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### Luminary sale

The Plymouth Symphony League and the Trailwood Garden Club will help residents light up Christmas.

The groups will sell holiday luminaries, candles in bags, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Westchester Mall and Great Scott! on Ann Arbor Road.

After the sale, the luminaries can be bought from Mary O'Connell, 459-1999. The cost of the luminaries is \$2.50 for 10.

### More lights

The city of Plymouth will sell luminaries starting this week. They are available at the public works department. For more information, call 453-7737.

### Christmas sing

The First Church of Christ, 1100 W. Ann Arbor, will have a Christmas sing at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the church. Church organist Cornelia Landis will perform along with Brenda Krachenberg and Sue Pocklington.

### Grand opening

Signature Inn Plymouth will have a grand opening 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the motel, 40455 Ann Arbor Road. The public may attend.

### Business lauded

Seaway Gasket & Rubber Co. of Plymouth has received an award from the state Department of Labor for its efforts to hire people who are disabled. The firm employs nine disabled people as general laborers, production workers and material handlers.

### Plymouth people

Shirley Jallad of Plymouth has been elected educational vice president of the Oral Majority Toastmasters Club. Pat Block of Canton was voted administrative vice president and Liane Stark of Plymouth was re-elected treasurer.

Elizabeth Barnhill of Canton, a 1987 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School, has been named as a member of a culinary team from Johnson & Wales University, Providence, R.I.

The team will compete in cooking competitions around the world for two years, including the Hotelympia in London and the 1992 Culinary Olympics in Frankfurt, West Germany. She was employed at Cafe Bon Homme.

Debra J. Parent of Plymouth has been awarded the St. Catherine Undergraduate Achievement Medal at Madonna College's recent Founders' Day Celebration Mass.



Geraldine Fitzgerald, left, chats with Diane Berguist of Plymouth.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## 'Wuthering Heights' star visits

By Tom Fergusson  
staff writer

She strolled into a Dearborn hotel lobby at noon, just off a plane from New York, ready for an interview before rushing downtown for a radio show and a TV appearance and then out to Plymouth to introduce a movie that more than 600 fans would gather to see.

Fast-track stuff. And the lady, Geraldine Fitzgerald, is 75. The movie is 50.

Why can 1939's "Wuthering Heights," a sad romantic tale in foreboding black-and-white with a lead character named Heathcliff, still draw a crowd? And why can every woman in one office, average age barely 30, tell an inquiring male everything he wants to know about this guy Heathcliff?

"Undying passion is an eternal theme," Fitzgerald said, barely off the elevator and into her hotel room.

*'Undying passion is an eternal theme. It has great force, on the screen as well as in actuality.'*

— Geraldine Fitzgerald

"It has great force, on the screen as well as in actuality."

"It echoes a lot of peoples' experience — giving up someone they love for a more sensible mate."

"And when you have Olivier playing this obsessed, somewhat savage person..."

FITZGERALD IS the last survivor of "Wuthering Heights" star-crossed quartet of Heathcliff (Laurence Olivier), Cathy (Merle Oberon), Edgar (David Niven) and Isabella. That makes Fitzgerald one of the last sur-

vivors of Hollywood's very best year.

In 1939, 10 films were nominated for the Best Picture Oscar: "Wuthering Heights," "The Wizard of Oz," "Of Mice and Men," "Ninotchka," "Dark Victory," "Goodbye Mr. Chips," "Stagecoach," "Love Affair," "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and, the envelope please, "Gone with the Wind." Fitzgerald played in two of them, having met her lifelong friend Bette Davis on the set of "Dark Victory."

"It was the first day of shooting,"

Fitzgerald said as she awaited her room-service soup, "and Bette had just been given divorce papers. She was quite despondent." Director Edmund Goulding told the young Fitzgerald to "go tell Bette an Irish joke."

Fitzgerald found the great Davis — "unexpectedly tiny, blonde, very chicly dressed, holding one of those lawyerly looking envelopes" — and told her an Irish tale about the unreliability of men. And so were launched both "Dark Victory" and a warm friendship.

Fitzgerald had come to Hollywood from the stage and her native Ireland, using the name her parents had given her.

"Very early on, Noel Coward told me that if I wanted my name in lights, I'd have to change it. 'You have a red in your name,' Coward said. 'They'll never spell it right, and

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## Commission to vote on Wilcox apartment project

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

Two five-story apartments could be built downtown, if blueprints win initial approval Wednesday from the city planning commission.

Zoning for the intended apartments site — Jack Wilcox's downtown property — would allow 10-story buildings.

But Wilcox has said he wants to develop the property in a way that better suits Plymouth's small-town style.

Still, some residents have criticized the plan, at city planning com-

mission meetings earlier this fall.

"I've had more phone calls on this project than I've had on any single issue," said Douglas Miller, planning commission chairman who has served on the commission four years.

Those calls, about 30, have been evenly split between those favoring the project and those against it, Miller said.

Planning commissioners have twice delayed a vote on the project. They've encouraged the developer and architect to alter the apartments' design before seeking commission approval, to make them ap-

pear lower and less massive.

The revised plans scheduled to go before planning commissioners on Wednesday include design features that draw attention to lower floors.

Balcony railing slats are tightly spaced, following the design of the Wilcox House, now being restored as part of the overall project.

The revised plans also show more use of brick and less siding — an approach favored by some commissioners.

The peaked building roof motif, which also follows the design of the

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## Developer scraps office complex plans

By Kevin Brown  
staff writer

For now, plans are on hold to build an office complex at Ann Arbor Trail and Harvey.

Two houses at the northwest corner would have given way to a two-story office complex, under the plan proposed by the Selective Development Group of Farmington Hills.

But developer Michael Horowitz has withdrawn building plans presented earlier to the city building department, and his option to buy the property has expired, city officials said.

Yet, "This doesn't preclude the chance that we'll come back with the same plan or a modified plan," said David Gans, a partner in Horowitz' firm.

"We're maintaining interest in the site," Gans said.

Meanwhile, some Ann Arbor Trail residents are collecting petition signatures from neighbors opposed to the project, proposed in November.

The project "is just massive. It's as large as the McAuley center," said Joan Gerig of Ann Arbor Trail.

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## Board eyes new school

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

As the 1990s near, Plymouth-Canton school board members are realizing that the need for a third high school is growing, and that the need will only increase as land to the south and west of the district is developed.

Trustees have differing opinions as to where a new school should be and about what type of school it should be.

"We have a housing crunch. We've faced it in the past, and we need to look at it again," said Trustee Marilyn Schwinn.

With the exception of a couple of middle schools, all the district's buildings are at or past capacity.

There are 4,200 students at Centennial Educational Park. Optimum enrollment is 4,000 to 4,100, say school officials.

The district's goal is to house all ninth-12th graders at the park, sixth-through eighth-graders in middle schools, and kindergartners through fifth-graders in elementaries.

Currently, some ninth-graders attend West Middle and Pioneer Middle schools.

"If you look at all our vacant land, it is frightening to ponder how many homes could be there in 10 to 20 years," said Trustee Dean Swartzwelter.

In Swartzwelter's view, it would be impossible to accommodate the 463 ninth-graders attending West and Pioneer at the park. "That would give us 4,575 students. It's impossible," he said.

Swartzwelter envisions "some sort of an alternative high school that would offer courses in fine arts, talented and gifted classes or other specialty areas." He could see converting Central Middle School, originally a high school, for such a purpose.

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## Pearl Harbor remembered

Art and Helen Sidman of Mayflower Post 6666 carry a wreath to lay at the Plymouth Rock in Kellogg Park on Thursday as part of ceremonies to remember servicemen who died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.



# Board considers 3rd high school

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"Five, six or 700 students would fit nicely into Central, and relieve 800, 900 or 700 students from the park environment," he said. "In my opinion, it doesn't make any sense to have an out-and-out third high school, because we aren't in that deep of a capacity problem."

Locating a new school at the park would be beneficial in that "you could offer central activities. A lot of opportunities are available there."

"But several people including myself believe the park environment with another high school would involve a population nearing 5,000. That's just too many people in one place."

SCHWINN ALSO LIKES the idea of an alternative high school.

"Personally I would like to see some sort of alternative school developed for all sorts of alternatives, not only the fine arts, but anything else that was needed. Perhaps an alternative school for those people who cannot really function

to their utmost in a setting with 4,000 people."

Converting Central Middle School "certainly is one way of dealing with our overcrowding problem, and is something that needs to be explored. It's a building, and it's there. The question is what conversion would cost us, and whether it would be worth it to do it."

Building a third high school close to new subdivisions is an idea with merit, but not without potential problems, Schwinn said.

"My greatest concern, if we were to choose to build a third high school, would be with its identity. I see that perhaps there would be problems having Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem together, and then a third location. I think we would need to look long and hard at doing that."

Trustee Jeanette Wines said the board has lots of studying to do.

"There's so much we have to look at. We've only scratched the surface."

"We have to decide what is going to be best for students, and how we

are going to house them. Things that are ideal aren't always achievable. You have to consider what you can do to get the results you can live with and that the public is going to understand and buy."

Wines, who's not prepared to recommend anything specific, said she's looking forward to the public's input on the subject.

"There are a lot of possibilities," she said.

A third high school "definitely should be a school of choice," Wines said.

"I don't think it should be in competition with the high school. Maybe it could be a Class B type high school where it wouldn't be in competition with the park."

TRUSTEE DAVID ARTLEY is "keeping all the options open. We have to consider the potential use of Central as a high school because it was one at one time. We have to look at the cost of that and the cost of a new building. We also need to look at where new houses are going in."

Among members of the schools' housing task force and residents

who participated in community forums on housing, a bond issue appears to be the most popular funding vehicle for a third high school.

Artley said the bond issue "couldn't be sought any sooner than a year or a year and a half from now. A high school probably couldn't be built any sooner than two, two-and-a-half years. Central we could renovate and use within a year and a half."

Trustee Roland Thomas asked the housing committee to seriously consider all options, including accommodating growth at CEP.

"I look at our student enrollment capacity, and it's significantly different than it was seven or eight years ago," he said.

Enrollment projections change, and administrative overhead is costly, he added.

"I don't want to end up like Troy (where the board and community are battling over a third high school. We need to explain to people exactly what we are doing and why."

Trustees E.J. McClendon and Barbara Graham couldn't be reached for comment.

# Mom files charges against her daughter's boyfriend

After telling police her 16-year-old daughter had run away from home, a 34-year-old Livonia mother filed charges of harboring a runaway against the daughter's 20-year-old boyfriend.

The woman filed charges with the Plymouth Township police on Wednesday, six days after she found that her daughter was staying with the boyfriend at the Red Roof Inn in Plymouth Township, the police report stated.

HIT FROM BEHIND: A 40-year-old Canton man was charged with leaving the scene of an accident after a Plymouth Township police officer watched him drive away without stopping after his car was struck by another Tuesday on the I-275 exit ramp.

The officer reported that he saw a Buick Cutlass struck from behind at 10:24 p.m., but the car continued west on Ann Arbor Road.

The officer said he lost sight of the car, as he was at the scene of an earlier traffic accident. Soon after, a second officer reported that he spotted a car fitting the description of the Buick parked at Plymouth Manor Apartments. The car had fresh damage to the rear, the officer reported.

Police contacted the car's owner, who said he had not driven it that evening.

Still, he was charged with leaving the accident scene and with not having a driver's license.

LARCENY: Sometime between 2 and 3 p.m. Wednesday, a trumpet was stolen from the unsecured locker of a Canton Township student at East Middle School.

The rented trumpet and case were worth \$450, said Plymouth police.

CHOO CHOO CHARGES: CSX Transportation was cited twice in two hours for delaying traffic in Plymouth last week.

At 4 a.m. Dec. 7, an eastbound train blocked the South Mill crossing for 10 minutes.

An hour before, CSX was ticketed

## crime watch

for holding up traffic when a north-bound train blocked the Main Street crossing for seven minutes.

A court date will be scheduled for CSX within 30 days.

TIRES SLASHED: A Plymouth woman told police that sometime between midnight and 5:30 a.m. Dec. 6, the rear tire of her 1974 red Monte Carlo was punctured.

The car was parked in her driveway on Church Street at the time.

Police found four diagonal slits in the tire. Damage was estimated at \$35. There are no suspects.

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# Developer withdraws office complex plans

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"We feel that's too intense a use," she continued.

"We're not anti-development or anti-business," Gerigk said. But she added that nearby residents would like "something more suitable" at the corner.

IN EARLY November, the city zoning board of appeals turned down the developer's request to buy parking credits — not enough on-site

parking could be provided — and a height variance.

Zoning board Chairman Charles Cash said the developer should have gone to the planning commission first before seeking variances with the zoning board, saying this is traditional in Plymouth.

Horowitz said his firm had no problem with paying for parking credits. But he said the zoning board would not allow them to buy credits even though there is much parking in the area.

"What the residents of Plymouth need to understand is a strong downtown is the spirit and the soul of the city," Horowitz said. "If new and fresh investment isn't put into the downtown, I think its strength can be

jeopardized."

Gerigk said Horowitz made that pitch at a meeting in late November to discuss the planned offices with about 10 nearby residents.

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Fitzgerald arrives at Plymouth's Penn for the showing of "Wuthering Heights."

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It looked like 1939 in Plymouth when Geraldine Fitzgerald and "Wuthering Heights" came to town.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## Film star takes romance to new heights downtown

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you'll have to carry your own zed around in a little attache case."

After "Dark Victory," both Davis and Fitzgerald — zed and all — wanted the role of Cathy, the object of Heathcliff's ferocious and futile affection. (Explaining the love quadrangle in "Wuthering Heights" is a bit like writing a sentence summarizing three seasons of "Dallas.") Heathcliff, a stable hand whom Cathy loves but rejects to marry the wealthy Edgar, leaves and returns after making his own fortune; he spitefully marries Isabella, Edgar's sister, and settles in for a grim run of coveting his only neighbor's wife until, on her deathbed, Cathy admits the error of her ways.)

THE LIVE quadrangle on the set was nearly as tortuous.

Fitzgerald, of course, wanted no part of the Isabella role, but the Hollywood contract system gave her no choice. Niven wanted no part of

Edgar, but he, too, would be sued if he didn't perform. Even Olivier, in the end, didn't want to play Heathcliff because his fiancée, Vivien Leigh, was denied the role of Cathy.

Presumably, only Oberon — whom Fitzgerald suggested was flirting with director William Wyler — was anywhere she wanted to be.

"When Cathy's dying," Fitzgerald said, "Willie told David Niven: 'You'll have to cry in this scene.' David said: 'It's in my contract that I don't have to cry if I don't want to.'"

Shooting was halted, documents were retrieved and checked, and, indeed, Niven didn't have to weep. "Willie was furious," Fitzgerald said. But Wyler directed the scene by having Niven bury his face in the bedsheets.

"It was so very moving," Fitzgerald said, "that over the years I've come to suspect that David did cry."

From this stew, the magic of talent and technology produced a movie that 50 years later drew 670 people to the Penn Theatre, eagerly

awaiting lines like:

• The brooding, dangerous Heathcliff delivering the big lie to the unknowing Isabella: "You'll never be lonely again."

• Isabella to Heathcliff, after she has discovered that she is passing him on a one-way street: "Why don't you look into my eyes." (Wyler demanded 50 takes, Fitzgerald said.)

YOU COULD BE spending January in the Bahamas if you had thought to bid for the Penn's Kleenex concession Thursday night.

The free screening and Fitzgerald's visit were a promotion by American Movie Classics, the cable channel that has bought the rights to 59 Goldwyn films. The crowd was a surprising age mix, from those who saw 1939's bumper crop first-run to quite a few whose parents weren't yet born in '39.

Another cable operator, Ted Turner, might note the rousing cheer that went up when an AMC exec said the magic word: "Uncolorized."

## Board hears teachers' wishes for new books and equipment

By M.S. Dillon  
staff writer

It's too bad Santa Claus wasn't there to take notes when teachers and principals from Centennial Educational Park presented their wish list to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education last week.

It's long. Among the big-ticket items are science labs and audiovisual equipment, computers, desks and calculators. Canton Principal Tom Tattan said textbook needs "are extensive." Books for many classes are outdated and in short supply, he said.

Staffers also revealed their New Year's resolutions for the high school curriculum. If the wishes come true and money comes through, it'll mean new courses added, and old ones dropped.

Suggested changes include:

- Adding a seventh hour to the school day.
- Offering fifth-year Spanish, German and French.
- Supplying textbooks for fourth-year Spanish and ninth-grade health classes. Fourth-year Spanish students don't have a text. Health students share a classroom set of books.
- Introducing Japanese.
- Dropping classes in basic math, social studies and science, as they're incompatible with the school district's mission statement, which is that all students can learn.

- Adding a class in practical law.
- Providing more storage for the physical education departments.

A special school board meeting on the curriculum will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at the board office, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth. Formal action on curriculum is expected the first week of January.

TATTAN SAID it's his recommendation, not necessarily the staff's, that science fiction classes be discontinued.

Superintendent John Hoben likes the idea.

"My question is what the value is," said Hoben. "Maybe we should go back to more basic English."

About half the R-rated movies shown at the high school are shown in science fiction classes. About 150 students are enrolled in the course. R-rated movies in the schools have been the target of protests by a community group called Citizens for Better Education.

In a move CBE considers a victory, the district recently revised its policy on such materials. Teaching materials now must be individually reviewed every year. In the past, previously-approved materials were grandfathered in.

Trustee Jeanette Wines raised questions about geography, offered as a one-semester elective at the high school, and classes such as football theory.

"Somehow, education in the Unit-

ed States is failing in geography," she said. "It's something that's been in the national headlines. I'm wondering if it can't somehow be introduced at the high school level. We should take a look at it."

Trustee E. J. McClendon agreed that there is a growing need for cultural and global geography to be emphasized in high school.

Mike Homes, assistant superintendent for instruction, agreed the area merits "a lot of thought."

WINES ALSO suggested examining courses such as football theory and floor hockey to see whether people in them feel comfortable, and whether the classes are appropriate. "There are parents who are not keen on some of our class choices," said Wines.

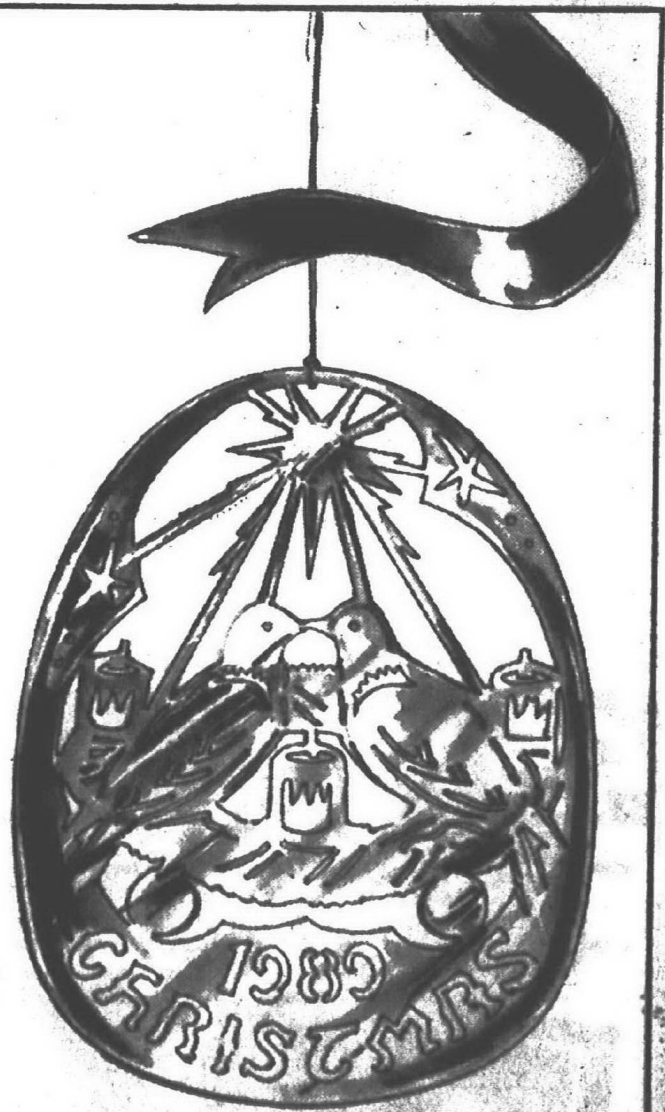
In the opinions of Trustees Dean Swartzwelter and Roland Thomas, the courses are worthwhile.

For students who take chemistry and calculus, being able to take an elective is more or less a reward, said Swartzwelter. "It's possible for kids to be able to have some real pleasure out of electives. To me it's like giving a kid an allowance."

"I have a child with cerebral palsy," Thomas said. "Basketball class is the best thing that's ever happened to him."

Wines wondered whether some subject areas couldn't be pursued outside of school.

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**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Cards from various charitable organizations are on display at the Library. Order forms can be copied.

**HOLIDAY VIDEOS:** Available at the library are: "Babes in Toyland," "The Bear Who Slept Through Christmas," "Casper's First Christmas," "The Gift of Winter," "Mickey's Christmas Carol," "Mirthworm's Merry Christmas," "A Walt Disney Christmas," "Jimmy Cricket's Christmas," "One Magic

Christmas," "Mormon Tabernacle Choir Christmas," "Benji's Christmas Story," "Ziggy's Gift," "Family Circus Christmas," "Gumby's Holiday Special," "Nutcracker," "Nearly No Christmas," "A Very Merry Christmas," "Charlie Brown Christmas," "An American Christmas Carol."

## Vote expected on Wilcox project

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Wilcox house, is echoed in inverted-V extrusions above some areas of the second floor, according to the revised plan.

The railings and other extrusions break up a stark, massive look to the five-story structure, an effect some planning commissioners suggested.

"One hope is that it (design changes) will make the building ap-

pear smaller in scale, maybe we'll be able to satisfy those people (critics)," Miller added.

Miller and other planning commissioners were to get their first look at the revised plan late Friday afternoon. A few hours earlier, Miller said, "I've been impressed with the willingness of the development group to work with the city on a design that they can be proud of and

that the city can be proud of."

Those who told him they favor the project say the area needs renovation, and that they also favor the house renovation, Miller said.

"All the negative comments concern the building height," he added — 52½ feet to the mid-point of each apartment roof.

The meeting opens at 7:30 p.m. in the commission chambers at Plymouth City Hall.



# Witness sought in fatal beating

By Keith Paster  
staff writer

Westland police said there may be a witness in Canton who has information about the beating death of a 32-year-old man.

The victim, of Westland, died Oct. 30 as a result of the injuries suffered six months ago near the Ford and his road intersection during an argument over a traffic situation, according to Westland Police Sgt. Mike Terry.

"This is a real tragedy," Terry said. "On television they always seem to catch the person responsible, but it may not happen this time."

The victim, described by police as a white-collar worker employed by one of the automobile companies, was traveling south on Ford Road near the Canton Township limit when the incident occurred at 6:40 a.m. on May 1.

The victim was wearing the Ford-His intersection when a late '70s-model Ford pickup truck passed him on the left, according to police reports. He reportedly honked his horn and the driver of the pickup made an obscene hand gesture.

Both vehicles stopped in the intersection and the driver of the pickup got out of his vehicle and kicked the bumper of the victim's car.

A WITNESS said the victim was waving his hands to get the assailant to stop when he was punched in the face and knocked to the ground. The suspect then straddled the victim and punched him several more times in the face, Terry said.

"This was a situation where the witness said the victim took no offensive action whatsoever, he was just waving his hands to get the guy to stop."

The assailant reportedly fled north on Ford Road and then south on Lots into Canton Township, the witness said.

He was described as a white male, approximately 32-years-old, 6 foot 1

inches tall, clean shaven with dark hair that came to the top of his ears. He was wearing Levis and a black leather jacket. He was driving a late '70s-model, faded yellow Ford pickup truck, Terry said.

The assailant's license plate may have contained the letters "NS" or "FS" and possibly had a "5" and a "9" in it, Terry said.

After the incident, the victim filed a report with the Westland Police Department then received treatment at the Canton branch of Oakwood Hospital, Terry said. A few days later, the victim and his wife went on vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii.

ON MAY 17, the victim suffered a seizure and was taken to Honolulu Hospital where he fell into a coma, Terry said. He never regained consciousness and died Oct. 30 at an unidentified area hospital. The Wayne County Medical Examiner performed an autopsy and listed the death as a homicide due to a cerebral hemorrhage caused by severe head injuries suffered in the attack.

"The department is exploring the possibilities of obtaining some reward money for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible," Terry said.

When the incident occurred, police treated it as a traffic altercation, but since the victim's death a homicide investigation has been launched.

Terry said the police department has exhausted all of its leads in the case and has investigated "hundreds" of license plate numbers and several faded yellow Ford pickup trucks. A number of other tips have also been followed up with no positive results.

"We have also done periodic surveillances of that intersection at that time of day, but that has proved futile," he said.

Terry said he believes the assailant was on his way to or returning from work when the incident occurred.



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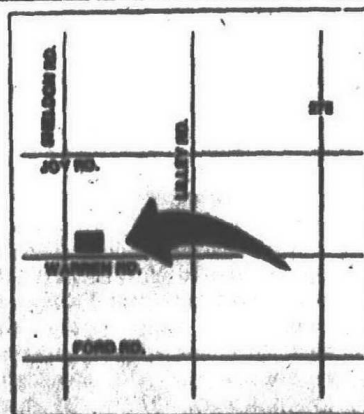
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David Rowe

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Clinical Hypnotist David Rowe will conduct these seminars. These same programs have been offered by American Lung affiliates in 74 cities in 11 states, the Texas Public Health Association in 15 cities, the National Kidney Foundation of Louisiana in seven cities, and community education programs in 125 Michigan cities. Registration is being taken by calling 455-7143.

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# 'Consent' splits local lawmakers

By Darrell Pressley  
staff writer

If the male state representatives had their way, the House would have a two-thirds majority to override Gov. James Blanchard's expected veto of a parental consent abortion control bill.

The bill passed Wednesday with 65 yes votes — seven short of a two-thirds majority.

Female representatives, however, gave the bill only 10 percent approval — two of 20 women voted yes.

Both parties were split. Exactly half of the 60 Democrats voted yes; 35 of the 49 Republicans (71 percent) voted yes.

The House has 89 male members; 63 voted yes, 24 no and two were absent.

Of the 20 female members, two voted yes, 15 no and three were absent.

"It's a personal issue," said Rep. Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia. "I hate having men decide."

**'Remember, we have to sell this both to the individual communities and to the county commission.'**

— Lyn Bankes  
R-Livonia

**THE PARENTAL** Consent Bill requires unmarried girls under the age of 18 to get written consent from a parent to get an abortion. They also may obtain permission from a probate court.

Observer & Eccentric area representatives voting yes were: John Bennett, D-Redford; Mat Dunaskiss, R-Lake Orion; David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield; William Keith, D-Garden City; James Kosteva, D-Canton; Gerald Law, R-Plymouth; and Rep. Wilfred Webb, D-Hazel Park.

Voting no were Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia; Maxine Berman, D-South-

field; Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills; Judith Miller, R-Birmingham; and Gordon Sparks, R-Troy.

"This bill is one of the most mean-spirited pieces of legislation that has ever come before this legislature," said Berman, a spokesman for the opposition.

"How many parents would support this so-called parental consent law if they knew it placed children in abusive families at risk?"

"The truth is that this bill is meant to put the squeeze on teenagers with no regard for the horrible alternatives they may seek," Berman said.

**THE FACT THAT** this bill would bring legislation into the family structure is a concern of some the representatives.

"This is not a bill that supports the family," said Dolan. "We should not inflict this law that allows minors and judges to close out parents from participating in this important decision that their children face."

