening of the Tex-Mex restaurant.

One day last week, over the phone from Rio Bravo International Inc. headquarters in Marietta, Ga., Hickey reminisced about suburban Detroit.

"I just thought it was the greatest place to grow up," he said. "Great friendships and great quality of life and a real strong work ethic."

That work ethic, and the education and values learned at St. Agatha, are important in his career, Hickey added.

"St. Agatha was just a great school," he said. "The nuns were tenacious in their pursuit of reading, writing and arithmetic, and it's stayed with me ever since."

Though he admitted it dates him (he's 42), he remembers the opening of Livonia Mall, which he said was a prime shopping and hanging-out spot for teenagers.

Hickey graduated from Michigan State University in 1977. He tried several fields of study while at State, but settled on hotel and restaurant management when he found managing an MSU cafeteria to his liking.

His parents live in Farmington Hills. He said they're already regulars at the Livonia Rio Bravo.

"I'm relying on my mom and dad to be the inspectors of the quality."

Rio Bravo took over and remodeled the former Cantina Del Rio on Victor Parkway when it closed abruptly last summer.

This wasn't Hickey's first Detroit-area ribbon-cutting. Rio Bravo opened a location in Dearborn, in a former Chi-Chi's near the Fairlane Town Center, earlier this year.

Hickey is also a co-founder of the Cooker Bar & Grille chain, which opened a restaurant on

Seven Mile in Livonia in 1989. The company was sold the same year; Hickey is no longer associated with it.

Hickey's H&M Restaurants, founded in 1990, merged with Rio Bravo in 1992, and Hickey became president.

Catering to diners' cravings for Southwestern-style cuisine won't be Rio Bravo's only involvement in the area. Hickey said the company wants to be a good corporate citizen as well.

Rio Bravo raised \$1,500 for the Livonia Community Foundation at a Nov. 13 pre-opening benefit dinner. Proceeds from the evening's drink sales went to the fledgling LCF, which plans to create a permanent endowment for social, educational and cultural projects in the city.

"We intend to be a part of the fabric of the community," Hickey said.

# Rio Bravo Cantina touts a can-do attitude

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

The folks at Livonia's newest Tex-Mex restaurant are betting you'll say "Bravo!" to flavorful food and friendly service.

Rio Bravo Cantina, which opened Nov. 14 in the former Cantina Del Rio on Victor Parkway, touts fresh ingredients, a unique approach to Southwestern cuisine and service that'll get you back.

"We are zealous about making guests happy," said company president Philip J. Hickey by phone from the Marietta, Ga., headquarters of Rio Bravo International.

Rio Bravo offers a varied menu of Mexican standbys — tacos, quesadillas and enchiladas — as well as innovative dishes like the Burrito del Mar (a seafood burrito) and Mexican Pizza (on a tortilla).

Along with the food, a whatever-it-takes attitude is stressed, Hickey said.

"We've won a number of awards in every city we've opened in," he said. "Our mantra is, 'We try to make every guest into a regular guest.'"

Hickey said the chain, founded in 1985, studied restaurants and

**Rio Bravo Cantina**  
 ■ 19265 Victor Parkway, Livonia, (313) 542-0700.  
 ■ Hours: Kitchen, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday, Saturday. Bar open one hour later than kitchen.  
 ■ Menu: Southwestern cuisine, with a unique flair.  
 ■ Cost: Appetizers, \$2.99-\$7.99; salads, \$2.99-\$7.79; meals, \$5.99-\$12.99. Fully licensed.  
 ■ Modified reservations: Call ahead to get on waiting list.  
 ■ Credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express.

Rio Bravo has four vegetable-based entrees, and other dishes can be made meatless as well. There are four soups, including spinach con queso and vegetarian black bean, a number of appetizers, and salads, combination plates and daily specials.

Other broader specials, such as the food of a specific region in Mexico, are offered several times a year, Hickey said.

Rio Bravo also has a fully-licensed bar, with margaritas, domestic and imported (mostly Mexican) beers and wines and tequila.

Hickey, who grew up in neighboring Redford Township, said his company has been keeping an eye on Livonia and is eager to make a go of it here.

"We think it's a vibrant town, perhaps underrated. Between the office and residential growth, it's been very impressive."

He is also impressed by the work ethic of the employees the restaurant has found here. "The crew members that we've been able to attract are wonderful."

This is the second Rio Bravo in the Detroit area. The first opened in August in a remodeled Chi-Chi's near the Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

food in Texas and Mexico before coming up with its menu. Some of the most popular dishes, he said, are the low-cal Pueblo Chicken (a marinated chicken breast with corn and black bean salsa, steamed vegetables and rice), Cancun Shrimp (shrimp baked in garlic butter, with rice and black beans) and barbecued ribs.

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## MEDICAL BRIEFS

### Guns and kids

Twice as many children are killed by guns as by cancer, said the director of Children's Hospital of Michigan's Trauma Center, which has launched an effort to teach anti-violence to help keep children safe and out of area emergency rooms.

"In a world where kids are bombarded with violence on TV, in the home and at school, it's hard work being a parent these days," said Dr. Marc Cullen. "We have a responsibility to our children. Teaching our kids that violence is not the answer is our best defense."

Every day, some 14 children under the age of 19 are killed in gun accidents, suicides and homicides. In 1991, homicide was the fourth leading cause of death for kids age 1-4 and the third-largest cause of death of 5- to 14-year-olds.

Parents should be aware of the increased incidents involving firearms, the violence on television and the increase in organized gangs including female gangs, Cullen said. He offers the following prevention tips:

- Do not allow children to attend and/or host unsupervised parties.
- Teach kids to negotiate and compromise.
- Teach kids to express their feelings verbally and in a controlled environment.
- Offer positive ways to deal with anger and arguments.
- View television through your children's eyes. Talk to them. Try to understand what they are seeing.
- Be an involved and interested parent. Go to conferences, workshops and meetings.

### New drug

Cancer experts have recommended that the Food and Drug Administration approve a new drug to reduce the pain suffered by dying prostate cancer victims. The drug Novantrone — known chemically as "mitoxantrone" — does not appear to fight the prostate cancer itself, or to help patients live longer.

But manufacturer Immunex Corp. argued that 38 percent of patients who tried Novantrone plus standard pain treatment reported a decrease in pain, versus 21 percent of patients on standard therapy alone.

The FDA advisers questioned whether a second study of the drug supported those findings, but nevertheless voted 6-2 Wednesday that the agency should approve Novantrone for advanced patients whose cancer does not respond to treatment.

Novantrone already is sold as a leukemia therapy and doctors legally can prescribe it for other cancers. But Immunex cannot advertise Novantrone's possible prostate cancer use with FDA approval, and some insurance companies don't cover unapproved uses of drugs.

The FDA is not bound by advisory panel decisions, but usually follows them.

### Don't procrastinate

It's difficult to avoid the common cold, but when a serious disease invades a baby's life, many parents feel helpless. One way to prevent those life-threatening illnesses is to vaccinate your children.

"It's so very important that every child get immunized," said Dr. Adnan Dajani, director of infectious diseases at Children's Hospital of Michigan. "By vaccinating your child you are drastically reducing the risk of many life-threatening illnesses."

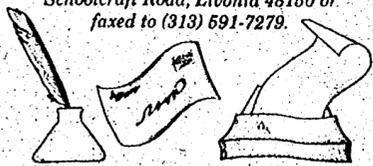
Because children need 80 percent of their vaccinations in the first two years of life, parents must establish a primary care physician. "It is important for parents to establish a relationship with their pediatrician," said Dajani. "That way, the doctor can rule out certain illnesses and diagnose the child faster."

Children's Hospital offers these facts:

- Children in the U.S. should be vaccinated against 10 diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type B and the chicken pox.
- Only 50 percent of Michigan's 2-year-olds have been adequately immunized. Reported cases of vaccine-preventable diseases are at, or near, all-time low levels.
- Low levels of disease in the U.S. are associated with record high levels of immunizations of preschool children. In 1994, more than 83 percent of our nation's 2-year-olds were immunized against measles and polio, and more than 90 percent were immunized with three or more doses of DTP.

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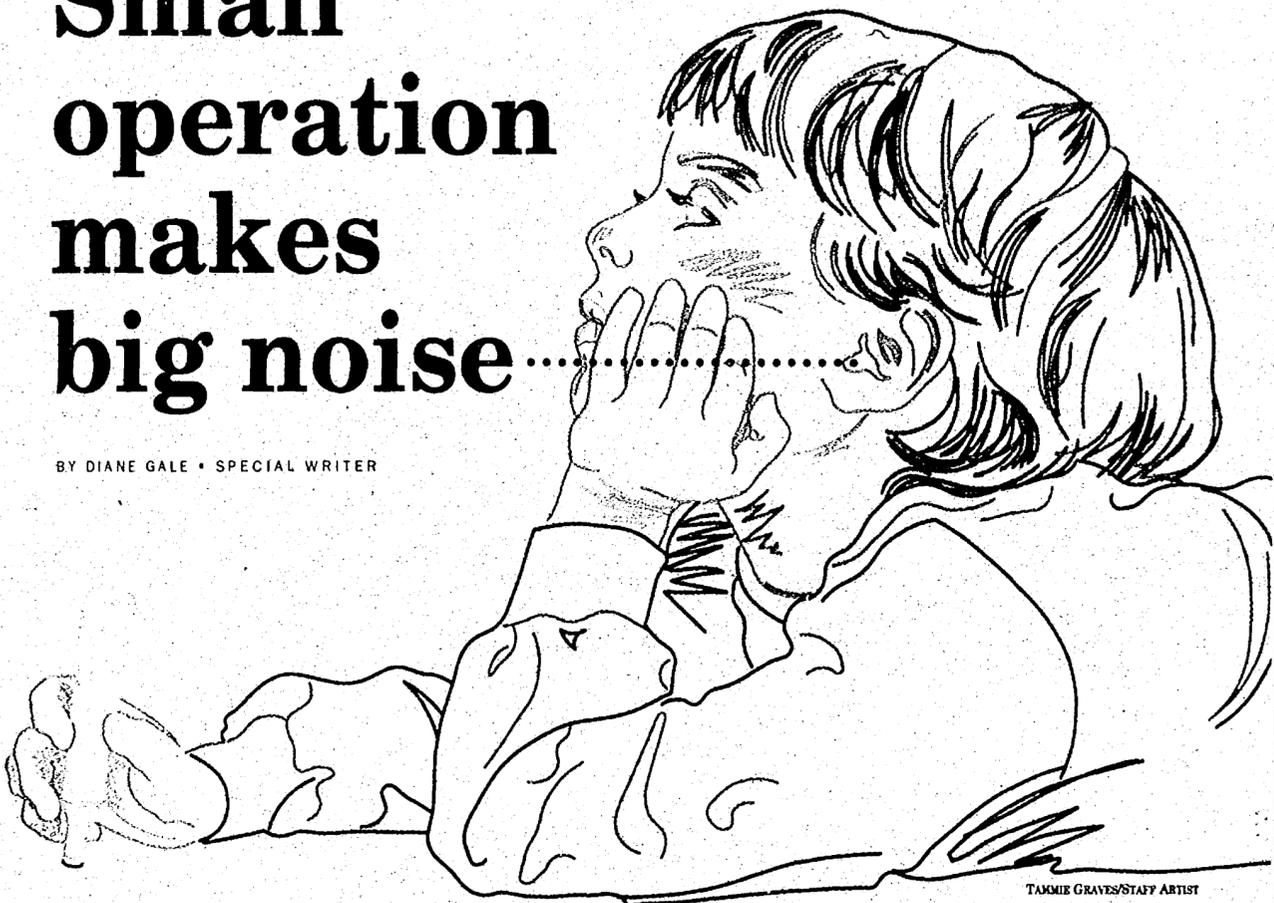
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## CHILDREN'S EAR INFECTIONS

# Small operation makes big noise

BY DIANE GALE • SPECIAL WRITER



TAMMIE GRAVES/STAFF ARTIST

**K**enneth Katz remembers a lot of screaming and crying before two of his children had tubes surgically put in their ears to help drain fluid and relieve pain from earaches.

Katie was 3 and Aaron was 2 and even at those tender ages, Katz insists that he would have had the procedure done earlier if he knew it was available. Katie and Aaron are 13 and 11 now and the ear infections are so rare that Katz can't recall the last one.

What this family went through is common. Ear infections prompt parents to take their children 15 and under to the doctor more than any other problem.

And the increase in child care and preschool programs has apparently prompted the problem to spread.

Ear infections and middle ear fluid, collectively known as "otitis media," were responsible for 24.5 million doctors' visits in 1990, which was a 150-percent increase from 1975, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Americans spend \$3.5 billion yearly to treat ear infections.

Consider that 90 percent of American children will have had at least one ear infection before they are 6 years old.

"A lot of people minimize an ear infection, but if you had the same infection in your eye you would be terrified," said Dr. Jeffrey S. Weingarten, a physician affiliated with Mission Health-Providence who has offices in Livonia, Novi and Southfield.

Since the ear infection can't be seen without a physician's magnifying instrument, parents don't know for sure what's happening, especially with toddlers and infants.

### Problem detected

Signs of ear infections differ depending on the child's age. Older children are irritable, have a diminished attention span, their school work suffers, they often turn the television higher and they don't follow direction. Younger children tug at their ears, are irritable, don't sleep as much and are fussy.

The greatest concern lies with young

children who are learning to speak, because hearing is important for that development.

"Fluid and hearing loss can cause diminished performance at school and in social functions," Weingarten said. "Children don't interact well ... if they don't hear. In the winter, as many as 17 percent of children can have fluid in their ears. That's almost one in five."

There are different types of ear infections to look for, like "otitis media with effusion (OME)," which is chronic and can cause mild hearing loss. It occurs when the middle ear doesn't drain properly and fills with a sticky fluid, but there are no symptoms like pain and fever.

Another type is acute ear infection known as "acute otitis media (AOM)." This occurs when bacteria or viruses invade the ear. It is painful and accompanies a fever and irritability and it often develops in the middle of the night.

"Unfortunately, (ear infections) happen so often that it has become commonplace and most people don't realize how severe a problem it can be," Weingarten said.

