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Tree disposal

The holidays are over, and now it's time to get rid of the Christmas tree

But unlike in years past, there's more to do than just haul the tree out to the curb

This year both Plymouth and Plymouth Township will turn those trees to mulch instead of dump them in landfills where they take up expensive space.

But to do that, the trees should not be wrapped in plastic and the stands must be removed.

Plymouth Township is planning a special tree pickup on Friday. Jan 12 Residents in Plymouth can put them with their regular trash.

Volunteers sought

Growth Works Inc., a youth assistance agency, is looking for volunteers from Canton to help with its program. Needed are persons to act as mentors for troubled youths. For more information, contact Susan Davis, 455-4090, Monday through Thursday.

Prison escapees captured

staff writer

Two inmates who escaped Christmas Eve from a Plymouth Township prison were arrested Friday in Vir-

After photos of Frank Schanault and Bruce White were identified by Greyhound bus line officials, Wytheville. Va police were called in and circled a bus depot the two men were waiting in, an FBI spokesman

Just hours earlier, the two men released unharmed a 21-year-old Dearborn Heights woman they abducted

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Group sounds missile alert for area man, and Willie Blacklow, an aide to U.S. Sen-By Kevin Brown

staff writer

Activists opposed to the MX nuclear missile system to be based in northern lower Michigan warn that the missiles could be transported through Plymouth and Canton

Rail lines that run through Plymouth are potential deployment lines for the MX missile in times of crisis," said Jackie Victor, program director for Michigan Sane Freeze

The group maintains that this means possible safety risks for the residents of Plym-

Michigan Sane Freeze maintains that the rail-based MX is more vulnerable to mishaps. as the 71-foot-long, 195,000 pound missile would require railroad cars that are longer, taller and heavier than most cars

pose stability problems for the MX trains and make them more likely to derail said Mark Haim of the Mid-Missouri Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign

The U.S. Congress voted earlier this year to deploy the rail-based MX in seven states, including Michigan

Here the MX would be based at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda in the northern lower peninsula. In times of crisis, the train would travel on rail lines to avoid being a sitting

Construction of facilities to house the missiles at Wurtsmith is scheduled to begin in

Rail routes for the MX have not been decided, said David Bowers, a Wurtsmith spokes

Carl Levin

MAIN ROUTES probably would be in north ern Michigan, but the rail line running through Plymouth and Canton could be a secondary

Each train carries the equivalent of 480 Hiroshimas," said Haim Air Force officials and MX opponents agree accidental detonation of warheads is unlikely

MX opponents do stress the danger of the rocket fuel if an MX car derailed

The Air Force has stated that the force of an MX rocket fuel explosion could kill people up to 1,000 feet away from the blast," Hiam

He warned of safety risks associated with other missile propellants "Hydrocloric acid could be spread in lethal doses more than a mile and a half from the accident," Haim said

PARTICULARLY INSIDIOUS is nitrogen tetroxide, an extremely strong oxidizing agent, which should it be released, would be lifethreatening to anyone within 2,000 feet of the

accident," he said Burns, ulcers and damage to eyes and mucous membranes could occur up to 1.2 miles away Irritation of skin, eyes, nose throat and lungs are likely for up to 3.7 miles, according

Levin, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, voted against deploying the MX, saying defense money would be better spent on conventional arms

U.S. Rep. Carl Pursell, R-Plymouth, voted for the MX deployment



Scott Erwin (left) and Ken Lindall (right) showed off their skills at ice carving during last year's festival.



FILE PHOTO/staff photographe

Jim Bur Sr. of Livonia carved a deep-sea A chilly winter is expected to be a boon to the Plymouth ice festival set to start Jan. 11. fisherman for the event. During last year's festival, Jim Bur Jr. and

Chilly weather nice for ice fest

The colder than usual winter weather so far this season has been a burden for some

But for folks putting on the eighth annual Plymouth Ice Sculpture Spectacular, cold temperatures are nothing but good news

'Absolutely," said Pam Kosteva, festival executive director "The last two years, the weather has been inconsistent

Everyone is really pleased that

this year we will not have any problem with the ice. THE FESTIVAL, which attracts

visitors from metro Detroit and around the country, is scheduled for Jan 11-21 Last week, ice festival organiz-

ers placed the order for ice to be carved at the festival. The order called for 400,000 pounds of ice 1,000 blocks at 400 pounds a block

'We'll have seven deliveries (by refrigerated truck) over a week and a half period (beginning Jan. 8)." Kosteva said

Some ice sculptors will be attempting new, innovative designs at the festival, Kosteva said.

Asked to describe those designs, she said, "People will have to come see them. They have to get in their car and come to Plymouth."