The parental consent bill could destroy what it seeks to strengthen — family communication, said Rep. Miller. "This bill limits parents' rights."

"If this is not an anti-abortion bill, if this is really a 'pro family' bill, why is the word 'family' mentioned only once in the bill," said Rep. Berman. "While the word 'abortion' is mentioned 18 times?"

The House failed to get two-thirds approval to give the bill immediate effect. It goes now to the Senate, which passed a slightly different version.

Blanchard already has said he will veto it.

## Manager proposed for troubled schools

By A. Grant Bedford  
staff writer

A state House panel is recommending a bill to give control of financially troubled schools to a state-appointed manager.

The state superintendent of public instruction would appoint the manager, under a bill reported out by the House Education Committee.

"The state of Michigan does not want to run the schools," said Rep. William R. Keith, D-Garden City, committee chairman. "But if they (the school districts) can't pay their bills, if they can't pay their teachers, somebody has to take responsibility to educate those children."

**THE SENATE-PASSED** bill was approved unanimously by the members of the panel. Local representatives voting yes were Keith; Justine Barnes, D-Westland; and Lyn Bankes, R-Livonia.

Rep. James A. Kosteva, D-Canton, had an excused absence.

Keith said that when a local school board loses public confidence, voters will reject property tax proposals, worsening the fiscal situation.

"If there is no other way, we

have to find one and appoint a manager until the district gains their (residents') confidence back."

The bill now goes to the floor of the House, where it will be voted after Jan. 1.

Keith summarized the bill: "When a school district becomes no longer able to continue to run itself, the state superintendent of public instruction has to appoint a financial manager to take over and stabilize it so it's financially and educationally solvent. Then turn it over to the people for the election of a new superintendent."

The local school would have to pay the manager.

**MORE THAN 100** school districts in Michigan have deficits, although under the state constitution they can't operate that way. To avoid getting a financial manager, districts must show they have a plan to work out their deficits.

Garden City is the only school district in the Observer & Eccentric circulation area operating with a deficit. Keith said his home district has a plan to get out of financial trouble.

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# Parents mistreated at teacher conferences

The more I hear about the need for more communication in schools, the more I wonder whether school administrators really know what they're talking about.

During the campaign to pass a tax and school board races in the Plymouth-Canton School District last spring, improved communication was an often-used phrase.

Most candidates running for the board said they wanted to improve communications, but when asked what that meant, few could say more than just that they wanted to improve communication with the public.

I agree that better communication is needed, but I don't think the problem is always at the school board level. I think it's at the school level.

**THE SCHOOLS** I've come into contact with don't do a very good job. Oh, sure there's usually a school newsletter and a school district newsletter, but about all they're good for is telling you what your kid will have for lunch on a given day. For my two sons that means they know what days to bring their lunch from home.

I think the problem lies with the parent-teacher conferences. That's when the school district could make the most points with parents. It's just too bad that most schools fumble the ball when it comes to those conferences.

I'm a veteran of the teacher conference wars in two school districts and can identify with parents who ask for better communication.

For most parents, communication means talking to their kid's teacher. They usually could care less about the slick self-promoting newsletters produced by the district or promises by school board candidates of more open communication.

I THINK parents want straight answers from teachers, but that rarely happens at the conferences where parents are often treated more like cattle on a Texas ranch than like adult humans interested in their kids.

Those are my impressions. However, I've heard similar sentiments from fellow workers about several school districts in western Wayne County.

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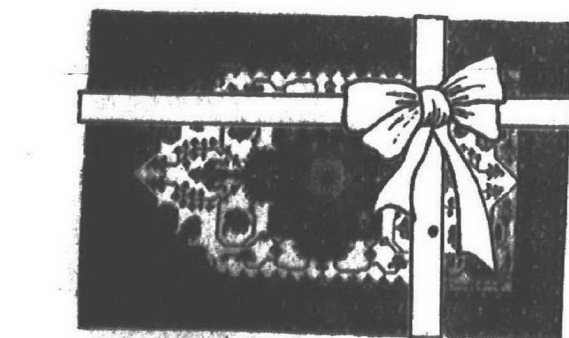
With the development of artificial knees and hips you can keep using worn out joints until you need a replacement. But concern remains that such sustained exercise will wear out the other knee or hip. A study just published in the rheumatology literature investigated that possibility.

A group of 120 patients with osteo or rheumatoid arthritis were divided into 2 groups. One group of 60 people exercised by walking for 30 minutes three times a week to the point of raising their heart rates to 100 beats/minute. The other group of 60 did not take part in any such designated exercise.

After 12 weeks the investigators compared the two groups. The exercise group had less depression and anxiety and a higher level of general activity than the non-exercise group. There was no difference between the two groups in the extent of morning stiffness, involved arthritic joints, or grip strength.

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high school attended by my son are one example of the cattle-like treatment of parents. The parents follow their kids schedule, spending about 10 minutes in each classroom, listening to the teachers lecturing the parents as though they were students.

The whole set up discourages questions from parents. It's as though the teachers can't give up their role of authority figures to talk to parents. They need to retain control.

**DURING ONE** such conference, what I considered a brave parent asked why his child was in the class, noting that the child was an average kid who was in an advanced class. The teacher didn't give him an answer.

When my wife went to my younger son's conference, she was told that he should be studying his spelling more. However, when my wife pointed out that he was receiving an A in spelling, the teacher changed her story a bit.

But those are just the horror stories. During such conferences I've met dedicated, hard-working teachers eager to explain teaching to parents. I've noticed that those are the teachers who my kids have done better under.

Also, I'm aware that most parents can scheduled conferences with teachers, if they call the school.

However, it seems to me that school districts that want to improve their image with parents and establish what they call better communication should take a look at the way schools handle conferences.

Conferences often are the only contact a parent has with his child's school. Treating people as if they were cattle or kids isn't the answer. Treating them like adults with valid questions is.

Jeff Counts is the editor of the Plymouth and Canton Observer Newspapers.

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# Community should resist CBE stance on movie

To the editor:

I'm not one who will often write a letter to the editor of a newspaper, however after reading two front page articles in the Nov. 3 issue of the Observer I became disturbed to see that Diane Daskalakis and the so-called Citizens for Better Education are at it again.

At first I wasn't going to lend dignity to this group by expressing my views. The more I thought about it, however, the more I realized I had to say something. I became concerned as I am any time this group shows up in the media. I'm worried for my two elementary school-aged children, in fact, all children in the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Again the CBE is protesting material used in a classroom and a certain board member is visiting and disrupting a class. This group, rather than looking at the whole of the subject and the material used, are again taking material out of context. They then base their protests and public statements on this.

As in the past, the controversial material is a movie being shown to high school students. These students must have parental permission to see the film. Why is it this organization cannot realize that if a parent

does not wish to have a child view the film he or she has the right to have the young person excused from that part of the class? The excused students are given the opportunity to do other assignments.

I feel that I must also address some of the points brought out in the articles. Mrs. Daskalakis is quoted as saying, "I hope everyone can remember that we gave them (board) more money."

As I remember, Mrs. Daskalakis and the CBE opposed any increase in millage until near the election. They then came out with a watered down "no stand" on the millage issues.

Mrs. Daskalakis said she "does not understand how our children can respect us when we show them this type of stuff." I wonder how our children can respect us if we refuse to use open minds or if we subscribe to censorship.

Daskalakis also "feels sorry for our community because this is the way we introduce our children to nudity." I'd like to know what she means by "introduce" our children to nudity. To my recollection, we were introduced to nudity long before high school.

I'm of the feeling that the human

form is a thing of beauty. A creation of God for those who believe it to be. Now mind you, I'm not an advocate of public nudity. In fact, I feel that nudity in films is not always done in taste or for any other reason than marketing. But nudity is not the issue. The issue is, in fact, a group of people attempting to impose their beliefs and values on a whole society.

I am a teacher. Because of my position I'm aware of the disturbance created by classroom visits. As a teacher, I am subject to visits for the purpose of performance evaluation by my administrators.

As careful as they are not to disrupt my classes, the students are aware that something is different. In fact, any disturbance creates disruption in the educational process. This is especially true when the visit is viewed as hostile. Please, Mrs. Graham, try to understand this.

I said earlier, I'm worried for our children. I'm worried for our community as a whole. I began to realize while viewing a recent television mini-series how the tactics of the CBE closely parallel the group portrayed in the show. Both mix politics with religious fundamentalism. Both

use Christianity and, to some extent, patriotism as a smoke screen. The part that scares me the most is that I feel both groups believe they are acting in God's will.

I feel the irony of this whole thing is that the rights that we all have and hold dear in this country, those which allow controversial literature, allow me to express my views, allow freedom of press, yes, even allow CBE to protest, are the same rights it are trying to take from us. I wish Mrs. Daskalakis and the CBE would use their resources to address such things as racism, drug abuse, and teen suicide — things far more detrimental to our society than a movie with a nude scene. Allow the individual parents to guide their children on that.

I hope, no, I'm confident that our community will resist this organization. It certainly has the right to its views. I, for one, will defend that right. What I can not defend, and will fight, are CBE's attempts to force us to subscribe to its beliefs and its attempts to upset the Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Harry Jachym  
Plymouth

## Canton needs more spirit at school

To the editor:

I wish that I could answer the Dan O'Meara question of "Where were all the students..." at the Plymouth Canton girls basketball game in Grand Rapids last week.

Yes, it was puzzling considering the magnitude of the game, but not surprising, to me at least. I have been to girls softball and boys baseball games where there were more players on the field than fans in the stands. But it was embarrassing, especially when you looked across the court at the other team's fan support.

The spirit starts from within, or should. It involves not only the student body but also the teaching community, the pompon and cheerleading squads, the other athletic teams, the parents and friends, the coaching staffs and, as its leader, the department of athletics.

I would like to offer some suggestions and ideas that should kindle the beginning of Chief Spirit and Chief Pride.

• Form an active booster club

## from our readers

for each sport. Boys and Girls basketball would have the same booster club.

• Sell, as an option, tickets that would allow admission to all sports for the year.

• Enlist the support of the cheerleading and pompon squads to participate at home contests and significant away games.

• Form a 4-6 piece "pep band" to make some music and accentuate the cheerleading.

• Dress up a mascot such as the proud chief Indian.

• Develop significant cheers such as the beat of the drums. The student body will surely be ingenious in this area.

• Encourage members of all teams to support their brother and sister athletes by attending the games.

If "the game" and its surroundings become known to be a social event and the attendees are entertained, an enthusiastic crowd will keep coming back. A fine example of this was apparent at the state finals last week in Grand Rapids.

The Class D school from the Up-

per Peninsula, Carney-Nadeau, has a total student body of 96. They and their fans filled the arena in support of their team. There was obviously nobody left in town. They had cheerleaders, resounding cheers (U.P. POWER!) and signs posted all over the arena. They were a loud and intimidating force. Intimidation can cause a rival to be very uncomfortable. It can give your team the edge that can cause a favorable outcome of the contest. Besides all of that, they were having fun.

We have quality teams, both boys and girls, as well as a quality student body and community. We need that quality to show up in quantity and have fun. We need the leadership and dedication from within and there will be more occasions like the recent journey to Grand Rapids to exhibit our spirit.

N. J. Thompson,  
Canton

## Column was encouraging

To the editor:

Thanks for Judith Berne's warming column, "Protesters spend the holidays trying to change the world."

I was one of those people who participated in two of the protests on that Thanksgiving Saturday. It was cold and windy and sometimes discouraging, so it meant a great deal to me and, I assume, to others to have our efforts appreciated for what they are — an exercise in democracy, as you said so well.

Your column is an encouraging word for all who must act on their principles in a country where we have that right.

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# Local reps split on foreign aid appropriation

WASHINGTON — Here's how area members of Congress were recorded on major roll call votes in the week ending Nov. 22.

## HOUSE:

**FOREIGN AID BILL** — By a vote of 310 for and 107 against, the House passed a bill (HR 3743) appropriating \$14.8 billion in U.S. foreign aid in fiscal 1990, \$4.7 billion in military assistance, \$3.2 billion in economic aid and nearly \$7 billion for other programs designed to further American policies around the world.

The bill had been stripped of provisions that caused President Bush to veto an earlier version of it. For example, it no longer earmarked \$15 million for a U.N. population control fund said by critics to finance forced abortions and sterilizations in China. It retained a ban on foreign aid being used to induce recipient countries and persons to carry out illegal U.S. policies abroad. But this response to the Iran-Contra scandal had been softened enough to satisfy Bush's complaint that infringed on a presi-

dent's authority to conduct foreign policy.

Supporter Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., said the bill "reflects the priorities of the Bush Administration in providing assistance to our allies."

Opponent Jim Moody, D-Wis., criticized Bush for blocking aid to U.N. population-control programs, saying the president was playing "a symbolic game of vetoing money that does not in fact go for any abortions."

Members voting yes supported the bill. Michigan members voting yes were Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth; Dennis Hertel, D-Harper Woods; Sander Levin, D-Southfield; and William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

Voting no was William Ford, D-Taylor.

**EL SALVADOR** — By a vote of 194 for and 215 against, the House refused to consider an amendment withholding aid to El Salvador because of the murder there in mid-November of six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter. Some

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backers of the amendment blamed the massacre on "death squad" activities unchecked by the rightist government of Salvadoran President Alfredo Cristiani. But they acknowledged they could not prove their accusation.

This vote occurred during debate on HR 3743 (above). The amendment sought to delay until next April the release of 30 percent of \$85 million in military aid earmarked for El Salvador in fiscal 1990.

Supporter Joe Moakley, D-Mass., said the Salvadoran government must understand "that events like last week's barbaric killings will put U.S. military aid in question."

Opponent Bud Shuster, R-Pa., said "there is absolutely no credible information to indicate who perpetrated those dastardly deeds of murdering these priests."

Members voting yes wanted the House to consider the amendment withholding military aid to El Salvador.

Michigan's members voting yes were Ford, Hertel, and Levin.

Voting no were Pursell and Broomfield.

**CATASTROPHIC CARE REPEAL** — By a vote of 55 for and 346 against, the House refused to salvage a new law designed to insure Medicare participants against potentially ruinous doctor and hospital bills and other runaway medical costs. The Senate by non-record vote went along with the House decision to scrap the catastrophic care program that was considered landmark legislation when enacted last year.

The program fell out of favor on Capitol Hill after the Medicare beneficiaries who were to pay for it objected to the cost. It was financed by higher premiums and an income tax surcharge paid by those with enough means to owe taxes. The repeal bill

(HR 3607) was sent to President Bush.

Members voting no wanted to repeal the 1988 Catastrophic Coverage Act.

Pursell, Hertel, Ford, Levin and Broomfield voted no.

## SENATE:

**PAY & ETHICS BILL** — By a vote of 54 for and 43 against, the Senate amended a House-passed pay and ethics bill to provide senators with less of a pay hike than House members would get but the opportunity to continue receiving speech honoraria and unlimited "earned" outside income. The House accepted the Senate language on a voice vote. The bill (HR 3680) was headed for the White House.

Senators would get 9.9 percent in cost-of-living hikes in January 1990, pushing their salary to about \$98,400, and could receive honoraria of up to 27 percent of official pay or up to \$26,568 in such fees. Senators thus could receive up to \$115,968 in salary and honoraria in 1990. House members would get a 7.9 percent cost-of-living hike next January, plus an unspecified COLA adjustment and a 25 percent salary in-

crease in January 1991. Their salary would rise to about \$125,000 over the next 14 months.

The bill also raises the pay of top executive branch officials and Supreme Court, appellate and district court judges, and restricts post-employment lobbying by lawmakers, congressional staff and high officials of the executive branch.

Senators voting yes supported higher pay for senators.

Michigan Senator Carl Levin, D, voted no, and Senator Don Riegle, D, voted yes.

**AID TO EL SALVADOR** — By a vote of 58 for and 39 against, the Senate killed an amendment to curtail aid to El Salvador until authorities there bring to trial those who ordered and carried out the murder of six Jesuit priests and two others in San Salvador. Offered to a fiscal 1990 foreign aid bill (HR 3743; see House vote above), the amendment sought to hold back 30 percent of \$85 million in military aid earmarked for El Salvador.

Senators voting yes opposed the amendment withholding military aid to the Salvadoran government.

Both Michigan Senators Levin and Riegle voted no.

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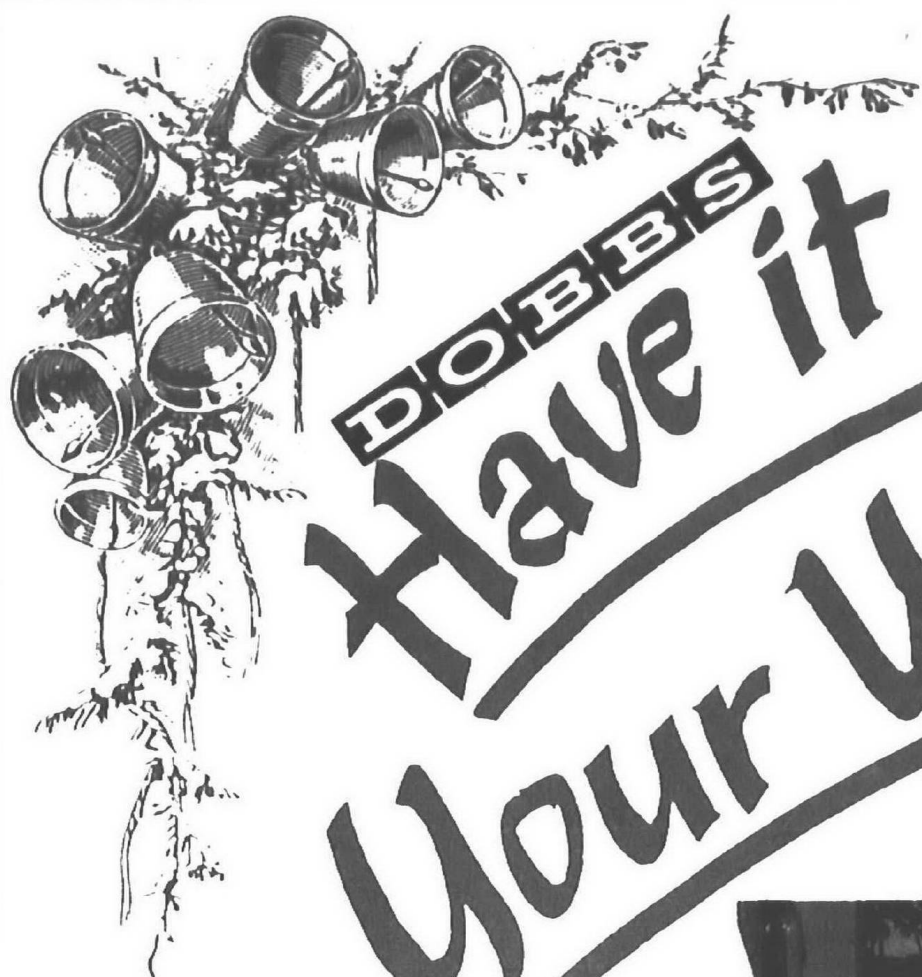
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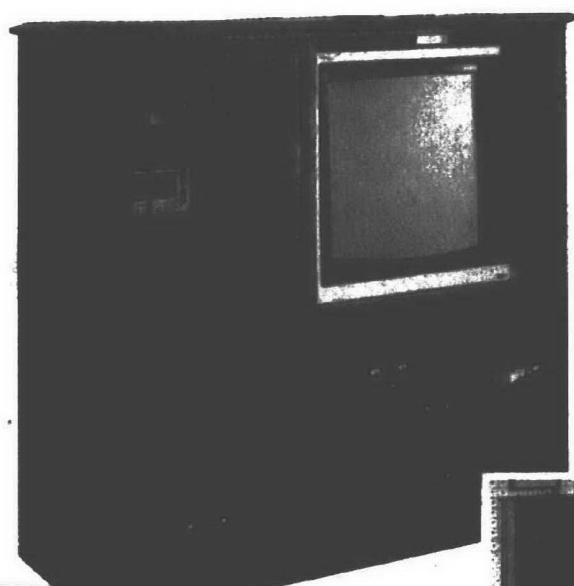
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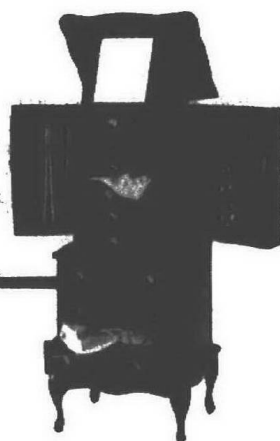


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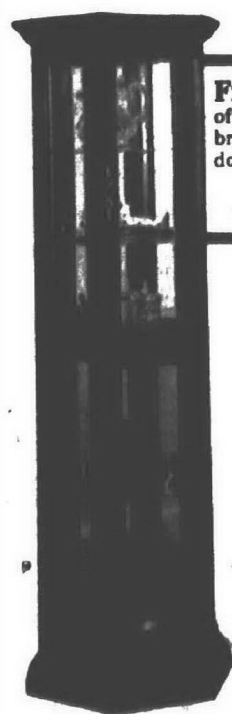
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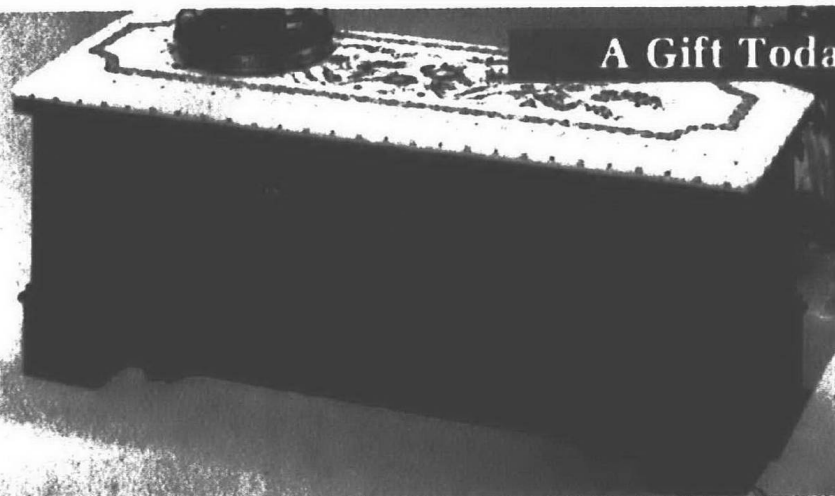
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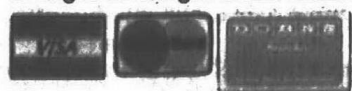
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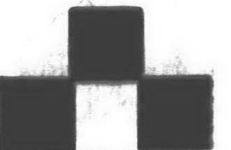
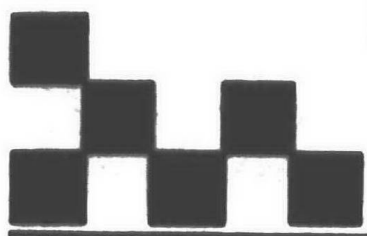
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## It's easy to build a house

The holidays just wouldn't be complete at the Janes Gang home without the construction of at least one gingerbread house.

Mention house construction to most culinary creators and their eyes make a quick roll, and immediately you hear phrases like, "I can't assemble an appetizer tray and you want me to make a house — out of gingerbread, yet?"

Contrary to popular belief, it's easier than you think. As a matter of fact, way back when I used to own and operate a gourmet shop and cooking school, the gingerbread-house-making classes were always the first to fill up and those involved never minded the actual construction of the house but were more taken back with how they would decorate it.

Do I want a snowy, frosting-covered roof? Or should I shingle it with fruit-striped gum? Should the sides be dotted with M&Ms or just judiciously adorned with red licorice and candy cane moldings?

To create a gingerbread house, the builder must first start with a basic recipe for a good gingerbread. Not the soft, pliable gingerbread, but one rolled smooth and thin so that after baking it will hold a crisp rigidity to the construction. After the gingerbread dough is made and refrigerated, you will need a basic pattern for the house.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSES** come in all shapes and sizes. Some small, some luxurious. For the beginner, I recommend the construction of a small, compact bungalow. You can freelance — draw a pattern, hoping for exact measurements on the sides, back and top — or you can do what I do: Find an old deck of cards. Using the cards for two sides, front and back, lay them out and trace the pattern on the rolled-out gingerbread dough before baking.

You can make cut-outs for a door and windows if desired or you can add them on during construction with sticks of gum, candied fruit slices or whatever.

After the baking and well-deserved cooling off, all the basic gingerbread home designer needs now is a little "royal" icing and some imagination. Royal icing is a pliable icing made of powdered egg whites and powdered sugar. It's soft and pliable when made fresh but upon drying turns into a rigid, hard substance that resembles white cement.

Assemble the house on a small piece of Styrofoam or cardboard. Allow it to "dry" and then begin creating a design with candies, gum, fruit, mints or anything edible. You can decorate the "ground" with snowmen made from the icing after hardening and make a walkway dotted with raisins or nuts.

Now if all of this seems a little mind boggling, and you want to give it the old college try with a minimum of fuss, you can use graham crackers for the house construction. Sheets of graham crackers can be carefully cut with sharp scissors and again, using the royal icing, assembled in no time with a minimum of bother.

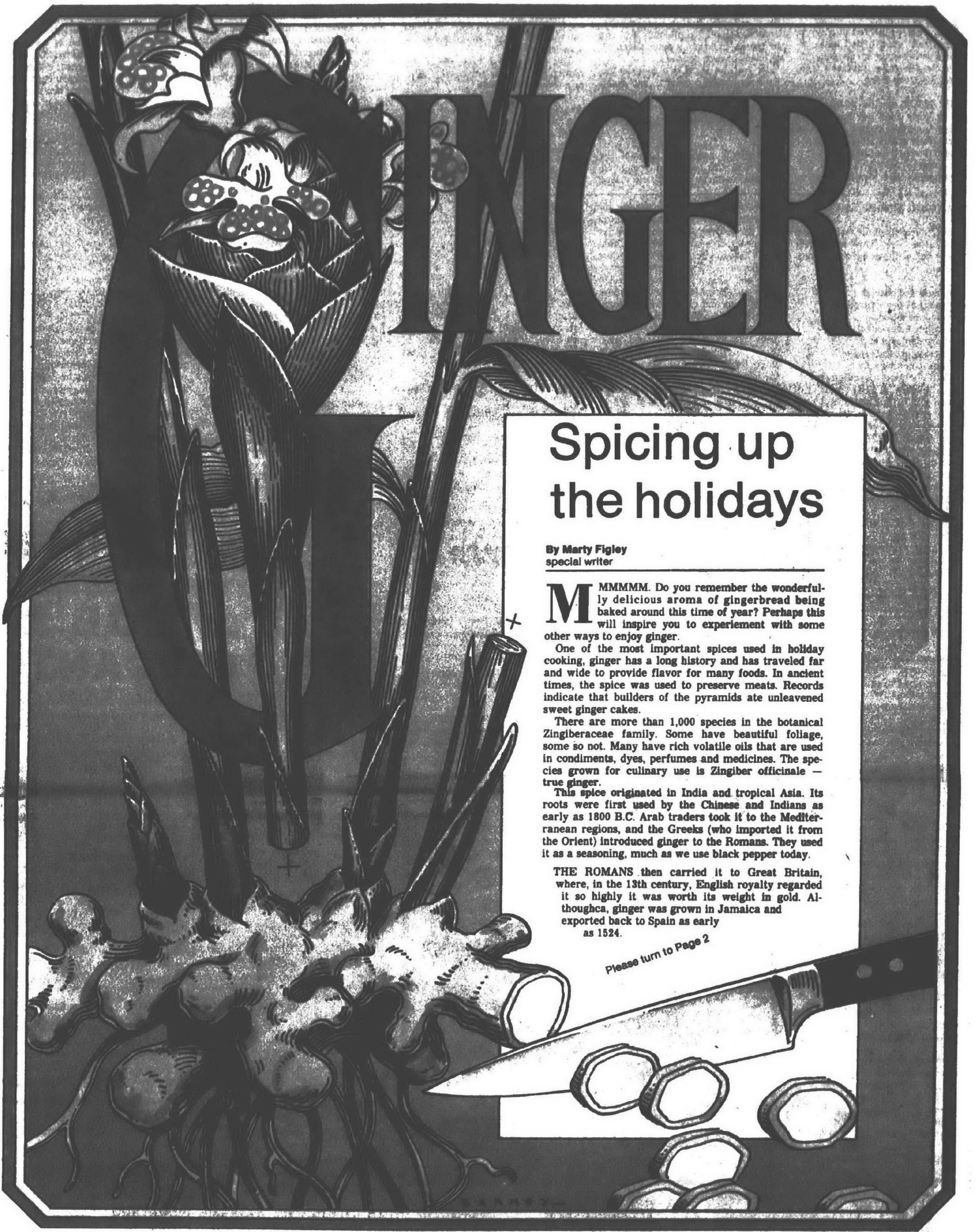
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## Winner Dinners wanted

Columnist Betsy Brethen wants your recipes for her Winner Dinner column.