In July 1993, a panel of independent experts recommended a watch-and-wait approach for treating OME in children ages 1 and 3 before prescribing antibiotics or having tubes inserted surgically, the two most common types of treatment. The panel found that the middle ear fluid goes away on its own within three months in 60 percent of the cases and within six months in 85 percent of the cases.

The panel recommended tubes only if the OME lasts four to six months and there's hearing loss in both ears.

### How it is treated

AOM is treated with antibiotics in 90 percent of the cases. One concern, however, is that this encourages resistant strains of bacteria to develop.

"The theory going around now is that we're running out of antibiotics, but they've been saying that since penicillin was developed," said Dr. James McKenna, who practices out of St. Mary Hospital in Livonia

and Children's Hospital at the Detroit Medical Center.

"But, if you're the mother of a child and you're up with them for three weeks at a time, you don't want to hear about the philosophies of antibiotics."

"I believe in our technology and I believe we will find more. If antibiotics don't work, oftentimes the next line of action is tubes," he added.

### Tubes: quick and easy

Weingarten said tubes are "quick, simple, safe and easy" and "save a lot of pain and suffering" by helping to drain the ear which is when infections occur.

"That fluid is a wonderful culture for the bacteria to grow," he added. "You can get an antibiotic to get the germs away, but the fluid doesn't go away. It's like leaving wet bread on a window sill."

That bacteria passes easily from child to child. Experts notice that the growing number of children in day care corresponds to the surge in reports of ear infections.

"What we used to see in kindergarten is now in day care, because kids are getting out and meeting each other a lot sooner than the older days," McKenna said.

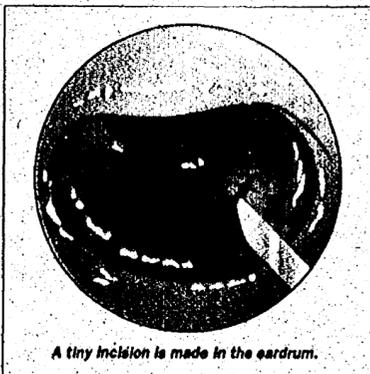
Other causes of ear infection are second-hand smoke, allergies and birth defects. Also, bottle-fed babies are more likely to develop infections in the first year of life than breast-fed babies.

If the child is developing fluid and has fever and pain, McKenna said he puts the patient on the antibiotic for eight to 12 weeks.

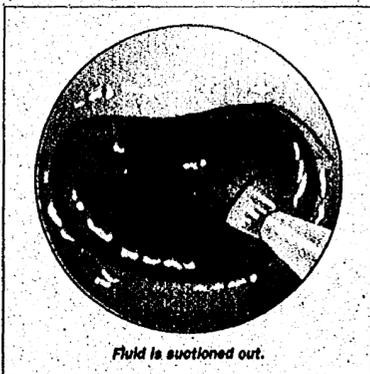
"Often that will take care of a significant number of them and if that doesn't work, we go to tubes," McKenna said, adding that sometimes adenoids are removed when the tubes are inserted.

The most important line of action, Weingarten suggests, is for parents to educate themselves.

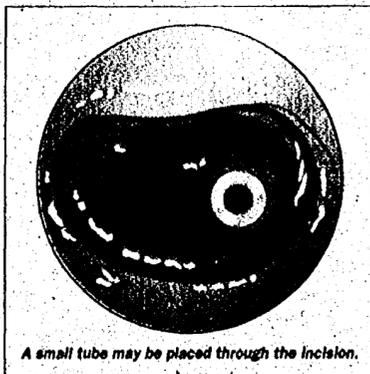
"Talk to your child's doctor and make sure you thoroughly understand the problem and treatment options, not just with ear infections but with any medical problems," he said.



A tiny incision is made in the eardrum.



Fluid is suctioned out.



A small tube may be placed through the incision.

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**BUSINESS PEOPLE**

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**New vice president**



**Amelia (Amy) Courter** was appointed vice president of management information systems by Valassis

**Communications Inc.**, the Livonia-based sales promotion company.

Courter, former Valassis director of MIS, now will be responsible for leading teams of MIS professionals in developing custom software, networks and information services to support the business units of the company.

Courter came to Valassis in 1985 from Digital Equipment Corporation. During her 11 years at Valassis, Courter has contributed tremendously to the development and planning of the company's information system and to the career development and training of many Valassis employees.

Courter is a member of Michigan Federation of Business Professional Women (BPW), National Association of Female Executives (NAFE), American Association of University Women (AAUW), and Data Processing Management Association (DPMA). Courter was selected for "Who's Who of Women Executives" for 1989-90; "Who's Who Among Rising Young Americans" and "Young Careerist of the Year" in 1991; and was named in Crain's Detroit Business's "40 under 40" listing in 1995.

Courter received her bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College, and currently serves on the Kalamazoo College Alumni Executive Committee as vice president.

Valassis Communications Inc. offers a broad array of consumer promotion techniques, including Valassis Inserts, free-standing inserts distributed to more than 56 million households each week in Sunday newspapers; C&D County inserts, distributed to more than 5 million households in rural communities; Valassis Impact Productions (VIP), specialty and solo promotions; ROP Solutions, run-of-press (ROP) advertising directly on newspaper pages; Valassis Sampling, newspaper sampling programs; and ventures in Mexico, France and Canada.

Valassis has eight sales offices and three printing facilities in the United States.

**Marketing specialist**

**Michelle Vick** of Livonia has joined Cooper Automotive in the position of marketing specialist at the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) sales division in Troy.

Vick will be responsible for supporting Cooper OEM marketing activities including market planning and support, advertising, public relations, shows and exhibits and communications.

Prior to joining Cooper Automotive, Vick was a senior material control planner for Mitsubishi Electronics America Inc. in Plymouth and held positions with Omron Automotive Electronics Inc. in Southfield and at Ford Motor Co.

Vick graduated from Western Michigan University in 1992, where she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority. She holds a bachelor of science degree in sociology.

Cooper Automotive supplies Champion spark plugs and igniters, Anco, windshield wiper products, Zanxx connectors, Wagner lighting and Blazer lamps to the OEM automotive market.

**Marketing director**



**Katherine Lockard** was hired as marketing director at Macomb Mall in Roseville. Lockard was formerly the assistant marketing director at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

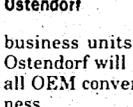
Lockard is a Livonia resident.

will be responsible for the coordination of special events, advertising and public relations for the 1 million square foot shopping center.

**Business unit chief named**

**Robert E. Ostendorf Jr.**, was named as ASC vice president and general manager of ASC Convertible Systems

Ostendorf



Company, one of ASC's four business units. In this position, Ostendorf will direct ASC's overall OEM convertible supply business. Ostendorf worked with the Michelin Tire Corp., ultimately as chief of fabrication for light truck tires in Dothan, Ala. After that, he served as president, CEO and part owner of VMC Fiberglass Products, Inc., located in Daleville, Ala. Prior to joining ASC, Ostendorf was president of Tri-Glas Corp., a supplier to automotive and heavy duty truck OEMs, also located in Daleville.

Ostendorf graduated with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, earning a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He later taught at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, while working on his master of science degree in industrial management. Later he received his master's in business administration from Troy State University in Alabama.

ASC Inc. is the parent of American Sunroof Company (OE and aftermarket sunroofs); Aeromotive Systems Company (heavy truck trim); Automobile Specialty Company (specialty vehicles manufacturing); and ASC Convertible Systems Co. (convertibles).

**Manager appointed**

Michigan National Bank has appointed **George Caracostas** to business relationship manager in the Business Financial Services Group.

Caracostas will be developing the small-business client base in the retail food and party and convenience store segment.

He joins Michigan National

after serving 17 years with Metro Detroit Investment Co. as a loan officer and vice president.

Caracostas attended Wayne State University and is a Canton resident.

**Auto industry honors**

The Automotive Industry Action Group has recognized two area residents with 1996 Outstanding Achievement awards for their leadership and active participation in cooperative auto industry efforts.

They are **Richard A. Tervo**, senior systems analyst for Chrysler Corp., and **Kathy M. Ross**, project manager, automotive for LogiCorp.

Tervo, a Canton Township resident, works in Centerline. He is a graduate of Wayne State University and Central Michigan University. He is a Chrysler Chairman's Award and Finance Council Award recipient.

He serves AIAG as the chair of the Symbology Work Group and co-chair of the Two Dimensional Applications Work Group.

Ross, who previously worked as an automotive applications analyst for Southfield-based Systems Software Associates, Inc., serves AIAG as co-chair of the Materials Management Project Team and the Notice of Consumption Work Group. She also is a member of the EDI Implementation Process Work Group.

Tervo and Ross were among 13 people and four companies that were recognized at the 10th annual AIAG award dinner.

Founded in 1982, AIAG is a not-for-profit trade association of more than 1,300 North American auto and truck manufacturers and their suppliers.

**Joins Eisbrenner**

**Lori Eldridge** of Livonia has been hired as computer artist at Eisbrenner Public Relations. She designs brochures, slide, overhead, newsletters, on-screen presentations and trade show graphics for a variety of the firm's automotive and service clients.

Before joining Eisbrenner, she worked as a computer artist for Adistra Corp., an international marketing firm.

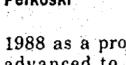
She holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts in design and a bachelor of applied arts in graphic design from Central Michigan

University. She is a member of the Art Directors Club of Detroit.

**Firm names associate**

**Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment Inc.**, the Livonia-based consulting engineering firm, has promoted **Mark K. Perkoski, P.E.**, to associate.

Perkoski



Perkoski joined OHM in 1988 as a project engineer and advanced to municipal client manager in 1992. Over the last four years Perkoski and his staff have been responsible for taking public infrastructure projects from conception, through design and construction review.

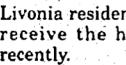
He earned his bachelor's degree at Lawrence Technological University and received his registered professional engineer's certification in the state of Michigan in 1990. In 1994, he was awarded a master's degree in business administration from LTU.

He is a member of the American Water Works Association, the Project Management Institute and the American Society of Civil Engineers, Michigan Chapter. He also serves as a student advisor for LTU's ASCE student chapter.

**Honorary member of AIA**

**Leon Bonnici**, senior marketing consultant for MichCon Gas Co., has been named an honorary affiliate member of the American Institute of Architects in Michigan.

Bonnici



Livonia resident, is among two to receive the honor announced recently.

The award is given for significant contributions to architecture from people who are not eligible to be members. Bonnici began his career at MichCon in 1954. He is past president of the Construction Products Manufacturers Council and the Producers Council of Michigan.

How efficient, productive and color-coordinated is your office? Okidata, the manufacturer of computer printers and fax equipment hopes to find out with its first "Best Dressed Small Business" contest for small and home businesses with nine or fewer employees.

And well-known fashion critic Mr. Blackwell — creator of the best- and worst-dressed lists — will serve as the contest's principal judge.

"We are looking for innovation, class, style," said Blackwell. "The winning office will be the Jackie O of decor meets the Max Headroom of technology meets the Kerri Strug of efficiency — high output, small package."

The contest was created to recognize the increased importance of small business and is designed to showcase how small businesses make the best of their workplace not only in decor, but in use of technology and space. Judging will be based on office decor, efficient use of space and effective and innovative use of technology.

Entries must include an essay of 150 words or less giving examples of how their small or home business meets these criteria. The grand prize winner will receive \$25,000 in cash; Okidata products and free consulting services for a total package worth more than \$30,000.

Entries must be received by 11:50 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Wednesday, Jan. 15 1997. Twenty finalists will be selected from all entries meeting contest criteria, and one will be chosen as grand prize winner.

Contest forms and copies of the official rules are available from local Okidata dealers Naragon Business Machines in Redford, (313) 537-4330 and Omega Office Systems in Livonia, (313) 281-4544.

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# Story of Hanukkah, Judaism found on the Internet



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There is a lot of information about Hanukkah on the Internet of use either of those who will be celebrating beginning today or for those who want to learn more about this Jewish holiday.

For this week's suggestions on Hanukkah, I am in debt to Robin Nobles whose suggestions popped up in my E-mail this week.

Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, involves the lighting of candles for eight days. Songs, games, and the history of Hanukkah are included at <http://www.ort.org/ort/hanukkah/title.htm>

You can learn how to celebrate

Hanukkah at <http://www.his.com/~chabad/8days/>

The Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs site at <http://www.israel-mfa.gov.il/mfa/> contains several photographic exhibits such as Archaeology from the Air, Jerusalem from the Air, Jerusalem in Old Maps and Views, Jerusalem - The Capital of Israel, and Israel's Archeological Treasures.

The Judaica Web World offers a "Torah on the spot for people on the go" plus links to [judaism.com](http://judaism.com), a Jewish Global Village, The International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers, and Project Genesis at <http://www.nauticom.net/users/ratie/judaica-world.html>

Go to <http://www6.huji.ac.il/md/vj/> and take a Virtual Tour of Jerusalem. While there visit Jerusalem Gates, Chagall

Windows, Holy Sites, and Jerusalem Mosaic.

Point to <http://www.jewishfamily.com/> and you'll find the "Jewish Family & Life: Home Page" which has articles for the Jewish family, such as "Watching TV Through Jewish Eyes" and "Make Your Own Menorah." Columns include advice, food, health, and holidays.

Yad Vashem is the Holocaust memorial of the Jewish people. Located on the Mount of Remembrance in Jerusalem, it is a complex of museums, monuments, research, teaching, and resource centers. It is available for your review at <http://www.yad-vashem.org.il/>

"The Virtual Beit Midrash" E-mail courses in Torah and Judaism seeks to provide yeshiva-style lessons in Torah and Judaism to students of all ages. Courses are sent out weekly to Listserv subscribers who are

able to communicate with course instructors. Courses include Parashat Hashavua - the Weekly Torah Reading, Introduction to Parshat HaShavua, Talmudic Methodology, and Gemara Pesachim. For information on this course, go to <http://www.virtual.co.il/education/yhe/>

The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs at <http://www.jpca.org/> is an independent, nonprofit institute for policy research and education serving Israel and the Jewish people. The center's principal program areas include: Study of Jewish Community Organization, Jewish Political Tradition, and Israel-Diaspora Relations/World Jewish Policy.