IN AUGUST, the festival was nearly canceled after the non-profit organization that ran the ice festival folded. The organization was headed by former city manager Henry Graper and Mayflower Hotel co-owner Scott Lorenz.

A new corporation to oversee the ice festival was formed by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce members The corporation, Plymouth Community Ice Spectacular Inc., got enough donations to keep the festival going.

With preparations in full swing, "I am vastly relieved," Kosteva

"I am excited to be part of a group of folks making sure a viable part of the community will be con-

THOSE DONATING time to put on this year's festival include 40 to 50 companies donating services in kind, sponsors who donated \$135,000 to put on the festival, and approximately 45 Plymouth people working behind the scenes, she

The theme of this year's festival is "Local-Motion: Laying the tracks for the future.

There will be three carving competitions for viewing. They are a student competition Jan 13, a multi-block team competition J'4s 19, and a single-block professional

competition Jan. 20. The city of Plymouth is also contributing \$20,000 in services to the

festival. In other changes, the number of booths offering hot chocolate and hot dogs will grow from one to

three, Kosteva said.

Escaped prisoners caught in Virginia

Christmas Eve after their escape from the Western Wayne Correction al Facility said Hal Helterhoff FB! special agent

Schanault and White kidnapped the woman from a State Farm office on Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights, and forced her to drive them out of the area. Helterhoff said

They released her unharmed he said in Bristol Va. The FBI had several leads in the area and went to the bus station and showed photographs. Helterhoff said

We also located a relative who admitted he gave them a change of

tickets to go from Bristol to Jack sonville Fla he continued

Before the two were captured Schanault went for a police offi cer's gun while White tried to flee nelterhoff said adding both were aught and jailed in Wytheville

He said one inmate had a three nch knufe and another had a small pistol when they were arrested

Before the two can be returned to Plymouth the two will have to face a hearing on charges of resisting arrest Helterhoff said Both men could also face charges of kidnapping he

Both inmates had vowed they

police reported

The prisoners were discovered missing at 10 am Christmas Eve. within minutes of the last check of the prison yard the men were in, said Western Wayne Correctional Facili ty Warden Lucia Burke

Schanault, 33, of Westland, was sentenced in Isabella County to 25 to 50 years in prison for armed rob bery White 28 of Pontiac was sen tenced in Oakland County to 2-to 20 years for armed robbery and 4 to 40 years for first degree criminal sexual conduct related to homosexual as saults, the state police reported

On Wednesday, the FBI joined the

After the prisoners left the vard investigators said they weren t sure how - tracks in the snow suggested the men headed a short dis tance southwest to the Metro West industrial park

It's believed they had a vehicle waiting for them. Burke said

Tire tracks at the scene were not indicative of anything in particular Sanderson said

While prison officials have report ed occasional walkaways of prison ers on minimum security work de tails this was the first escape from the prison's secure perimeter in four

friends about meeting the polka DJ

Janek set her straight in her rain-

You're not a star until someone

Janek, who is short, said she has to

be down to earth because. God put

me too close to the ground to be

her a cadre of admirers, some of

She didn't leave the station last week empty-handed. She took with

bunctious manner

pays you," she said

anything else

Resident's ex-boyfriend

gets ticket for prowling

A love struck Ann Arbor man was to keted for prowling by Plytti outh Police after witnesses report edly saw him looking into windows at his former girlfriend's house on Blunk early Wednesday

The man 21 told police be still loved the 19 year old Plymouth woman. The incident occurred at 2.30 a.m. the police report said

CASH TAKEN Sometime between 7.15 p.m. Tuesday and 8.30 i iii Wednesday a thief entered an inlocked Plymouth office and took

Fifty dollars was taken from a from a cabinet from the office on Ann Arbor Trail police said There were no signs of forced entry police said

FLAGPOLE RAMMED A metal flagpole valued at \$500 on Pakag ing Corp of America property on Sheldon Road was bent on a 60 de

crime watch

gree angle after a truck apparently

The damage was discovered at 16 am Wednesday Some traces if red paint were found at the scene, and tire tracks were spotted in the snow leading to the flagpole

FAILED CAR THEFT A car desk drawer, while \$40 was taken, was left unlocked in the Weidman lot in downtown Plymouth late Tuesday and its owner discovered \$500 in damage early Wednesday

The car's ignition and steering umn were damaged in an appar ent attempted theft, the owner told police. The car was left unlocked in the lot because the car's locks were freezing the owner told police

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Polka queen takes last spin

staff writer

A Detroit woman confined herself in a bathroom from 6-8 am five days a week

That was the only place in the house her radio would pick up Canton resident Virginia Janek's polka radio show on WCAR 1090 AM in Garden City