She says, "As we move further into the month of December and closer to the coldest months of the year, I am looking for recipes for the following dinners and hope that you will take the time to send them in: dinners using left-over turkey, seafood dinners, hearty soups and casseroles and tasty chili."

See her column on Page 3 for more information.



## Spicing up the holidays

By Marty Figley  
special writer

**M**MMMM. Do you remember the wonderfully delicious aroma of gingerbread being baked around this time of year? Perhaps this will inspire you to experiment with some other ways to enjoy ginger.

One of the most important spices used in holiday cooking, ginger has a long history and has traveled far and wide to provide flavor for many foods. In ancient times, the spice was used to preserve meats. Records indicate that builders of the pyramids ate unleavened sweet ginger cakes.

There are more than 1,000 species in the botanical Zingiberaceae family. Some have beautiful foliage, some so not. Many have rich volatile oils that are used in condiments, dyes, perfumes and medicines. The species grown for culinary use is Zingiber officinale — true ginger.

This spice originated in India and tropical Asia. Its roots were first used by the Chinese and Indians as early as 1800 B.C. Arab traders took it to the Mediterranean regions, and the Greeks (who imported it from the Orient) introduced ginger to the Romans. They used it as a seasoning, much as we use black pepper today.

**THE ROMANS** then carried it to Great Britain, where, in the 13th century, English royalty regarded it so highly it was worth its weight in gold. Although, ginger was grown in Jamaica and exported back to Spain as early as 1524.

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## La Rotisserie food matches elegant decor

**Special Feature:** Holiday visitors to La Rotisserie should check out the huge gingerbread house in the lobby. The Hyatt Regency's executive chef, Domenick Bufone, and his staff, designed "the world's largest Gingerbread Chalet." It's 22 feet tall and roomy enough for Santa — who will be there through Saturday, Dec. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekends.

The Dearborn Hyatt Regency's premier restaurant, La Rotisserie, is "putting on the Ritz." Not only has it undergone a complete transformation, but it is serving premier dishes that rival those served by its neighbor, the Ritz-Carlton.

Although the Hyatt's management denies that the \$450,000 renovation to La Rotisserie had anything to do with the opening of the Ritz, the restaurant was looking pretty tired and dated at the time its prestigious neighbor settled in.

But that's yesterday's news. Today La Rotisserie has a stunning new decor that architects from Catala Associates describe as a contemporary interpretation of the old grand ballrooms.



Indeed it is elegant, from the 400-square-foot marble dance floor to the two 6 1/2-foot dome-shaped chandeliers and the etched glass panels by Blair Reed that separate seating areas. The room also has beveled glass mirrors with marble insets and black carpeting with a beautiful feather-like border.

**THROUGHOUT THE** two-tiered room is artwork, which was commissioned for the restaurant and is set

off by special lighting.

All this style and ambience could easily overshadow the food were it not for the talents of the energetic, 25-year-old chef, Paul Gross, a native of Warren who trained under the noted Jean Banchet at Le Francais in Wheeling, Ill.

Not only is the food exquisite, but the restaurant offers a "classic dining experience" in which customers can select an appetizer, soup or salad, entree and dessert for \$25 per person. It is all part of Hyatt General Manager Klaus Peters' desire to make elegant dining affordable.

It certainly meets our approval on both counts. Our meals would have cost \$50 more if purchased a la carte.

Gross' "American-French collaboration with a Midwestern accent" menu features many game dishes, light and intensely flavored sauces, an extensive use of mushrooms, salads that use five-eight different lettuces, and an obvious emphasis on quality. Each entree is meticulously arranged on the plate and is wheeled to the table on carts by the formally dressed wait staff.

Because he is fond of hunting and

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Paul Gross, chef at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn's La Rotisserie restaurant, shows off some of the specialties: double apples with vanilla sauce (center); passion fruit mousse cake (from left); chocolate creme caramel with raspberry purée; strawberry-lingonberry flan, and daquiries.



# You can spice up the holidays with ginger

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The spice is now cultivated in such places as Africa, China, India, Taiwan, Haiti and Jamaica. The Jamaican ginger is the highest quality, being a very light buff color, free from corkiness and having a superior flavor and aroma.

Ginger root, preserved in a syrup, and the fresh root, boiled and candied in a sweet sugar syrup and crystallized, is generally imported from Canton and Hong Kong.

**THE SPICE** can be bought as a fresh or dried root, but the product familiar to most people is ground ginger. When substituting dry ginger for fresh, use half as much.

All ginger roots are edible but, like peppers, have varying degrees

of hotness. In culinary jargon a root is called a hand, so from now on we will refer to this edible part as a hand. It is readily available in our markets and has become important in culinary endeavors.

A hand keeps for several weeks in the storage drawers of the refrigerator if you wrap first in a paper towel and then tightly in plastic. Or it can be frozen, and then a piece sliced off to be used when needed.

Or you can put it in a covered jar, pour dry sherry over it and refrigerate. This will keep it indefinitely. A few drops of the flavored sherry can spark up a marinade, a sauce or the like.

**IT ISN'T** necessary to peel the hand if it is to be grated or minced. To mince a large amount, use a food

processor. The ginger can be covered and refrigerated and kept for as long as a week.

While writing this, I have been drinking a cup of ginger tea, made by chopping 1 tablespoon fresh ginger root, slicing 1/4 of a lemon, and boiling them in two cups of water for 15-20 minutes. After draining the tea into a cup, I added honey for a sweetener.

The next time I may add a cinnamon stick, a few cardamom seeds or a few whole cloves.

If you don't have fresh ginger, powdered ginger can be added to a cup of regular tea, which seems to soothe an unsettled stomach. An 18th century recipe says that ginger root tea is a healthy drink for those who have been imbibing too freely and eating too heavily.

Candied ginger, although strong, is sometimes offered to guests after a large meal.

Rum can be flavored with ginger. The whole root is used to give an oomph to ginger ale and ginger beer. It is often combined with other spices and muddled in white or red wine; sometimes other spirits and fruit are included to make a special drink to warm arriving guests.

To make a stimulating footbath, simmer five ounces of root stock in two quarts of water.

**WE ARE ALL** familiar with sauerbraten, the German dish that uses ginger snaps. After the Romans introduced ginger to the English, their gingerbread, "gingerblatt," was made from bread crumbs, honey and ginger.

The Germans improved upon this recipe by adding flour. In the 17th and 18th centuries, American added molasses and pearl-ash (a forerunner of baking soda), which made it lighter and cake-like.

Besides a soothing drink — Hippocrates prescribed it for colds and upset stomachs — and the much-loved gingerbread, ginger can be used in everything from confections and pastries to cheese and meat dishes.

For a taste treat, rub some ground ginger on a steak before broiling or sprinkle some on a beef roast, leg of lamb, or chicken before putting it in the oven.

Fresh or ground, it perks up the flavor of broiled or baked white fish. Try adding a bit of corned beef to a meat loaf mixture that has some ginger mixed into it.

Sift one teaspoon of the spice with sugar in a recipe for fruit or rice pudding for a dessert. Ice cream or puddings will be enhanced with a sauce containing preserved ginger root. Ginger, cinnamon and sugar sprinkled on toast will elicit childhood memories and taste good on a cold winter morning.

Ginger can also be used in applesauce, chutneys, stewed fruits, jellies and pickles. Just about any food will be improved by remarkable ginger.

Wild ginger, which I grow in my herb garden, can be used for cooking, but I have found the flavor less pungent than that bought in the market. It is unrelated botanically to the commercial ginger, but is an interesting plant in the garden, with its large heart-shaped leaves.

## CANDIED GINGER BISCUITS

Serve these biscuits with pork, ham, turkey or chicken. Great straight out of the oven with unsalted butter.

1/2 cup unsalted butter  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
2 tablespoons molasses  
1/4 cup apple cider or juice  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 cup finely minced candied ginger

Cream butter and sugar in a mixing bowl. Beat in the molasses, then the apple cider. Combine the flour, ground ginger, baking soda and candied ginger. Stir into the butter mixture with a wooden spoon. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate one hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a cookie sheet. Roll out the dough 1/4 inch thick on a lightly floured surface. Cut into rounds with a 1-1/2-inch biscuit cutter and place on the prepared cookie sheet. Gather up the scraps, reroll and repeat, until dough is used up.

Bake until lightly browned, about 15 minutes. Makes 16-20 biscuits.

## SPICY PEARS IN TARTS

These tarts will ensure your reputation as a gourmet cook.

5 Bartlett pears  
1 1/4 cups light brown sugar  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1 tablespoon flour  
1/2 cup water  
5 cloves  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon allspice  
1 tablespoon diced candied ginger or 2 lemon slices

Pare fruit and cut in eighths. Bring all other ingredients to a boil. Add fruit and simmer 5 minutes. Remove cloves and fruit. Stir in slowly 1 tablespoon flour smoothed into a paste with a little water. Cook syrup until thickened. Arrange fruit in unbaked tart shells. Pour 1 tablespoon syrup over each tart. Cut strips of pastry and lay in a cross over each tart. Twist the strips and moisten ends to pinch firmly into crust. Bake at 425 degrees for 25 minutes. Makes 8-10 tarts.

## CELERY-GINGER CHEESE

This dressing is especially good on melons, but will taste wonderful on almost any combination of fruit.

6 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery salt to taste  
2 tablespoons preserved or crystallized ginger  
1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped

Combine softened cream cheese and mayonnaise. Add celery, salt and ginger. Mix well. Gently fold in whipped cream. Chill till ready to use. Makes about 3 cups.

## CRANBERRY GLAZED YAMS WITH GINGER AND PECANS

A perfect accompaniment to a holiday turkey or pork chops.

4 yams, peeled and cut in half lengthwise  
1 cup fresh cranberries  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 cup honey  
1 tablespoon grated orange rind  
1 teaspoon grated peeled ginger root  
3 tablespoons butter, melted  
1/2 cup pecans, toasted

Steam yams for 15 minutes, or until tender. Don't overcook. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, and butter an ovenproof dish large enough to hold yams in a single layer. Mix together cranberries, water, honey, orange rind and ginger in a medium-size saucepan. Bring to boil, lower heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes, or until cranberries pop. Put yams into baking dish. Spoon cranberry sauce over them. Drizzle melted butter over all. Bake for 15 minutes, basting with the glaze every 5 minutes. During the last 5 minutes, sprinkle with pecans. Serve at once. Serves 4.

## CORIANDER GINGERBREAD

Wrap loaves of this bread in shiny holiday paper and a gold or silver ribbon, or in calico fabric tied up with coordinated yarn.

1/2 cup butter or margarine  
1/2 cup dark brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 cup molasses  
1 tablespoon ginger, ground  
1 tablespoon coriander, ground  
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 eggs  
3 cups flour  
1/2 cup orange juice  
2 tablespoons grated orange peel, or orange or lemon zest  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 tablespoons water  
1 cup raisins — golden are good

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cream butter and sugar. Add molasses and spices; beat in eggs. Add flour and orange juice, alternately, to creamed mixture. Add peel. Dissolve baking soda in water and stir into mixture. Add raisins and pour batter into a greased loaf pan or pans. Bake 1 hour. Cool on wire rack. If top is browning too quickly, place foil around edges and top of loaf. Do not cover loaf completely. Cool 10 minutes and remove. Makes 1 large and 1 small loaf.

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3/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 cup sugar  
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/4 cup cider vinegar  
1 1/2 cups sliced cooked sweet potatoes  
2 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
Blend ginger, sugar and cornstarch in heavy saucepan, gradually add vinegar, stir until smooth. Place saucepan over medium heat. Cook 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Add potatoes and butter, reduce heat, simmer gently 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve piping hot garnished with chopped parsley. Serves 4.

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# Chicken Skillet Dinner earns raves on first try

Recently, my husband and I were all set to take our children and their three cousins out for dinner when, at the last minute, one of the boys didn't feel well and preferred to stay home. Then, despite all our plans, the other boys decided that they would rather stay home, too.

Faced with the prospect of having to whip up something for the children to eat, I decided to test one of the Winner Dinners that had been submitted. A recipe for Chicken Skillet Dinner had instant appeal as it looked like it would be quick and easy to make.

Taking a few shortcuts, the chicken dish was prepared and ready to be served in 25 minutes. As the boys sat down to eat, I held my breath and, to my great delight, watched as they plowed into their dinners and came back asking for seconds. As imaginary fireworks burst over the kitchen table, I realized with great joy that another Winner Dinner had just been born into our family. I am grateful to Barb Adams of Redford for sending her menu in, and it gives me great pleasure to be able to share it with you.

Adams was a single mom for 15 years. Trying to raise her three children and hold down a full-time job was a long struggle, as she put her children through college and continued to help put one through medical school. With little time to cook a complicated meal, Chicken Skillet Dinner was a family favorite that she relied on, as it was always well-received.

WHILE THE CHICKEN was simmering, she had time to make the Corn Bread and pop it in the oven. The Strawberry Mousse was a low-cal dessert that was easy to make ahead and offered a light ending to a tasty meal.

Today, Adams' three children are fully grown and she is thrilled to have four grandchildren. Happily remarried, Adams now devotes her



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Barb Adams of Redford serves Chicken Skillet Dinner, along with Tossed Salad, Corn Bread and Strawberry Mousse.

time doing volunteer work at her church. She is the coordinator of the shut-in program, an active participant in a Bible study class and hosts monthly pot-luck dinners at her home for her Sunday school group.

Adams and her family were reunited at Thanksgiving, and when she told her children that her chicken dish (which contains rice and vegetables) had won her the coveted title of Winner Dinner Winner, one of her sons piped up and confessed that if it hadn't been for the rice, he never would have eaten his vegetables.

Ah, the tricks we mothers have. I can't guarantee that this dinner will get your children to eat their vegetables, but I can guarantee that it worked for our family and hopefully it will work for yours as well.

Thanks again, Barb Adams, and congratulations on being our Winner Dinner Winner of the week.

Submit your recipes, to be considered for publication in this column or elsewhere, to: Winner Dinner, P.O. Box 3503, Birmingham 48012. All submissions become the property of the publisher.

Each week's recipes are printed the same size, so that you may clip and save them in a three-ring binder. Use a paper punch to make holes in the clipping or paste the clipping on a blank sheet of three-ring notebook paper. Another option is to simply file the clippings in a folder with pockets that will hold them.

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## Winner Dinner

### Recipes

#### CHICKEN SKILLET DINNER

This dish takes only minutes to assemble and is better when made just before serving. The recipe easily feeds 4 people.

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- 1 1/2 cup Minute Rice or other instant rice
- one 16-ounce package frozen cauliflower, broccoli and carrots
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1/2 teaspoon chicken bouillon (1/2 cube)
- 1 teaspoon onion salt or 4 teaspoons minced onion
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- salt
- pepper

Lightly season chicken with salt and pepper. Brown well in margarine in a large skillet. Add water, onion salt and bouillon and bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes. Remove the chicken. Add the soup and vegetables to the drippings in the skillet. Bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Stir in rice and top with chicken. Cover and remove from heat and let stand for 10 minutes.

#### TOSSED SALAD

A crunchy salad filled with lots of different vegetables and lightly coated with your choice of dressing nicely complements the main course.

#### CORN BREAD

Barb Adams got this recipe from a restaurant in Boston many years ago. It is a longtime family favorite.

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- 1 1/2 cup milk

Mix the sugar with the eggs. Sift the flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Add the melted butter and milk. Beat up quickly and bake in a large buttered 13-by-9-inch pan in a very hot 425 degree oven for glass pans and 450 for metal pans for 20 minutes. The recipe may be cut in half and baked in an 8-inch square pan.

#### STRAWBERRY MOUSSE

This refreshing dessert requires at least 2 hours to chill in the refrigerator and makes 4 servings.

- one 12-ounce package frozen whole strawberries (thawed)
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons ricotta cheese
- 6 packets low-cal sweetener or 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 4 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup non-fat dry milk
- 1/4 cup ice water (remove the cubes)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Reserve 4 whole strawberries for garnish

Puree the strawberries in a blender. Add the ricotta cheese, sweetener (or sugar) and vanilla. Blend until smooth. Soften gelatin in 6 tablespoons of water in a small saucepan. Heat to dissolve. Blend gelatin and water into mixture in the blender. Pour into a medium-sized bowl and chill until mixture mounds onto spoon. If short of time, place bowl in the freezer for 20 minutes. Combine dry-fat milk, 1/4 cup water and lemon juice in small mixing bowl. Beat on high speed until stiff peaks form, about 6 minutes. Fold into strawberry mixture. Spoon into dessert dishes or parfait glasses and chill until firm, about 2 hours. Garnish with whole strawberries.

## Shopping List

- 4 boneless chicken breasts
- Minute Rice or other instant rice
- one 16-ounce package frozen cauliflower, broccoli and carrots
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 onion
- 1/2 salad greens of choice
- 1/2 salad dressing of choice
- 1 lemon
- one 12-ounce package frozen strawberries
- ricotta cheese
- nonfat dry milk
- milk
- 2 eggs
- margarine
- butter
- sugar
- 6 low-cal sweetener packets
- cornmeal
- baking powder
- vanilla
- flour
- salt
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cooking game, and because there is a trend toward game dishes on menus. Gross offers a variety of entrees that will intrigue most customers. Nearly half of the 13 entrees on a recent menu were game, including New Zealand venison, guinea hen fowl, Michigan pheasant, partridge and quail. Other selections included roasted veal chops; the popular salmon in phyllo dough; Dover sole; a grilled trio of tuna, swordfish and bass, and — perhaps best of all — sautéed North Atlantic sturgeon.

THE SIX appetizers were equally intriguing — from a salmon and shive crepe to warm lamb loin and rock shrimp salad and hot asparagus covered with a Madeira wine and cream sauce featuring an exciting array of mushrooms — morels, hedgehogs, shitaki and oysters.

Both the lamb and shrimp salad and the asparagus appetizers were delicious, particularly because Gross doesn't skimp on the ingredients. Often when you order a dish with morels in it, you can find only specks of those jewels. Here, the morels were generously included where promised.

Again, the wild mushroom and asparagus soup was memorable because of the distinctive mushroom taste. The La Rotisserie salad with a two-mustard vinaigrette dressing was an interesting blend of sweet and strong tasting lettuces.

Sturgeon isn't something you find on many menus, but it is featured three to four evenings a week at La Rotisserie. A little heartier than most fish dishes, this entree was excellently flavored with a bordelaise sauce and — we love it — morel mushrooms.

To sample the game, we tried a combination of roasted pheasant and partridge and grilled quail. Each was tender, delicious and distinctive. We also heard rave reviews about the veal chops and the venison. Gross said he is picky about where

he gets his game, preferring New Zealand venison to almost any other available.

WHEN THE restaurant was closed last summer for remodeling, Gross was off taking an intensive course in dessert preparation at Le Cordon Bleu, it shows. With the "package" prices you are compelled to try a dessert — whether you feel there's room or not. We ordered the souffles before seeing the unbelievably wonderful pastry cart. Although the souffles were so light as to provide the perfect ending to a meal, we'll try one of Gross's exquisite desserts — like the chocolate creme caramel with raspberries — next time.

Gross is intent on adding his artistic flair to each entree. Nothing leaves his kitchen without passing his inspection.

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# Make a house of gingerbread

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Your homemade gingerbread house can be a reflection of your creative ability and can be as simple or as ornate as you want. Better yet, get the family involved in the planning, baking and decoration. Prepare a batch of hot chocolate and get the family into the holiday spirit and create something that will be remembered and enjoyed throughout the entire holiday season.

Here are the recipes you will need to create a basic 9-inch gingerbread house:

## GINGERBREAD:

1/2 cup solid white vegetable shortening (i.e. Crisco)  
1 cup molasses  
4 cups flour, sifted  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Melt the shortening and then add the molasses and 1/4 cup warm water. Mix in the dry ingredients until smooth. Chill several hours. Roll out the dough in small amounts to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut out the pattern you desire and transfer to a cookie sheet covered with parchment paper. Make sure the pattern pieces are straightened as you lay them on the parchment. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Assemble using royal icing.

**ROYAL ICING**  
3 tablespoons meringue powder (available at gourmet and bulk food shops)  
1 pound powdered sugar (4 cups)  
6 tablespoons warm water

In a heavy duty mixer, beat all ingredients at medium speed for 10 minutes or until icing forms stiff peaks. Keep icing stored in an airtight container. Needs no refrigeration. Whip it up before using it again. Fill into a pastry bag with icing tip and proceed to assemble the house.

# Scallions, bacon enliven squash recipe

Butternut squash with scallions and bacon is one of the recipes featured in a recent issue of Gourmet magazine.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH WITH SCALLIONS AND BACON

3 slices of lean bacon  
3 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeds and strings discarded, and the flesh cut into 1/2 inch dice  
1/4 cup fresh orange juice  
1 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest  
1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon chili powder  
2 scallions, sliced thin diagonally  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter

In a 13-by-9-inch microwave-safe baking dish arrange the bacon in one layer between 2 double thicknesses of microwave-safe paper towels and microwave it at high power (100 percent) for 4 minutes, or until it is crisp. Transfer the bacon to a clean paper towel and crumble it.

In a 2 1/2-quart microwave-safe casserole with a tight-fitting lid combine the squash, the orange juice, the zest, the sugar, the chili powder, and salt to taste and mi-

**Stir in the scallions and the butter and microwave the mixture, uncovered, for 1-2 minutes, or until the squash is just tender.**

crowave the mixture, covered, at high power (100 percent), stirring it after 5 minutes, for 10-12 minutes, or until the squash is almost tender. Stir in the scallions and the butter

and microwave the mixture, uncovered, for 1-2 minutes, or until the squash is just tender. Stir in the bacon, and salt and pepper to taste gently but thoroughly. Serves 8.

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**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**  
Monday, Dec. 18 — The Catherine McAuley Health Center will offer free blood pressure screening from 3-5 p.m. at Arbor Health Building, 990 West Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. For information, call 572-4124.

### ● Sports

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Monday evenings in January — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the Northville Recreation Department will be forming a league that will start in January. There is a six-team limit. For information, call Tom Willette at the Parks and Recreation Department at 455-6620.

### ● Trips

**CHRISTMAS SHOW**  
Wednesday, Dec. 13 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department will offer a trip to the Whiting Auditorium in Flint for the annual Christmas show. The price of the tour is \$38 for Plymouth residents and \$39 for non-residents. A tour of the Sloan Museum is included. Call 455-6620 for more information.

**CARIBBEAN CRUISE**  
Jan. 27, 1990 — The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a seven-day Caribbean cruise aboard the cruise ship, The Norway. The departure date is

Jan. 27. The price is either \$1,349 or \$1,469, based on accommodations. For further information, call the recreation department at 455-6620.

**SUNNY FLORIDA**  
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## YOUTH

### ● Preschool

**EDUCATION**  
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### ● Holiday Activities

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### CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. — East School will perform an all-school Christmas concert in the school gym. The community is welcome.

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### ● Adult Day Care

#### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL

Third Wednesday of month — the Plymouth Adult Day Care at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Trail, has opened its support group to the community for anyone in talking over stress or problems they are experiencing in coping with caring for an older family member. Meetings are 10-11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 451-1455 for more information or if you plan on attending.

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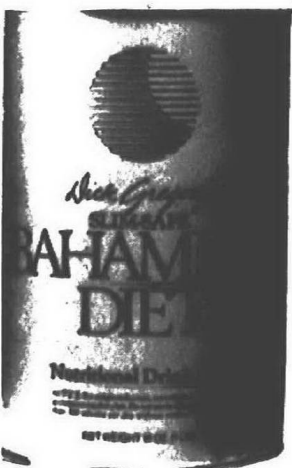
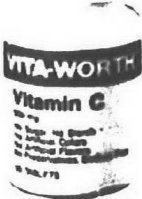
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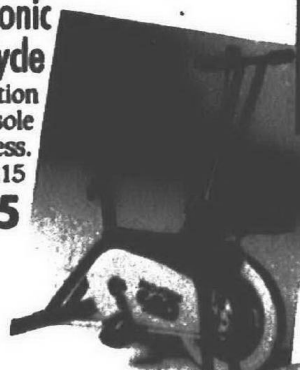
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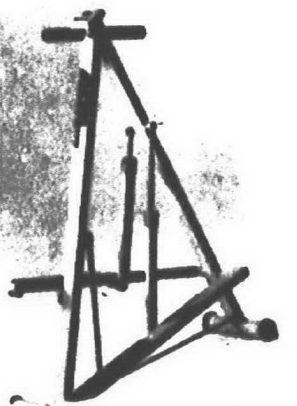
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# Sports

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## Huron rolls over Canton

By Ray Setlock  
staff writer

Like an old carton of milk, the Ann Arbor Huron boys basketball team spoiled Dave Van Wagoner's return as Plymouth Canton coach by whipping the Chiefs 76-50 in their boys basketball opener Friday at Canton.

Huron proved to be the more athletic team, running circles around Canton's defense throughout the second half.

"They are probably the toughest team on our schedule," said Van Wagoner, who coached at Canton from 1981-85. "They definitely had the better athletes."

The Chiefs managed to play Huron tough in the opening quarter, battling the River Rats to an 11-11 tie.

ACCORDING TO HURON coach Harold Simons, his team didn't play well in the first quarter. He feels everyone was looking out for themselves and not the team. "That happens a lot when you play on the road, but we got it together," Simons said.

The River Rats started turning things around in the second quarter, edging ahead 26-21 at halftime.

The second half was a different story. The Chiefs came out spinning their wheels, while Huron came out running.

"Huron is one of the top teams in the state," Van Wagoner said. "And they played like it in the second half."

The River Rats maintained mo-

### basketball

mentum throughout the half and used their man-to-man defense to shut down the Chiefs' attack. At one point late in the fourth quarter, Huron took a 74-47 lead, their largest of the contest.

**SENIOR FORWARD KAREEM CARPENTER**, who transferred from Redford Bishop Borgess last January, led Huron with a game-high 23 points. He converted on all seven of his free throw attempts.

The River Rats, now 2-0, also got offensive production from guard Ryan Griffin, who poured in 19 points. Forward Eric Culliver added 15.

The Chiefs were led by senior guard Geoff Allen's 14 points.

Van Wagoner felt Allen was one of the bright spots for the Chiefs against a tough Huron defense.

"Allen played a real good game for us," Van Wagoner said. "He's a solid force."