Women For Israel's Tomorrow (Women In Green) at <http://www.womeningreen.org/> is a growing grassroots movement of grandmothers, mothers, and daughters dedicated to the secu-

rity and Jewish heritage of Israel.

You can get the Torah by E-mail at the BSZ Net Main Menu page at <http://www.bsz.org/bszframe.htm>

Visitors also will find a Hall of Music, a Torah Center, Synagogue Information, and links to Jewish sites on the Web.

A \$20 billion dollar class action lawsuit was filed in October against Swiss Banks and Others on behalf of Holocaust survivors as well as heirs of Holocaust survivors and victims. Visit the Law Office of Diane Leigh Davison-Class Action site at <http://mail.bcpl.lib.md.us/~ddavison/classact.html> for more information.

Jewish Communication Network at <http://www.jcn18.com/> contains articles such as Invisible Jews, Children of War, and Audacity of

Wolves plus links on food, holidays, and polls.

Birzeit University has a listing of Palestine's Websites along with links to and reviews of the 38 websites of organizations and individuals in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem. Sites include academic and research, education, government, travel. Go to <http://www.birzeit.edu/palarc/iplinks.html>

The Happy Chanukah site contains the Hanukkah story, menorah blessings, and recipes. Point to <http://www.chanukah.com/> Chanukah on the Net at <http://www.jewishpost.com/chanukah/> has the story of Hanukkah and Maccabees. Games, songs, spinning dreidels, and instructions to make dreidels are also available.

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## Foundation board has new members

Catherine Roberts, Ginger Nickloy and Raymond Trudeau have been elected to serve on the Detroit College of Business Foundation Board of Trustees. They join 25 other community members from areas near DCB's three campuses in Dearborn, Warren and Flint.

Roberts is president and CEO of Research Federal Credit Union which has branches in Detroit, Warren and Milford. She has held many volunteer positions and her 27-year career in the credit union industry has granted her recognition by area organizations for her dedication to the business community.

She was also honored by the Women's Economic Club recently for her unique approach to the workplace and demonstration of accomplishments.

After a 33-year career at Ford Motor Company in the areas of administration, promotions, marketing and communications,

Nickloy retired and now works as a consultant for Coxeter Communications based in Walled Lake.

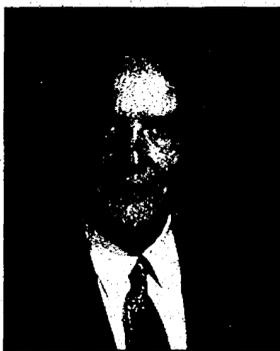
Trudeau is president of MMI Distributing in Dearborn, which sells water filters and food equipment.

"These new board members all have strong business backgrounds and are dedicated to the communities in which they work and live," said Peggy Campbell, DCB Foundation Board president. "We are confident that their expertise will help us continue to meet the Foundation's goals and enhance our relationship with the business community."

The DCB Foundation provides financial support to students through scholarships and awards for education programs and textbooks. This year, the foundation reached its five-year endowment fund goal of \$1 million.



Sharing knowledge: The board will include Catherine Roberts (above), Ginger Nickloy (above right) and Raymond Trudeau.



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**THURS, DEC. 5**

**SIBLING CLASS**

The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia is hosting a Sibling Class from 6-8 p.m. in the Miracle of Life Postpartum Lounge on the third floor of the main hospital. Children are invited to attend and learn about being a big brother or sister. Parents invited also. Cost is \$10 per family and registration is required. Call (313) 655-3314 or toll-free at (800) 494-1615.

**EXPECTANT DADS**

A special class for new and expectant fathers, "Just for Dads... Childbirth and Beyond," will be held from 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary Hospital. Format includes open discussion on attitudes and beliefs about fatherhood and lifestyle changes. Instruction on

baby care includes a demonstration. Cost is \$10 per person and registration is required. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

**COPING WITH HOLIDAYS**

The Angela Hospice bereavement department is offering a workshop designed to help families grieving the loss of a loved one cope with the holiday season. Workshops are scheduled at 1 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. The workshop is free. The program lasts 90 minutes and will be followed by a half-hour of fellowship and refreshments. Angela Hospice is a 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Call 464-7810 for more information.

**SAT, DEC. 7**

**SLOPES AWAIT**

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center will hold a ski clinic 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. The clinic is designed to help prevent injuries and assist skiers in gaining confidence. It will be held in conjunction with Dunham's Sports and Wolverine Orthotics. Preregistration and

prepayment required. For information, call (810) 473-5600.

**TUES, DEC. 10**

**ELDERMED PROGRAM**

An ElderMed luncheon event will feature the Movin' Theatre, a group of young singer and dancers from Wayne State University's theater department. They will perform "From Ragtime to Rock n' Roll," a high-energy review of 50 years of American music from the cakewalk and the Charleston through the jitterbug and Twist. The program will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the grand ballroom of Vladimir's, 28125 Grand River. Fee is \$8 for ElderMed members and \$9 for non-members and includes a lunch served at 11 a.m. Call Botsford at (810) 471-8020 for information.

**BREAST CANCER SUPPORT**

A Breast Cancer Support Group meets from 7-8:30 p.m. in the lower level conference room at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Guest speaker will be Amy Rhode, who will discuss stress management. The support group meets on the second Tuesday of each month. No registration is required. Call (313) 655-3314 or (800) 494-1615.

**POSTPARTUM SUPPORT**

Mother-Baby Postpartum Support Group from 10-11 a.m. in the Postpartum Lounge, Miracle of Life Maternity Center at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call (313) 655-3314 for information.

**WED, DEC. 11**

**AIDS CLASS**

A premarital AIDS class will be held from 7-8 p.m. in the Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 for information.

**BREATHERS CLUB**

The Plymouth Breathers Club will meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Mercy Health Building in Plymouth. The club is for those with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema and other respiratory diseases. Call (313) 712-5367 for information.

**FRI, DEC. 12**

**MENOPAUSE**

Sandra Plumer, director of Botsford Hospital's Geropsychiatric Unit, provides

an overview of the emotion changes women can expect during the years preceding menopause at 7 p.m. in Botsford's Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. Cost is \$5 and registration is required. For more information and registration, call (810) 477-6100.

**WED, DEC. 18**

**HOLIDAY CHEER**

The MCF Circle of Fellows will meet 6:30 p.m. for a holiday party to benefit the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. "Holiday Cheer" will be hosted by Heidi's Salon owners Heidi and Michael Stein in their Bloomfield Hills home. It will feature cocktails and a dinner buffet featuring several Lebanese delicacies. Proceeds will support the Karmanos Cancer Institute's research, education, treatment and outreach programs. For reservations or information, call DeMarco Willis, (800) 527-6266.

**SAT, DEC. 14**

**CHILDBIRTH CLASS**

A prepared childbirth class, Saturday workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Rooms A-B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Call the Marian Women's Center at (313) 655-3314 for information.

**TUES, JAN. 7**

**HEARTSAVER CLASS**

A BLS Adult Heartsaver Class will be held from 7-10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan in Livonia. Fee \$20. Call (313) 655-2922 to register.

**MON/THURS, JAN. 13-16**

**SMOKING CESSATION**

"Smoke-free Living" will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary

Hospital Lower Level Conference Room E. Fee \$25. (313) 655-2922 to register.

**TUES, JAN. 14**

**DIABETES CLASS**

"Taking Charge of Diabetes" will be held 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 6 in Pavilion conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital, Levan and Five Mile, Livonia. Fee \$75. (313) 655-2922 to register.

**MON, JAN. 20**

**CHOLESTEROL EDUCATION**

A two-day course on "Eater's Choices" Cholesterol Education will be held 7-9 p.m. Jan. 20 and 27 in Pavilion Conference Room B at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Fee \$25. (313) 655-2922 to register.

**MONDAYS**

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Screenings are sponsored by St. Mary Hospital on the first Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m. in the main lobby off of Five Mile near Levan and the second Monday of the month from 1-10 a.m. in the Wonderland Mall by the information desk. There is no fee.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**FAMILY SUPPORT**

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia offers a free Mental Health Family Support Group meeting from 2-3 p.m. on the fifth floor of the main hospital near the Five Mile entrance. The weekly meeting provides education and support services to friends and family members of those suffering from mental disorders. Call (313) 655-2944 or (800) 494-0277 to register.

**DIABETES SUPPORT**

Adult patients and family members can attend a support from on the second Wednesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, Five Mile and Levan roads in Livonia. Registration not required; no fee.

**CANCER SUPPORT**

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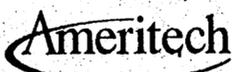
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**Apartments name Kaftan**



**Mel Kaftan**, president of Kaftan Enterprises in Southfield, has been appointed president of the Apartment Association of Michigan through 1997. AAM serves the multifamily housing industry and has a membership of more than 300 including builders, property developers, owners, managers and leasing agents. Kaftan lives in Bloomfield Hills.

**Morris earns CCI**



**Steven L. Morris**, chairman of Morris & Berke Real Estate Group in Troy, has received the designation of Certified Commercial Investment Member from the Commercial Investment Real Estate Network. Course work included financial analysis, commercial brokerage, market analysis, tax planning, managing/marketing troubled assets, decision analysis and negotiation. Morris resides in Bloomfield Hills.

**Fenster earns CCI**



**Matthew B. Fenster** of West Bloomfield also has been awarded the professional designation of Certified Commercial Investment Member. He works for Morris & Berke Real Estate Group in Troy.

**Olson promotes 2**

The John M. Olson Co., general contractors and construction managers, announces two promotions. **John Olszewski** has been elevated to vice president of operations from senior project manager. He is charged with implementing corporate operating procedures and policies affecting construction operations. **Mark Fitzpatrick** has been promoted to executive vice president from vice president. His responsibilities include development and implementation of corporate policies and procedures, long and short-term strategic planning and quality improvement.

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## Winterize us, houses plead

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Winter doesn't officially arrive until 9:06 a.m. Dec. 21. That doesn't mean we should wait until then to get the house ready for the cold, windy, snowy weather that lies ahead.

In fact, the nasties already have arrived.

Most homeowners don't do everything they can to ensure a comfortable lifestyle for themselves - or protect the structure and grounds from the elements.

"Why don't you buy an umbrella until it rains?" said Elliot Solomon, owner of Guardian Home Inspection in Orchard Lake. "I don't know why. Human nature, I guess. Most of us are procrastinators."

"People don't think winter's coming," said John McCormick, owner of a house inspection service in Birmingham. "Everyone thinks winter's here in December. Cold weather really hits the first of November. You should do most of the (maintenance) stuff then."

"For most people, it's 'I'll do it tomorrow, I'll do it next week,'" said Mike Falkiewicz of Affordable Home Inspection in Garden City.

All right, enough of the browbeating. There may still be time. Set aside a couple hours on a Saturday or Sunday, take a personal day off work and tend to the basics.

■ First off, clean the leaves out of the gutters and downspouts. This item should head the list. If you have the time or inclination to do only one task, this is it.

"Melting snow refreezing and working its way up the shingles is what you don't want," Solomon said. "You don't want ice damming."

"Gutters are the main thing, especially in corners," Falkiewicz concurred. "That's where they can get a lot of ice dams."

Ice forming in gutters can get under shingles, melt and drip water onto ceilings inside the house.

Make sure the extension ladder is on solid ground. Wear gloves so you don't scrape your hands inside the gutters. Use an old paint brush to gather leaves, twigs and silt. Tap the nails holding the gutters in place to make sure the pitch is true.

"Extend downspouts if you have to get water away from the house," Falkiewicz said. Extenders can be purchased fairly inexpensively at hardware and home improvement outlets.

■ Winterize outside water faucets; take care of hoses.

First, remove, drain, tie and store all vinyl/rubber hoses, preferably inside the house so they don't crack.

Then, go into the basement and turn off the water supply shut-off valves to outside faucets. For houses without a basement, look for shut-off valves under the sink in the kitchen or behind the tub or sink in the bath.

After that, go outside and open the outside faucets to make sure all residual water drains.

Pipes filled with water near a cold spot can expand and con-

tract with the temperature. "People don't realize they break during winter," Falkiewicz said.

■ If the ground isn't yet frozen, make sure that the soil grade around the outside of the house slopes away from the structure. This can be done by raking or adding some topsoil.

Rick Bowling, owner of Amerispec Home Inspection Service in Plymouth, has speculated that up to 60 percent of water in basements results from poor exterior grading.

■ Install storm windows/plastic interior window insulation kits if cold seeps in around the glass. Check the bottom of front and rear doors for drafts, and weatherstrip if necessary.

Also, in older houses, cold may pour in through the kitchen exhaust fan.

If that's the case, consider insulating with a window insulation kit or a clear, plastic trash bag. But you won't be able to use the fan until spring if you do so.

Again, materials are available, fairly inexpensively, at home improvement retail outlets.

Experts offers other advice: ■ "The central air conditioning unit (outside) should be disconnected," McCormick said. "If it gets below freezing and the air is accidentally turned on, you can crack the compressor."

Outside, near the air conditioner, will be a 9-by-4-by-6-inch electrical box. Inside the box, you can remove a couple cartridge fuses, McCormick said.

■ "People should get their lawn sprinkling system blown out," Solomon said. "Sprinkler lines aren't buried that deep. Water will freeze. Lines get broken all the time."

■ Sweep the leaves from the street at curb gutters in front of your house so that water doesn't dam and turn to ice when the snow and cold temperatures move in for good.

Also, if you have a storm water catch basin in front of your house, keep it free of leaves and snow so that water can drain from the entire block.

■ Change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

■ In older houses, check that there's at least six inches of insulation in the attic and that insulation has been stuffed above the cement wall and below the upstairs wood floor joists where possible in the basement.

■ Don't neglect the landscaping, again, weather permitting.

Either rake and compost leaves, run over them with a mulching lawn mower or bag them for pick-up. It's OK to prune broken, dead or crossing branches in trees, but wait until spring to trim bushes and shrubs.

"Leaves smother your lawn," said Larry Wright, president of the Metro Detroit Landscape Association. "You get different diseases that can be underneath a leaf layer."



Remove debris: Clean gutters and downspouts will help prevent major ice and drainage problems from arising.



Preventing trouble: A leaf cover on lawns may harbor diseases that could damage the grass. Raking or blowing is the solution.