THE RITUAL ended Dec 29 when Janek closed her last segment of "Good Time Polkas" and she said farewell to the Detroit woman and thousands of her other followers. During her goodbye party at the

station last week, Janek said she hated to leave 'But the body isn't cooperating.' she said adding that a weakness in

her lungs tires her out. What would inspire someone to wake up at 4 a.m. Monday through Friday for five years to volunteer

time spinning polka records? Her answer came quickly. She was motivated by a love for Poland, its people and the music, said Janek, a U.S. native who speaks fluent Polish A lot of her on-air anecdotes, she said, came from her 81-year-old mother Amelia

Janek averaged 30 polka requests daily, and other listeners called in just to talk.

During the last week she was on the air when a woman called and started crying. She said she would miss starting the day with "Good

Time Polkas. To change the mood, Janek suggested they get together and "get crocked," an unlikely event since Janek is unable to drink alcohol, because it might react with her medi-

"But I left her laughing," said



Virginia Janek averaged 30 polka requests daily on her radio show on WCAR 1090 AM in Garden City. Other listeners called in just to talk. The Canton resident, who completed her last show last week, was motivated by a love for Poland, its people and the music.

'A lot of times someone loses a loved one and lives alone and they're looking for someone to channel their attention," Janek said. "All I have to do is give someone a kind word and that's all it takes

KIND WORDS were flowing last week from people Janek worked with at the station.

Susie Pepera, WCAR morning program announcer, was on the air with Janek She described listeners of Good Time Polkas" as mostly older, Polish "and down-to-earth.

"She's a great personality on and off the air," Pepera said.

Joe Gagnon, known to the radio audience as the appliance doctor, tells a story about offering Janek money for taking calls for him dur-

She declined the cash, he said, and told him to donate the money to the blanket lady, Darlene Feldman, who donates blankets in the Cass Corri-

JANEK SAID younger people are getting involved with polka music.

"The popularity of the polka is increasing one hundred fold," she said, attributing the success to the political changes in Eastern Europe.

'It's the youth where everything lies." she said. And it's time to sit back and let them take the reins. Janek added.

A woman at a festival once bub-

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whom have become close friends

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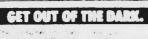
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MARY M. FLYNN

Services for Mary M. Flynn, 83, of Northville, who died Friday, Dec. 22, were Wednesday, Dec. 27, at our Lady of Victory Church, Northville, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Mrs. Flynn was born Dec. 9, 1906, in Pittston, Pa. Among the survivors is a son, Thomas Flynn, of Livonia She was a retired Clarenceville

The Rev. Frank Pollie officiated at the services. Funeral arrangements were handled by the Casterline Funeral Home, Northville



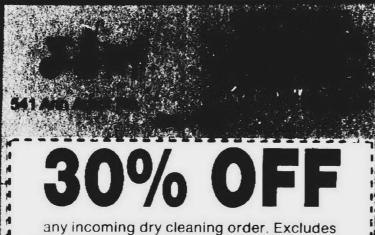
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Dan O'Sullivan gathers bottles of pancake syrup to be placed in the food boxes.



Skills center staffer Estelle DeWolf (left) and student Kate Bollman work together to put egg cartons into the food baskets

Skill center students drive to help others

Wayne Skill Center in Livonia brought baskets of holiday joy last week to needy families.

The students spent the monta of December collecting the food items going into the baskets. Then last Thursday they gathered what they had collected, put them into boxes and, with the help of center staffers, delivered the food to local families

The food drive was part of a new partnership between the skills center and Detroit Edison The students held the drive to show that they too, could become part of the millions who go the extra mile at Christmas to help someone through difficult times

> Kevin Thompson wheels in a load of frozen turkeys and flour, both of which will become part of the food baskets put together by students at the Northwest Wayne Skill



Bad timing leads to drug charge

A Westland man who police say was "at the wrong place at the wrong time" was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and possession of cocaine with intent to de

liver early Wednesday Canton police were responding to a report of a family dispute involving a man who had fled the scene on foot at about 3 a.m. Officers were searching an area of Michigan Avenue when a man in a truck drove out

over when police signalled him to do amounts

The driver headed east on Michigan Avenue Wayne near the Ford plant Police said a loaded 38 caliber revolver was in his glove compartment, along with drug paraphrenalia and substances believed to be crack cocaine and cocaine in powder form. The suspect also had \$935 in cash and a

of a driveway and refused to pull notebook with names and dollar

The suspect was identified as a 32year-old Westland man. He was not

The suspect was arraigned before Judge James Garber in 35th District Court Wednesday Bond was set at \$5,000, and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan 5

Non-union crew draws pickets

By Peggy Aulino staff writer

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man

late

Iron and mill workers carried picket signs in front of the K mart distribution center on Joy Road Wednesday and Thursday to protest subcontracting work being done by non-union workers in the facility

They got people in there working and they're paying them 'substandard to the wages and fringes negotiated by the Ironworkers Local 25". Nelson Spiegel said, quoting from his picket sign Spiegel, a member of the Ironworkers union said he arrived at 6 am and planned to stay until he got "real, real, real cold."