Despite falling to 0-1, Van Wagoner believes the best is still ahead for his squad.

"This is a good group of kids," Van Wagoner said. "We will look at the films from this game and try to improve our mistakes. The best is still ahead of us. This was just one game."



Canton's Karl Wukie (with ball) searches for a path past Huron's Kenneth Gude.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

## OCC stops St. Clair; SC tumbles

Oakland Community College broke the century mark Wednesday, soundly defeating St. Clair CC in men's basketball action, 114-98.

The victory improves OCC to 6-1, while St. Clair falls to 1-4.

The Raiders, who trailed by one point at the half, 55-54, came on strong during the final 20 minutes, outscoring St. Clair, 60-43.

Michael Bailey, a Detroit Central High product paced OCC with 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Jerry Preiskorn, a 6-8 1/2 center from Waterford Mott, added 22 points, while Toine Murphy (Hamtramck St. Florian) contributed 18. Murphy also had eight rebounds and six assists.

Ed Pasque (Hazel Park) and Bobby Dinges (University of Detroit-Jesuit) each added 15 points. Pasque also dished out seven assists. All of Dinges' points came on three-pointers.

Ted Stager's 18 points paced St. Clair.

**OWENS TECH 117, SCHOOL-CRAFT 80:** On Wednesday, host Owens Tech of Toledo, Ohio, thanks to 31 points by Roy Coleman, blitzed visiting Schoolcraft College for the second time this season.

Manny Durnen added 25 points for Owens Tech, making five of six three-pointers down the stretch.

Freshman guard Jeff Elliot of Plymouth Salem led Schoolcraft with 14 points. Sophomore center Al Hudson (Romulus) added 11 points, while Ken Fuster (River Rouge) and Ed Hudson (Royal Oak Shrine) contributed 10 apiece.

Owens Tech led by only seven at the half, 47-40, before pulling away in the second half.

The Ocelots record drops to 5-4.

## Mercy, North prove dominant

By Bill Parker  
staff writer

**THE FIRST** thing that comes to mind when looking at the 1989 Observer all-area team is depth. Beginning with the Farmington Hills Mercy state champion 200 medley relay team and ending with eight at-large selections, the 1989 team is loaded with talent.

Mercy, which placed third at the Class A state meet, leads the team represented in three individual events, both relays and two at-large selections.

Mercy coach Chuck McClune was selected as the 1989 Coach of the Year. In his second season at the helm of the Marlins' program, McClune directed his team to their 23rd straight Catholic League title.

The following is a brief profile of each 1989 all-Observer swimmer as selected by a panel of area coaches:

**Farmington Hills Mercy, 200 yard medley relay** (Katie Westhoff, Katie Knipper, Elizabeth DeMattia, Karen Neyer): For the second year in a row this quartet graces the All-Observer first team — last year as the runner-up at the Class A state meet and this year as the undisputed state champion.

This relay opened the season with a bang, turning in a 1:54.75 to win the Brighton Relays. In the process they set a meet and pool record and qualified for the state meet, all in the first race of the year. They went through the season undefeated and capped a stellar season with an All-America clocking of 1:49.49 at the state meet, two seconds ahead of the second place team.

"Four girls never worked harder for me over two years to become state champions," said Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "This relay has been the corner stone of the team. Three out of the four girls made all-state in their individual events and became Mercy's first state champion since Kara McGrath."

**Becky Wyquist, Farmington Hills Mercy, 200 freestyle:** Wyquist qualified for the Class A state meet in four events and earned All State recognition with eighth place finishes in both the 100 free (53.94) and the 200 free (1:56.08). The senior sprinter was the Catholic League champion in the 200 free. At the Oakland County meet she placed ninth in the 200 free and meet and third in the 100 free.

Wyquist turned in a 53.57 split on the final leg of the third place free relay team at the state meet and was a member of the league record holding free relay team (3:44.26) which has earned All America honors for the last two years.

"No one on our team had a better season or state meet than Becky," said Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "She dropped 3.88 seconds in the 200 free and 1.77 in the 100 free in only four days. I believe she has not yet peaked. I'm very glad I had a chance to work with her these last two years. Every coach should have a swimmer like Becky."

**Kerry Doran, North Farmington, 200 individual medley:** After winning three events at both the Oakland County meet and the Western Lakes Activities Association meet Doran, a junior, culminated her efforts at the state meet with a second place finish in the 200 IM (2:08.25) and a fifth place finish in the 100 butterfly (58.93).

Doran earned All America consideration as a freshman on the 400 free relay, All America consideration as a sophomore in the 200 IM; and broke two varsity records this year at North Farmington in both the 200 IM and the 100 butterfly.

**Karen Neyer, Farmington Hills Mercy, 50 freestyle:** The senior sprinter placed fourth at the Oakland County meet with a time of 25.93 and dropped her time to 24.39 at the state meet good enough for a fifth place showing. All America honors and a new Mercy school record.

### all-area swimming

She was the Catholic League champ in the 100 free (55.57) and swam a 23.72 split on the state champion medley relay team. Neyer also swam a 54.13 split on the first leg of Mercy's free relay team which finished third at the state meet.

"Karen is one girl I can always count on to pull out a great swim when the team needs it," said Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "Dropping from 17th to fifth at state in the 50 free was an incredible swim. She lives for the 50."

**Tonya Slicker, Farmington, diving:** Slicker was the team MVP for the second time and repeated as the WLAA champion with a 363.70. She holds her Farmington varsity record at 253, the North Farmington pool record and finished the season with an 11-1 dual meet record.

**Elizabeth DeMattia, Farmington Hills Mercy, 100 butterfly:** DeMattia, a senior, enjoyed a fantastic career earning All America honors on two relay events four years in a row.

This season, DeMattia placed third in the fly at the state meet (58.56) and finished second in the fly at the Oakland County. She finished

second in the Catholic League meet in both the 100 free and the 500 free, swam the fly on Mercy's state champion medley relay (26.23) and swam a leg (58.56) on Mercy's free relay team which placed third at state.

"Liz is a natural athlete," said Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "Last year, when I came to Mercy everyone told me how talented she was, all she needed was a little direction. Well, going from not making the (state) cut in her first two years to finishing third at state in the 100 fly just two years later seems incredible. Some names we've seen for years at state, but Liz is an unknown. She could be the find of the year for some college."

**Ellen Lessig, Livonia Churchill, 100 freestyle:** Lessig was a double winner at the WLAA meet, winning the 100 free in 54.46 and the 50 free in 24.90.

**Nicole Drake, Plymouth Canton, 500 freestyle:** The senior distance swimmer capped her high school career with an eighth place finish this year at the Class A state meet (5:15.55).

Drake holds the Canton school

### ALL-AREA SWIM TEAM

#### Individual events

Becky Wyquist, Mercy . . . 200 freestyle  
Kerry Doran, N. Farmington . . . 200 IM  
Karen Neyer, Mercy . . . 50 freestyle  
Tonya Slicker, Farmington . . . diving  
Elizabeth DeMattia, Mercy 100 butterfly

Ellen Lessig, Churchill . . . 100 freestyle  
Nicole Drake, Canton . . . 500 freestyle  
Cheri Vincent, Salem . . . 100 backstroke  
Jennifer Knapp, Stevenson . . . 100 breast  
Katie Knipper, Mercy . . . at-large  
Katie Knipper, N. Farmington . . . at-large  
Christie Duhis, N. Farmington . . . at-large  
Anna Palmer, N. Farmington . . . at-large  
Carrie Worthen, N. Farmington . . . at-large  
Katie Westhoff, Mercy . . . at-large

#### Relays

200 medley relay — Farmington Hills Mercy (Katie Westhoff, Katie Knipper, Elizabeth DeMattia, Karen Neyer)  
400 free relay — Farmington Hills Mercy (Karen Neyer, Elizabeth DeMattia, Michelle McCaffrey, Becky Wyquist)  
200 medley relay at-large — North Farmington (Julianne Markey, Anna Palmer, Christie Duhis, Carrie Worthen)  
400 free relay at-large — North Farmington (Christie Duhis, Jennifer Wagner, Carrie Worthen, Kerry Doran)

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Becky Wyquist  
Farmington Mercy



Kerry Doran  
North Farmington



Karen Neyer  
Farmington Mercy



Farmington Hills Mercy's medley relay: from left, Katie Westhoff, Elizabeth DeMattia, Katie Knipper, Karen Neyer.



Farmington Hills Mercy's freestyle relay: from left, Becky Wyquist, Karen Neyer, Elizabeth DeMattia, Michelle McCaffrey.



Jennifer Knapp  
Livonia Stevenson



Cheri Vincent  
Plymouth Salem



Nicole Drake  
Plymouth Canton



Ellen Lessig  
Livonia Churchill



Elizabeth DeMattia  
Farmington Mercy



Tonya Slicker  
Farmington



# Barrett fills Stevenson post

By Brad Emms  
staff writer

Jimmy Johnson had to follow Tom Landry. Phil Bengtson succeeded Vince Lombardi. Frank Leahy followed Knute Rockne. An Earle Bruce took over from Woody Hayes. Then there was John Wooden, who was replaced by Gene Bartow.

It's not easy to follow a legend, but that's what Wally Barrett must do in taking over the Livonia Stevenson boys soccer program from Pete Scerri, who recently retired.

The 29-year-old Barrett, the Spartans' JV coach this past season, was named Thursday to succeed Scerri, who amassed a record unmatched in Michigan state high school soccer — 243-19-30 — including four state titles and two second-place finishes.

"We don't expect Wally to match Pete's record. Nobody will because high school soccer has changed in this state since Pete took over," said Stevenson athletic director Roger Frayer. "But we want him to contin-

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ue the great sportsmanship and demonstrate the classy way the Stevenson program has been run."

Barrett comes with an impressive resume.

He was head coach for two seasons at Southfield High.

IN 1987, his Blue Jay squad handed Stevenson its first defeat since the 1984 state championship game. Southfield went on to the state semifinals while posting a 17-3-1 record.

In his two years at Southfield, Barrett went 29-7-4. He also has coached numerous age-group teams in the Bonanza and Little Caesars premier leagues.

Barrett is also a Stevenson graduate (1977) who played under Scerri. He later co-captained the Schoolcraft College squad along with Liv-

onia Churchill girls coach Nick O'Shea in which the Oodles competed in the 1979 National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament.

Barrett later played for the Wayne State University club team. He graduated from WSU with a bachelor of science degree, earning his teaching certificate. He is currently a sales representative for Telephone Support Systems in Farmington Hills.

"It's a tough challenge, considering what Pete has done, but I'm ecstatic," Barrett said. "I want to keep the solid foundation, the structure that Pete established."

Barrett, however, said changes will be made, beginning with training camp next summer.

"I HOPE MY players will appreciate the benefits of hard work," he said. "I'm going to push up the work ethic and have a program where there's dedication to excellence. We want to be as good as we can be."

Frayer also was impressed with Barrett's knowledge of strategy. "He's an X's and O's person," said the Stevenson AD. "He helped Pete quite a bit this season in changing tactics."

Barrett's Stevenson JV squad finished 14-1, while the varsity, under Scerri, shared the Western Lakes Activities Association crown with Churchill. Stevenson captured a district title and finished the year at 13-3-2.

Barrett loses eight starters to graduation, but returns three players including All-Area pick Brian Mitchell, Rob Haar and Travis Roy.

"We have three solid players to keep the program going," said the new coach.

"He has a set of high standards to follow, but being there will help," Frayer said. "There were no guarantees, no strings attached when we hired Wally this year as our JV coach, but we believe he is a good acquisition."

# Alleys gear for Holiday rollers

**B**BETTER MAKE those reservations early. If you are thinking about New Years Eve. Many of the local bowling centers are offering fine food and festivities along with a Mixed Doubles format for the 1990 celebration.

Typically, you can expect the bowling party to have a good list of prize money based on the number of entries. First place could swell to \$200, plus there will be party favors, door prizes, mystery games, lucky strike jackpot, along with dinner.

The bowling format is usually nine-pin "no tap," but sometimes it is moon-light bowling (no lights).

The cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50 per couple. I would suggest you check with the bowling center. Most are offering this fun-filled event, but you must make reservations early, there are only so many lanes.

At Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington was the scene of Tuesday's Senior House League where Daryl Rollins showed the way with a 275-244-208, for a 727 series. Tom Johnston rolled 256/669, Kevin Linton 255/671, Jim Large 244/643, John Starichna 237/641 and Bob Hanson Sr. 246/632.

In the Pinbusters League, Ralph Pincombe converted the 4-7-9-10 split.

Country Lanes in Farmington Hills featured Bill Funke scoring a 279 in the Friday Night Greenfield Mixed League. His series was 656. Dan Christianson rolled a 245. Phil Sweeney totaled 708 on a block of 245-231-230, followed by Lee Snow 238/661, Bill Pietrzyk 241/624 and Chuck O'Rourke 689.

In the Country Lanes Noon Classic, Gloria Mertz shot 257/622 and Linda Furman 234/619.

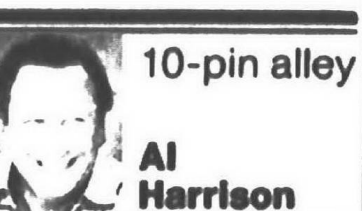
The Youth Bowlers had the pins flying, as the "Preps" had Scott Berger (117 average) scoring 176/422, Chris Engel (116) 176, Jack Stallings (113) 179/476 and Jeremy Vanmeter (110) 160/396.

The "Juniors" featured Joe Milkovic 192/531, Jarud Pope 143-145/361, Mike Arnold (120) 180/460, James Jones (114) 219/434, Mark Navoy (123) 174 and Suzanne Carlson 176-186/512.

In "High School" action, Craig Chalmers rolled 196-193-193/582, Dan Napier (129) 185/510, Derrick Jasper 268/640, Julie Kitchner, a 180 game, and Brian Damphouse (133 average) 178/477.

In the "Beginners," Shaun Saylor was 67 over average; Bradley Walker, 61 over average; and Lori Shewbridge, 96 over average. Geoff Fletcher (26 average) scored a 60.

At Redford Lanes, The West Side



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Lutheran League featured Ernie Edick hitting a 265 game and 643 series. Don Stark came through with a 633 series.

At Woodland Lanes in Livonia, the Morning Stars League witnessed Margaret Baily's 238 effort.

In the Senior House League, Mark Payne came up with a 287 game.

In the Midnights, John Maddison rolled a 716 set.

Lee Stachecki hit a 299 game and 761 series to lead the Granddads League, while in the "Kings and Queens," Tom Elsey shot a 706 series and Kathy Sherry a 612.

In the Lyndon Meadows League, Carol Pagan rolled a 602 series and Mary Edington added a 232 game.

Meanwhile, Carol Abbott rolled a 231 game in the Holiday Park circuit.

At Super Bowl Lanes in Canton Township, the Tuesday Junior House League featured Randy Kline rolling a 268 game. Gregg Butkovich (234-232-237) followed with a 683 series.

In the Friday Night Men's Invitational, Ron Sexton tallied a 728 series with a block of 236-276-214.

In the "Pinbusters," Jack Egenberger rolled a 278 game and 668 series.

Oak Lanes in Westland hosted the Sunday Classic in which Tom Leonard hit a 279 game and 689 set.

The Friday Night Men's League featured John Sinke scoring a 252 game. Henry Coleman contributed a 246 and 243 for a 675 total, while Tom Saunders bowled a 239 and 245 for a 689 set.

In the Tuesday Night Men's League, Ken Young rolled a 651 set, thanks to a 234 game. Jim Mijal added 242 and Jim Ring a game.

In the Tuesday Men's, Dave Roulo racked up games of 246 and 230 en route to a 624 series.

Wonderland Lanes in Livonia played host to the Wonderland Classic League, which was led by Doug DeMarlos' 93 series on a block of 277-237-279. Other high scorers included Denny McDonald (258-258-265/781), Tony Loerlein (266-264-201/733), Chuck Powell (233-286-214/733), Jerry Heistadt (222-216-288/720), Ken Bashara (247-219-247/713), Ken Fister (244-230-228/702), Den Phillip (211-277-213/701) and Carl Harden (246-223-232/701).

## outdoors calendar

### IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS

- Through Dec. 10 — Muzzleloading deer season is open in the Upper Peninsula.
- Through Dec. 12 — Elk season is open in portions of Zone II.
- Through Jan. 1 — Ruffed grouse season is open in Zone I and II.
- Dec. 8-17 — Muzzleloading

deer season is open in the Lower Peninsula.

- Through Jan. 1 — Squirrel season is open statewide.
- Through Jan. 31 — Raccoon season is open statewide.
- Through March 1 — Bobcat season is open in Zone I and portions of Zone II.
- Through March 1 — Fox (gray and red) season is open statewide.
- Through March 31 — Rabbit

season is open statewide.

Dec. 24-March 15 — An ice fishing contest will be held in Munuscong Bay. Call (906) 647-9131 for more information.

Jan 20-31 and 27-28 — Tip-Up-Town U.S.A. Winter Festival will be held at Houghton Lake. Call 1-800-292-9071 for more information.

Feb. 2-4 — Perchville U.S.A. will be held in Tawas City. Call 1-800-55-TAWAS for more information.

### METROPARKS

Christmas Decorations with the Kids, a program for children ages 6-10 and their parents in which participants will learn to make holiday decorations by using pine cones, seeds and other natural objects, will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday at Metro Beach. There is a \$1 charge per child and advance registration is required.

Lunch with Santa, a one-hour program allowing children to meet and have lunch with Santa, will be offered at 11 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs. There is a \$5 charge per person and advance registration is required.

Mother Nature's Christmas Ornaments, an opportunity to learn to make beautiful but inexpensive Christmas decorations out of natural objects, will be offered at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

Fireside Nature Stories, a program featuring stories of the season, will be offered at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

Full Moon Walk, a naturalist-led hike to explore the winter moon, will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Stony Creek. A similar program will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Kensington.

Most Metropark programs are free but require advance registration. All programs require a vehicle entry permit. For additional information on all the Metropark programs, call 1-800-24-PARKS.

### OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

Christmas Traditions, a nature program in which participants will learn a variety of crafts and activities designed to understand and enjoy Christmas traditions, will be offered at 10 a.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks. Pre registration is mandatory.

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# Best swimmers earn high marks

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outstanding swimmer both in practice and in competition at the local or state level," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "She is a fine student and is well respected by staff and students for the person she has become through this stage of her life."

Jennifer Knapp, Livonia Stevenson, 100 breaststroke: A sophomore, Knapp earned All State honors in the breaststroke for the second straight year. She also qualified for the state meet in the 200 IM and was a member of Stevenson's medley relay team which placed 11th at state. Knapp earned All America consideration in the breaststroke and was voted team MVP by her teammates. "Jennifer is a young girl with exceptional talent and the desire to be-

come the best," said Stevenson coach Greg Phil. "With two years left in her high school career I expect to see some great things come her way."

Farmington Hills Mercy, 400 freestyle relay (Karen Neyer, Elizabeth DeMattia, Michelle McCaffrey, Becky Wiklund): For the second year in a row this team has earned All America honors. They placed third at the Class A state meet with a time of 3:37.75, won the Oakland County meet, won the Catholic League title with a new league record of 3:44.26.

"The key to placing in the top five at the state meet is getting your relays into the top six," said March coach Chuck McClune. "Last year, Mercy's free relay finished 10th, so

the girls worked very hard to make top six this year. The girls put together four lifetime best swims to win the fastest free relay Mercy has ever had. A coach could not ask for more."

Katie Knipper, Farmington Hills Mercy, at-large: Only a sophomore, Knipper impressed many observers with a third place finish in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.94) at the Class A state meet. She also placed third in the breast at the Oakland County meet, won the 100 butterfly at the Catholic League meet and was a member of Mercy's state championship medley relay team. Knipper also earned All America honors in the breast and the medley relay.

"I used to worry about Katie's confidence in her own ability, but not any more," admitted Mercy coach Chuck McClune. "The way she worked to improve her kick all season was tremendous. She has not yet shown how fast she is in the breast. She's only given us a small taste of her speed."

Karrie Kranz, North Farmington, at-large: With a WLAA championship in the 200 IM (2:14.97) and a fourth place finish at the league meet in the 500 free (5:18.75), Kranz, a sophomore, appears headed for a splendid career with the Raiders.

Christie Duthie, North Farmington, at-large: The senior helped North's free relay team win the WLAA title in 3:44.02. She also swam personal bests in the 50 free (25.54), the 100 free (54.60) and the 500 free (5:19.58).

Anna Palmer, North Farmington, at-large: In her first year of varsity competition, Palmer, a freshman, went undefeated in the breaststroke in dual meets, placed second at the league meet (1:09.70) and 10th at the state meet (1:09.14). She was also a member of North's medley relay team which earned All America consideration.

Over the summer, Palmer achieved a Junior National time standard in the 200 breaststroke.

Carrie Worthen, North Farmington, at-large: Only a freshman, Worthen placed 12th at the state meet in the 100 breaststroke. She was third in the breast at the WLAA meet and helped North's 400 free relay team win a WLAA title. Her best time in the breast was a 1:10.76 in the state meet preliminary meet.

Katie Westhoff, Farmington Hills Mercy, at-large: Westhoff swam a 29.34 split in the back on Mercy's state championship medley relay team and placed 11th at the state meet in the 100 back in 1:02.99. She won the back at the Catholic League meet and finished second at the Oakland County meet. She also placed fifth in the league in the 100 fly.

Westhoff has been the Catholic League champ in the backstroke two years in a row and has earned All America honors in the 200 medley relay.

North Farmington, 200 medley relay (Julianne Markey, Anna Palmer, Christie Duthie, Karrie Kranz), at-large: This foursome set a North record and earned All America con-

sideration at the state meet with a seventh place finish in 1:52.50.

North Farmington, 400 free relay (Christie Duthie, Jennifer Wagner, Karrie Kranz, Kerry Doran), at-large: After enjoying a strong season that included an Oakland County championship, the Raider team was disqualified at the state meet. North coach Pat Duthie feels his team would have placed no worse than fourth at state and most likely would have earned All America consideration.



Chuck McClune  
Mercy — Coach of the Year



North Farmington's at-large medley relay: from left, Karrie Kranz, Christie Duthie, Anna Palmer, Julianne Markey.



North Farmington's at-large freestyle relay: from left, Christie Duthie, Jennifer Wagner, Karrie Kranz, Kerry Doran.



Katie Knipper  
Farmington Mercy



Karrie Kranz  
North Farmington



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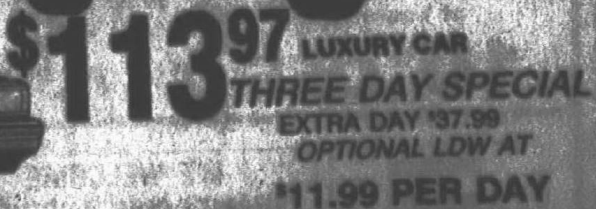
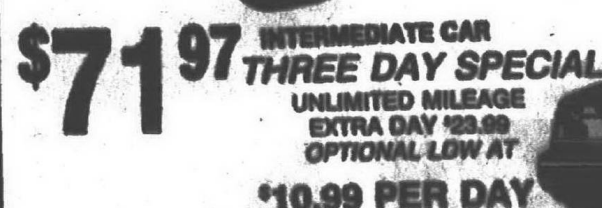
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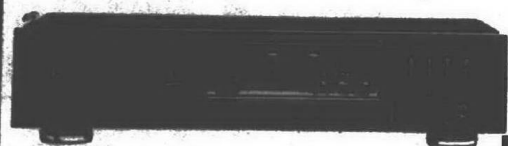


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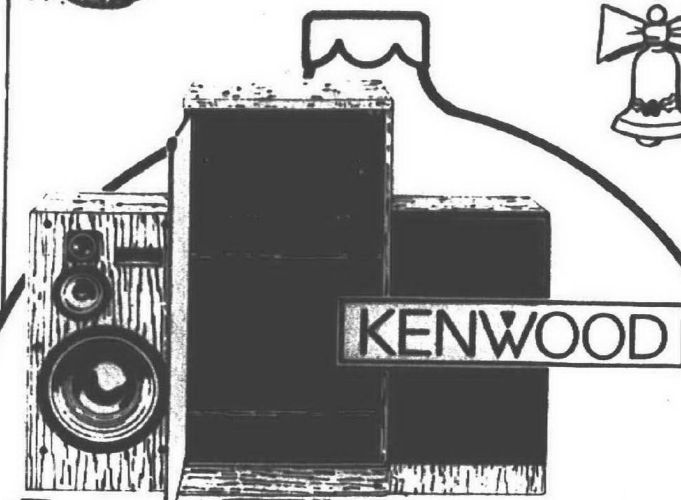
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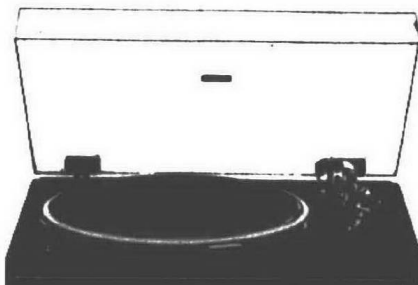
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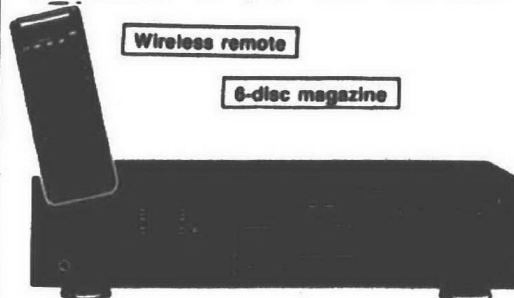
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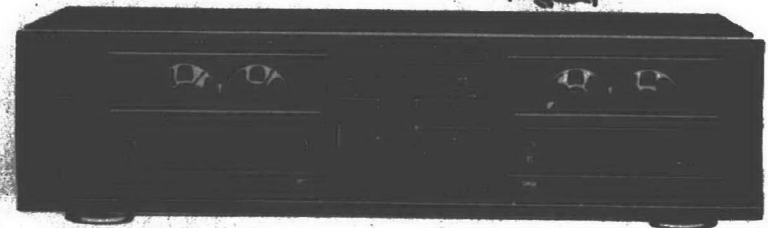
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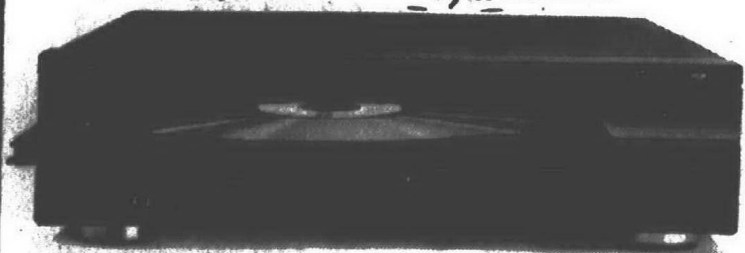
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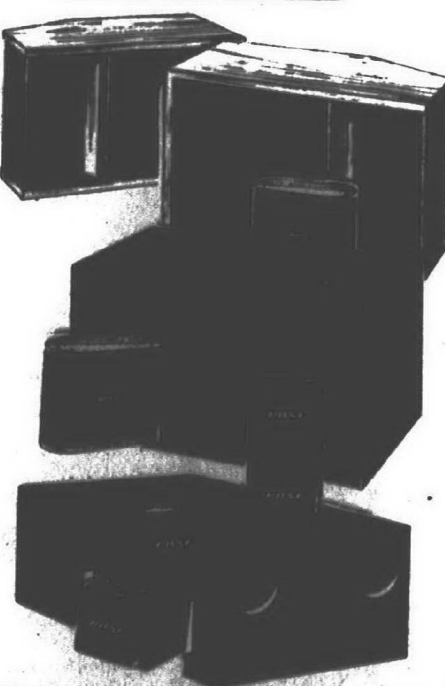
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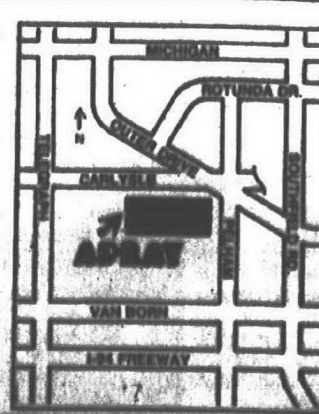
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## MYRTLE M. BOWEN

Services were held for Myrtle M. Bowen, 83, of Plymouth on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Schrader Funeral Home, with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Bowen died Saturday, Nov. 25, in Plymouth. She was born Oct. 17, 1896 in St. Thomas, Ont., and came to Livonia in 1940 from Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Bowen is survived by her son, John Gilbert of Plymouth; a daughter, Muriel Werner of Florida; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a sister Marguerite Tolmie. Pastor Dennis E. Beaver officiated at the service.