## Both joint owners must agree to partition property

**REAL ESTATE QUERIES**



**ROBERT M. MEISNER**

**Q.** My brother and I own property as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship. I am interested in partitioning the property and am planning to do so, but am told that that may be a problem. Can you give me an answer?

**A.** Simply stated, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship creates a joint life estate with dual contingent remainders in the law. Although a life estate can be partitioned, the contingent remainders cannot. Therefore, dual contingent remainders of the joint life estate are deemed indestructible and cannot be defeated by the voluntary act of only one of the life tenants.

You cannot sever the contingent remainder of the joint life estate at this time.

**Q.** I am wondering if you can tell me when a landlord has a duty to mitigate damages where there has been a failure to pay rent.

**A.** The tenant has not really given up the premises, although he has not paid rent, and has effectively left the leased premises, although he has not given us the keys. What are my obligations?

**A.** A landlord does not have a duty to mitigate damages when there has been no definitive breach of the lease terms. When a landlord has a lawsuit for rent, it has been recognized as a distinct cause of action that differs from other available remedies for breach of a lease contract.

In an action for rent, the landlord has no duty to

mitigate, and, unless he accepts surrender of the premises, he has a right to collect the full amount of the rent due under the breached lease.

Surrender of a lease involves more than mere abandonment of the premises by the tenant; it requires a mutual agreement between the landlord and the tenant to terminate the lease. Obviously, the burden of proving surrender is on the party asserting the surrender.

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**HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY**

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded November 4 - 8 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in Southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Canton**

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 43817 Applewood Rd | \$137,000 |
| 46852 Bartlett Dr  | \$172,000 |
| 1701 Bentley Ct    | \$249,000 |
| 1731 Bentley Ct    |           |

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| \$242,000           |           |
| 1748 Bentley Ct     | \$235,000 |
| 1769 Bentley Ct     | \$209,000 |
| 1778 Bridgewater Ct | \$236,000 |
| 7836 Charrington    | \$161,000 |
| 375 Charterhouse Ct | \$122,000 |
| 44225 Cherbourg St  | \$137,000 |
| 269 Edington Cir    | \$164,000 |
| 7381 Emerson Dr     | \$150,000 |
| 1510 Glengarry Blvd | \$220,000 |
| 1703 Glengarry Blvd | \$225,000 |
| 1793 Glengarry Blvd | \$222,000 |

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1980 Gorman St          | \$145,000 |
| 43610 Lancelot Dr       | \$158,000 |
| 8224 Mannington Rd      | \$168,000 |
| 6112 Meadowview Dr      | \$254,000 |
| 46437 Mornington Rd     | \$317,000 |
| 7143 Newgate Ct         | \$175,000 |
| 43475 Nowland Dr        | \$216,000 |
| 41065 Southwind St      | \$75,000  |
| 46881 Spinning Wheel Dr | \$167,000 |
| 2130 Stonebridge Way    | \$271,000 |
| 1646 Thistle Ct         | \$191,000 |
| 1654 Thistle Dr         |           |

**\$193,000**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 42976 Versailles Rd   | \$155,000 |
| 44211 Village Ct      | \$145,000 |
| 43598 W Arbor Wy #112 | \$88,000  |
| 46153 Windridge Ln    | \$272,000 |
| 46177 Windridge Ln    | \$273,000 |

**Garden City**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 28458 Alvin St    | \$99,000  |
| 31527 Balmoral St | \$103,000 |
| 32280 Brown St    | \$161,000 |
| 32320 Brown St    | \$159,000 |
| 32331 Brown St    | \$153,000 |
| 6909 Burnly St    |           |

**\$92,000**

**Livonia**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 14432 Adams St        | \$142,000 |
| 19458 Antago St       | \$76,000  |
| 9928 Cavell St        | \$110,000 |
| 18628 Comstock St     | \$216,000 |
| 17687 Dolores St      | \$115,000 |
| 18215 Doris St        | \$97,000  |
| 16786 Fulton Pines Ct | \$62,000  |
| 9691 Garden St        | \$100,000 |
| 9312 Hartel St        | \$113,000 |
| 32935 Indiana St      | \$128,000 |
| 15136 Melrose St      |           |

**\$94,000**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| 19553 Parker St          | \$158,000 |
| 34195 Pembroke Ave       | \$285,000 |
| 14706 Riverside St       | \$192,000 |
| 37316 Seabrook Dr        | \$309,000 |
| 37722 Southampton St     | \$176,000 |
| 31754 Summers St         | \$135,000 |
| 18299 University Park Dr | \$93,000  |
| 18390 University Park Dr | \$94,000  |
| 18969 Van Rd             | \$315,000 |
| 30582 Westfield St       | \$115,000 |
| 9605 Woodring St         | \$124,000 |

**17556 Woodside St**  
\$152,000

**Plymouth**

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| 48651 Beaver Crk    | \$255,000 |
| 12599 Belton Ct     | \$328,000 |
| 8911 Elmhurst Ave   | \$82,000  |
| 42480 Lakeland Ct   | \$125,000 |
| 40551 Micol Dr      | \$140,000 |
| 11704 Morgan Ave    | \$149,000 |
| 49468 Pine Ridge Ct | \$431,000 |
| 151 Pinewood Cir    | \$73,000  |
| 9031 Quail Run      | \$310,000 |
| 753 Virginia St     | \$45,000  |

**10088 Wolfriver Dr**  
\$151,000

**Redford**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 14265 Dixie       | \$94,000  |
| 9312 Garfield     | \$83,000  |
| 18800 Indian      | \$55,000  |
| 25008 Lyndon      | \$100,000 |
| 13632 Mercedes    | \$115,000 |
| 9640 Norborne     | \$93,000  |
| 24582 Orangelawn  | \$99,000  |
| 9600 Rockland     | \$95,000  |
| 12072 Rockland    | \$80,000  |
| 11688 Royal Grand | \$75,000  |

**12943 Sarasota**  
\$114,000

**Westland**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 28223 Ann Arbor Trl   | \$55,000  |
| 36743 Dover Dr        | \$125,000 |
| 5758 Herbert St       | \$84,000  |
| 31240 Merritt Dr      | \$82,000  |
| 8112 Millburn St      | \$82,000  |
| 6236 N Newburgh Rd    | \$80,000  |
| 1521 Shoemaker Dr     | \$76,000  |
| 38272 Timberland Dr   | \$43,000  |
| 38207 Warner Farms Dr | \$99,000  |

**New federal law to warn homebuyers of lead danger**

(AP) - Parents shopping for a new home would have some piece of mind under a new federal law that requires sellers to tell

prospective buyers if a home contains lead-based paints. But government and business officials worry that the new law

aimed at protecting people from buying a home with the potentially toxic paints could cause confusion when it takes effect Dec. 6.

Under the new law, if lead is detected in a home, the would-be buyer can simply walk away - or go ahead and buy the house, intending to have the paint removed by a contractor.

Jonathan Swain, an information officer for the Indiana State Department of Health, said homeowners run the risk of hiring unqualified firms because state law doesn't require that lead paint abatement contractors

be licensed. "There's not a law on the books, so there is no way we could say one firm is better than the other," Swain said.

Rose King, owner of Best Home Inspection in Hobart, agrees. She notes that paint dust produced during paint removal poses a health threat if improperly handled. Children often are exposed to lead paint when they eat paint chips.

"They're going to put this law into effect and we have no testing facilities in the area," she said. "This is going to scare people."

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While it doesn't address lead screening or require that lead paint be removed from the home, the law requires sellers to disclose known information about lead-based paint in the home. The seller also must give

potential buyers an informational packet regarding lead and the buyer has 10 days to check for lead hazards.

The federal government estimates that about 64 million homes have lead paint in them. All were built before 1978, the year lead-based paint was outlawed.

Lead-based paint is a threat to curious children, who will put almost anything in their mouths. When ingested, lead-based paint chips removed from peeling woodwork and walls can cause brain damage and other ailments.

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## MORTGAGE SHOPPING



DAVID C. MULLY

Mortgage interest rates are dropping for the fifth week in a row, according to Freddie Mac survey results. Thirty-year, 15-year and one-year adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) are at their lowest in over eight months.

**Mortgage trends:** A mortgage approval with 5 percent as a downpayment used to be very difficult to obtain from most lenders. The trend has changed to now to make it much easier to qualify for a 5-percent-down mortgage. Previously, to get a 5-percent downpayment, the borrowers had to have perfect credit. Debt ratios were much more stringent at 25/33 percent of the total gross monthly income to be used for house payments and total monthly debts. Now a 5-percent-down mortgage could allow for some late payments on the applicant's credit history and more flexible ratios of 28/36 percent, the same ratios used for most borrowers. There are more types of mortgages available to borrowers putting just 5 percent down, mainly ARM mortgages. ARM mortgages used to require a minimum of 10 percent as a downpayment.

**Mortgage Timeline** answers from last week: From 1979 all the way to 1985, 30-year fixed mortgage rates never once dropped into single digits. During this time, they ranged from 10.39 percent in January 1979 to 18.45 percent in October 1981 and back down to 11.26 percent in December of 1985.

### Buying existing home:

The appraisal can affect private mortgage insurance (PMI) requirements by the lender. When you (the buyer) and the seller agree to a sales price, the next step is to complete the mortgage process. One of the first steps is to have an appraisal completed by an appraiser who is representing the buyer's mortgage lender. The lender wants to make sure that the house is worth the amount of the agreed sales price. When there is a large downpayment (more than 30 percent or so), this is not a very crucial step in the mortgage process. But, when the downpayment is less than 30 percent, it becomes more important that the lender's appraiser agrees that the sales price is equal to or greater than the actual value he or she feels it is worth.

Appraisers base their decisions on the available data of recent comparable home sales in the immediate area. As an example, let's say a buyer agreed to pay \$150,000 for a home and was going to make a 20-percent downpayment. That would make the mortgage amount \$120,000. But, assume the appraiser put the value at \$145,000. The mortgage lender always uses the sales price or appraised value, whichever is lower, to calculate the loan-to-value (LTV) ratio. In this case, the \$120,000 divided by \$145,000 would produce a LTV ratio of 82.7 percent. This would mean that the buyers would have to either pay a monthly PMI fee (approximately \$32 per month) or put down an additional \$4,000 to reach a 20-percent downpayment on the \$145,000.

You may ask why a buyer would go through with the purchase if the value came in lower by the appraiser. It becomes an individual decision, and you really have to take a look at the big picture. For one thing, appraisers do not typically give value to cosmetic items in the homes, but these things can represent real value to you.

For instance, fresh paints and wallpaper that you like and won't have to spend money changing, newer carpet and so on can all be improvements that don't raise the appraised value. Also, is the home in the area you really desire? If so, maybe you could overlook the appraiser's opinion and go through with the purchase. You won't be the first one to do this.

### Buying a new home:

If you have an existing home to sell before you can buy your new home, you may be considering a bridge or equity loan. But there may be an easier and less expensive way to handle the problem than borrowing more money, paying more interest and having two house payments.

Recently, I talked with Mike Gruley, president of First Financial Mortgage Corp. in Northville, about this very issue, and he brought up an interesting point. He said, "When my customers are considering a bridge or equity loan to be used to complete the purchase of their new home because they have not sold their present home, I point out the cost involved in doing this compared to dropping the sales price on their present home and maybe selling it faster." He went on to explain: "If they had to make two or three double house payments (current and new mortgage payments) and bridge or equity interest payments while waiting to sell and close on their current home, this could be much more expensive than if they just dropped the sales price and sold their home quicker."

Depending on your situation, this could make a lot of sense. Let's say your current house payment was \$1,000 and your new house payment was \$1,500. Multiply this by two or three, and you can see how it adds up quickly, not to mention the interest on a bridge or equity loan you would be paying. Maybe a drop in the sales price saves you money in the long run. And it is certainly something to consider.

### Refinancing your home

Attention veterans: Refinancing your current VA loan is easier than you may think. It is called a "VA Streamline Refinance" and is designed for veterans who have an interest rate that is higher than what is offered for today's VA mortgage rates. The current 30-year VA fixed rate (established by the lender of choice, not the VA) is at 8.0 percent or below. The 15-year VA fixed rate is 7.75 percent. If you have a VA ARM rate or a fixed rate above 8.5 percent, you should talk to a lender to see if it makes sense for you to refinance. Also, it may be a good idea to refinance to a 15-year fixed mortgage and cut off some years from your 30-year program.

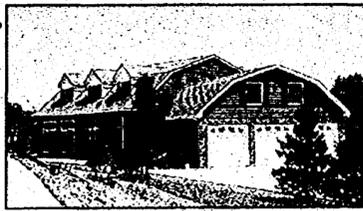
The VA has made the process of refinancing easier for veterans with this VA streamline program. The paper work is simpler, and you may get additional credits. If you would like more information and some recommendations on VA or FHA mortgages, call me at 1-800-405-3051.

David Mully has been writing his weekly "Mortgage Shopping" column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers since June 1995. He has been involved with residential mortgage lending in the Detroit area since 1988 and is a senior loan officer.

For information about a new mortgage, call Mully toll-free at 1-800-405-3051, fax him at 810-380-0603 or send e-mail to cgbx04d@prodigy.com. You can access Mully's previous Mortgage Shopping articles on-line at <http://loonline.com/emoryd/mully>

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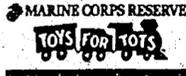
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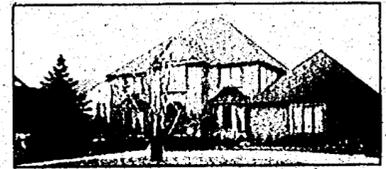
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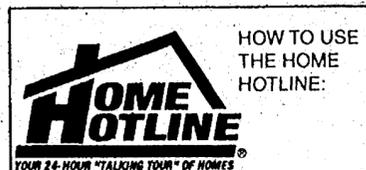
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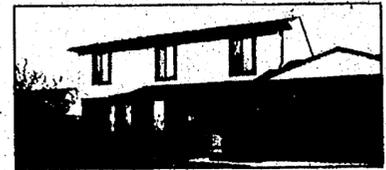
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**LIVONIA** - A dream come true. Private setting, next to woods & stream. Interior recently prof. updated with outstanding custom contemporary features. A 1957 2 story home. \$199,900

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**HARBOR POINTE - OPEN SAT & SUN 1-5 pm** Luxury homes located near Belleville Lake. Several floor plans featuring 3-4 bedrooms, full basements & ceramic baths. Finished models avail. Community facilities include 10 acre nature park, tennis courts, & nearby city amenities. From \$171,900. Call Jeff Tenthall, Andy Andrews, or Ruth Harrington at 313-699-4044. Off Huron River Dr. W. of Main St.