Arnie Henricks, the warehouse

that the workers are non-union and said they are installing conveyor

We just gave the contract to Rapistan (a general contractor), and they bid it out." Henricks said.

Jan Potter, a public affairs representative at K mart corporate headquarters in Troy, said the pickets are not targeting K mart

"The signs they are carrying indicate the picket is against the subcontractor, so we aren't involved," said Potter "It's not K mart they are actually marching against

Henricks said the work has been going on since mid-December, and Spiegel said Ironworker union offi-

manager in the center, confirmed cials learned about it by word-ofmouth Members of the Millwrights union Local 1102 were also on the picket line

> We are trying to get substantial wages paid to them," said Spiegel of the nonunion workers "If we educate those people to join us, they can make the wages coming to them. A lot of them are unaware of what's happening. They are being used.

> Officials of the Rapistan company. based in Grand Rapids, were not available for comment Thursday. A woman who answered the phone at Rapistan said the plant was closed for the holidays and would not reopen until Tuesday



GUY WARREN/staff photographer

Nelson Spiegel and David Mix were among the iron and mill workers who carried picket signs in front of the K mart distribution center on Joy Road Wednesday and Thursday. The picketers were protesting subcontracting work being done by non-union workers in the facility. The non-union workers are installing conveyor lines, a warehouse manager said.

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opinion

He refused to let the system win

As he grew up he was known as Wine Friends now call him Earl Others simply refer to him as Dr Harvey Though successful, the road has not been an easy one for my friend Earl He lacked direction while he was growing, until one day when, during a street fight, he cut a guy. That guy returned the favor by bashing Earl's head in After seeing the stars, he saw the light and decided the answer to a better life was education Though he didn't realize it then, that decision was to lead to the biggest battle of his life.

Earl Harvey is a teacher But he's a lot more than just that He's a walkin' talkin' giant of a man. An inspiration to anyone who's ever heard the words "You can't do it.

'I r-r-ref-f-fused t-t-t-to b-be a l-1-los-s-s-ser," Earl said, "E-e-e-ev-vven i-i-i-iff I a-a-a-amm un-n-n-nt-tt-teacha-a-a-b-b-ble."

That's what Earl heard for thirtythree years, that he was unteachable. A severe stutter only made things worse for him. The youngest of nine children, Earl grew up in St. Louis as a street fighter, barely managing to graduate from high



school. He had the reading level of a fifth grader, and an IQ of 74. There appeared to be few options for Earl, until he received the blow to the head, and figured that there had to be a better way

Rejected by several colleges, Earl was finally accepted by Tennessee State on probationary terms. Screw up, Earl knew, and the chance would be gone. With that knowledge, he worked Hard Earl passed all of his courses, proved that he could accomplish his goals. Then he received another slap in the face. The head of his department told him he couldn't

graduate. A-a-a-and I-I-I-I a-a-a-sk-k-ked hh-h-h-him wh-wh-wh-why?" said Earl "I-I-I-It w-wa-wa-was b-bbec-c-c-cause I-I-I-I-c-c-couldn't sp-

sp-speak Disillusioned, Earl went home and cried then got angry Angry at the system that was working against him With help from a friend be learned how to use that system to his advantage, and finally received what he had earned - his diploma-After teaching physical education for five years, he felt he needed more education, and went back to school Battling his way through four more years, he earned his master's degree, only to find the same story as before

"I-I-I-I-w-wa-wa-was r-r-r-ejj-jec-t-t-ted

Rejected because he couldn't speak. Again with help, he got his degree. But his thirst for knowledge wasn't quenched. He decided to go for his Ph D. Can you guess what happened?

"I-I-I- wa-wa-wa-was r-r-rej-jject-t-ted th-th-three t-t-ttimes "Earl said with a smile

By now, rejection was Earl's middle name. But he didn't give up. Dr. Earl Harvey, Ph.D, was communicating The problem was, others ignorance was keeping them from listening It was the system that was unteachable. Earl knows that now.