## MARIANE R. DUPRAW

Services were held for Mariane R. Dupraw, 82, of Plymouth on Saturday, Nov. 25, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mrs. Dupraw is survived by four daughters, Barbara J. Falls of Boynton Beach, Fla.; Ann Schatzle of Warren; Christine Patrick of Plymouth; Judy Ockun of Kenneth Square, Pa.; a son, Roy L. Dupraw of Grand Rapids; twenty grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a sister Dortha Jahn of Livonia.

Mrs. Dupraw died Wednesday, Nov. 22, in Livonia. She was born Oct. 15, 1907, in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1965 from Detroit. She was a homemaker and member of our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

The Rev. Joseph Plawewski officiated the funeral service. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan or the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament.

## LUCILLE M. HELM

Services were held for Lucille M. Helm, 68, of Howell on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at Schrader Funeral Home. Mrs. Helm died Sunday, Nov. 26 in Howell. She was born May 18, 1921 in Detroit.

Mrs. Helm is survived by her husband, Clyde of Howell; a son, Mark Helm of Northville; two daughters, Kathleen Kincaid of Detroit and Jacqueline Perry of Northville; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Helm was a former resident of Livonia. She was a custodian for the Livonia Public Schools, and retired in 1986 after 20 years with the system. She was a member of the Fowlerville Order of the Eastern Star No. 277 and a member of the Rebecka Auxiliary of the Oddfellows.

The Rev. Kenneth F. Gruebel officiated the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Cancer Foundation or The American Cancer Society.

## HERMAN W. HESSLER

Services were held for Herman W. Hessler, 79, of Ypsilanti on Monday,

Nov. 27, at Schrader Funeral Home, with burial in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Hessler died Friday, Nov. 24, in Livonia. He was born Nov. 26, 1909, in Hymers, Ind. He is survived by his daughter, Gayle Mendler of Westland; three sons, Herman Hessler of Ypsilanti; Richard Hessler of Canton; and James Hessler of Willis, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Moore of Livonia; and a brother, Robert Hessler of Lewiston, Mich.

Mr. Hessler came to Westland in 1938 from Detroit. He worked for the Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant for 47 years, and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Garden City.

The Rev. Dr. David A. Russell officiated at the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, Detroit.

## IRVA I. SOCKOW

Services for Mrs. Irva I. Sockow,

85, of Plymouth were held Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Schrader Funeral Home, with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.

Mrs. Sockow is survived by two daughters, Mary Jordan of Plymouth; and Kathryn Groff of Plymouth; a son, Kenneth Sockow of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sockow was born July 20, 1904, in Bancroft, Mich., and died Friday, Nov. 24, in Ann Arbor. She came to the Plymouth community in 1914 from Hastings. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Canton.

Pastor John A. Shinn officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Calvary Baptist Church.

## HELEN E. SUDOMIER

Services were held for Mrs. Helen E. Sudomier, 76, of Warren on Monday, Nov. 27, at Schrader Funeral Home. She died Friday, Nov. 24, in Warren.



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Mrs. Sudomier was born May 1, 1913, in Macomb County. She came to the Plymouth community in 1969 from Detroit. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Plymouth.

Mrs. Sudomier is survived by a daughter, Carol A. Jerylo of Sterling Heights and three grandchildren.

The Rev. Richard Perletto officiated at the service. Burial was in Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be given in the form of mass offerings.

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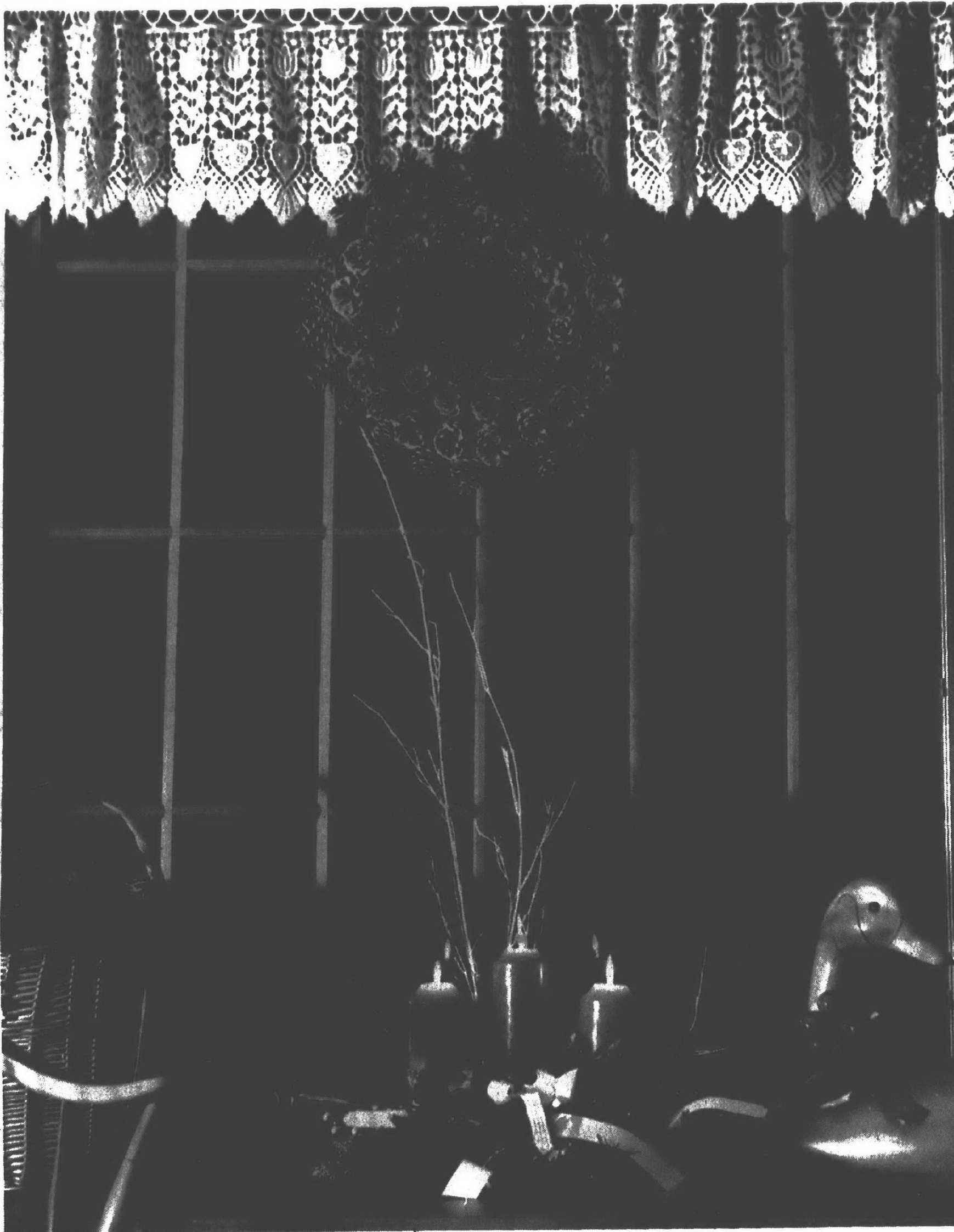
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Mr. Wood is survived by his wife, Edith Wood of Livonia; a daughter, Deborah Adams, of Plymouth; a son, Robert Wood of Fenton, Mich.; three grandchildren, three sisters, Kathleen Shylosky of Oak Hill, W. Va.; Betty White of Mullins, W. Va.; and Patricia Sullivan of Livonia, two brothers, William Wood of Pearisburg, Va.; and Lawrence Wood of Oak Hill, W. Va.

The Rev. Jay Croft officiated the funeral service. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Riverside Park Church of God Music Department.

### ARNOLD L. ASH

Services were held for Mr. Arnold L. Ash, 71, of Plymouth on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Mr. Ash is survived by his wife, Martha J. Ash of Plymouth; two stepsons, John Thomason of Plymouth; Neil Thomason of Westland; three brothers, Walter Ash of Plymouth; Edwin Ash of Plymouth; Russell Ash of Plymouth; three sisters, Esther Merryfield of Plymouth; Evelyn LeFever of Plymouth; and Ruth Urton of Cherokee Village, Ark.

Mr. Ash died Monday, Dec. 4, in Livonia. He was born Dec. 9, 1917 in Livonia. He came to the Plymouth community in 1936 from Livonia. He was a production manager for Allen Industries and Dayco Rubber Company in Detroit for over 38 years. He retired in the middle 1970s. He served with the U.S. Army in World War II in the Pacific. He was a member of the Church of the Risen Christ of Plymouth.

The Rev. K. M. Mehrl officiated at the funeral service. Local arrangements were made by Schrader Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### RICHARD J. GERHARD

Services were held for Mr. Richard J. Gerhard, 67, of Canton on Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, Canton.

Mr. Gerhard died Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Canton. He was born May 10, 1922, in Detroit. He came to the Canton community in 1956 from Detroit. He was a retired tool crib attendant, 32 years with Associated Spring. He was a member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton and Mayflower Post 6695 VFW of Plymouth.

Mr. Gerhard is survived by his wife, Honorah J. Gerhard of Canton, several nieces and nephews.

The Rev. Matthew A. Ellis officiated at the service. Memorials may be given to Richard J. Gerhard Fund

(envelopes available at funeral home). Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home.

### THELMA E. HAHN

Services were held for Mrs. Thelma E. Hahn, 72, of Westland on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Schrader Funeral Home. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Hahn died Monday, Dec. 4, in Livonia. She was born March 27, 1917, in Saskatchewan, Canada. She came to the Plymouth community in 1979 from Detroit. She was a homemaker and member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Mrs. Hahn is survived by two daughters, Carol Hiltz of Plymouth; and Sharon Lisanti of Canton; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Rev. John N. Grenfell Jr. officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer or Lung Association.

### SHIRLEY A. SIEBERT

Services were held for Mrs. Shirley A. Siebert, 54, of Plymouth on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Schrader Funeral Home.

Mrs. Siebert died Nov. 27 in Plymouth. She was born April 17, 1935, in Almont.

Mrs. Siebert is survived by her husband, Fred L. Siebert of Plymouth; two daughters, Lisa Siebert of Louisiana; Lori Carrillo of Arizona; a son, Paul Siebert of Plymouth; his mother, Maxine Turner of Cheboygan; and two sisters, Marie Owens of Imlay City; and Annis Turner of Cheboygan.

Pastor Jerry Yarnell officiated at the service. Memorial contributions may be given to a local humane society.

### RICHARD A. WALLACE

Services were held for Mr. Richard A. Wallace, 55, of Canton Township on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Schrader Funeral Home. Mr. Wallace was buried at sea. He died Friday, Dec. 1 in Canton Township.

Mr. Wallace is survived by his wife, Molly Jo Wallace of Canton Township; three daughters, Julie Wallace of Canton Township, Dawn Revere of Norco, Calif., and Heather Cloyd of Riverside, Calif.; a son, Richard Wallace of Riverside, Calif.; four grandchildren; his mother, Eva Wallace of Norco, Calif.; two sisters, Mary J. Lathan of Watuga, Texas; Rochelle Johnson of Sisters, Ore.; and a brother, Thomas Wallace of Napa, Calif.

Mr. Wallace was born Sept. 1, 1934 in Ely, Minn. He came to the Canton community in 1977 from Cal-

ifornia. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, one with the Navy and one with the Marine Corps. He was retired from the U.S. Navy. He was supervisor of Clinical Engineering at Grace Hospital in Detroit and a member of the American Hospital Association, as well as the American Society of Hospital Engineers. He was on the Advisory Board of Schoolcraft College and vice president of the Lincoln Bowmen Archery Club and trustee of Lakes Archery Club.

The Rev. Robert S. Shank Jr. officiated the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association of Michigan.

### ADELINE ANN KUCHAREK

Services were held for Mrs. Adeline Ann Kucharek, 48, of Canton Township on Saturday, Dec. 9, at Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Kucharek is survived by her husband, Florian Kucharek of Canton Township; two sons, David Kucharek of Chicago, Ill.; Steven Kucharek of Plymouth; a daughter, Sally Aninos of Plymouth; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Kucharek died Thursday, Dec. 7, at home. She was born Oct. 6, 1941 in Detroit. She was a homemaker and member of Divine Savior Catholic Church in Westland.

Rev. Alexander A. Kuras officiated at the funeral. Memorials may be sent to Michigan Cancer Foundation, envelopes available at funeral home. Arrangements were made by Lambert-Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

### EDWIN G. MARTIN

Services were held for Edwin George Martin, 66, of Livonia on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Vermeulen Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Martin died Saturday, Dec. 2, at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. He was born Dec. 11, 1922 in Detroit. He was a member of Sokol Detroit and was a radioman in the Navy during World War II. He was office manager with Advance Mold where he worked for approximately 30 years.

Mr. Martin is survived by his wife, Norma R. Martin of Livonia; a son, Jeffrey Martin of Canton; three daughters, Karen Littleton of Grand Rapids, Lisa Orban of Novi and Marisa Sterling of Plymouth; four grandchildren, and a sister Dorothy Arvy of Farmington Hills.

Deacon Ernest J. Bedard officiated at the funeral service. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia. Memorials may be sent to Michigan Heart Association, envelopes available at funeral home.

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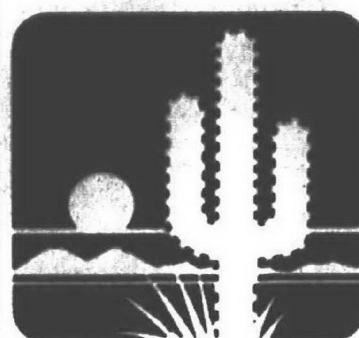
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MUSTANG GT-1988, T-tops, stored winners but is undercoated. 5 speed, 390-1316 1 owner, 26,000 miles, fully loaded. \$8,800. Days. 495-1788

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MUSTANG 1988 - automatic, air. \$5,500  
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MUSTANG 1987, coupe, 5.0 liter, 5 speed, air, tilt, excellent, 21,000 miles. \$9,500. After 6pm 420-2404

MUSTANG 1988 LX Automatic, air condition, cassette, only 19,000 miles. \$7,995.  
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MUSTANG 1988 - LX, \$7,400. Sunroof, air, cassette, loaded. 477-1742

PROBE XL 1989, black, 5 speed, air, power steering/brakes, like new, \$9,200. 363-7013

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TAURUS GL, 1988, V6 automatic, overdrive, air, cruise, power windows-door, tilt, cassette, more. Excellent! \$8,200. 474-2095

TAURUS, 1989, GL Station Wagon, Midnight blue, fully loaded, 11,000 miles. Make offer. 251-9555

TAURUS 1989 GL Wagon, Loaded, 2 to choose from. \$9,999.  
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T-BIRD LX 1988 - Loaded! Excellent condition! Must sell, new car in. \$9,400. Call 488-9718

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TEMPO GL 1985 - power steering & brakes, air, am/fm stereo, 4 door, power locks. Clean 553-9596

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PHOENIX, 1978 - V8, auto, new tires, good condition, clean. \$950. 338-7585

PONTIAC 6000 STE, 1987, black, loaded, 60,000 miles, excellent condition. \$8,500. 348-0182

PONTIAC 6000, 1984 LE wagon, tilt loaded + 3rd seat, wood floor, \$9,900. 855-1475

PONTIAC 6000 - 1988, low mileage, excellent condition. \$5,995. Phone after 6pm. 462-0599

PONTIAC 6000, 1985, Touring edition, loaded, excellent condition, low miles, \$4,500/best. 348-0238

PONTIAC 6000, 1990 LE. Loaded, \$4,995  
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FIRO 1988 - \$5,000 or take over lease. \$165 month for 6 months. Option to buy. 648-6781

FIREBIRD 1984, V6, power steering & brakes, automatic, air, \$3,900 or best offer. After 6pm. 522-0982

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GRAND AM LE 1988-4 door, automatic, air, loaded, black. Excellent condition. \$4,995. 698-6014

GRAND AM - 1988 691-3341

GRAND AM, 1988, 6 cylinder, 2 door, sunroof, good condition. Loaded. \$4,500. 682-5699

GRAND AM 1988 LE, coupe, air, automatic, sunroof, loaded, excellent \$6,995/best. 693-6888, 698-6925

GRAND AM 1988, 4 door, 4 cylinder, tilt, air, power steering/brakes, black. \$5,950. 227-4959

GRAND AM 1987 - automatic, clean. \$4,500  
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6000, 1987, 4 door, 4 cylinder, dark maroon, power steering, brakes, door locks, air, cruise, tilt. \$5,000 miles. A-1 condition. 261-5520

CELICA GT 1987-blue red, am/fm stereo, cassette, 55,000 miles. \$5,970 or best. 225-0421

CELICA 1988 - GT8, \$9,700 or best. 43,000 miles, excellent condition. 645-0508

COROLLA GT8 1988, black, 5 speed, great condition, 50,000 miles, must sacrifice new baby to have best offer. 437-4817

COROLLA DR-5 1988 5 speed, power steering, power brakes, air, tilt new, must sell. 691-9905

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COROLLA, 1984, LE, auto, air, new brakes, 58,000 miles. Teachers car. Immaculate \$3,900. 699-4435

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Red cloth classical paint, cloth high back bucket seats - rear 40/60 folding bench recliner, 5 speed automatic transmission, 2.5 liter SOHC EFI engine, front floor plate bracket, P185/70R14 black exterior, steel belted radial tires, owner followup service. Stock #22018.

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## Finding the road to Bhutan

By LeAnne Rogers  
staff writer

Nestled in the Himalayas, life in the kingdom of Bhutan continues as a quiet agrarian Buddhist society much as it has for hundreds of years.

Its ruler, King Jigme Singye Wangchuck intends to keep it that way by limiting contact with the outside world. Citizens can be fined for dressing in western style clothes.

The country was completely closed to outsiders until 1974. Two years ago tourists could visit Buddhist monasteries, but those have since been closed.

"The king wants to preserve the culture, so they only let 2,000 tourists in each year," said Fay Thompson, an Ann Arbor resident who recently lead a group on her second trip to the country nestled between Tibet and Nepal.

Compare that number to the 150,000 visitors who trek through Tibet in a given year.

"In Tibet, things are trampled and trees are cut down," she said. "When I was looking at brochures, Bhutan was the least touched place and the least commercial. It was everything that I dreamed about. It was like stepping back into another century."

The population of Bhutan is pretty homogeneous, never having been ruled by a foreign power.

"The Tibetans tried to invade from the north but Bhutan is protected by mountain peaks," Thompson said. "To the south there are dense swamps and bushy areas."

THE BHUTANESE mountain passes are guarded by fortresses called dzongs which can often be visited by hiking tourists.

Bhutan has very little industry; most people farm. Things like wood carving and fabrics are done by hand, Thompson said.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Co-partner Debbie Demers tries on a hair comb in the bride's dressing room of the Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills.

By Charlene Mitchell  
special writer

Planning a wedding? Dreading the work and fuss that goes into having a beautiful ceremony?

There's a chapel in Oakland County that may have an answer and be just what you're looking for on your wedding day. On the outside, it doesn't look like a chapel, but it is a lot more romantic than a civil ceremony at city hall, yet less complicated than most church weddings.

The Little Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills is a unique alternative to traditional locations. With just 24 hours notice, a bride and groom can have a wedding ceremony that looked like it took weeks, even months, to plan.

The reason is that the chapel is always decorated and ready, since it's used only for weddings unlike churches and synagogues.

The idea for the chapel came from Sharon Reed, owner and operator of Bloomies Face and Body in Farmington Hills.

After tossing the idea around in her own mind, she mentioned it to good friend Debbie Demers, who in turn decided it was something she'd consider.

When Demers mentioned it to her husband Jacques, coach of the Detroit Red Wings, he told her she should go for it.

So what started out as pretty vi-

sions of Victorian lace and romantic surroundings has turned into a solid business venture for four women — Reed, Demers, Irene Bruza and Shari Johnson.

BRUZA WAS IN management with Detroit Optometric Centers. She looks on the Little Wedding Chapel as not only a new career, but a chance to be her own boss.

"My background is with planning and details," she said. "Because we're offering a full scale wedding planning service along with use of the chapel, I'll get a chance to be an administrator again."

Johnson, a former sales account executive for Marketplace magazine, said the spiritual aspect of the new venture is what gets her excited.

"I am an ordained minister both for non-denominational or civil ceremonies," she said. "I expect to perform a lot of weddings when the couples don't bring their own minister."

Up to 50 guests can be seated comfortably in the chapel. For atmosphere, there's a fireplace, gleaming chandeliers or candlelight and pedestals lavished with flowers. The bride can choose to enter the chapel through a trellised arch, from a winding staircase or lace curtained French doors.

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## Goin' to the Chapel

"I really love what we're doing here. After all, all of our customers are happy"

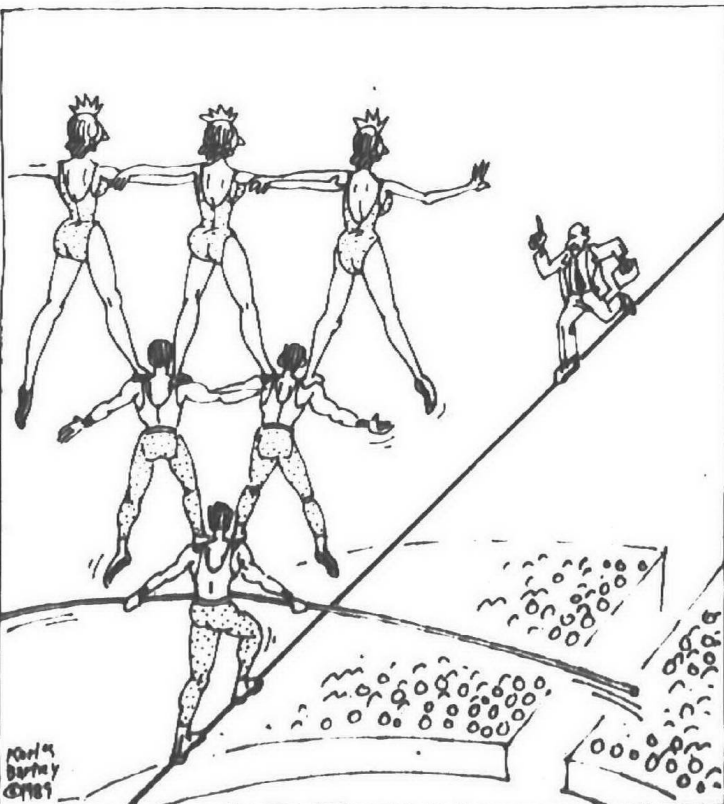
-Sharon Reed



Experienced traveler Fay Thompson poses in front of a tent in the Himalayas during a recent trek in the kingdom of Bhutan.

## Warp Factor

Karlos Barney



"I don't care if it is a temporary structure, you still need a building permit."

## Pancho Claus in San Antonio

By Iris Sanderson Jones  
staff writer

The lights are on in San Antonio. They light the way from Incarnate Word College at the headwaters of the San Antonio River. They gleam in the cypress trees high above the San Antonio River and in thousands of paper bags along the River Walk.

There are 200,000 lights glittering in Market Square, where Pancho Claus greets the children and watches over the blessing of the pets. Mary and Joseph have led their candlelit procession down the Paseo del Rio, searching for a place at the inn.

Christmas in San Antonio is not a season of evergreen trees and snowmen. This historic south Texas city has 300 days of sunshine a year; winter daytime temperatures range from 60 to 73 degrees.

Yuletide traditions grow out of the days of the old Spanish missions. Spanish missionaries carried the folklore of Spain to the New World, where the ancient rituals were used to explain Christianity to the Indians.

The missionaries would be

amazed, if they could see those Christmas festivities now, and so would you. If you've never celebrated a Spanish-American Christmas, you have missed one of the highlights of the yuletide season in North America.

The season began in San Antonio on Thanksgiving weekend, when

they lit the 40-foot-high city Christmas tree on Alamo Plaza. They turned on the Christmas lights along the Paseo del Rio, the River Walk that follows the San Antonio River as it curves through the downtown.

A PARADE OF lighted Christ-



A visit to San Antonio even during the holiday season wouldn't be complete without a visit to Texas' most famous landmark, The Alamo.

mas barges carried the colors and the music down the river. River traffic is part of the pleasure and sport of daily life anytime of the year, but it has a special appeal when the barges are full of carolers.

The dinner barges, available to small groups year-round, always echo with mariachi music. The 75-cent river taxi, which allows you to get off and on at taxi stations scattered amid restaurants, bars and shops along the River Walk, are a treat at any time of year. Both have a special ambience when there are Christmas lights in the cypress trees high above your head.

A floating Christmas pageant, new this year, will become part of the annual festivities along the river. Five river barges, featuring vignettes of the Christmas story, float down the lagoon and surround Entertainment Island. The classic nativity scene unfolds aboard the barges on weekend evenings through Dec. 17.

The highlight of the season, at least for me, is Fiesta de las Lumin-

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# MOVING PICTURES



Roseanne Barr, Ed Begley Jr. and Meryl Streep team up for Orion Pictures' latest release, "She-Devil."

## DeVito is self-indulgent in his 'War of the Roses'

Success leads to self-indulgence and Danny DeVito's work as director and supporting lead in "War of the Roses" (D, R, 110 minutes) is a perfect example of that premise.

The Roses — Barbara (Kathleen Turner) and Oliver (Michael Douglas) — are a wealthy couple whose vicious divorce battle forms the central section of this unpleasant film about two obsessive (and obsessed), destructive characters. Their story is related by their friend, Gavin D'Amato (Danny DeVito), a divorce attorney and member of Oliver's prestigious law firm.

"The War of the Roses" exhibits self-indulgence at every turn. The trouble starts with the framing, pseudo-moralistic story in which Gavin lectures a prospective client using the Roses as an example of divorce and its destructive potential.

Throughout the film, this client sits in Gavin's office looking uncomfortable and embarrassed. That's the proper attitude for everyone associated with this production.

That amateurish structure is compounded by DeVito's sophomoric character as a \$450 an hour attorney and a fast man with the ladies, until the film's end when marriage overcomes him, why or to whom we never learn. There were several interesting possibilities but as it stands — unresolved — it's frustrating and distracting in a film that sets itself up as a definitive statement about marriage and divorce.

BARBARA FRYING onions after she's locked Oliver in the steam bath and her cat fighting with his dog also exemplify the simple-minded intelligence which infuses the "War of the Roses." Turner and Douglas as college kids is hard to believe and their falling in bed in a simple-minded love-at-first-sight routine doesn't wash well either.