**REDFORD** - Why rent when you can own this beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch with basement and garage for less! Priced to please at \$76,900. Won't last - ask for Angela Lerman for details.

**LIVONIA** - This 4 bedroom dutch colonial is on a deep lot near Madonna University. Formal dining room, basement, 2 car garage. Newer bright kitchen. Full walk brick fireplace in family room with French doors to patio. \$166,400

**NORTHVILLE** - This charming 3 bedroom Cape Cod has been updated and decorated to perfection. Family room, full basement, 2 car garage. Walk to downtown Northville. Move right in and enjoy. \$154,900

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** - Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath, finished basement and extra bedroom, very large garage with loft. \$97,900

**LIVONIA - Golfview Meadows Special!** It's all new - kitchen, roof, water heater, furnace, central air & windows. Home has 4 bedrooms, huge master suite, 2 bath, partly finished basement, 2 car garage & fenced yard. \$184,900

**LIVONIA** - Mint condition - move right in! Hard to beat 3 bedroom ranch in Livonia with many updates! This home has it all - won't last long! \$95,000

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**LIVONIA SCHOOLS** - Charming 3 bedroom ranch, finished basement, 2 baths, formal dining room on extra large lot, 2.5 car garage, central air, newer furnace & roof. \$117,900. 810-473-0242 or 810-227-5251

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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**  
 Only 1 in this location at offered price. 3 Bedroom brick colonial with 1.5 baths, 2 car garage and 2 car garage and basement immediate occupancy. South of 5 Mile off Levan. \$159,900. Century 21 Hartford (810) 478-6000

**OPEN SUNDAY 1 to 4:00** 30475 Westfield N. of Joy E. of Merriman 3 bedroom brick ranch. 1 1/2 baths, family room, fireplace, 2 car garage. New kitchen, central air, \$126,900. 313-525-7264

**OPEN SUN 1-4 PM**  
 14448 Auburndale Ct. 5 1/2 M's & W. Merriman over 1 acre on court location in Merriman Farms. 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial, fireplace in family room, basement 2 car garage & more - \$155,900

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**OPEN SUN 1-4pm** 14732 Huff Pkce reduced 3 bedroom Ranchy Castle Gardens Sub. \$139,900. HELP-U-SELL (313) 423-6881

**OPEN SUN 12 to 4** Colonial 5 years old 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath fireplace, central air, 2 car attached garage. \$166,900. 313-522-5077

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**Westland** - Affordable 2 bedroom Condo. Roomy master bedroom w/wic, C/A, laundry room, private garage entry, pool, clubhouse, (stove, washer and dryer are negotiable). Really nice! \$61,900 (50135)

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 Desirable court location. Delightful 3 bedroom/1.5 bath home in family oriented Sub. Built in 1987. Ply-Canton schools, family rm w/wp, oak kitchen cabinets, 1st fl. laundry, deck, fenced yard, very clean! \$154,900 (10052)

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**OPEN SUN. 1-4.** 1698 Stonebridge. Call 981-3500 for directions. Gorgeous Pulte home in new subdivision. Beautifully decorated and landscaped 4 bedroom Colonial w/golf course setting, better than new, extra features: 2 tier deck, security sysm, A/C, humidifier. \$279,500 (10054)

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 Superb 1800 sq. ft. Ranch! Great features: Full finished basement, 2 fireplaces, brick floor w/ patio, natural wood work, all garage, 14x10 workshop, new carpet, potential separate living quarters. \$174,900 (50078)

**GARDEN CITY**  
 Your search is over. Beautiful 3 bedroom ranch in great Garden City sub. full fin. basement, newer windows, fenced yard, w/2.5 car garage, lg. bk porch, sprinklers. \$101,000 (50137)

**REDFORD**  
 \$3,000 gets you in! Charming maintenance free, brick home w/updated kitchen, lg rooms, all appliances stay! Replaced cement, immed. occup., 2 car garage, partially finished basement, asking \$77,900 (50066)

**WESTLAND**  
 Why rent - buy your own home! Nice starter 2 bdrm ranch w/g side fenced back yd, updates: windows, roof, bath room, Wayne-Westland schools. Call for appt. today. \$49,900 (50130)

**Lovely 3 bedroom ranch w/large lot nice home!** W/many updates: vinyl windows, C/A, refaced kitchen cab, new clr top, 2 baths up, finished bsmt, new windows, lot size 70x235 w/trees. \$99,900 (50125)

**WESTLAND**  
 Beautiful home - just move in! Three bdrm ranch w/many extras: vinyl thermal windows, doorwall to deck, drywalled finished basement, carpet, rm for 4th br or ofc, updated furnace, C/A, ceiling fans. Must see! \$94,900 (50136)

**Darling ranch home, call now!** 3 bdrm w/2 car garage, fenced yard w/deck, updated bath w/oak cab, lg laundry rm, kitchen has separate dining area, nice neighborhood. \$74,900 (50128)

**Beautiful Tonquish ranch.** Nice updated home w/g kitchen, 4 bdms, fin. bsmt w/wet bar, almost 1,200 sq. ft., new windows & doorwall, priv. fence, deck, much more. Must see. \$116,900 (50129)

**Your search is over.** 3 br. ranch in John Glenn HS area. Anderson windows, bay in kitchen, newer carpet. Uo. All appliances stay/immed. occup. Seller to pay up to \$1,500 costs with acceptable offer. \$86,900 (50119)

**Immaculate tri-level home features a great floor plan w/many updates:** Neutral decor, new furnace, updated electrical, hardwood floors, great neighborhood, C/A. Must see! \$89,900 (10045)

**Westland brick ranch.** This home has extra large bedrooms, remodeled interior and it sits on almost 2 an acre. Newer windows, carpet, paint, ceiling fans & bathroom. \$54,900. (50089)

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**Located in desirable Tonquish sub.** Three br. ranch w/huge kitchen, newer windows, furnace, C/A roof & more! Freshly painted, neutral colors, lg. attached garage, move-in condition! \$103,900 (50138)

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 Great starter home! Two bedroom, 1 story frame house! just waiting to be yours. Remodeled bath, kitchen flooring, new furnace & ducts. lg fenced yard. Call now. \$42,900 (50126)

**Great starter home!** Nice 3 bdrm bungalow being renovated. Good location, good area, good schools. Recently for-closed property. Call today. \$59,900 (50062)

**Mint home - cream puff!** Beautiful 1 bdr ranch totally redone. Must see! All new vinyl siding, 10 thermo windows, carpet, paint, furnace, C/A, custom cabinets, patio. \$129,900 (10049)

**Quick occupancy!** This 3-4 br, 2.5 bath, Cape Cod, has numerous updates. Ceramic floor, garden bath, island kitchen, snack bar, sky light, natural tp. \$271,900 (10080)

**Totally updated bungalow.** Super sharp home nestled between 2 parks, beautifully fin. bsmt, neutral decor, new furnace, C/A, and windows. Many more updates. Just move in! \$93,900 (10046)

**Lovely 3 bedroom ranch.** Finished basement, 2 car garage, ex-large fenced yard, close to schools, new paint in & out, new carpet, C/A, all appliances incl, new story drs, clean, clean! \$94,900 (50131)

**Old World Charm.** Lg family home, gorgeous country home in the city. You won't be disappointed! Updates incl: furnace, C/A '91, roof '94, ext. home gar, fresh paint, 1dr, beautiful wood trim. \$70,000 (50086)

**Country living w/lots of extras!** This totally remodeled Northville 5 br, (1st fl mstr br or 4 bdr & den) has loft library, lr w/wp, great rm w/wp, in ground htd pool. Must see! \$329,900 (10036)

**Beautiful, immaculate 3 br. ranch.** Must see w/basement, large garage, newer furnace, C/A, carpet & roof, great neighborhood, close to schools, all 5 appliances stay, cabana off garage. \$95,500 (50134)

**LOTS & ACREAGE**  
 Northville-Classie serenity vacant land. Over 2 acres of land situated in an area of custom built homes. Well is already installed waiting for your new build, Lyon Twp., Northville schools \$75,000 (10047)

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 Super sharp Canton office condo. Medical/dental/gen office suite in professional park w/4 exam rms, full basement w 3/4 bath, occupancy 2/1/97, great location, freshly wallpapered. Call now! \$94,900 (10038)

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**COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL**  
**Ypsilanti** - Commercial opportunity awaits. Almost 1400 sq. ft. comm/ind. space awaits your business. 2 store fronts w/apprx 5,000 sq. ft. in Ypsilanti Twp., easy access, fenced parking \$675,000 (10051)

**Wayne - Commercial Building.** 3,600 sq. ft. multi-use comm. bldg. in high traffic area. Public parking avail, ground level loading docks. Ask for Tim. Philip. \$150,000 (7687)

**Westland - Vacant Commercial.** Site plan approv. for 8 bay carwash. Former carwash was removed yrs ago. Rail frontage, zoned gen. industrial. Room to build. LC terms Nego. Poss. ind. Lease. \$199,500 (10050)

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Belleville** - Great business opportunity. Tanning salon w/6 beds, possible nail salon also. Assumable lease. Nice location, next to Powerhouse Gym. Start your own business today! \$80,000 (10056)

**Vacant Land - Wayne.** Great location. High traffic vol. in downtown Wayne near new library. Gr. potential, w/multi use: Sm manuol ofc, retail, wholesale, research, build height to 40 ft. \$25,000 (50132)

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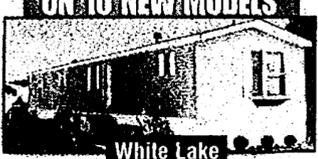
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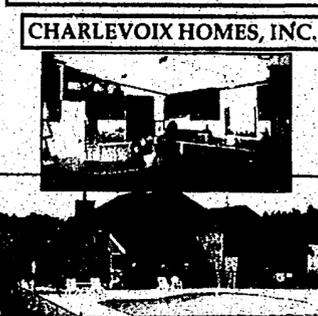
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They demolished the houses and constructed Summer Garden Condominiums, 12 units, six up and six down, in one building on the parcel between Inkster and Middlebelt.

The units, all with two bedrooms and two baths and about 1,230 square feet of living space, range in price from \$99,900 to \$115,600. Prices are higher for second-floor and end units.

"We've been accused of falling in love with our projects," said Marcia, sales/marketing director.

"We do above and beyond what we have to do. Things like an art niche above the fireplace. Nine-foot ceilings for a volume look without losing energy," she said.

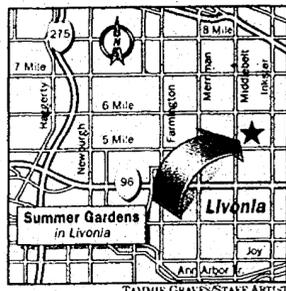
"We try to incorporate a new product and detail in every project," Stephen added. "Here, we used a curved corner on the dry-wall. We're also going to take after the name and create a nice grounds with flowers, trees and shrubs to create a garden-type of appearance."

The no-maintenance exterior consists of brick and a copolymer stucco that gives added insulation, Marcia said.

Standard features in all plans include gas fireplace, air conditioning, laundry/utility room with a hydro-heat furnace system, dishwasher, covered deck or patio, an enclosed storage room off the deck or patio and one space in a carport.

Prospects can view two slightly different models.

Both feature a kitchen with a half-wall open to the dining area and living room, a sink oriented to those entertaining areas and floating cabinets that help create



an open look.

The two bedrooms in each unit contain a n eight-foot-tall mirror across the length of the closet. The master has a combination tub/shower.

Each model has a bookshelf/art display section carved into the wall over the fireplace.

One model has a cathedral ceiling over the length of the kitchen/dining/living rooms and an additional inset in the living room wall for a television and other entertainment equipment.

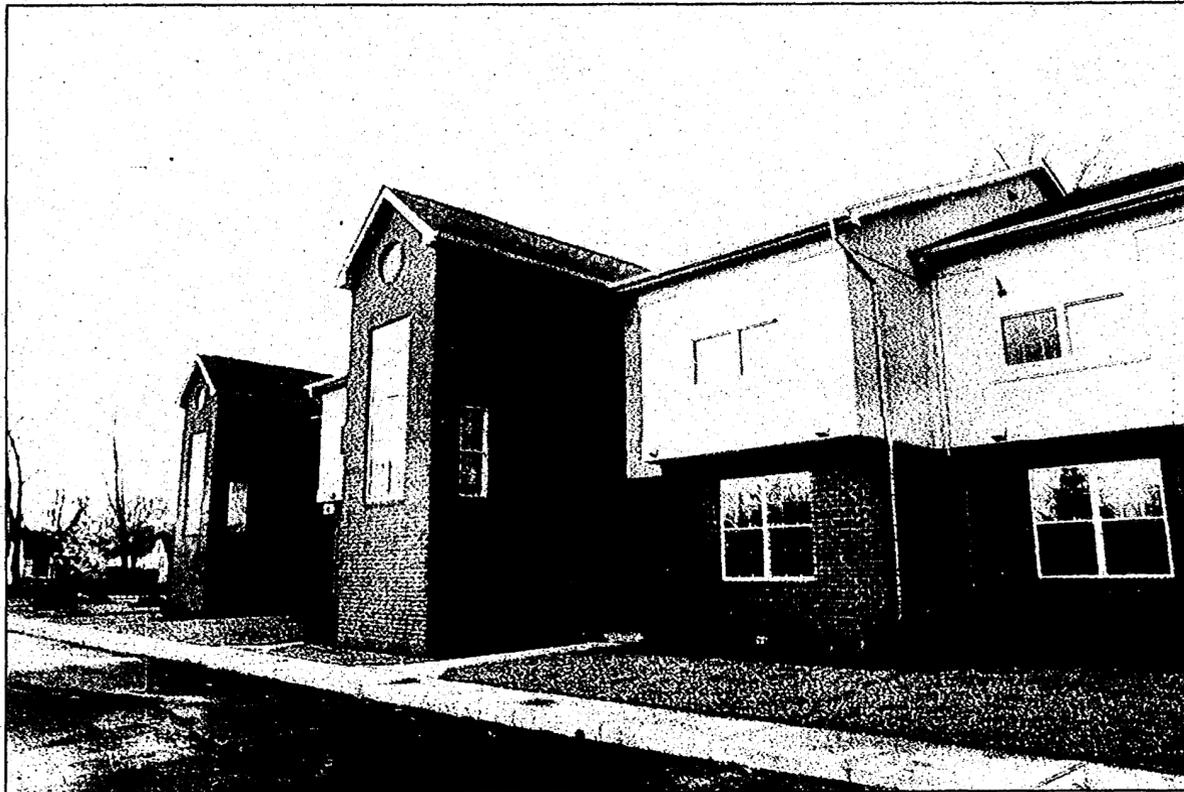
Most features, including Merrillat cabinets and mutton bars on the windows, come at no extra cost. Popular upgrades include ceramic tile flooring and sinks and a breakfast bar built between the kitchen and dining area.