Knows that if you want to beat the system, you've got to fight learn how to deal with the system

Why'd he do it all? Why did this man, knocked down so many times, keep coming back? Because he wants all children, even those as unfortunate as he was, to have a chance. He believes that you can't tell a kid he's "unteachable." Though the system does it all the time. Earl knows one thing

T-T-The s-s-s-sys-s-s-st-tem 1-1 1-15 Wr-Wr-Wrong Earl knows what it will take to

change the system

P-p-p-peop-p-ple 1-1-1-ike y-y-you a-and m-m-me

Amen That's the way he's done it Pullin' people together to give our children a chance. A chance at a happy, productive life. This man. this teacher, gives me energy. And he can do the same for you. He is

Jerry Stanecki is a feature reporter at WJBK-TV2 His "Just Stanecki' segment airs every Tuesday and Thursday on Evenitness News at 4.30 He lives in Southfield

News leaks help us all stay informed

THE FIRST thing Bo Schem bechier grumbled, as he opened his End of an Era news conference, was that he wished he could have told his players first that he was stepping down as University of Michigan foothall coach

He regretted a "leak" had caused them to learn it from news reports.

What Bo neglected to say was that he was the leak. It was his own fault, if indeed there's any sin in a public figure telling the public he's leaving The Ann Arbor News, which had

the story five hours before the news conference, told how it happened:

On Monday, Schembechler told a university sociology class that he would never sit in the coaches office of the new \$12 million Center of Champions football building. He also told the class that (Gary) Moeller would be the next coach at Michi-

A half-hour prior to the news conference, WUOM-FM broadcast that a sociology professor had indeed tipped the media about the End of an Era story

Too bad coach Schembechler couldn't have ended the era by admitting his own jaw was loose

THE BO STORY drew attention from a charade in Detroit, where US attorney Stephen Markham was admitting that, well, yeah, we're investigating alleged misuse of drug money in the Detroit police department

It has only been front-page news for weeks.

Lawyers, who work by rules of law rather than good sense, think a major corruption story can be hushed up until the investigation is complete. Detroit Mayor Coleman Young came back from vacation to castigate "the media" - a code word, as he uses it - for reporting

The simple truth is that when big things happen - especially bad big things - people talk. And they like talking to newspeople.

If you want to explore this psychological phenomenon, check out a book of short stories by Sherwood Anderson called "Winesburg, Ohio," in which the central figure is a young weekly newspaper editor to whom all the town characters tell their troubles.

WHAT WE IN the news business dislike most is not the accusations of the Schembechlers and the Youngs but the complaint that a story has been "covered up."



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Most commonly it occurs in police blotter cases. In one this year, a 16year-old girl was shot in the head When you consider how many relatives, neighbors, work associates of the father and hospital staff from several shifts knew about it, and add the number of fellow students who noticed she was missing Monday morning, it was incredible that police officials denied there was any such incident, and that hospital spokesmen denied there was any such patient

A reliable tipster revealed the truth

In mid-year I covered a state Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee at which many in the audience complained angrily they hadn't been notified of bills to ease the standards for incinerator ash.

They hadn't read the papers

Speaking once to a Lions club meeting, I was castigated by one red-faced member on the grounds that one of our papers hadn't given the club "any credit" for its role in a community festival.

I checked. The Lions' banner was in a picture, the Lions name was in the headline, and the Lions' name was in the text. On page 1. Top right

A PRO-LIFE friend last year asked why no news medium had reported that a certain cosmetics company was using the remains of aborted fetuses in its facial products. It stumped me.

A couple of weeks later, Ann Landers had the answer in her syndicated column. That rumor had circulated for years, she said. Ann's staff and many others had checked it out very thoroughly. There wasn't a word of truth in it.

Miss a story? Sure, we in the media miss a few, but our readersturned-tipsters set us straight.

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Tim Richard is director of the Suburban Communications Corp. news service. SCC is the parent company of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

for your information

Honor all holidays

To the editor:

Recently the city of Birmingham enacted a ruling banning all celebration of and decorations related to the Christmas holiday season. The reason being that it is in violation of the constitutional separation of church

Despite the commercialization of Christmas, it is and always will be a religious holiday. This country was predominantly Christian at its founding, and Christmas was celebrated in the public schools. There are more religions represented by the school children of today. Perhaps they should each be able to pick a day of importance to their faith and celebrate it in school; which would be educational for all children.

If that suggestion is not acceptable to the powers that be, then the separation of church and state should be carried to its fullest mean-

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ing. The practice of giving employees of the private sector and government (local and state) time off with pay specifically for the Christmas Holidays should be discontinued. Dec. 25th should be treated no different than any other day of the year. No overtime paid for working that day. The same would apply to Thanksgiving. Imagine the money that would be saved.