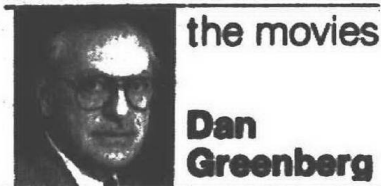
That incredible opening leads to the greatest complaint, the film's lack of development. Suddenly, these two college kids — who strangely enough have no family or friends other than Oliver's law firm folks — are off and running in marriage with kids and Oliver's successful law career.

Then, quickly, the over-used justification for divorce — "he's too busy with work and she wants more than housewifery." Well, that hardly justifies the bitter divorce battle culminating in an unpleasant and demented conclusion.

While bizarre conclusions do arise from minor stimuli, a motion picture

### Grading the movies

A+	Top marks - sure to please
A	Close behind - excellent
A-	Still in running for top honors
B+	Pretty good stuff, not perfect
B	Good
B-	Good but notable deficiencies
C+	Just a cut above average
C	Mediocre
C-	Not so hot and slipping fast
D+	The very best of the poor stuff
D	Poor
D-	It doesn't get much worse
F	Truly awful
Z	Reserved for the colossally bad
	No advanced screening



the movies  
Dan Greenberg

is obligated to make it all seem reasonable. "War of the Roses" fails miserably in that regard and, despite nice photography and good acting, is an annoying, malicious and distasteful film. However, given the perverse nature of contemporary society, the film probably will do well at the box office.

Meryl Streep has done it again even though she doesn't have the title role in "She-Devil" (B+, PG-13, 90 minutes). That honor goes to Roseanne Barr who, as Ruth Patchett, proves the old adage about a woman scorned.

HER HUSBAND, Bob (Ed Begley Jr.), does the dirty deed by deserting her and their children, Nicholette (Elisabeth Peters) and Andy (Bryan Larkin), to take up with Mary Fisher (Meryl Streep), noted author of 32 passionate, romantic best sellers.

Mary Fisher lives the books she writes in a glorious mansion by the sea. Streep's characterization (and satire) of the romantic novel writer/heroine is delightful, particularly when it turns out that she has an unsavory past and a pretty raunchy mother (Sylvia Miles).

Mary Fisher couldn't be as perfect as she pretends and those character flaws explain why she takes up with Bob who is a classic philanderer with a very unpleasant family.

There is a tendency, however, to bring on characters only when needed to advance the plot, particularly Nurse Hooper (Linda Hunt), and then discard them as if they weren't organically related to the story.

Hunt is missed, since she and Barr play particularly well together, making a fine statement about individuals who don't measure up to media standards for beauty and accomplishment.

#### STILL PLAYING:

"All Dogs Go To Heaven" (B+) (G) 90 minutes.

Well-known voices back this animated story about Charlie the German Shepherd and Itchy the Dachshund.

"Back to the Future Part II" (B+) (PG) 90 minutes.

All your favorite time-travelers are in other dimensions once again.

"The Bear" (B) (PG) 93 minutes.

Excellent nature photography but film often lacks continuity and gets pretty sappy at times.

"Black Rain" (D-) (R) 120 minutes.

Unpleasant, trite detective story stars Michael Douglas.

"Crimes and Misdemeanors" (A+) (PG-13) 100 minutes.

Woody Allen at his best in this romantic comedy about family life with all its joy and sadness.

"Dad" (B) (PG) 119 minutes.

Excellent acting by Jack Lemmon, Ted Danson, Zakes Mokae and Olympia Dukakis marred by clichés.

"Drugstore Cowboy" (Z) (R) 100 minutes.

About as unpleasant as it gets. Four young folks steal and use drugs.

"The Fabulous Baker Boys" (R).

Two brothers — Jeff and Beau Bridges — add Michelle Pfeiffer to their cocktail lounge piano playing act.

"Great Fantasy" (C-) (PG-13) 100 minutes.

Blatant, slow, weakly structured romantic comedy about five, first-year med students.

"Harlem Nights" (D) (R) 110 minutes.

Nice cars and nifty suits but all that

Pryor, Red Foxx, Arsenio Hall and Della Reese — can't save this slow-paced 1930s Harlem gangster story.

"The Little Mermaid" (A) (G) 80 minutes.

Disney animation of Hans Christian Andersen tale of mermaid in love with human.

"Look Who's Talking" (C+) (PG-13) 97 minutes.

Contrived, poorly structured story of pregnant CPA (Kirstie Alley) and her search for a perfect father for her baby.

Bruce Willis is the baby's voice.

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (B-) (PG-13) 90 minutes.

Christmas vacation for the Griswold family is okay for National Lampoon's fans.

"Parenthood" (A-) (R) 120 minutes.

Large, talented cast in complex but entertaining story about a family that includes Jason Robards, Steve Martin, Tom Hulce, Martha Plimpton and Diane Wiest, among others.

"Prancer" (G).

Delightful story of nine-year-old girl who finds an injured reindeer just before Christmas.

"Sea of Love" (C) (R) 110 minutes.

Al Pacino as a burnt-out detective adds nothing to the cliché nor does a very weak script.

"Sex, Lies, and Videotape" (R).

Everyone's talking about this romantic comedy with James Spader.

"Shocker" (R) 107 minutes.

Wes Craven does it again, this time in the world of electronic video mayhem.

"Staying Together" (A) (R) 95 minutes.

Warm, sensitive tale of three sons on their own when dad sells the family business.

"Steel Magnolias" (B-) (PG) 110 minutes.

Talented cast led by Shirley MacLaine's performance falls short in depicting problems of six Southern women.

## VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg  
special writer

The video cassette market continues to boom and, since almost anything sells, almost everything is produced. The seemingly insatiable video market generates capital for some pretty strange stuff.

You'll probably think I made this up as a joke to prove my point but I didn't. Next month's release schedule includes "Feroocious Female Freedom Fighters" and "Rabid Grannies." Those two are Troma releases and some of you may know what that means. It's a certain kind of joke that some enjoy.

What is unfathomable, however, is why a producer takes the trouble to gather a fairly talented cast in a production of more than modest proportions and give them a jumbled script devoid of any basic excitement. To compound the sin, they bill it as a "suspenseful crime thriller."

## ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

# Film remembers Monk

By John Monaghan  
special writer

Categories always elude Thelonious Monk. As a musician and a man, he was at least as hard to define as bebop, the form of modern jazz which he helped originate.

Ironically, a new documentary, "Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser," has no real creative aspirations. Directed by Charlotte Zwerin, this is a no frills look at the influential jazz pianist and composer, with narration on his early life, interviews with people who knew him and archival footage.

Recent jazz documentaries like "Dizzy Gillespie in Cuba" and "Let's Get Lost" were made on minuscule budget and released mostly at small art houses. "Thelonious Monk: Straight, No Chaser" has major names behind it.

Clint Eastwood, who proved himself a major jazz fan by directing "Bird" in 1987, fronted much of the money for the project. Distributed by Warner Brothers, the film opens for what will likely be a short run at the Maple Theatre in Birmingham.

In an early clip, Monk's road manager flips through a copy of "Who's Who" and reads the entry on Thelonious Monk. Characteristically, the musician seems uninterested. "Yeah, I'm famous; isn't that a bitch," he slurs in a raspy, usually indiscernible growl.

FAME, FORTUNE and verbal self-expression never mattered much to Monk. The music did, however, and the film picks up when it shows Monk at the piano, in various TV clips and footage from a 1967



Thelonious Monk

documentary, which makes up a least half of the film's 90 minutes.

The contemporary interviews are sparse, comprised more of road managers and business associates than musicians. They tell of their constant concern for Monk, includ-

ing how he would react when drawn for a "Time" magazine cover.

Though never fully discussed in the film, Monk suffered from emotional problems, complicated by drugs (he died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1962). He looks constantly dazed, as if someone just hit him over the head. Fellow musicians and managers are patient with him, as if he were a brilliant, crippled child.

Monk arrives in London with an all-star octet. He's skeptical that his sparse compositions will work with such a large group. Just hours before the performance, only Monk knows what music they will play.

During the concert, Monk stands up and walks over to a trumpeter mid-performance and the tune just kind of trails off. The audience applauds tentatively, then enthusiastically. This kind of unorthodox behavior became almost unexpected in a Monk concert.

PIANISTS BARRY Harris and Tommy Flanagan also show up, their memories of Monk told to the piano. They play dual piano versions of Monk compositions like "Well, You Needn't" and the haunting "Misterioso."

A reporter asks Monk if he would like the piano to have more keys than the standard 88. "It's hard enough work with those 88," he replies. It's the only question he answers that comes out halfway straight.

Actually, as far as shedding light on what's going on inside his head, Monk is of little help. As far as he's concerned, the music is everything and the film reflects this aesthetic.

## SCREEN SCENE

DETROIT FILM THEATRE, Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Call 832-2730 for information. (\$3)

"Cria," (Spain — 1977), 7 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 15, 9:30 p.m. Dec. 16. A re-release of a unique and dream-like family portrait about a child confronting the adult world. With Geraldine Chaplin.

"High and Low" (Japan — 1963), 5 p.m. Dec. 17. Akira Kurosawa's breathtaking wide-screen thriller takes an Ed McBain crime novel and sets it in modern day Japan. Toshiro Mifune stars as a rich industrialist who goes to amazing lengths after his son is kidnapped.

HENRY FORD CENTENNIAL LIBRARY, 16301 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call 943-23300 for information. (Free)

"Way Out West" (USA — 1933), 7 p.m. Dec. 11. Laurel and Hardy's best feature film, with the boys entrusted to deliver a mine deed to a late prospector's daughter.

LIVONIA MALL CINEMA, 29415 Seven Mile, Livonia. Call 476-1166 for information. (Free)

"Irma La Douce" (USA — 1963), 10 a.m. Dec. 12. Billy Wilder directed this popular comedy about a

naive gendarme (Jack Lemmon) in love with a prostitute (Shirley MacLaine). Continuing a month-long tribute to Lemmon-Wilder films.

MICHIGAN THEATRE, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 668-8397 for information. (\$4 regular, \$3.25 students and senior citizens)

"Fat City" (USA — 1972), 7 p.m. Dec. 12-13. John Huston directed this realistic tale of a small-time boxer (Stacy Keach) and his young protegee (Jeff Bridges). Perhaps Huston's most underrated feature.

"Split" (USA — 1989), Dec. 12-15 (call for show times). The struggle between good and evil played out with a sense of humor in an avant-garde sci-fi film. A film festival hit by first-time director Chris Shaw.

"When Harry Met Sally" (USA — 1989), 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Dec. 14 and 9:15 p.m. Dec. 15. Rob Reiner directed this Woody Allen-style romantic comedy about the conflict between man and woman trying to remain "just friends." Winning performances by Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal.

"The Wizard of Oz" (USA — 1939), Dec. 16-23 (call for show times). The classic fantasy film returns in a sparkling new color print.

"Festival of Animation," Dec. 16-23 (call for show times). Seventeen

new titles from Canadian animators.

"Wuthering Heights" (USA — 1939), 7:30 p.m. Dec. 16-17. Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon play the lovers of Emily Bronte's great Gothic romance.

REDFORD THEATRE, 17360 Lasher, Detroit. Call 537-2560 for information. (\$2)

"David Copperfield" (USA — 1935), 8 p.m. Dec. 15-16. Freddie Bartholomew plays the title character of Dickens' classic novel. With Lewis Stone, Arthur Treacher and W.C. Fields. Directed by George Cukor.

TELE-ARTS, 1540 Woodward, Detroit, 963-8690. (\$3.50; students-seniors \$2.50).

Davis-Bogart — "The Petrified Forest" (USA — 1936) and "Marked Woman" (USA — 1937), Dec. 13-17 (call for show times). Continuing a tribute to classic films. In the first, Bogie plays killer Duke Mantee, holding hostages in an Arizona diner. Davis is the wide-eyed waitress who longs to visit France. Leslie Howard the drifter-intellectual. "Marked Woman," meanwhile, stars Bogart as a crusading D.A. trying to get call-girl Davis to testify against her gangster boss.

— John Monaghan

Whatever the reason, HBO Video has done just that in "The Heist" (1989, color, 97 minutes). When it hits the racks at your favorite video store next week, move on down the aisle unless insomnia is your problem. There's no suspense here and no thrills, only the crime of producing "The Heist" in the first place.

AFTER FOUR years in prison Neil Skinner (Pierce Brosnan — "Remington Steele") returns seeking vengeance against his ex-partner, Ebet Berens (Tom Skerritt — "Steel Magnolias," "Top Gun"). Berens framed Skinner and took over everything, the race track, the money, and the girl, Shiela (Wendy Hughes).

It took three minds to construct this poor story with "Teleplay by..." credit given to William Irish, Jr., David Fuller and Rick Watkins. Weak direction was by Stuart Orme. There's some pretty slick scenery, some fancy cars, race track footage

and, of course, we know Skinner's the good guy because all the likable old race track characters are his buddies and agree to help him get Berens who, of course, only has nasty heavies on his side.

Actually, those two clowns (Ben Mittleman and Nino Sardo) are pretty funny in their "Mutt and Jeff" routines. The humor is probably accidental given "The Heist's" track record (pun intended).

It boggles the mind to contemplate, for example, how four years after Skinner's conviction, the emeralds used to frame him are still hidden in one of a matched set of green Jaguars Berens owns.

THIS IS particularly confusing

since a very sharp detective (Tom Atkins) is on top of the whole matter and wants to make sure Skinner doesn't cause trouble on the road to revenge.

Sure enough, Skinner pulls it off, as if there was any doubt. He manages to rob the race track, frame Berens and get away with the girl. Of course, Skinner's scam was so simple that it was confusing, but Berens was so stupid that he deserved to get caught in what has to be one of the least exciting conclusions ever filmed for a "suspenseful crime thriller."

I won't spoil the ending by giving it away — there's nothing to tell except that "The Heist" is a rip-off, if you're expecting to be entertained.

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Performing with Doughboys are John Kastner (from left), Jon Cummins, Paul Newman and John Bondhead.

## 'Back Home'

### Power pop punk Doughboys on the rise

By Larry O'Connor  
staff writer

John Kastner of the Doughboys doesn't pause. He doesn't apologize. He doesn't cower into the corner.

When asked who was his major musical influence, Kastner replies without hesitation: KISS.

Egad. But before one passes any hasty judgments on this four-man Canadian guitar-driven outfit, please take note. The Doughboys are not KISS.

Much like the '70s monsters of rock, though, the Doughboys are young (ages 22-25), hungry and bubbling over with energy. They don't, however, have a hankering to start wearing makeup.

"We actually met Ace Frehley three weeks ago in New York at a CMJ show," said Kastner, in a telephone interview from San Francisco, Calif. "He was such a... jerk. He's going on about, 'My solo album sold the best.'"

So much for hero worship. Besides the Doughboys have better things to do.

The band is in the midst of what seemingly has been a never-ending tour. The Doughboys performed a grueling 200-date tour of North America, recorded their second LP "Back Home" (Restless Records) and then headed off to Europe.

RECHARGED, THE Doughboys

*'I don't know what we are anymore. Especially in Europe, where they try to categorize everything. I don't know what to call it: Hippie Gymnastics?'*

— John Kastner  
The Doughboys

are on the continent again in support of "Back Home," an LP recorded in a mere 10 days in Los Angeles. The music is guitar-in-your-face rock'n'roll with no frills. A hint of a pop sound keeps this LP from being written off as strictly hardcore punk.

The Doughboys have always been something of a raw, raucous group since forming in 1986. Kastner performed in a hardcore outfit Asexuals and then met up with John Bondhead and John Cummins who were in a Toronto-based group Circus Lupus. Paul Newman (not the actor) joined this summer as the band's drummer.

In the beginning, the Doughboys didn't bother with the minor detail of playing any live shows. Instead, the group spent 10 months in the studio to record its first album, "Whatever."

Surprisingly, the indie LP sold well in Canada, the U.S. and Europe.

The latter helped bring about a recent tour overseas, which included the band playing several festivals, fawned over by the fickle British music press and in the middle of a riot in France.

"They were gate crashers who didn't have money to get in," Kastner said. "It got progressively worse and all of a sudden there was police in riot gear, windows were smashed and tear gas came into the club."

"It was weird."

OTHER THAN that, the trip was a success. The Doughboys had the critics on their side, playing energized shows night after night.

As a result, the Doughboys have been lumped into power pop punk status that has been known to include the likes of the Clash, the Re-

placements and Stiff Little Fingers along with several newcomers to the arena. Kastner steers clear of such comparisons.

"I don't know what we are anymore," he said. "Especially in Europe where they try to categorize everything. I don't know what to call it: Hippie Gymnastics?"

Perhaps. The group's latest album does seem to be something of a musical floor exercise on the power-pop mat. Scores from the judges appear to be mixed.

The LP was recorded on tour. A sense of urgency and rawness is prevalent. Most bands spend six months in the studio. The Doughboys had only 10 days, having the bomb dropped on them in Lawrence, Kan., (appropriately enough at the fictitious site of TV's "The Day After") seven days before they were to enter the studio.

"THERE WAS NO time to lay back and listen to what you've just done and to try and better it," Kastner said. "It was just rush, rush and get out of the studio."

Talk is already centering on the Doughboys' third album, an album which Kastner said they will have more time to write and record.

By then, perhaps the Doughboys can kiss "Back Home" good-bye.

The Doughboys will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor.

## IN CONCERT

### ● TYPHOID MARY

Typhoid Mary will perform on Monday, Dec. 11, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● EVAN JOHN

Evan John and the H-Bombs will perform on Monday, Dec. 11, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

### ● DOUGHBOYS

Doughboys will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● BARRY MANILOW

Barry Manilow will make an in-store appearance at Harmony House in Oakland Mall, 14 Mile and I-75, Troy, at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in advance of performances at the Fox Theatre Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-13.

### ● TED WHITE

Ted White will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

### ● IODINE RAINCOATS

Iodine Raincoats will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● MOYA

MOYA will perform along with Chill on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Club Heidelberg, 215 N. Main, Ann Arbor. For more information, call 663-7758.

### ● J.D. LAMB

J.D. Lamb will perform on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

### ● R.H. FACTOR

R.H. Factor will perform along with Dave Edward Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 13-16, at Jagers Nightclub, 3481 Elizabeth Lake Road, Westford. For more information, call 681-1700.

### ● JUICE

Juice will perform on Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● TOM CHAPIN

Tom Chapin will perform along with Matt Watroba on Thursday, Dec. 14, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, Dearborn. For more information, call 946-6377.

### ● TRINIDAD TRIPOLI

Trinidad Tripoli Steel Drum Band will perform Thursday and Friday, Dec. 14-15, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

### ● BIG CHIEF

Big Chief will perform along with Anti-Fashion on Friday, Dec. 15, at Rock 'N Bowl, 4130 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. For information, call 643-9050.

### ● RED C

Red C will perform Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at the Midtown Cafe, 139 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. For information, call 643-1133.

### ● CIVILIANS

Civilians will perform on Friday, Dec. 15, at the Hamtramck Pub, 2040 Caniff, off I-75. For more information, call 268-9780.

### ● MAP OF THE WORLD

Map of the World will perform on Friday, Dec. 15, at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. For more information, call 834-0292.

### ● SILENT PARTNERS

Silent Partners will perform on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, at Sully's, 4758 Greenfield, Dearborn. For more information, call 946-6377.

### ● IDENTITY

Identity will perform on Friday, Dec. 15, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● DIFFERENCE

The Difference will perform on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

### ● HIPPODROME

Hippodrome will perform along with Static Alphabet on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Hamtramck Pub, 2040 Caniff, off I-75. For more information, call 268-9780.

### ● BLUE FRONT PURSUADERS

Blue Front Pursuaders will perform on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

### ● SEDUCE

Seduce will perform on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Blondies, 21130 W. Seven Mile, east of Telegraph. For more information, call 535-8100.

### ● JUST SAY NO

Just Say No will perform with Grievance Committee Saturday, Dec. 16, at Finney's Pub, 3963 Woodward, at Alexandrine, Detroit. For more information, call 831-9070.

### ● PAN THE STREMS

Pan the Stems will perform on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Griffs Grill, 49 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. For more information, call 834-0292.



Tom Chapin will perform Thursday, Dec. 14, at Sully's in Dearborn.

## COUNTRY

Here are the top 10 singles on WWW-FM:

1. "The Jukebox Played Along," Gene Watson.
2. "It's Just a Matter of Time," Randy Travis.
3. "I've Been Loved by the Best," Don Williams.
4. "An American Family," Oak Ridge Boys.
5. "Two Dozen Roses," Shenandoah.
6. "A Woman in Love," Ronnie Milsap.
7. "The Vows Go Unbroken," Kenny Rogers.
8. "Til Love Comes Again," Reba McEntire.
9. "Yellow Roses," Dolly Parton.
10. "The Race is On," Sawyer Brown.

## TOP HITS

The best-selling records of the week are:

1. "Blame It on the Rain," Milli Vanilli.
  2. "Angelia," Richard Marx.
  3. "The Way That You Love Me," Paula Abdul.
  4. "Love Shack," B-52's.
  5. "When I See You Smile," Bad English.
  6. "We Didn't Start the Fire," Billy Joel.
  7. "Listen to Your Heart," Menutsu.
  8. "Polsun," Allee Cooper.
  9. "Get on Your Feet," Gloria Estefan.
  10. "Back to Life," Soul II Soul.
- (Source: Cashbox magazine)

## REVIEWS

### LAUGHTER

#### — The Mighty Lemon Drops

The Mighty Lemon Drops have always suffered from comparisons to Echo and the Bunnymen and, in all honesty, they've been well-deserved criticisms.

They come along here with their new release "Laughter" (Sire), and have placed the Echo ghost well behind them. They have an extremely solid "Mighty Lemon Drops" record.

Their guitar-based sound has been augmented by backing vocals which are so strong, it sounds almost like a second lead vocal.

The LP starts off with "At Midnight," a jaunty number which rides on the rumbling drums and has a guitar riff suspiciously reminiscent of Blondie's "Heart of Glass."

There follows "My Decision," the single, a foot-tapper sing-along that rocks along on a righteous guitar riff.

The pace is changed with the acoustic guitar-based "Where Do We Go from Heaven." This melody-laden gem has touches of the Church's classic "Under the Milky Way."

Later, they introduce a brass section to color the sound in an attempt to avoid a certain sameness, which can befall the sound of a band with



one central songwriter.

This attempt is not entirely successful as by the end of the album, the excitement level has diminished somewhat, despite their presentation of some marvelously catchy choruses.

The album is certainly not a classic pop album but it is indeed good enough to re-establish the Mighty Lemon Drops with their own identity.

— Cormac Wright

### OUTER DRIVE

#### — Outer Drive

Outer Drive is one of those local groups who you don't hear much about. The four-member band doesn't overdo it on the club circuit, appearing instead to concentrate its efforts on writing some solid songs.

Perhaps more groups should follow suit. What we have here is a rather well-done, if not something of a sleeper of a cassette tape. All eight songs are radio friendly, chock full of simple and enjoyable progressive-pop melodies that never tire (We listened to this tape six consecutive times during one sitting).

The refreshing aspect of this project is that most of these numbers are keyboard dominated yet devoid of the cheesy sound one often associates with Top-40 lounge liars or the Goth dirge of so many of today's "new" music buffs.

First, and foremost, in the Outer Drive sound is the vocal work of Jeff Sudakin. Undeniably, there is more than a hint of Peter Gabriel and/or Phil Collins in his voice. But as long as Sudakin doesn't try "Red Hairs" hey, we're satisfied.

Especially when Outer Drive lets loose like it does on "And He Did," which infuses jazz and a buzzing rock guitar and explodes for more than eight minutes of pure musical



enjoyment.

The progressive nature isn't limited to the sound of music. Lyrically, Outer Drive shows some bite. Without harping on traditional themes, numbers are geared more to personal politics where dreams and love are the House and Senate.

The only criticism here might be that Outer Drive's music doesn't really break any new ground. But, judging by this cassette, the band more than stands firm where it's already at.

— Larry O'Connor

### THE FORCE

#### OF NATURE

#### — The Jungle Brothers

In the voluminous thank-you's on this record's inner sleeve, the Jungle Brothers refer to De La Soul as "our parallel and somehow related." The comparison is apt.

Like De La Soul, the Jungle Brothers are a tight, but playful rap trio capable of producing dense and dizzy mixes. But in place of De La Soul's neo-hippy flower power politics, the Jungle Brothers lace their latest record with a more tough-minded approach.

"Acknowledge Your History" is a critique of black acceptance of white-written history in the tradition of Boogie Down Productions' "You Must Learn." The song opens with a Brother singing, "My forefather was a king/He wore fat gold chains and fat ruby rings/Nobody believes this to be true/Maybe it's because my eyes ain't blue." It goes on to deride history as "his story."

But while much of "The Force of Nature" contains messages of similar weight, the Jungle Brothers manage to keep the record from becoming didactic. Their sound is too



playful and giddy for that.

At their darkest, the Jungle Brothers can recall the spare, bass-driven rapping of Eric B. and Rakim. But at their lightest, the Jungle Brothers actually get away with lyrics like "So if you wanna be a little Disco-Ducker/I came here tonight to tear the roof off the Motherfucker."

The quoted lyric is one of several nods to George Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic Thing, who are well represented in the album's rich library of sampled materials. Other samples range from early duo-rop to South African township jive to heavy rock guitar riffs.

Compared to De La Soul are inevitable, but "Doin' Our Own Thing," a duet between the Jungle Brothers and De La Soul, shows that the two groups are each singular enough to co-exist in the same song without blending into one another. The same also is true of their LP's.

— John Lygate



## STREET SEEN

Denise Susan Lucas

Our in-depth Street Scene reporter is always looking for the unusual and welcomes comments and suggestions from readers and entrepreneurs. Send those to this column in care of this newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or call 591-2300, Ext. 313.



## Traffic stoppers

They don't bark or bite and never get fleas, but they are functional and whimsical. The hand-painted wooden dogs are available in dog or cat designs. Choose from several different poses which are approximately 24 inches tall. From the Paper Place, Applegate Square, Southfield.

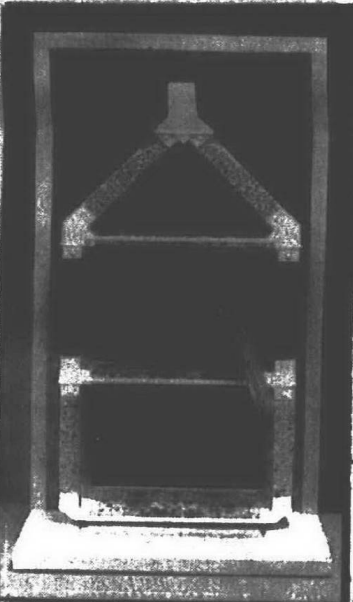


## Games people play

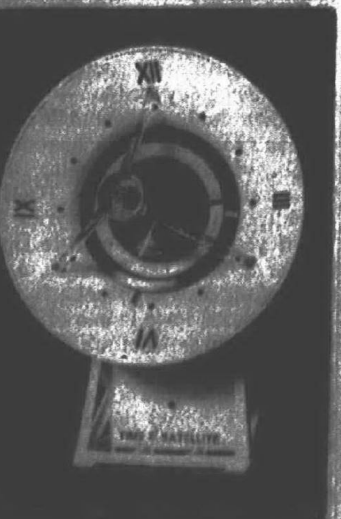
It's billed as the "game for people over 30." Recalling past events, facts, music, radio and TV has never been more fun. A nice break from "that other" trivia game. \$25. From the Main Room, West Bloomfield.

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These two uniquely designed teapots will have you spouting off when friends drop in for tea — a popular respite these days. Available at Channel on the Boardwalk in West Bloomfield. The old-fashioned stove is complete with newspaper and lamp. The kitchen sink has tiny cups, saucers and dish rack, reminiscent of days gone by. \$75 each.