Retirees who may winter in warmer clients and career singles or marrieds are expected to be typical buyers.

Attractions include easy free-way access to I-96, plus plenty of shopping, restaurants and churches nearby.

"There's nothing new in this price range in Livonia," said Leta M. Kekich, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 and the on-site sales rep. More than 100 people came through during the recent first-week showing.

"They were surprised everything was standard, the quality



Summer Garden: A combination of brick and copolymer stucco gives this small condominium project in Livonia a unique exterior appearance.

of construction," Kekich said. "They were impressed with the square footage for the dollar amount."

"It's a small community," Marcia Sommerville added. "It's private."

Summer Garden is within the Livonia school boundaries.

The property tax rate is currently \$31.26 per \$1,000 of state equalized valuation, half of mar-

ket value. That means the owners of a \$115,000 unit would pay about \$1,725 the first year.

A monthly association/maintenance fee to include water, insurance, landscaping and snow removal is projected at \$80 to \$85.

One buyer who asked not to be identified by name explained what prompted her to buy in

Summer Garden.

"First of all, it's close to where I work," she said. "I wanted to live in the Livonia area. It's centrally located, close to I-275 and close to I-96 but far enough away so you don't hear noise."

"It's small, contained," she said of the site. "It isn't big, huge, overpowering, mile after mile where it all looks alike."

"I thought the workmanship was quite nice and especially the price," she said. "I asked to do something different in the condo and they said, 'Sure, why not?'"

"I liked the size of the rooms. The fireplace was lovely," she said.

Models at Summer Garden are open 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Kekich may be reached at (810) 348-3000 ext. 235.

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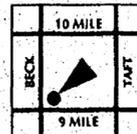


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# What are an architect's services worth?



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Okay, so your architect is on board and you have done all that you can to be a great client and together you are working on the design of that dream project ... but wait a minute, how much is this going to cost?

I like to tell my clients at the start of the project, before the finishes are secured, what the lowest price for what they have described may be. Are you sitting down? Good because my bottom number is \$100 per square foot for new construction and can rise to \$200 per square foot for lots of custom work done in more esoteric materials.

For \$125-\$140 per square foot, one gets a fine house with custom cabinets and plenty of special details. However these are only my numbers. Each architect is going to have a different range, which is indicative of past client history and preferences - choose one whose history and averages corresponds with your ability to pay for the final prod-

uct. On the other hand, if a client had just \$75 to spend but was willing to experiment in the form and finishes, a great project could be produced. The difficulty arises when a client has modest means but wants to mimic an expensive, well-detailed project. The materials become thin and fake and, in the end, originality and quality are lost.

Renovation costs are more difficult to predict, but renovation costs are higher than new construction costs per square foot.

In the course of schematic design, which is the first phase, a series of meetings will occur between the architect and homeowner. The first one is the most thrilling of all meetings. At this meeting the project is not yet a beautiful thing, but it is put on the table for all to see and comment on. This meeting serves to shake out ideas and suspicions that architect and client have. It should be a point of departure and to be critiqued. It is the start of what will become the final project.

Ideally one's architect should prepare study cardboard models so that the forms and even spaces of the project can be

understood and analyzed. Models are an essential design tool for the architect and - I have come to realize - even more important for the client. If you are undertaking a major project, be sure that your architect will be providing study model(s) as part of his services.

Express your opinions of the project - now is the time to do so, not in a month or so. The project ought to be somewhat creative, i.e. it may be a solution/design that a client has never seen before and will, therefore, take time to get used to.

Keep the model for a few days. Look at it from a variety of angles (not just as a bird flying overhead!) and try to imagine what it may be like to live in the spaces. To help with this, cut out properly scaled pieces of paper to represent your major pieces of furniture and arrange them in the appropriate rooms. This will help you understand where the spaces may be too baggy or tight.

Two areas to be considered during this initial phase are the structure and the ceiling plane.

Most residential construction hides the actual structure behind both an exterior as well as interior skin. Historically, tudors and cer-

tain forms of modern architecture use the structure to create natural rhythms in space. Classical architecture adorned these structural "bays" with decoration. Throughout history, false structural definitions have been used for decorative purposes.

Unfortunately though, current construction techniques fail to provide these critical design elements. One can encourage one's architect to utilize the structure as a design tool. In terms of the ceiling, what was once a surface made up of coffers, bays and beams has become a flat unadorned plane of painted cardboard - easy for builders and cheap for clients.

Without a doubt, it is the most under-designed surface in the contemporary construction. Sure, nothing is less expensive than a sheet of painted cardboard, but nothing says or means less. It is important that both structure and ceiling, which are inherently connected to each other, be considered early on in the design process. Get your architect to consider these ideas!

At this point, don't be concerned about the appliances, countertop materials or the infinite number of details. These will be determined later. It is the large-scale, formal issues that

are on the table. Roof shape, location of entrance, room relationships (which would include whether the master suite is on the first or second floor), whether the house is a good "party" house, how the sun plays a role in the orientation of the house, etc. are under consideration in this phase.

The first-floor master suite is a relatively new idea in the continued evolution of the American house. In the era when the great percentage of house buyers were heads of households with a spouse and children, putting the master suite on the second floor made a great deal of sense. There it could be adjacent to the children's bedrooms.

In today's environment, most buyers are empty-nest couples, single parents, singles, childless couples, etc. For these buyers, first-floor master suites make more sense.

Making kitchens open to or extending into family rooms with TVs and other audio/video equipment is becoming popular. I believe this trend is more popular in the South and is slowly making its way north. These design ideas need to be considered early on.

Good party houses have few dead ends in the circulation and room arrangements. Dining rooms flow into kitchens, and kitchens flow into foyers, and living rooms open to as many

rooms as possible. These are great houses for people who entertain but not necessarily great for intimate gatherings.

Now is the time to consider the scale of the house - not all houses utilize the same scale, and we recognize this when we say "this doesn't seem as big as ...". Scale is tied to size but is subtler and not as quantifiable. Proper manipulation of scalar devices can make a large object feel comfortable and relate to the people inside the space.

A final but critical issue that must be kept in check is the size of the project. If the anticipated budget is \$100 per square foot and you have allowed \$350,000 for the project, the project must not exceed 3,500 square feet.

One way to accomplish this is to insist that the architect provide calculations for each schematic design proposal.

As an owner, it is important keep on top of the size of the project because once the project moves on to later phases, it is difficult to reduce its size.

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■ A new product this year promises make household cleaning easier. The ScumBuster, from Black & Decker, is cordless submersible scrubber which comes with three attachments to clean soap scum from bathroom tiles and tubs easily. It runs up to 25 minutes on one battery from the chargeable VersaPak system. The light-weight product comes with three attachments: scouring pad for tiles and sinks, a scrubbing brush for grout and uneven surfaces and circular detail brush for fixtures and corners. It sells for around \$60.

■ A great stocking stuffer for light jobs around the house is the cordless screwdriver. It can be used to hang drapes, tighten screws and change door pulls. Prices range anywhere from \$19 to \$36.

■ Cordless drills and small table saws are good buys for holiday gifts, says All Harrison with The Home Depot. He also recommends carving tools, which can be used for woodworking detailing as well as cutting pipe, sharpening knives, sanding and polishing. Compact in size and comfortable for use in tight places, the drills are available from \$37 and accessories begin at \$3.

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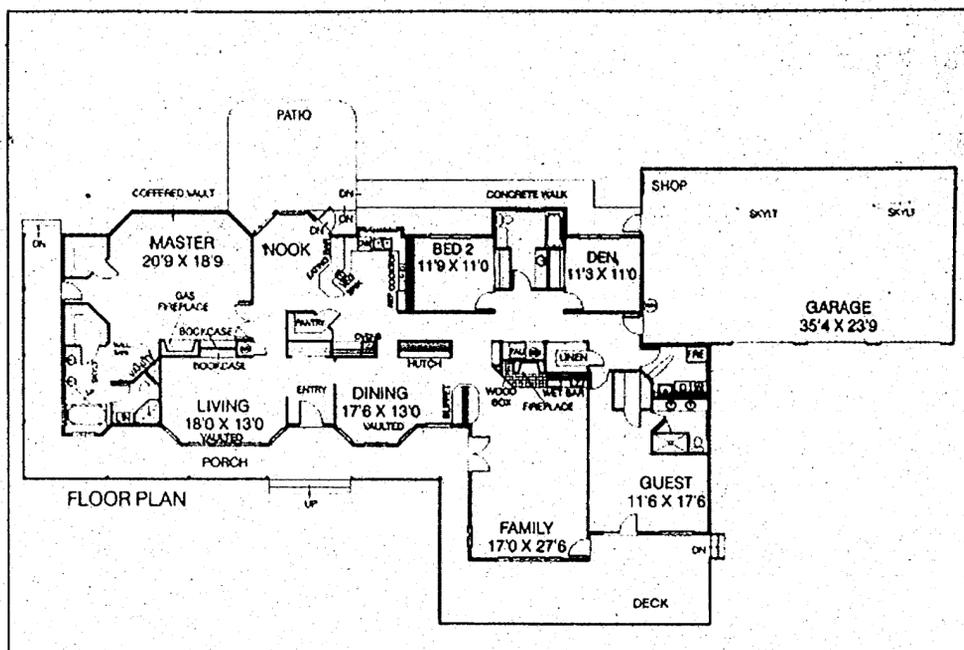
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**Remodelers seminar**  
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan hosts a seminar, "Get the Lead Out: Remodelers and the New Lead Standards," 5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 10, at its offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills.  
Chuck Breidenstein, education director for the Michigan Association of Home Builders,

will discuss business issues, standards and testing procedures.  
Cost, which includes a light supper, is \$25 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call (810) 737-4477.

**Real estate investors**  
The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland sponsors

a dinner program on setting and reaching goals 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at the Royal Oak American Legion, 1815 Rochester Road.  
Presenters: John Campbell, Wendy Patton and Jason Rivchin.  
Cost is \$13 for members, \$23 for non-members. Reservations required by Dec. 10 at (800) 747-6742.

**Rebuild market**  
The Crosswinds Group of Novi, which normally receives publicity for residential construction, has started work on the New Gratiot Central Market in Detroit.  
The market, destroyed by fire last year, will be rebuilt as a 29,000-square-foot, single-story structure. A spring opening is

targeted.  
"We are pleased with the cooperation and support that we have received from the city of Detroit," said Bernard Gliberman, Crosswinds president.  
"We will restore its original look of a general store with modern conveniences for vendors and store owners," he added.  
Architect is Neumann/Smith & Associates of Southfield.

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- 5 CENTURY OAKS**  
Estate sized lots available from \$109,000.  
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Starting at \$279,900  
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Single Family Homes  
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From Low \$200's  
On 10 Mile, W. of Inkster  
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Prices start at \$220's  
Hrs. 12-6 Closed Thurs.  
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"Hurry, 5 left"  
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Prices starting at \$164,900  
Open Daily from 12:00-6:00  
On White Lake Rd., East of Ormond  
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• 1-2-3 Bedroom  
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From \$70's to \$190's  
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W. of Beck Rd., S. of N. Territorial Rd.
- 22 Lopiccoco Homes & Multi Building presents**  
ROYAL CROWN ESTATES VI  
Name: Name: Name:  
Price: From the \$240's  
Hours: M-Sun Noon-6 PM  
Closed Thursday  
Phone: (810) 305-8400  
Location: On 9 Mile between Beck & Tenth in Novi
- 26 FOXCROFT ESTATES**  
ENERGY SAVER HOMES, INC.  
From \$189,900  
Fri.-Tues. 1-6  
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1/2 Mile N. of W. Maple on W. side of Benstein
- 30 HURON MEADOWS**  
Single Family Homes  
MILFORD-From the \$180's  
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- 48 ROLLING OAKS OF PLYMOUTH**  
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Preconstruction Pricing Starting at \$389,900  
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\$289,900  
Model Open:  
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Phone: (810) 380-9070  
Location: N off 8 Mile, W of Haggerty
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From the \$170's  
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Single Family Homes  
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North off 6 Mile between Sheldon & Beck  
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9 Mile Road, East of Duxboro  
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- 24 Lopiccoco Homes presents**  
Name: COVINGTON SQUARE  
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Location: On Lilley, S of Cherry N. of Palmer
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Single Family Homes  
Brand New - from under \$200,000  
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Single Family Homes  
From the \$140's  
Models open 1-6 daily  
Silverbell Rd. between M-24 & Adams  
(810) 377-4414  
Tri-Mount
- 35 CRYSTAL CREEK**  
Single Family Homes  
Pre-Grand Opening  
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Ann Arbor Schools - S side of Elsworth Rd. E. of Carpenter  
(313) 665-1685  
Tri-Mount
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Come see the quality everyone is talking about!  
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Just West of Beck on N. Territorial  
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Between Adams & Crooks, S. of Auburn Rd.  
(810) 852-6080
- 17 Bonadeo Builders Ridgewood West**  
Starting at \$229,900  
313-455-4009  
E. of Ridge Rd., S. of Ann Arbor Rd.
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Name: HAWTHORNE RIDGE  
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Hours: M-F 1-6 PM Sat./Sun. Noon-6 PM  
Phone: (810) 305-8400  
Location: On Ann Arbor Saline Rd. S. of I-94 in Ann Arbor
- 25 Lopiccoco Homes & Multi Building presents**  
Name: PHEASANT WOODS  
Price: \$179,900  
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Single Family Homes  
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Lakeland Community  
Nature Trails, Wooded Sites  
From the Low \$200,000's  
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- 37 THE CROSSINGS**  
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313-844-7201
- 39 Pinewood**  
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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS & DESKTOP TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Oakland Community College is accepting applications for the position of Director, Communications and Desktop Technology Support at the District Office.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications, Computer Science, Business Administration or related field. Five years experience in information and/or communication technology with at least two years in voice/data communication. Knowledge of supervisory principles and practices.