Perhaps all the people would like an opportunity to vote on such a proposal. The powers that be might be surprised to find out how important our faiths are to us, and our willingness to share them with others.

Margaret Aneiros,

Hope is for safe holiday

To the editor:

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Drunk driving statistics are improving in Wayne County. This year

80 names were read at the Wayne County Mothers Against Drunk Driving Annual Candelight Vigil compared to the 103 that were read last

We know there are many positive factors that have helped in this reduction, but we must not let up in our efforts to prevent drunk driving.

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To the editor

I enjoyed Jack Gladden's column on Santa Claus. It is so true, and also sad, that our children today will not grow up with the fond memories that we have of school during the holiday .

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Take the Fast Food Quiz from Nutrition Action Healthletter and see 1 Three of these foods have at least half the fat an average adult should eat in an entire day. Which one has

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b Burger King Whopper w Cheese

- d Arby Bac'n Cheddar Deluxe
- 2 Which has the most sodium? a Arby's Philly Beef 'N Swiss
- 6 Pizza Hut Pepperoni Pan Pizza (2) medium slices)
- c Taco Bell Beef Buritto w red
- d Hardee's Ham, Egg & Cheese Bis e Kentucky Fried Chicken Extra Crispy Breast & Thigh
- has the least amount of sodium
- 3 Which of these McDonald's foods

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- a Chicken McNuggets
- b Large french fries
- c Chocolate Milk Shake
- d Chef Salad
- e Apple Pie
- 4 Which has more than 1000 caloa Dairy Queen Chocolate Malt
- b Burger King Bacon Double Cheeseburger
- c Arby's Super Roast Beef Sandwich d. Dunkin' Donuts Chocolath Crois-
- e. Wendy's Big Classic
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serts has the least fat?

b Apple Pie

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a Cinnamon Raisin Danish

d Chocolaty Chip Cookies

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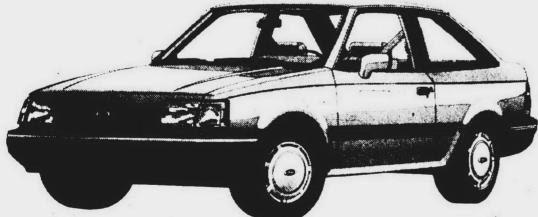
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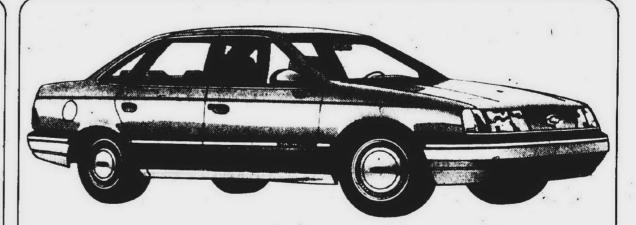
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At the Noble Fish Sushi Bar, the

sushi are presented on a wooden tray

with the horseradish paste and pickled ginger as accompaniments. Ele-

gant porcelain dishes hold soy sauce,

with chopsticks to handle the nigiri

the soy sauce in the dish - just a touch, and mix it with your chop-

sticks," Hewes said. "Then you dip

your sushi in the sauce, and pop it in

your mouth. It's really a beautiful

WHILE THE COLORS, unique

shapes and artful presentation at-

tract people to sushi, Hewes said its

healthful qualities and distinctive

flavors are big drawing cards as

you, and seaweed, which is very high

in iron," he said. "Sushi is low-cho-

lesterol, low-fat and low-calorie -

just the thing Americans are looking

love the taste of sushi - with or

vors, textures and the way the Japa-nese prepare sushi," Hewes said

"It's just like an apple or pear - if

it's fresh and good, you don't want to

The majority of Noble Fish cus-

tomers share Hewes' opinion. About

65 percent are Japanese, traveling

from as far as Toledo and Midland to

buy sashimi, rice and imported pro-

duce and products. To support the

growing Japanese clientele in outly-

ing areas, the store now offers a gro-

DESPITE THE STRONG Japa-

nese customer base, Hewes said the

number of U.S. customers has in-

creased tremendously since his wife

and a friend came from Japan to open Noble Fish in 1984.

Much of the sashimi is wholesaled

to Japanese restaurants in the area,

where sushi bars have grown to

meet Michiganians' adventurous tas-

tebuds. The Noble Fish Sushi Bar

handles numerous carry-out orders

and caters parties, which encourages

Hewes said the "try it, you'll like

it," approach seems to work with

most people who never thought they

would eat raw fish. Once customers

get hooked on sushi, they often be-

come interested in how it is pre-

'Sishi is an art the Japanese have

pared, and begin making their own.

perfected, but it really isn't compli-

cated when you have the right tools

and ingredients," Hewes said. "We

try to make it easy for anyone to

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cook it. The same is true with fish."

without raw fish.