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The satellite is a hi-high sculpture/timespiece. Automatic flashing radar beam controlled by light sensitive transistor. The radar dish can be moved vertically from 0-90 degrees. A great conversation piece. Available at the Time Shop, Sugar Tree Center, West Bloomfield.

## STREET SENSE

## Don't get pushed around

Dear Barbara,  
I recently began a new job as a secretary in a small company. The pay is good and the office is close to my home. I think one of the salesmen is making passes at me. He stands close to me and sometimes touches me. I believe he is married, but I'm not sure. I feel confused about the whole situation. I don't believe that I have encouraged him, but I don't want to make one of my bosses angry because I like my job. What might be the best way to handle this?

"Julie"

Dear "Julie,"  
There are more women in the work place everyday and problems of this nature are becoming increasingly apparent. There are two ways to focus on sexual intimidation — one is legal and the other psychological. In order to fully understand the legal implications, I discussed your

letter with Sue Ellen Eisenberg, a Birmingham attorney, who helped draft the federal guidelines for sexual harassment. She said that legally sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual conduct. The "unwelcomed" is stressed.

She went on to say that there are two ways in which sexual harassment can be demonstrated. The first is "quid pro quo," or "this for that." The second is in the creating of a demeaning atmosphere. Your situation is undefined.

Her legal advice is for you to confront the situation immediately. When another incident arises say, "You're making me feel uncomfortable. I'd like you to stop." Any delay in action will be construed by your boss as acceptance of his behavior and may be seen that way in a court of law as well.

Other important defenses are to keep a diary, documenting all that

happens and to arrange for a witness, if it is possible. If you follow these strategies and are fired, you will have a good case.

Now that I have given you a legal understanding of your problem, I want to address the situation psychologically. You don't sound very sure of who you are and that is a worry.

You don't state your age, but my guess is that you are young. Possibly, that is the reason that between the lines I hear a neediness of your boss's approval regardless of the cost.

This is a dangerous position for any woman but possibly even more so for a woman in the business world. In your career, you could have many bosses. With an attitude like the one, I fear in you that could mean a career more of being pushed around than one in business. Barbara



Barbara Schiff

If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

## FEAR & LOAFING

## Stronger than dirt

I'm not famous but I've been around a lot of famous people. Well, not actually around the people themselves but around their dirt.

Let me explain. Last December, I was wandering around Birmingham in my usual last minute Christmas shopping daze when I discovered a great new gift idea — celebrity dirt.

Running out of time, I glanced in a jewelry store window. There, next to the rhinestone flip-flops was a row of glass vials filled with soil scooped from the yards of Hollywood's brightest stars. Each beaker of choice Beverly Hills real estate bore the name of a different actor.

Crossing the movie buffs off my gift list, I began to ponder our culture's weird fascination with celebrities. After all, famous people aren't so different from us mere mortals. Except that everything they own depreciates and everything they own becomes hopelessly valuable. That's why Clark Gable's suspenders are worth more than Rhode Island. And that's why Liz Taylor's turf cost me 20 bucks a gram.

There are two basic differences between a genuine historical artifact like the Hope Diamond and what I call a modern icon, like Mick Jagger's lip sili.

Number one, the icons of today have no beauty or innate value in themselves. Their mystique relies entirely on their owner's notoriety. For instance, while visiting Memphis

I waited in line two hours to see, not priceless gems, but an ordinary plastic comb used by Elvis.

It's one thing to be mesmerized by an art treasure like the Crown Jewels. It's altogether different to come unglued over nail clippers.

NUMBER TWO, since modern icons have no distinguishing characteristics, they are ripe for counterfeiting. If Graceland's janitor swapped his toothbrush for Presley's, unsuspecting visitors would still kneel down and blubber all over the glass just like before.

But don't despair. This interchangeability makes these items even better for holiday gift giving. Like faux pearls, faux relics can be bought for a fraction of the real thing. Plus, knowing your Wonder Woman tiara is only a replica gives you the security to take it out of the safe deposit box and wear it at parties.

By now you're probably thinking if a sample of earth from a movie star's yard makes such an impact, how much more exciting it would be to give a bottle of dirt from inside their house.

Fortunately, business has kept pace with a host of ultraperpersonal Tinsel Town souvenirs. Imagine the thrill when your wife unwraps a jar of dust balls from under Bruce Willis' bed. Imagine grandma's delight when she opens tin of Wilfred Brim-

ley's whiskers.

With big profits to be made dozens of scouts are sneaking around Bel Aire, scouring sinks and sifting through wastebaskets. Posing as maids, some have even slipped into the stars' closets to scrape the nerds off their sweaters. Now you can actually transplant these celebrity fuzzies onto your own cheap cardigan for the ultimate fashion statement.

FOR THE MOST part, the good natured stars have put up with this free cleaning service, but one entrepreneur bent the law a bit too far. Police busted him for possession of two vacuum cleaner bags with intent to sell. The cops figure once he cut the celebrity dirt with play sand, the street value would've been a quarter million or more.

In less than a year, the cottage industry that started with dirt has expanded into cast-offs of all kinds. Movie studios are selling used paper cups from the backlot cafeteria. The owner of a Malibu gas station sold a necklace made from Ali McGraw's sparkplugs and retired.

Experts in the field predict the next hot collectible will be celebrity table scraps. Already, bus boys at the Beverly Hilton are driving Porsches paid for by food speculators. Insiders claim a slab of spare-ribs picked clean by Roseanne Barr is a safer investment than anything Wall Street can offer.



Karl Nilsson

The only drawback to giving star-studded leftovers as gifts is the potential for jealousy between family members. This Christmas, to prevent squabbling over who gets Michael Jackson's surgical mask, I'm giving everybody lumber. Think about it. Plywood is practical, easy to wrap and never goes out of style. Anyway, if they don't seem suitably impressed, I'll tell them it's celebrity lumber used by Bob Villa on "This Old House."



Irene Bruza (seated) and Sharon Reed show off the main chapel. Its decor is the work of Reed.

## Quartet plays 'Marryin' Sam'

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"We've designed the chapel so that it is very practical, yet every wedding doesn't have to look the same," said Reed, whose excitement level over her latest business venture rises by the minute. "I really do love what we're doing here. After all, all of our customers are happy."

The chapel's decor is the work of Reed. The partners agree she has excellent taste and a knack for doing things inexpensively.

Many of the chapel's furnishings were found in second-hand stores. The chandelier, the only overhead lighting in the chapel, came from a friend's basement. The original brass finished was covered with white paint and the crystals polished to a tee.

THE WALLS ARE painted a pale blue-gray, with soft pastel striped wallpaper accenting upholstered chairs done in floral and striped chintzes. The white pews are decorated with delicate white flowers and ribbons.

Mirrored windows, arched and framed with white woodwork, add to the setting, as does the white piano.

The bride's dressing room has a kidney-shaped dressing table with a mirrored top and pastel chintz shirting. The opposite wall is completely mirrored, allowing the bride to see herself from head to toe before entering the chapel.

During its first month, the chapel has played host to five weddings and one vow-renewal ceremony.

Several more have been booked for next year.

"We're moving faster than we anticipated," Reed said.

One of the things that has come as a surprise is the number of clients opting for the full package — complete photographic services, arrangements for the reception, limousine service and even tuxedo rental.

"We do it all or just what you want us to do," Reed said.

The Little Wedding Chapel is in the Orchard Twelve Plaza, 2775 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday or call 489-1144 for an appointment.

photos by RANDY BORST/staff photographer



Sheri Johnson, a former sales account executive for Marketplace magazine, is an ordained minister.



# STREET CRACKS



Norm Stulz has the best of both worlds — performing in the best comedy clubs and having a family life.

## Perfect fit Norm Stulz blends comedy and family life

By Loraine McClish  
staff writer

Michigan born and bred, Norm Stulz says being a professional comedian is the best of two worlds. "I can really write my own life," said the father of three teenagers. "If I was going to have to miss the birthday party or the Halloween play, it didn't matter if I was two miles away or in Los Angeles — or if I was working as a pharmacist or on stage.

"Now, as a full time comedian I have turned down shows to talk to the kids' drama class and I have been able to book shows at times and places to dovetail into our family life."

His folks live in Traverse City now, so six months ago Stulz booked himself a stint in Traverse City Comedy Club over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. A sister in Farmington Hills, a sister in Plymouth, a sister in Traverse City and his own family from Holly all were able to celebrate the holiday together and he didn't have to take the weekend off.

"Many, many times my work in Florida has been planned around the kids' vacations, so they can enjoy the beach," said Stulz, who comes to Chaplin's West for five days of humorous storytelling Tuesday through Saturday, Dec. 12-16. Showtime is 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

"He won in the contest sponsored by Johnny Walker last year and he's been moving through the ranks at a pretty fast pace ever since," said Bob Hargus of Chaplin's West.

OF THAT Stulz said, "I am just now becoming recognized on a national scale. I am an overnight success that started in '81."

The success has come with his being a storyteller.

"I take you out of your world and bring you into mine, so of course, there is a lot about my family and my teenagers in the material," he said. "There are no one liners and no put downs."

"I have a one hour show — standard is 45 minutes — and the mate-

rial doesn't change so much as it just keeps growing. The material is proven and the show consistently gets a good response."

Stulz' penchant for comedy started when he was in the second grade in Lodge Elementary School in Detroit.

That was when he wrote his first comedy skit and that was when "I fell in love with the laughter."

"My first skit was a success," he said.

In the fifth grade he adopted Dickens' "Christmas Carol" into a comedy and the faculty liked it so much, it was incorporated into the school's holiday program that season.

"I was never the class clown — the class clown interrupts the class," he said. "I was the class comedian. I embellished whatever it was with laughter, and I was always liked by the teachers."

His love for entertaining, comedy, music, playing the guitar, never stopped.

In the eighth grade, at Murphy Junior High School, he started going steady with Sharon. And after gradu-

ation from Redford High School, he married his childhood sweetheart.

IT WAS AT that time, Stulz entered Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy, a profession he has never entirely given up.

"I still have a good working relationship with Perry Drugs," he said. "I can call them up any time any where I am and ask if they need me. More often than not they say yes. It sure is a heck of a lot better than sitting in a hotel for three or four days not doing a thing."

"Or if I wanted to stay home altogether for a while I can go to work for Perry's. I told you I had it all, didn't I?"

During the transition period from full-time pharmacist to full-time comedian, there was "a lot of moonlighting and a lot of 15-minute shows for \$20," he said.

Now he is booked solid into July 1990 and consistently plays the A clubs — Dangerfield's in New York, A Comedy Store in Los Angeles, Punchline in New Orleans and Chaplain's in Detroit.

## COMEDY CLUBS

Here are some listings of comedy clubs in our area. To let us know who is appearing at your club, send the information to: Comedy Listings, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

● **BEA'S COMEDY KITCHEN**  
Tim Butterfield, Tim Lilly and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

● **CHAPLAIN'S EAST**  
T.C. Hatter will perform along with Tim Pryor and Jim Villanucci Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 13-16, at Chaplain's East, 34244 Groesbeck, Fraser. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 792-1902.

● **CHAPLAIN'S WEST**  
Norm Stulz will perform with Randy O'Brien Tuesday through Saturday, Dec. 12-16, at Chaplain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

● **CHAPLAIN'S PLYMOUTH**  
Carl Strong will perform with Steve Iott and Stavey Duford at Chaplain's Plymouth in the Plym-

outh Radisson, 14707 Northville Road, Plymouth. For information, call 454-4680.

● **MAINSTREET**  
Jeff Nease will perform Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 13-14 and Jerry Elliott Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15-16, at Mainstreet Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 and 11 p.m. Friday and 7, 9 and 11 p.m. Saturday. For information, call 996-9080.

● **JOEY'S LIVONIA**  
Gary Hardwick along with Ruben Ruden and Danny Gray will perform Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 13-16, at Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth, east of Levan, Livonia. Show times are 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Saturday. For reservations, call 261-0555.

● **HOLLY HOTEL**  
Shella Kaye will perform with Jeff Heffron and Harry Artin Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at Holly Hotel, 110 Battle Alley, Holly. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 634-1891.

● **JOEY'S ALLEN PARK**

Tim Allen will appear Wednesday through Saturday, Dec. 13-16, at Joey's Allen Park, Southfield Road. Show times are 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 382-7041.

● **MISS KITTY'S**  
Van Gunther and Dan Dillon will perform Thursday-Saturday, Dec.

14-16, at Miss Kitty's Comedy Club, Long Branch Restaurant, 595 N. Lapeer Road, Oxford. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday; 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For information, call 628-6500.

● **LOONEY BIN**

Kirk Noland with special guests Ken Brown and Karl Anthony will perform Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Restaurant and Comedy Club, 1655 Glengary, Walled Lake. Show times are 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 8 and 10:15 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call 669-9374.

● **LOONEY BIN TOO**  
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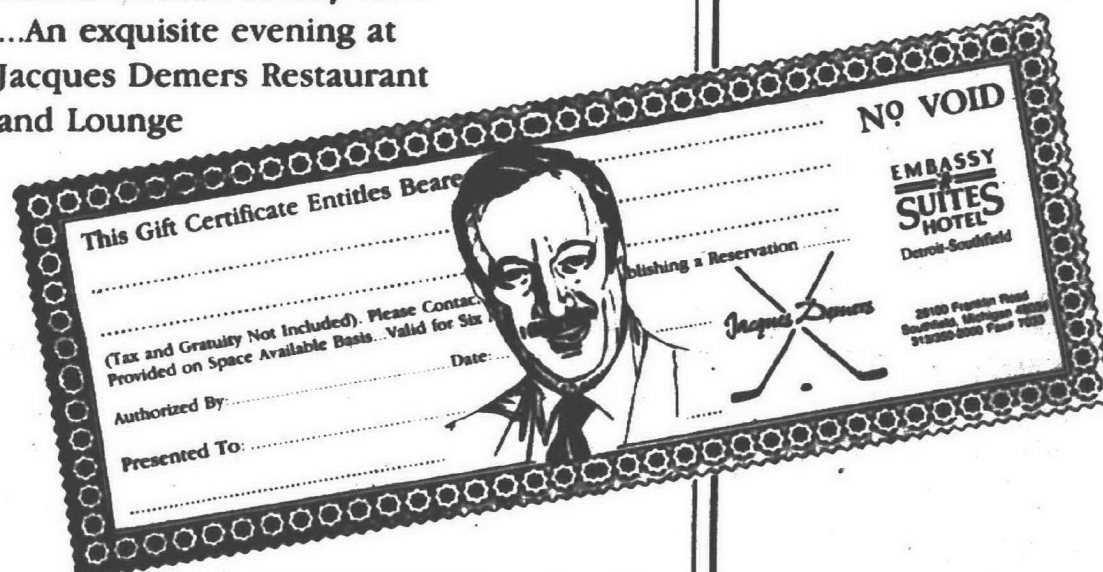
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# Exploring Bhutan: Costly, worthwhile



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A cash poor country, Bhutan is self-sufficient in producing plenty of food for its population, and everyone has a place to live. Unlike some neighboring countries, tipping isn't permitted and street begging is forbidden.

"The walls of the hotels are hand done and the outside of the houses are intricately painted," she said. "Everything has religious meaning and symbolism."

The name Bhutan is actually a Tibetan word meaning end of Tibet. The Bhutanese name for their country is Druk-yul, Land of the Thunder Dragon.

The beautiful terrain, ranging from subtropical to high mountain peaks is a major attraction, along with its rhinoceros, blue sheep tigers and yaks, Thompson said.

"With the food and the treatment, the people make you so welcome. The villagers come out and sing, kids will give you an apple," Thompson said. "They love to be photographed."

Stepping back into another time isn't for everyone, admits Thompson, who will lead her second group to Bhutan next September.

While there are some nice hotels in Bhutan, she said guests shouldn't expect plumbing to be up to western standards.

Most Bhutan trekkers are in their late 30s to 50s, they are fit, and are "pretty experienced travelers," she said. They have a higher income because the trip is expensive, about \$200 a day. They also are used to backpacking and camping.

**FITNESS IS** important for treks in Bhutan. Members of Thompson's first group hiked 15 miles per day in high altitudes going up steep mountain slopes.

"This was a grade C trek which is next to the most difficult," she said. "You could also go on A or B treks which have limited hiking. If you aren't an experienced trekker, they will drive you to see some cultural sites."

The trekkers are well taken care of during their journey, Thompson said, noting that the nine people in her group were tended to by 6 people including a guide, cooks and helpers.



Dancers, wearing traditional costumes dating to the 16th century, perform as part of a Bhudist festival in Bhutan.



Ann Arbor resident Fay Thompson shows off a scarf and wall hanging she brought back from a trek she led to the small Himalayan country of Bhutan.

GUY WARREN/staff photographer

## Treks can put dent in wallet

Treks to Bhutan or Nepal aren't cheap, but in most cases, the cost covers everything except liquor, laundry, tips and possibly a few meals in the base city.

Ann Arbor resident Fay Thompson is putting together a group for a trek to Bhutan next year, working through Bhutan Travel in New York.

"For three weeks in Bhutan, it will cost about \$5,000," she said. "That will be for all your food and everything. You meet the main guide at the airport and then you will have camp cooks, organizers and helpers."

Journeys International of Ann Arbor is an adventure travel service, according to operating director Kathy O'Neal.

"We offer natural history and cultural oriented tours," she said. "We offer non-conventional travel. That's to say we don't handle cruises or European bus tours."

The firm publishes a list of departure dates for various trips so that travelers may join up, O'Neal said. Trips to Nepal may have a limit of 12 people, while other trips might be set up for two or five people, she said.

"WE MIGHT HAVE a whole family schedule a trip," O'Neal said. "We have custom arrangements for other trips. We are tour operators, not just contractors."

Journeys International started out offering trips to Nepal about 14 years ago and has offered treks to Ladakh for the past nine years.

The costs for Journeys International adventure trips run from about \$60 per day to \$130 per day, depending on the location.

"We have a new Japan trip which has strong cross cultural emphasis," she said, adding that other trips are offered to India, Thailand, Africa, Latin American and the most recent additions, Alaska and Hawaii.

Trips can be arranged for special interest groups, such as medical practitioners who might visit local medical facilities, O'Neal said.

And pretty much everything is included on these types of trips, except laundry, liquor, taxes or possibly a few meals in base cities, which allow some dining flexibility.

"The lead time for trips varies; some we book seven or eight months in advance," O'Neal said. "Some we can do in a week, but that can be hard on us and the client."

"THERE ARE ALSO different visa or medical requirements depending on the country."

Journeys International provides a list for clothing and equipment needs, a lot based on first hand knowledge about the trips.

"We can also provide some personal experience about the extensive immunizations that may be needed," O'Neal said, adding that recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control are also utilized.

For more information on trips to Bhutan, call Thompson at 663-4232. Information about other trips can be obtained by calling Journeys International at (800) 255-8735.

# San Antonio goes all out for a 'Feliz Navidad'

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narias, which echoes a 16th century Spanish tradition of lighting the Holy Family's way to Bethlehem. Thousands of candles, each set in a white paper bag, glow along both sides of the Paseo del Rio. They will remain through the season.

Yesterday (Dec. 10), the Holy Family followed the lighted way in a ritual called Las Posadas. Children dressed as Joseph and Mary carry a clay figure of the infant Jesus along the riverside path.

**THOUSANDS OF** local and out-of-town celebrants follow behind with lighted candles in their hands. The mariachi singers strum their guitars and fill the night with music.

Las Posadas ends at La Villita, the restored old city where San Antonians eat, play and are festive year-round. The plaza is full of pinata parties — children swing their sticks at gaily decorated papier mache figures filled with candies.

Meantime, back at El Mercado, the Spanish-flavored city market, Pancho Claus entertains the children, who wait all week for the Blessing of the Pets. You will never

have enough film to photograph that scene — a convent sister leading two silver-grey Weimaraner dogs, a housewife with a parrot perched on her arm, children carrying puppies, cats and other pets. Each waits pa-

tiently in line for their animals to be blessed by the church.

These are a few of the community-sponsored events, on a calendar complete with shopping and browsing at the Merry Mart Bazaar and

the annual Christmas Pilgrimage at the San Antonio Garden Center.

But it doesn't end there. Private homes glow with traditional southern decorations. Arts and crafts are sold from River Walk booths. The

Madrigal Singers raise their voices at the university. A candlelit Christmas service, Die Deutsche Weihnachtsfeier, is held entirely in German.

Bear Claus presides, in a glow of twinkling yuletide lights, at the children's section of the San Antonio Zoo.

**THERE IS HOLIDAY** dancing, food and drink at the Institute of Texan Cultures, a spectacle of holiday blooms at the botanical gardens. Christmas programs at San World.

Ask around and you may find families who still celebrate Aconado del Niño, the laying of the child in the local church. In the old days, grandmother would light candles from stubs saved from the previous year, and the children would carry the candles to the "laying of the child," when the major religious service of the year begins "at cock's crow."

During an old-fashioned Christmas, the children moved the Wise Men, day by day to their place beside the manger, everything timed to arrive on the first weekend in January, when Los Pastores begins. Los Pastores, the shepherds, is a medieval miracle play brought to the mission more than 400 years

ago so that the missionaries could teach the Christmas story to the Indians. It is given public expression Jan. 6 at dusk on the grounds of the historic San Jose Mission.

San Antonians really know how to throw a party. For example, thousands gather downtown beside the river for free entertainment and a giant midnight fireworks display on New Year's Eve.

The city is spectacular during the yuletide season, but it is a traveler's delight most of the year. From your river taxi you can watch, and later join, the people who crowd the shops, restaurants and clubs that line the River Walk.

**IT IS ONLY A** few steps from the river to the Alamo. You can visit the five Spanish missions established by Franciscan monks during the 17th century. Go to San Jose Mission for the regular Sunday mariachi mass and join the informal music strummed behind the mission after the service.

For information, call your travel agent or the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 2577, San Antonio, Texas 78204, or call toll-free (800) 44-SEE-SA.

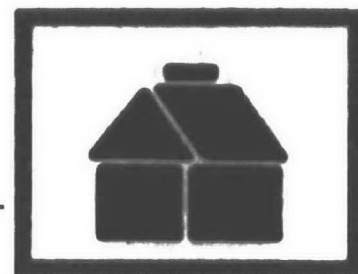


The Paseo del Rio in San Antonio is well lit for the Fiesta de Las Luminarias each December.

Wally Jones



# Creative Living



Monday, December 11, 1989

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## exhibitions

### ● BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Tuesday, Dec. 12 — Photo exhibit featuring activities and events in nine Oakland County Parks, sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission continues through Jan. 2. Open during regular library hours, Lone Pine at Telegraph, Bloomfield Township.

### ● DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Tuesday, Dec. 12 — Paintings by Linda Mendelson are on display through December. Reception for the artist 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Open during the run of the show, "Blood Relations," 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit.

### ● BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION

Thursday, Dec. 14 — Christmas Pottery Sale includes the work of 30 student potters and instructor Jan Sadowski. Once a student, always a student — many of these potters are at a professional level. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 14 Mile and Cranbrook, Birmingham.

### ● LAWRENCE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

"Architecture in Perspective IV," award winning architectural delineations from North America, continues through Dec. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the architectural gallery, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield.

### ● CANTOR/LEMBERG GALLERY

Seven new large scale screen-prints by Frank Stella are featured during December. These incorporate lithographic and linoleum block prints, hand-coloring, marbling and collage. They were started in 1985 and completed this fall. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 538 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● BELIAN ART CENTER

Objets d'art as well as art and ready to wear jewelry are on display to Jan. 14. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 5980 Rochester Road, Troy.

### ● RUBINER GALLERY

Holiday show features works by Burkert, Shaler, Summers, Thayer, Jerzy and Milton. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield.

### ● WILLIS GALLERY

"Face the '90s," an exhibit of ultra media work continues through Dec. 16. The artists, from California, New York and Michigan, represent a diverse approach toward post-modern sculpture. Hours are 2-6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 422 Willis, Detroit.

### ● TOUCH OF LIGHT

Handblown glass by John Fitzpatrick continues through Dec. 23 and includes plates, vases, paperweights, lamps et al. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, until 9 p.m. Thursday, and 4 p.m. Saturday, 23426 Woodward, Ferndale.

### ● DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

"Furniture by Wendall Castle" continues through Feb. 4. The DIA is originating this spectacular show which will travel to five museums in the United States. Open free of charge 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 5200 Woodward, Detroit.

### ● COUNTY GALLERIA

The Surface Designers of Michigan, 21 in all, have an exhibit of dimensional art through Jan. 12. Open to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac.

### ● DONALD MORRIS GALLERY

Paintings by Clement Meadmore are on display through January. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 106 Townsend, Birmingham.

### ● HOMESTEAD GALLERY

Holiday show featured works by more than 100 artists, 136 S. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.

### ● ARTSPACE

Art by early 20th century American artists such as Soyer, Sloan, Gropper, Goodnough, Benton, Wood and Rosen are on display. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 574 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● PIERCE STREET GALLERY

"Post-Object Series by Bill Rauhauser" is on display through January. He teaches photography at Center for Creative Studies and is known for refining everyday things to their purist form. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 217 Pierce, Birmingham.

### ● SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY

Sculpture by Richard Rezac is on display through January. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● FEIGENSON/PRESTON GALLERY

New work by more than a dozen artists affiliated with the gallery are on display through Jan. 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 796 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● YANOVER CREATIVE LIAISON

Small works exhibit features engraving, painting, photography and sculpture by some outstanding area artists. Continues through December. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 30927 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

### ● HABATAT GALLERIES

Works by two outstanding glass artists, David Jokinen and Ginny Ruffner are on display through December. She's one of the most innovative to be found anywhere. The gallery is at 32255 Northwestern, Farmington Hills.

### ● SUMMIT PLACE MALL

Arts and craft sale by Pontiac Oakland Society of Artists continues through Dec. 24. Open during regular mall hours, South Mall, Elizabeth Lake Road entrance, Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake, Pontiac.

### ● FOUR WINDS GALLERY

"Dimensions in Silver," jewelry by Sam Lovato of Santo Domingo pueblo is in the gallery through December, 340 E. Maple, Birmingham.

### ● GALLERY BIRMINGHAM

"The Fusion of Art and Rock 'n Roll," an exhibit of portraits by Ron Wood continues through Dec. 15. The legends of rock 'n roll are his subjects. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 223 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● ALICE SIMSAR GALLERY

"Fiber On & Off The Wall," features works by Gerhardt Knodel, head of Cranbrook Academy of Art fiber department and six other artists. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 N. Main, Ann Arbor.

### ● DOS MANOS

Nativity displays of 12 Latin American countries are on display to Jan. 6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, until 9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 24, 210 W. Sixth, Royal Oak.

### ● XOCHIPILLI GALLERY

"Functionalisms" from Propeller Studio, a group of Detroit artists who are doing some highly unusual work are on display through December. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 568 N. Woodward, Birmingham.

### ● LINDA HAYMAN GALLERY

Works of art by Neil Loeb are on display through Dec. 15. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 9 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 32500 Northwestern, The Courtyard, Farmington Hills.

### ● ROBERT KIDD GALLERY

Clay sculptures by Thomas Lollar are really his impressions of modern architecture and new paintings by Bob Nugent refer to Brazilian travels along the Amazon. Continues through Jan. 13. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 107 Townsend, Birmingham.

### ● LINBURG/BROSE STUDIO

Two retrospective by these two outstanding sculptors continues through Dec. 15. They are being forced to vacate and what started as a sale has become a choice exhibition. Open daily by appointment, 988-1888, 1437 Randolph, Detroit.