Applicants must complete an application to order a form call the Job Hotline at (810) 540-1579. Requests for applications will be accepted through December 12, 1996. Refer to Position No. 96ADM-20.

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ROLLINS Transportation Systems, Inc.
A dedicated contract carrier has an immediate opening for a DOT qualified tractor/trailer driver delivering auto parts directly to dealerships within a 7 state area. Based in Redford, MI, some of our minimum requirements include:

- 2 years recent verifiable experience
Good record record no more than 2 moving violations in the past 3 years
Class A & HazMat endorsement
In return we offer long term employment, regularly scheduled routes, competitive wages, and a full range of benefits. If interested call 1-800-447-1055 between 10AM-3PM only EOE.

DRIVERS - For regional area. Must have CDL-A. Also looking for Over-the-Road Drivers. (810) 449-4279

DRIVERS
FREIGHT transportation company is seeking experienced Drivers to fill full time positions. You must have a Class "C" driver's license and meet DOT requirements, this includes a clean driving record, physical exam and drug screening, and a full range of benefits. Call (313) 728-7540

DRIVERS
Full & part time, flexible hours. Retirees welcome. Key Auto Supply 810-478-2103

DRIVERS - Full time/part time. Drivers needed for airport transportation service. Flexible hours. Call 313-422-4755, betw 11am-4pm.

LUXURY DRIVERS
Earn \$350-\$500 weekly. Good driving record a must. Apply at 20700 Boening, Southfield, MI.

DRIVERS
SAUMONS TRUCKING
Local and regional drivers - Flatbed and stockpiles - Late model commercial equipment \$500-\$800 per wk. Company benefits. Contact Bill at 313-479-6020

DRIVERS WANTED
Metro Airport shuttle service. Must have Chauffeur's License. CDL-A or B license. Must be available for any shift and weekends/holidays. Excellent opportunity for growth within. Apply in person at Metro-Fin, 3800 W. 137th St. Northline Rd. between Inkster and Middlebelt, Romulus, MI.

DRIVERS WANTED
Looking for dependable drivers with good driving record for a growing company. CDL A license required. Good benefits, including life insurance, medical, dental, vacation & pension plan. Steel hauling experience a plus. New Boston area. Call between 9-5. 313-522-7340

DRIVERS
wanted. Luxury sedan service. Earn \$350-\$500 weekly. Good driving record a must. Apply at 20700 Boening, Southfield, MI.

DRIVERS/WAREHOUSE POSITIONS
For established glass distributor. We desire self motivated & service oriented people. Great opportunity for growth. Excellent benefits. Full or part-time. All shifts open. 2nd shift 4pm-12pm. Prefer progressive wage package, benefits, package available. In person at: SAF-TI Glass, 11950 Globe Road, Livonia, 1/4 mile South of 196, 1 block East of Newburg.

DRIVER WITH VAN
needed for package & freight service. Late model 1 ton cargo van needed. Paid percentage. (313) 459-8182

DRYWALL HANGERS & Tapers
experienced only. Standard Drywall. Call 7am to 8am. (810) 254-2350

DYNAMOMETER TECHNICIAN
Engineering testing laboratory is currently accepting applications for the position of Dynamometer Technician. Responsibilities include test set-up and execution. Must have good mechanical aptitude and basic electronic troubleshooting skills and PC experience. We are looking for full and part time positions. Send resume to: Link Testing Laboratories, 13840 Elmira Ave., Detroit, MI 48227. Attn: Technician.

EARN EXTRA MONEY THIS WINTER!
Looking for a reliable person to assist with snow removal at our apartment complex in Canton.

Would need to be (on-call) and available at all times. Great pay. We supply all materials. For an immediate interview call 313-981-6994

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR
Accepting applications for:
- Electrician
- Electrical Apprentice
- Estimator/Trainer
Send resume & wage requirements to: Electricians, P.O. Box 5220, Northville, MI 48167

ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING
Automated Manufacturing plant has a position available for an electrical maintenance person. Candidate must have:

- Good Mechanical Aptitude
Basic electrical troubleshooting skills
Minimum 2 years related education or equivalent experience
Good verbal and written communication skills

Full benefits, competitive wages, and great opportunities. EOE. Send Work history to:
Electrical Maintenance
P.O. Box 85018
Westland, MI 48185

ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL TECHNICIAN
Engineering testing laboratory has an immediate position open for a self-motivated Service Technician with good trouble shooting skills. Strong mechanical aptitude with background in instrumentation, calibration, computer skills, PLC skills, AC/DC control circuits and drive controls would be a plus. Full time position. Send resume to: Link Testing Laboratories, 13840 Elmira Ave., Detroit, MI 48227. Attn: Technician

ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING MAN-AGER
needed full time. Check our website at: www.mh.com. Dan, 2015 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor, 313-665-7555

EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIAN & Plumber for residential renovations. Must have 10 years experience. Dependable. (313) 555-9991

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ELECTRICIAN
experienced journeyman/foreman, able to lay out & run jobs. Full benefits. (313) 453-3320

ELECTRICIAN
GENERAL Maintenance. Growing metal finishing facility seeking an experienced electrician with journeyman's card. We offer benefits and educational package. Salary level based on experience. Come in person to: 17760 Clairmont, Melvindale, MI 48122

ELECTRICIAN
Immediate employment, 3 years minimum Journeyman experience and 2 years minimum apprentice experience. Commercial & industrial work. (810) 853-3505

ELECTRICIAN
Journeyman or equivalent for machine building company. Dearborn area. (313) 274-5100

ELECTRICIAN - Licensed
Journeyman wanted immediately. Malone Electric Co. Top wage & benefits. (800) 293-5959

ELECTRICIANS/PIPE FITTERS 1 yr. experience. Excellent fringe benefits. Apply JIC Electric Installations, 6900 Chase, Dearborn. (313) 584-8970

ELECTRONICS/FABRICATION
LOOKING for people with some electronics background. Familiar with blueprints, planar wiring assembly, fabrication is helpful. Temp to perm positions with benefits. (313) 258-8600 LNVONA

PERSONNEL SERVICES
ELECTRONICS
PM SHIFT \$8.50-\$11 per hr. High tech manufacturing plant in the Plymouth area. Electronics background helpful. Clean room/food grade environment. Temp to Perm position. ARBOR TECHNICAL 459-1166

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN
\$10 - \$14/ hr. Test Tech. Trouble Shooting. Temp to Perm. ARBOR TECHNICAL 459-1166

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISPATCHER
CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
Receive emergency calls, complaints, and inquiries from the public; evaluate information; and dispatch police, fire, and emergency medical services.

Full-time shift work, including nights, weekends, and holidays. Excellent wage and benefit package. Starting salary \$27,469. Uniforms provided.

High school graduate or equivalent plus one year full-time experience in either: military service (DD214 required) or dispatch or public safety employment. Must possess a valid driver's license and a good driving record. Must be able to communicate well in English, both verbally and in writing, work well with others; and function under stressful situations. Typing 30 wpm preferred. Applicants will be subject to a lengthy testing process and an extensive background investigation. Residency within a 15 mile radius of Southfield and required 6 months prior probation.

City of Southfield application form required. Apply no later than 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 1996 at:
Personnel Department
CITY OF SOUTHFIELD
26000 Evergreen Road
Southfield, MI 48076

Please be aware that this will be a thorough and, therefore, lengthy process. Written contact with applicants will begin during the month of January, 1997.

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SOFTWARE ENGINEER
Electronics Engineer - BSEE
Position involves analog signal conditioning design, microprocessor digital design, and concept to completion, project management, assembly and (C++) programming experience. Also, knowledge of RS 232/485 interface and PC based design tools. Benefits include: BCBS insurance. Send resume and salary requirements to: Sterling Scale Company, Livonia, MI 48075, Attn: Mr. Don Dixon.

ENGINEER
Moon Thermal Industries, a leading manufacturer of industrial ovens and parts washer is seeking an Electrical Design Engineer. This person will be responsible for the programming and documentation of PLC's and CNC's.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Circuit Design
- Panel Layout
- AutoCAD/PLC Interface
- Programming
MUST HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN:
- AutoCAD 12
- National Electrical Code
- PLC's (Allen Bradley, Modicon, NEMA)
- JIC
- DSA
- Machine operation guidelines
- Gas Trains
- PID Loops
- Pneumatics
- Hydraulic Systems

Must have 5 - 10 years experience and hold a minimum of an Associates Degree in Electronics. Salary will be determined by experience. Please fax or mail in your resume to:
Attention: Engineering Secretary
Moon Thermal Industries
One Owen Place
P.O. Box 148174
Livonia, MI 48174

ESTIMATOR
needed for well established West Bloomfield luxury home builder/developer. Experience preferred. Send resume to: O'Brien & Magner, 4969 Oak Hollow, West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

EXCITING JOB OPPORTUNITIES
Looking for eager individuals for temp or perm positions. We have immediate openings in the following areas:

- Press Operators, CAD Operators, Installers, Panel Wiring, Entry-level Engineering, Programmers for Electronics, Assemblers, Experienced Warehouse, Quality Inspectors.

CASH AND REFERRAL BONUS
Apply today - work tomorrow. LNVONA 313-268-8600
SOUTHFIELD, 810-352-1300
AUBURN HILLS, 810-373-7500
TAYLOR, 313-284-0777

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wanted. Top pay. Call after 5:30pm. (519) 546-2965 or (810) 651-7663

FAB SHOP, Welder/Fitter Needed. Call (517) 548-4680

FLORIDA ENGINEER - Plymouth Livonia area, duties include HVAC, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, vendor control, mechanical & electrical engineering systems, project management. Send resume to: Property Management Dept., % Tricore Tosto Co., 62100 Telegraph, #100, Birmingham Farms, MI 48025

FACTORY HELP NEEDED
Apply in person at Mapco, 5701 Sheldon, Canton.

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FACILITY SUPPORT
Full-time position available to work at our new Mission Health Center located in Farmington Hills. Selected candidate will be responsible for interior building mechanical maintenance, exterior groundskeeping and material management.

Minimum 2 years mechanical maintenance and/or material management experience required in an office complex or healthcare environment. High school graduate with Michigan drivers license required.

Apply Mon-Thurs., 9am-2pm

PROVIDENCE
Hospital & Medical Centers
Employment Services
22255 Greenfield, Ste 310
Southfield, MI 48075

FIREPLACE INSTALLERS - Earn up to \$1,000 per week. Be your own boss. Year-round work. We pay every week. Call Mr. Franko, (313) 449-6334

FLEXOGRAPHIC PRINTER
Established Canon label company seeks experienced printer for full time position. Must be able to operate 7 color printer with experience in a color process work. Good starting salary and benefits. Call for interview. (313) 454-7600

FLORAL DESIGNER - Now Florist seeks full & part-time experienced floral designers for fresh, silk & dried floral arranging. Call Kim or Chen at 810-347-6544

FORK LIFT OPERATOR
For packaging company. Experience with 3000 lb capacity stand-up & sit-down trucks. Salary negotiable. Apply at 34450 Industrial Road, Livonia, MI 48150

FULL, PART or FLEX TIME
Highly motivated, high volume Pouring, Cleaning & Firing Ceramics in our Westland shop. Experience necessary. Call for application. (313) 728-3300

FURNITURE SANDING/REPAIR PERSON
59-52 per hour plus benefits. Walled Lake (810) 624-3080

FURNITURE STOCK HELPER
Looking for dependable individuals for a part-time position at our new store in the high volume retail showroom display and clean. Good starting rate with clean, smoke-free working conditions. Approximately 15 hours per week, evenings & weekends. Apply in person or call:
La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries
27754 Van Dyke Rd
Livonia, MI 48150
(On Twelve Oaks Mat service drive)

GARAGE DOOR & OPENER
Serviceman & Installer
Experienced person or with train right person. Must be dependable & have a good driving record. Benefits Available. (810) 684-1391

GEAR HOBBER & GEAR SHAPER OPERATOR
Experienced only. Full benefits Hytrol Manufacturing, Inc., Southfield, MI. (313) 261-8030

General Laborers
Needed in the Westland area. Please Call for more information.

ADIA Adco
Westland: 722-9060
Taylor: 291-3100

WORK TODAY PAID TODAY LABOR READY
TEMPORARY LABOR ON GUARANTEE - NO FEES - NO HASSLES - 5 DETROIT AREA OFFICES

APPLY IN PERSON
28157 E. Mile Rd., Livonia (810) 471-9191
27422 Michigan Ave., Ferndale (810) 562-1111
701 E. 9 Mile Rd., Inkster (810) 541-7272
16129 N. Mile, Eastpointe (810) 773-9877
710 W. Huron St., Pontiac (810) 336-5555

COME SEE US TODAY!!!
CONSTRUCTION, ASSEMBLY, WAREHOUSE, JANITORIAL, HOTEL/RESTAURANT + MORE

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Manufacturer needs someone for assembly/light manufacturing & part time driver position. Some assembly/light machine operation experience helpful. Also, must have good driving record to drive 22-28 hr. vans with good driving record, high energy and a desire to learn. For management experience helpful. \$340-\$400/week. Call Frank: (810) 477-3307

HONE OPERATOR - Experienced on precision machined aircraft parts. Working in Precision Manufacturing, Garden City. (313) 261-8030

hotel AMERISUTIES HOTEL now hiring:
- Part time night audit
- Full time front desk PM shift
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Immediate hire, benefits available. Apply in person at: Amerisuties, 1545 N. Opdyke Rd., Auburn Hills

HOUSECLEANERS
FULL MEDICAL, DENTAL & LIFE Full & part-time, Mon-Fri. days, company car, \$25-\$29.50 start, training paid drive time, uniforms, paid holidays/vacations + bonuses. Call to find out why. (810) 477-3307

MAINTENANCE
AMERICAN FREEDOM CLEANERS (810) 473-9300

Housekeeping & Laundry Part Time Positions
Excellent Benefits. Apply at Marywood Nursing Care Center, 36975 West Five Mile, Livonia.