At the same time, he said people

There is such a variety in the fla-

"The traditional Japanese diet uses a lot of fish, which is good for

You add the horseradish paste to

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and sushi rolls.

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Simplicity key to a happy New Year

Tis the season for making reasons. There is a reason for not putting dry gas in the car, there is a reason for having a cigarette. But this year, there is NO reason for not being able to keep these simple New Year's resolutions.

I think I have learned enough in past years not to make resolutions that I know I won't be able to keep, so instead, here is my list of New Year's resolutions I know I'll be able to follow through with:

First off, I am gonna resolve to lose weight. Last year, I said I would lose 25 pounds, but this year, I'm setting a more realistic goal - I'm gonna lose 5 pounds before Valentines Day. The way I figure. I'll gain it back making candy anyway so things should even out in the long run.

Secondly, I resolve to purchase at least three laundry baskets and keep them under the basement steps so that I can be a little more organized while recycling. Glass in one, cans in another and plastic in the third. No more spending an hour sorting through a multi-purpose basket on Saturday mornings before seeing my friends at the recycling center.

Next in line, is a resolution that I made before my holiday shopping. I resolve to continue not buying battery-operated toys and stuff and instead, I bought myself a battery recharger and a slew of rechargeable batteries. All the old batteries are going to the recycling center for safe disposal and will not go into the trash.

I also am resolving to expand my cookbook library not just by purchasing what is on the New York Times Best Seller list, but to include some great selections put out by local charities, organizations and churches. These books are filled with family tried-andtrue recipes that are sheer joy to prepare and eat.

This year's winners include the "Good Enough Cookbook" from the Farmington Community Center and the OCC Meadowbrook Theatre Guilds' "Curtain Calls" cookbook. Both are filled with homemade recipes even Momma would give her top denture plate for. For more information on these two great locally produced gems, contact the Meadowbrook Theatre Guild of OCC or the Farmington Community Center You won't be disappointed.

Cookbook fanatics will also enjoy MFK Fishers' re-release of her five book anthology. This five-book collection from a master writer and cooking authority will offer not just great recipes but also great reading enjoyment. Fisher, noweth-her golden years, has a way with words and her recipes and culinary style will live long after you and I have taken the big path to that 4-star restaurant in the sky.

This next one is a toughie. I resolve to try harder to clean up after myself in the kitchen. Last month when the O&E ran my feature article on holiday cookies, the kitchen was a disaster and it stayed that way till I paid to have it cleaned up. From now on, it will at least go into the dishwasher so I won't have to look at it. No more Petrie dish creations from letting something sit in the sink too long.

Lastly, I resolve to not accept mediocre food when paying topdollar prices in area restaurants. I'm not going to be belligerent about it, just take it away and bring me something better.

I truly hope 1990 heralds in a prosperous year for you and yours. If you too, are making a list of New Year's resolutions, I hope you keep them simple and attainable. Bon Appetit!

Shop supplies sushi for at home

For many people, the idea of eating raw fish is hard to swallow But sushi - the Japanese food often featuring fresh, raw tuna, flounder, salmon or other sea creatures - is

changing more and more minds and

entering more and more mouths. The adventurous might try one piece at a party, then stop by a sushi bar and make a meal of it. They really know they are hooked when they try to make sushi at home, forming their own flavor combinations by hand

For these inspired souls, Noble Fish in Clawson offers one-stop shopping and friendly advice. This fish market and Japanese grocery sells the ingredients, seasonings, and utensils to make sushi. An in-store sushi bar allows patrons to observe and learn from the chef's specialized

"WE GET A lot of people who want to make sushi at home," President of Noble Fish Jim Hewes said. 'It's cheaper, and they like to do it."

Hewes is quick to educate firsttime sushi consumers. Not all sushi, is made with raw

fish, which surprises people," he said. "When someone is trying sushi for the first time, we generally start them with our California roll, which has avocado, cooked imitation crab and cucumber, or a cooked erab or shrimp nigiri.

Nigiri is a form of sushi that uses vinegared rice as a base, with a piece of a Japanese-style omelette, cooked seafood or sashimi (raw fish) carefully placed on top.

The Japanese have been making sushi for more than 500 years, Hewes said. "They know which kinds of fish are best raw. If there is any possibility of worms in the fish, they won't use it."