## Slenczynska benefit to aid quake victims

Concert pianist Ruth Slenczynska will perform works by Frederic Chopin in a benefit concert for the earthquake victims in California. The concert will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Pease Auditorium at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti.

Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for seniors and students). They can be obtained by calling Quirk Theater box office at 487-1221.

Dr. Slenczynska is the first American woman pianist to celebrate 50 years of professional concertizing. She gave her first concert at age 4 in California; she made her debut in Berlin at age 5, and her Paris debut at age 7. Following her New York debut in Town Hall at the age of 8, Olin Downes of the New York Times praised her as the "greatest child

prodigy of the 20th century and the greatest keyboard genius since Mozart."

She has been called the "greatest among women pianists today" by the London Times. Slenczynska has performed more than 3,000 recitals and has appeared with most of the world's great orchestras. She studied with Egon Petri, Arthur Schnabel, Alfred Cortot and Sergei Ramaninoff.

Slenczynska was awarded the Polish Golden Cross of merit and is a fellow in the International Academy of Arts and Letters at Geneva, Switzerland. Her dramatic life story has been featured on many television programs, including the "Today Show," and "20/20."

She has also been featured in na-

tional magazines such as Reader's Digest, McCall's, and Life. Her discography includes a dozen records for Decca Gold Label and three for Musical Heritage Society. She has written two books, "Forbidden Children" (Doubleday) and "Music at Your Fingertips" (DeCapo Press.) Her articles appear regularly in Clavier, Piano Quarterly, and Music Journal. She is also a monthly columnist for Keyboard magazine and is currently artist-in-residence at Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville campus).

The concert at Pease Auditorium is being sponsored by Eastern Michigan University, the Steinway Society of Michigan, Hammell Music Inc. and Littlefield Presbyterian Church, Dearborn.



Dr. Ruth Slenczynska in benefit concert

## Sometimes disregard thorn among roses

Q. I have a terrible time selecting gifts for other people. It seems there's something wrong with every idea and I never feel good about what I give.

A. There are various reasons why gift selection is difficult and I can only speculate about yours. Perhaps you approach gift shopping with an expectation of failure. One individual had difficulty choosing gifts for many years after a childhood incident. When she was nine years old her teenage brother wanted a recording by a popular singer. She listened to the record, didn't like it, and bought a polka instead. Although her brother was polite when he opened it, this created a painful memory.

Perhaps you have a critical nature. While this aptitude, (called Inductive Reasoning) is a talent for certain things, you must learn to



organizing

Dorothy Lehmkuhl

control your negativity and be careful not to always find the thorn amid the roses.

Build up your own self-confidence before you shop. Tell yourself that this time will be different, think positive and then follow through. Use catalogs and discuss possibilities with friends or relatives. Stay attuned to others' complaints about what they don't have, write down the idea immediately, and use it when needed.

Keep lists of thoughtful gifts you have received, and then purchase similar items for others. Sometimes

you must tune in to the tastes of the recipient and ignore your own likes and dislikes. Even though he may think it's great, the wife of a fisherman may not appreciate a rod and reel.

If practical, take your recipient along shopping. Although the surprise element is lost, you might both feel better in the end. Don't be too hung up on price, thinking you must spend a certain amount. Set a maximum and then shop all the price ranges below. One woman took her little grandchildren shopping, deciding ahead of time to spend up to \$35 on whatever each child wanted. The boy chose a \$17 item and the girl a \$3 toy. Although she offered them more, the children were delighted and completely satisfied with their gifts.

Gifts of edibles are almost always welcome. Fruit baskets, cheeses, jams and jellies, nuts, etc. make

great gifts. Don't forget tickets to plays, amusement parks or sporting events or gift certificates for dinners or merchandise. Some larger stores offer gift catalogs within certain price ranges. No prices are listed in the catalogs and the recipients merely make their selections at their leisure. Baby-sitting, doing chores or driving a person where they could not go alone might also be welcome.

Don't attach too much importance to your gift selections. With the infinite choices available, it's almost impossible to please everyone. Make the best decision you can and get on with your life. It really is the thought that counts.

Dorothy Lehmkuhl is owner of Organizing Techniques in Birmingham. She does In-House Seminars, speaking and consulting on all aspects of time management and organizing.

## Artist Gloub at Cranbrook

New York artist Leon Gloub will talk about his work at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the deSalle Auditorium of Cranbrook Art Museum. This lecture is in conjunction with the Cranbrook exhibition, "Leon Gloub: The Aesthetics of Power," which is on view at the museum through Jan. 7.

Dealing with issues of aesthetics, politics and the media, this exhibition of six large-scale canvases reveals Goloub at his most provocative.

The artist lives in New York city and holds the John C. Van Dyck Professor of Visual Art position at Rutgers University. He has shown extensively in both the U.S. and Europe. He is represented in major museum collections, including MOMA, the Hirshhorn, the Art Institute of Chicago, the L. A. County Museum as well as collections in Australia and Canada.

The lecture is free with museum admission. Adults, \$2.50; students and senior citizens, \$1.50. For more information, call 645-3323.

## Musicale to give Christmas concert

Birmingham Musicale will present its annual Christmas Concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 at Holy Name Church, 645 Woodland, Birmingham. The public is cordially invited to attend the program and the tea after.

The Birmingham Musicale Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mary Pardee, accompanied by Eleanor Whelan, piano, will open the program with a processional, "The Wexford Carol."

The program will include Christmas music by Emma Lou Diemer, Eugene Butler, Randall Thompson, Jean Britton, and others.

John F. Callaghan, organist and minister of music at Holy Name Church since 1957, will perform.

Callaghan, born in Oswego, N.Y., received both bachelor's and master's degrees in organ from Crouse College of Fine Arts at Syracuse University. He came to Detroit in 1942 and he has taught at Marygrove College and earned the associate degree of the American Guild of Organists.

Nadine Deleury, cellist, accompanied by Fontaine Laing, piano, will perform three movements from the "Sonata No. 2" by Bohuslav Martinu. Deleury, was born in France, studied

at the Paris Conservatory and the Yale School of Music. She is presently principal cellist with the Michigan Opera Theatre orchestra, a member of the Tuesday, Royal Oak and Birmingham Musicales.

Laing has performed as soloist with Pontiac Oakland and Oakway symphonies and was harpsichord soloist with the Troy Symphony recently.

She recently toured in Germany and performed in Toyota, Japan, Detroit's sister city. Patricia Mills is chairman of the day.

## 'Nutcracker' set

The Plymouth Symphony and the Ann Arbor Ballet Theater will team up next weekend to present the "Nutcracker Ballet," at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Plymouth-Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Symphony conductor is Russell Reed. Ballet director is Gail Etter. For more information, call 461-2112.

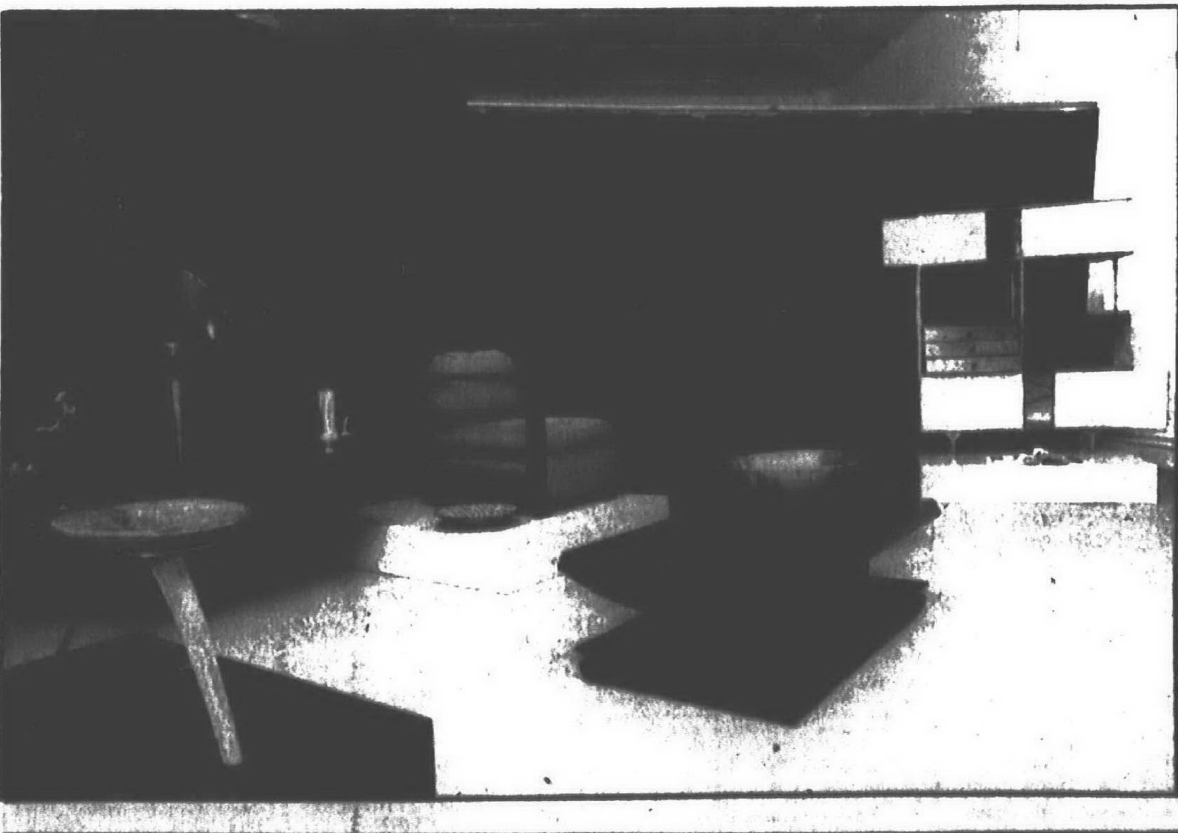
## Woodwinds in noon concert

Noontime concerts in the atrium of Civic Center Library in Livonia continue Thursday with the Opus V Woodwind Quintet playing seasonal music and other favorites.

Featured are Lois Swanson, clarinet; Marilyn Van Giesen, flute; Pat VanDommelen, oboe; Janice

Rasmussen, bassoon; and Isabel Metry, French horn.

There is no charge for the concert that runs 12:15-1 p.m. Coffee will be available. Brown-bag lunches are welcome. Co-sponsors of the concert series is the Livonia Arts Commission. The library is at 32777 Five Mile Road.



## Artpack offering

Pictured at the Wetman Collection holiday show "Objects d'Art" are: a Noguchi chair (left), a Saranin chair, a Charles Crowley silver pitcher, an Ernest Race chair, a Beth Forer dish platter, a Gilbert Rhode chair, a pair of C. Logan Scottish chairs, a Charles Eames storage unit for Herman Miller, a Thomas Huckle coffee table with a Ronald Kent wood-turned bowl. The show runs through Dec. 23 at Artpack Services in Farmington. For additional information and gallery hours, call 475-2545.











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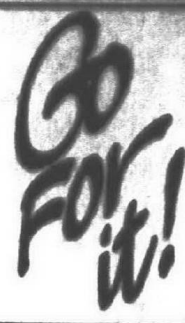
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# Building Scene

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Fireplaces and facades come in a variety of styles from the very simple to the fancy. This model, a pre-fab fireplace surrounded by man-

made stone, is on display at Atlas Veneers & Fireplaces in Troy. The price — about \$3,600 installed.

## Masonry or pre-fab, fireplaces standard feature in new homes

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Fire once served as the primary cooking, heating and lighting source in caves of prehistoric times.

The harnessing of electricity and natural gas, plus the evolution of appliances like furnaces and ranges have considerably lessened our dependence on fire. Yet, the fascination continues.

Fireplaces, even those which don't necessarily have energy-efficient features, apparently have become standard equipment in new houses and condominiums in metro Detroit.

"In all six of our projects going on now and two starting the first of the year, I believe every single home at every single level — from \$150,000 to \$400,000 — every home has a fireplace," said Ellen Whitefield, director of sales and marketing for The Selective Group of Farmington Hills.

Deen Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes of Michigan in Royal Oak, told a similar story.

"WE HAVE a fireplace as a standard feature in all of our houses and condos and in several plans we have a second fireplace in the master bedroom as an option," Hyde said. "It's just something our customers totally expect."

Kathy Reid, marketing director for the Holtzman & Silverman Cos. of Farmington Hills, sang the same basic tune.

"In condominium communities, a fireplace is standard. People have come to expect it," she said. Upwards of 90 percent of buyers at the builder's Ford Lake Heights in Ypsilanti have selected a fireplace as an option, Reid said.

Rob Matiyow, manager of Atlas Veneers & Fireplaces in Troy, leaves no doubt about their popularity.

"EVERYBODY who builds today puts a fireplace in," he said.

Warmth or use as a secondary heating source isn't the major reason people crave fireplaces nowadays.

At best, the most energy efficient fireplaces, provide a light heat supplement, said Steven Brown, vice president of Federal Fireplace & Barbecue of Southfield.

"Most customers could care less about efficiency," he said. "They care about aesthetics. It's the focal point of the room."

"People in the modern age don't have fires for heat. Most will only use it six times a year. People have fires for aesthetics, coziness and romance," Brown said.

"Newer houses are so efficient as it is, newer efficiencies you might get from a fireplace aren't worth the effort," he said.

Knowing that, builders generally don't bother with things like blowers as standard equipment, Brown added.

THE TREND is toward pre-fabricated rather than masonry fireplaces. The metal chamber of a pre-fab fireplace doesn't need a foundation. A brick fireplace does.

Installation of a pre-fab is less expensive than masonry by about 50 percent, Brown said.

"Pre-fabs are getting cheaper and masons are getting more expensive," he said.

A pre-fab, engineered for precision fit, is more efficient by its very nature.

Fireplace options like a damper control, an outside air source, blowers, and glass doors — which

don't necessarily cost an arm and a leg — can save energy dollars, Matiyow said.

He pegged the total cost of an energy-saving package at about \$600.

But many buyers believe that features like air ducts, blowers and doors detract from appearance, Brown said.

AND BECAUSE the fireplace is one of the last items people building their own homes deal with and they're usually over budget by then, that's where they scrimp, Matiyow said.

Pulte installs pre-fab fireplaces manufactured by Heatilator and Majestic in its developments. Holtzman and Silverman uses brands made by Superior.

The Selective Group puts in pre-fab fireplaces manufactured by Superior but also some masonry fireplaces. The pre-fabs are more likely to be found in condos, masonries in pricier detached houses, Whitefield said.

Design factors considered by architects for the masonry layouts include basic floor plan, window placement and possible furniture layout, she said.

MORE CONSUMERS are starting to use gas rather than wood as a fuel in their fireplaces, retailers say, although wood still has the edge.

Gas not only burns cleaner, but it's

**'We have a fireplace as a standard feature in all of our houses and condos, and in several plans we have a second fireplace in the master bedroom as an option.'**

— Deen Hyde  
Pulte Homes

easier to deal with than wood and it's cheaper. Fuel in a gas fireplace generally costs about 23 cents per hour, Brown said. Wood costs two or three times as much.

There's also a concern that burning wood could be limited by federal clean air laws in the future, he added.

Pre-fab fireplaces also allow more decorative options for the facade than brick.

Brown said he's seen all kinds of wild designs on modern fireplace facades including mirrors and neon lights. "The sky's the limit," he said.

But traditional styles seems to be the norm for most people.

That means marble and a wood mantle for a formal living room or a great room and some other kind of stone or veneer for a rec room.

## Manufactured home sales rise

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Shipment of manufactured houses to Michigan continues to increase, according to industry figures, and that suits Steven Adler just fine.

Adler, 39, of West Bloomfield, is director of operations for Uniprop, a Birmingham real estate equity investment firm, and a member of the Michigan Mobile Home Commission.

"What the industry has become is affordable housing," Adler said. "Ninety-five percent of all (manufactured) homes sold in the country are under \$40,000."

People who buy manufactured housing — units which are produced in factories then assembled at building sites — pay monthly rent on the land in residential parks where their houses are set up.

Some 7,900 manufactured homes were shipped to Michigan through September compared to 7,600 for the same nine-month period last year, reported the Manufactured Housing Institute.

Shipments in state totaled 10,334 in 1988, 9,915 in 1987.

Mobile homes are classified as manufactured housing.

AS A BUSINESSMAN, Adler is interested in profits. As an appointed member to a state monitoring commission, he's concerned about construction standards and management of manufactured housing communities.

Both roles serve a similar end, Adler said.

"We recognize the customer, people who live in our communities, makes our business go," he said.

Uniprop manages 40 residential communities in 12 states containing some 15,000 units. Only one, Old Dutch Farms in Novi, is in suburban Detroit.



Steven Adler promotes manufactured housing

The manufactured housing industry has come a long way, and buyers, especially in Michigan, are looking at that option, Adler said.

Economics is a big reason.

Manufactured homes can be built for about \$20 per square foot, Adler said, compared to \$75-100 for custom-built, on-site construction.

PROPERTY TAXES, except for a \$3 monthly fee, aren't assessed on manufactured housing in residential parks designed for such housing.

And because the cost of a lot isn't factored into the downpayment — remember, most buyers of manufactured housing rent their land — the downpayment and closing costs aren't as high as for site-built buyers.

Monthly rents at Old Dutch Farms range from \$250 to \$260 per month, Adler said.

Quality construction and conditions in residential parks also are on the upswing, Adler said.

"Homes built now are built to building code," he said. "They're built to conventional design. The evolutionary process from trailer to manufactured home sometimes gets obscured."

"COMMUNITIES originally were placed on dirt roads," Adler continued. They weren't very elaborate. There were no amenities.

"Our streets are all paved with curbs and gutters, recreation facilities, all underground utilities, landscaped with playgrounds," he said. "The quality of community we put these homes in have all changed."

Adler was appointed to the Mobile Home Commission in 1988 to represent operators of manufactured housing communities with 100 or more sites. He replaced Paul Zlotoff, Uniprop's chief executive officer.

"We look at licensing of dealerships . . . regulation of the mobile Home Act as it affects residents," Adler said.

"What I see the commission doing is serving as a sounding board for the consumer/resident-operator relationship. We're looking after that industry. If the consumer isn't happy with the industry, it won't grow and flourish," he said.

THE COMMISSION also monitors construction standards and reviews site plans.

The gap between site-built homes and manufactured housing is narrowing.

In 1977, 41,940 site-built houses were constructed throughout the state and 8,066 manufactured houses were shipped here, according to the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association.

Corresponding figures for 1987 were 25,205 site-built houses, 9,915 manufactured homes.

ty — houses built in a factory then assembled at building sites — of at least a couple of hundred units.

Unlike traditional manufactured housing communities, people who buy into the joint venture project would own the land as well as their house, Adler said.

Several builders have cited a need for affordable new housing for a young generation of buyers.

"We really believe that starter housing affordability is going to be a crisis in the 1990s," said Michael Horowitz, president of The Selective Group. "What we're doing is looking at ways to address the issue."

## Joint venture would blend approaches

By Doug Funke  
staff writer

Uniprop of Birmingham and The Selective Group, a Farmington Hills developer/builder of residential housing, are talking about a joint venture constructing new houses priced at less than \$100,000 in the Detroit area.

Steven Adler, operations director at Uniprop, said he believes that a joint venture between developers of manufactured housing, like his company, and on-site construction, like The Selective Group, would be a first for metro Detroit.

Both sides were mum about

specifics. No formal agreement has been reached, and no plans have been finalized, they said. Talks apparently have been under way for a couple of months; an announcement on a specific project is expected in January.

Uniprop also has talked with three other developers/builders, including Nossan/Cohen Associates of West Bloomfield, about the possibility of a joint venture, Adler said.

Those builders are still in the picture, he added.

"It's not done until it's done in this business," Adler said.

ADLER ENVISIONS an all-manufactured housing communi-

UNIPROP, founded in 1971, buys existing manufactured housing communities rather than develop from scratch.

The Selective Group, founded in 1983, builds houses and condominiums priced from \$170,000-400,000.

Obtaining the right piece of property is the key to a successful joint venture, said Terry Nossan, a vice president for Nossan/Cohen.

Nossan identified that kind of parcel as "a property in a city or township that has some commitment to affordable housing, that's zoned for multiple or high-density, single-family usage."

## Proceed cautiously with 'site' condos

Our family attorney has told us that there is something new called a site condominium that allows us to build single-family detached units without having to get approval from various governmental agencies and otherwise complying with the Subdivision Control Act.

Site condominiums are the hot thing. The Attorney General has, in essence, sanctioned their continued use and development. But the attorney general's opinion is not akin to a court decision. This matter may well be brought to a test in the near future. Various municipalities are in the process of adopting site condominium ordinances that, in some cases, place tight limitations on the type of condominium development that can be developed.

You should obviously attempt to comply with all incidents of the condominium statute in developing your condominium, notwithstanding the fact that some of the attributes of the project may make it appear as if it is a typical subdivision. You should also try to get a legal opinion as to the propriety of the site condominium before you start and try to ascertain whether there will be any problems with the municipality in question.

I recently discovered that the control timer and shut-off valves for the sprinkler system were in the basement of my condomini-



condo queries

Robert M. Meisner

um and connected to my electricity. The owner of the complex and the condominium association refuse to remove it or pay me for the electricity. Could you advise me of my rights?

Check the master deed and disclosure statement to see if there was any disclosure concerning the location of the valves and timer. Also check the subdivision plan to see if the utility plan has any reference to the sprinkler system and shut-off valves in your unit. Assuming there is not representation that such valves or connection would be in your unit, I believe you have recourse against the association or the developer for the damages sustained by you.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham attorney specializing in condominiums, real estate and corporate law. You are invited to submit topics for this column by writing Robert M. Meisner, 30200 Telegraph Road, Suite 467, Birmingham 48010. This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal opinion.

## Kammerman involved in hair salon project

When Kennice Hoffman and Bashar Kallabat set about realizing their dream hair salon in Farmington Hills, they drew on the design expertise of Rachel Kammerman of R. Kammerman Design of Southfield to actualize their concept.

Kammerman's participation in the project was inadvertently left out of last week's story on Salon Kennice Bashar.

Kammerman, a Michigan native who has worked for the international design firm, American Designers in New York City and locally for Peterhanssen of Birmingham and John Greenberg and Associates in Berkeley, cites her specialty in retail and hospitality decor for the shop.

"The overall ambience is quite dramatic, but it's the small details that make it complete," Kammerman said.

Directing Guiding craftsman in the installation of faux marble and other finishes, Kammerman also guided the selections for wall drapery and paint color and textures to produce both the classical and the ultra-modern displayed in the shop.

A stickler for detail, Kammerman donned old clothes to sponge paint bathroom walls with paint mixed by her and Hoffman. The pair also hunted antique sales for the right decorating touches including a mirror sporting a castle in its frame.

Yet to come are frosted glass and black metal entry doors and custom metal signs with matte brass, oxidized metals and matte relief lettering. Such touches are part of Kammerman's "completed look" she chooses for her jobs.



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 Major Retail Chain  
 Co. will train No fee  
 Salary to \$18,000 plus  
 Recent college graduate or 2 yrs. college + retail management experience in any field. Westland, Inster, Southfield, Livonia, Troy, Dearborn, Maclellan Heights, Utica, Warren, Sterling Heights, etc., etc.  
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 Accountant/CPA. Farmington Hills area seeks candidates with AP supervisory experience. Must be familiar with computerized system. Includes salary history and/or salary requirement. Non-smoking office. Send resume to: 5187 Orchard Lakes Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
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 Entry level positions available. No experience needed for paid training. Placement outside this area. Graduated 17-34 year old, high school graduates. Call before 6pm, Mon.-Fri. (800) 922-1702

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 Detroit Food Manufacturer, division of Fortune 500 company, seeks a Promotional Clerk. Position requires strong interpersonal skills and excellent communication skills both written and verbal. Must be self-motivated and organized. Responsibilities include daily communication with customer and brokers, evaluating promotional proposals and detailed record keeping. Food broker and food manufacturer experience a definite plus. Send resume and salary requirements to:  
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 Minority/Female/Handicapped/Vet

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 \$10.00 PER HOUR  
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**AEROBICS INSTRUCTORS**  
 Experience preferred. Variety of programs offered. Training provided. Part time hours. Call 598-3482

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 Assistant Manager to \$24,700  
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 Previous retail experience in grocery, discount store, health & beauty stores a plus. Full benefit package & bonus.  
 Employment Center 598-1838

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 Information Processing, Copier Service/Repair, Credit & Continuing Education Classes start in January. Call WCC Job Training School  
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**APARTMENT MANAGER COUPLE**  
 For 90 Unit Waterford apt. complex. Man to handle maintenance. Woman to handle office. Job includes apartment, salary & benefits.  
 598-1788  
**APPLIANCE SERVICE TECHNICIAN**  
 needed to complement our professional staff - full time benefits. Excellent working conditions. Call 8am-5pm, Mon. thru Fri., 373-2525

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 part time - permanent in Westland area. Call 425-6226  
**ETD Temporary Service**  
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**SOMEbody SOMETIME**  
 18320 Middlebelt  
 Parkside Pavilion  
 Between 6 & 7 Mile  
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 Immediate openings for pleasant phone voices. \$8-\$9/Hr. convenient hours. Excellent benefits. Extra Christmas \$3. Call Emily 427-6348

**ARTIST NEEDED**  
 for immediate opening with an important toy company in Novi. Skills must include drawing, keylining, and paste, lettering and creativity. Excellent benefits. 348-9300

**ASSEMBLERS/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL**  
 Openings on days and afternoons. Plus jobs. We will train. Part-time available. Apply 1450 Scuter, 1 blk E. of Rochester Rd. just S. of Maple Rd.  
**ASSEMBLER-We are seeking an individual who would join our team at a newly built facility to assemble one of our quality products for the A.C.R.O. market. Our company is a national sales organization for one of the world's largest manufacturers of precision measuring tools and instruments. No skill required. You will be trained by one of our finest production engineers. This is an excellent opportunity for a starter in the industrial market. Good company benefits offered. For immediate consideration, interviews on 12/15/89, 8am-4pm, 12/16/89, 9am-12noon. 45001 S. 11 Mile Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170**

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 Real estate company looking for experienced on-site manager and/or assistant manager to manage large apartment community in the Dearborn/Southfield area. Candidates must have excellent skills in organization, communication, bookkeeping, sales and a successful track record in managing similar type apartments. Candidates with a Michigan Real Estate broker's license will be given preference. Resumes to Box 658 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150  
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 50 people needed for long term assignments with automotive supplier in Canton. WOMEN encouraged to apply. Call Bridget at: A.C.R.O. SERVICE CORP 691-1100

**ASSEMBLY OPPORTUNITIES**  
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**ASSISTANT COSMETICIAN BUYER**  
 Assisting Head Buyer plus counter work. Birmingham area. Excellent salary & benefits plus opportunity for advancement. Send resume including salary requirements to: Sav-On Drugs, 6310 Telegraph, Birmingham MI 48010











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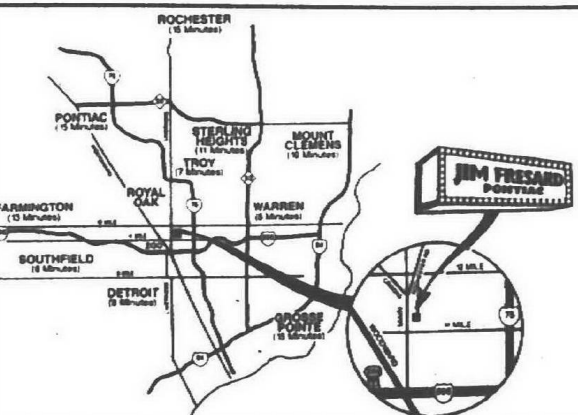
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