GLAZIER
Autoglass installer wanted. Experience only. Good pay, please call 313-995-3232

GENERAL OFFICE CLERK
Full/Part-Time
Filing, typing, answering phones, etc. Excellent working conditions and benefits. Good location. Send resume to: 1155 Welch, Suite D, Commerce, MI 48390. Or call: 810-926-6200

GRANDDAD PERSONNEL
Well established print media company seeks an HR manager. Ideal candidate will be energetic, diplomatic, and a team player. Bachelor's degree and 5 years generalist experience a must. Print media experience a plus. Growth opportunities and competitive salary. Send resume and salary requirements in confidence to:
Ms. Oswald
P.O. Box 691
Southfield, MI 48037
Fax (810) 352-0018

500 Help Wanted General
GRAPHIC ARTS
Avis Printing is looking for a dynamic graphic arts person to work in and help manage a desktop publishing/database dept. and office network. Must have computer experience with software such as Quark, Pagemaker, Photoshop, Illustrator, Interleaf, Programming, and Novell. Experience a definite plus. Benefits. Send resume to: Mr. Lawrence W. Govaers, 23925 Industrial Park Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48335

GRAPHIC DESIGNER
5 or more yrs. of studio or agency experience. Must be Mac proficient. Excellent design skills for print & multi media a must. Ability to work in a fast paced, creative, multi-task environment essential. Fax resume to: 810-478-5955

GREGORY AREA group home now hiring caring compassionate individuals who are interested in working full time part time with developmentally disabled adults. 1 day openings from 8am to 10am. 3 days openings from 10am to 2pm. If you are interested & have a high school diploma or GED & a valid Michigan drivers license, please call me at (313) 498-2336. Paid training, \$5.90/hr. to start. \$300 hiring bonus.

GROUNDKEEPER LIGHT MAINTENANCE
person needed for medium size Westland apartment complex. Part-time. Call Mon - Fri, noon - 5pm. (313) 722-4700

GROUNDKEEPER LIGHT MAINTENANCE
person for apt community in Westland, part time. (313) 422-5411

GROUNDSTURN OVER MAINTENANCE
Stone Ridge Apartments in Wixom is looking for a self motivated, individual to fill full-time position. No experience needed. Starting wages \$7.50. Call Carol or Rex at: (810) 624-9449

GYMNASTICS COACHES
Weekday afternoons & Saturday AM. Call Kathy at the Farmington YMCA 810-553-1933

HAIRDRESSER/ASSISTANT
Needed for busy Downtown Rochester salon. Please Contact: (810) 656-9773

HAIR DRESSERS
Full and part time positions available in Westland location. \$6hour plus benefits. Call Cindy. (810) 525-9876

HAIR DRESSERS, makeup artists, facialists & massage therapists. Rental space available. Thomas D & Co. (810) 644-2257

HAIR STYLIST/ASSISTANT
Progressive salon. \$30K+ salary, wardrobe, career & fashion. Full Licensed. Fulltime. 810-851-9043

HAIR STYLIST NEEDED
Westland. Overflow of business. Full or part-time. Ask for Beverly. (313) 427-0120, Evenings. (810) 932-0031

HAIR STYLISTS
FAINTISTIC SAMS
Northville, Call/party in person. No Sunday hours. 21522 Novi Rd. Between 8 & 9 Mile (810) 344-8900

HARTLAND GROUP home under new management. Hiring Direct Care Staff, both full & part time for mornings, afternoon & midnight shifts. Must be 18 years of age & have valid Michigan driver's license. Call (810) 635-8442 for an interview.

HARTLAND GROUP home under new management. Hiring Facility Manager & Assistant Manager. Must be 18 yrs. of age & have valid Michigan driver's license. Call (810) 635-8442 for an interview.

HEATING & COOLING DELIVERY PERSON/SHOP HELP
Needed for experienced individuals. Walled Lake area. (810) 669-1127

HI LO DRIVER
Currently seeking to fill a vacancy for a hi truck driver. Must have High School Diploma or equivalent. We offer:

- Excellent Benefits
Advanced Fleet
Advancement
Great Wages
Training

Apply today: 1351 Hx. (E. of I-275, S. of Ford) Westland, MI 48185. EOE

HI-LO DRIVERS
Afternoon & night shifts in Plymouth. Must pass hi-lo, math and drug test. \$7.50/hr. start. 313-464-3170

HOLIDAY HELP
for fast paced fruit basket preparation. Needed from Dec. 10 thru Dec. 24. Excellent wages. Apply in person. JOE'S PRODUCE 33152 W. 7 Mile - Livonia

HOME MANAGER
needed for experienced individuals at least 2 years experience working with persons with developmental disabilities; good driving record, high energy and a desire to learn. For management experience helpful. \$340-\$400/week. Call Frank: (810) 477-3307

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HOUSEKEEPER
Full time position for Luxury Senior Center. Apartment Complex. Competitive wages. Full benefits available. Must relate well with seniors. Apply in person only. Monday-Friday between 9:00am and 4:00 pm. The Townbridge 24111 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48034 (no phone calls accepted) EOE M/F/V/H

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNICIAN
Oakland Community College is currently seeking applications for the position of Instructional Technician at the Southfield Campus.

Minimum Qualifications: Associate Degree in Computer Information Systems or any discipline with at least 15 semester hours in information systems. Four years work experience documenting knowledge and skills in technology-based instruction equipment including personal computer, video and interactive media, installation and configuration of personal computer software and hardware components including, but not limited to, hard drives, SIMMs, network interface cards, DOS, OS/2, Macintosh OS. Workers' industrial technology and network operating software.

Competitive salary and excellent benefits.

Applicants must complete an application. To order form call the OCC Job Hotline at (810) 540-1579. Requests for applications will be accepted through Monday, December 16, 1996. Refer to Position 96C-47

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JANITORIAL
OFFICE CLEANERS - Evenings up to \$7/hr to start
FLOOR SPECIALISTS - Stripping & refinishing Full or part-time \$8-\$10/hr to start
AVAILABLE TO AREA SUPERVISORS - Evenings up to \$3/hr. to start. Southfield, Plymouth and Livonia areas. (810) 449-7600

JANITORIAL - Part-time evenings. Now area. Tues. & Wed. 7:00pm Sat. 4-7pm. \$6.50/hour. (810) 669-9299

JANITORIAL WORK
Experienced preferred. Full-time. Must be willing to work weekends. Flexible hours. Starting pay \$6/hr. (313) 533-3303

JIG GRINDER/SURFACE GRINDER
For Garage company in Novi. Experience in grinding Top and 4 good jobs/full time. (810) 380-5515

JOE COACH - Community based training program needs strong individual people to work as Job Coaches. Part & full time positions available. Call for more information. WCLS training & motivation a plus. Resonance Training, 9-3 (810) 473-1190

JOB COACHES
Work days, keep your evenings & weekends free. Apply by working as a Joe Coach for adults with disabilities. (313) 292-0016

JOB OPENING
Wanted - One Major Home Appliance Technician - Experienced - 20-25 yrs. and the ability to learn. Your past is past and honesty are what counts. Contact the Appliance Doctor. Joe Gagnon at (313) 425-1780

KITCHEN/BATH SUPPORT
Persons able to drain, price, order, install and clean cabinets. Strong drafting & organizational skills. Experience preferred or will train. Contact LIVING SPACES 810-682-3560 Fax: 810-682-5862

INCOME TAX PREPARER
We are seeking experienced professionals who are knowledgeable in the area of individual 1040 tax preparation and who place an emphasis on quality client service & attention to detail. This is an excellent opportunity if you are willing to relocate. We offer to work with an established accounting firm in the Novi area. Excellent pay in a pleasant atmosphere working with a great team. Apply in person. This is seasonal full or part time day positions lasting from the end of Jan. until April 15. 810-348-3348

INSPECTOR
Floor inspector for machining company. Must have working knowledge of machine tools. Send resume to: (810) 477-3307

INSTRUCTOR
For Day Program working with developmentally disabled consumers. Mon thru Fri, 8am-4pm. Excellent benefits. (313) 728-8470

INSURANCE
Commercial and Personal Customer Service Reps. Producers/Sales Representative. Call for more information. Experienced Only. Fees Company Paid. Ann Bell Personnel 24044 Birmingham Pointe Dr. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 (810) 540-3355 Fax: 540-8165

JANITORIAL/DELIVERY
General office/janitorial errands using agency vehicle. Valid Michigan driver's license, high school/GED required. Part time, flexible hours. \$6.75/hr. Apply Mon - Fri, 10-4pm at: 28366 Franklin Rd., Southfield, MI 48034. An Equal Opportunity Employer

LEARN TO DANCE
Instructors needed to teach Social & Ballroom dancing. Great pay, fun & travel. Dance, theater or sports background required. Will train qualified individuals. Arthur Murray, Dance Studio, Bloomfield Hills. Call for more information. Call after 2pm. 810-338-6390

LEASING CONSULTANT
Part time for Canton area apartment community. (313) 997-1080

LEASING CONSULTANT
Currently seeking a professional, friendly, self-motivated individual to fill the position at Stone Ridge Apartments in Wixom. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Call Carol or Rex at: (810) 624-9449

LEASING POSITION
available for experienced individuals. Must. Wayne/Deer Area. Westland 313-326-8270

MAINTENANCE
Luxury apartment community in Farmington Hills has full time position available for maintenance and grounds. Excellent opportunity to join a professional management team. Hourly position includes benefits and possible overtime. Apply in person at: Creation Club, 13 Mile & Haggerty.

MAINTENANCE PERSON
needed for Plymouth Apt. community. Full-time. Call Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. 313-453-7144

MAINTENANCE PERSON
Full time for apt complex. Experience with plumbing, painting and minor electrical work. Call for more information. 11525 Farmington Rd, Livonia. (313) 423-3050

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
For large Farmington Hills apartment community. Apply in person. MULLERWOOD Management Office 35055 Mullerwood Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48031. Great River & Drake

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
Apt Community in Novi needs an experienced person in plumbing, carpentry, heating and light electrical repair. Former Apt. Maintenance plus, but not necessary. Live on site. Great opportunity with a large Property Management Company. Call Waterview Farms. 810-624-0004

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR
National property management firm has an immediate opening for a Maintenance Supervisor at a luxury apartment community in Ann Arbor. Position requires carpentry, electrical plumbing skills and prior supervisory experience. HVAC certification required. This full time position offers above average wage with benefits package including a 401(k) plan, health insurance and access to apartment rental rate available. Please send resume to: Box 1413 Observer & Excitec Newspapers 36255 Excitec Light Livonia, MI 48150 EOE

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
wanted. Please apply in person Wyndham Garden Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi. (810) 344-8800

MAINTENANCE TECH.
Senior apartment community in Westland. General knowledge in basic electrical, plumbing, etc. On-call on-site

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500 Help Wanted General MECHANIC Excellent opportunity for experienced mechanic in growing transportation co. PM and repairs on...

500 Help Wanted General NOVI CO. seeking right person to grow with us. Prior experience Shipping/Receiving, forklift, rack &...

500 Help Wanted General PART TIME/TEMPORARY PLUMBING INSPECTOR Canton Township is accepting applications for the position of Part-Time...

500 Help Wanted General PURCHASING SOURCING OPPORTUNITY Farmington Hills manufacturer and industrial distributor seeks energetic...

500 Help Wanted General SECURITY NEED EXTRA \$\$\$ FOR THE HOLIDAYS? Now hiring full and part time security...

500 Help Wanted General TELEMARKETING For heating & cooling company. Hourly plus bonuses. Days or evenings (313) 266-9258

500 Help Wanted General UNDERWRITER Permanent position available for an experienced FHA, VA or conventional Underwriter. Must be FHA, Direct...

502 Help Wanted Office Clerks ACCOUNTING CLERK/SECRETARY Leading environmental and engineering consulting firm is seeking a highly motivated Accounting Clerk/Secretary to join our Farmington Hills...

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS Luxurious apartment community in Birmingham seeking an experienced self motivated individual to join our team...

MECHANIC Needed for Bowling Center. No experience Must be 18 years or older. (810) 626-2422

OFFICE CLEANING Office cleaning, full and part time positions available. Evenings and days. Must have experience. Need supervision & day porter. Excellent pay. Farmington Hills. Call 313-453-4545

OIL CHANGE TECHNICIAN Penzoi 10 Minute Oil Change - Experienced or will train. Full and part time positions available. Apply in person 3468 W. M. Mr. Marjorie Hill's, 1/2 mile west of Farmington Rd. or call for appointment. 810-476-1313

QUALITY TECHNICIAN Suburban metal stamping plant seeks to employ a self-motivated individual. This person must have a good understanding of SPC, FMEA's, control plans and other related documents to be computer oriented and to read blueprints. Send resume to Plymouth Stamping 315 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, MI 48150 313-453-1515

SHIPPING & RECEIVING Opportunity in fast-paced, growth oriented, automotive stamping plant. Requires highly motivated individual with shipping, daily entry & in-to stock. Career opportunity. Full time. All shifts. Competitive salary & benefits. Qualified candidates should apply to: E & B Manufacturing, 300 Industrial Dr. Plymouth, (across from Unisys)

TELESERVICE REPRESENTATIVES Look for some extra Holiday P.M.H. Caramanning, Inc. is a high tech marketing services company located in Farmington Hills. We are seeking part-time Teleservice Representatives to conduct Customer Satisfaction Surveys. NO SELLING INVOLVED. Two shifts are available Monday-Friday 4pm to 10pm and 4pm to midnight (occasional Saturdays) Salary \$7.00/hr. Please send your resume to: P.M.H. P.O. Box 2487 Farmington Hills, MI 48331-2487 or Fax 810-488-5363

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