A WIDE VARIETY of sashimi are available at Noble Fish, packaged in recipe-ready portions. In addition to the tuna, flounder, salmon, shrimp and crab, the store sells an everchanging menu of raw fish for sushi including yellow-tail, fluke, sea ur-

chin, squid and giant clams. Sashimi, caviar and cooked seafood for sushi fill one side of a refrigerated case. The other side displays such standards as salmon steaks, orange roughy, fillet of sole

'If a fish gets two to three days old, we'll sell it in steaks to be cooked," Hewes said, warning people not to buy raw fish for sushi in traditional grocery stores. Because consumers rarely know the day a fish was caught, supermarket purchases should be cooked to eliminate possible bacteria.

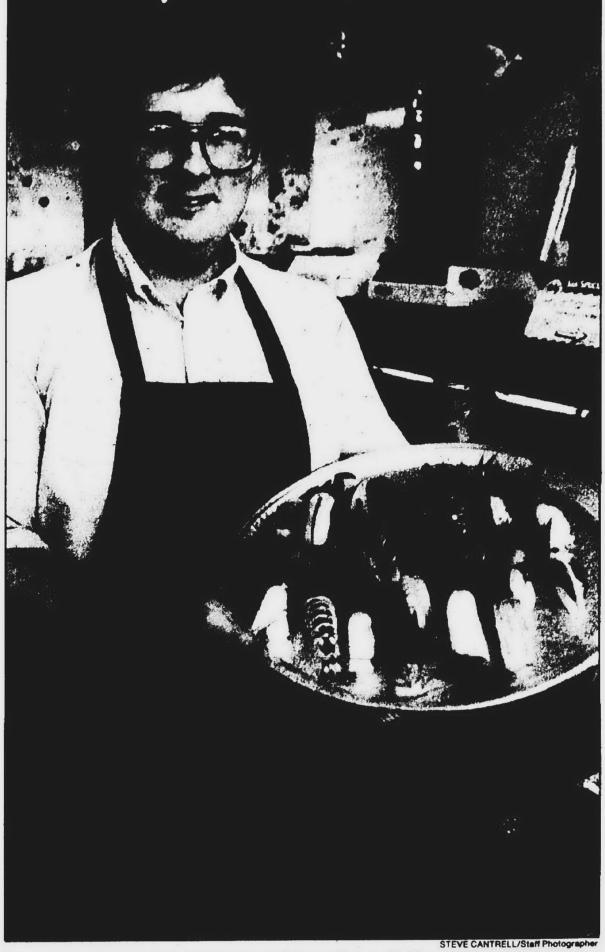
In addition to sashimi, fish, and seafood, Noble Fish offers the other key ingredients for sushi: rice, seaweed and special seasonings.

Japanese rice has a very short grain and a chewy, slightly sticky texture which allows it to be formed into numerous sushi shapes.

ALSO, NOBLE FISH customers can buy cooked sushi rice to make "instant" sushi.

Rolled sushi requires nori, the Japanese term for seaweed, to create its wrapper. One form calls for a sheet of toasted seaweed, covered with a layer of sushi rice and an assortment of vegetables or seafood. Using a bamboo rolling mat (sudare), the nori is rolled around the filling to form a cylinder, then sliced into bite-size pieces.

Both the sudare and nori can be purchased at Noble Fish. Special



Owner of Noble Fish Jim Hewes shows some of the sushi served in his grocery.

SUSHI RICE

Making sushi dishes

Place 2 cups short-grained raw rice in a deep bowl and barely cover with cold water. Swirl rice to

rinse well and drain off water. Refill bowl with cold water and repeat until water runs clear. Place washed rice in a bowl or saucepan with 2 cups cold water and let soak for 15 to 20 minutes until the rice changes color to white. Transfer the rice into a colander and drain off water completely for 10 to 15

minutes. Combine the drained rice

and 2 cups water in a heavy metal

pot which has a tight-fitting lid. With the lid on, bring contents of

pot to a vigorous boil over high heat. Then reduce heat to medium and cook 5-6 minutes, until the water is absorbed. After this, do not remove the cover until you are ready to use the rice. Reduce heat to very low, and continue to cook 10 to 12 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 6 cups cooked

While the rice is cooking, make vinegar seasoning. Combine 4 cup rice vinegar, 1 tablespoon sugar,

and 1-14 tablespoons salt in a small enamel saucepan. Place over very low heat, stirring slowly until sugar is dissolved. Cook to lukewarm, without letting it boil,

make sushi at home.

then set aside. When the rice is ready, transfer it from the pan with a wooden spatula (wet before using) into a large flat-bottom bowl (untreated wood is preferred to absorb excess moisture, but you can use a plastic bowl instead. Do not use a metal bowl.) Run your wooden spatula

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Cooking service makes house calls

By Anne R. Lehmann special writer

ASS PRODUCED frozen entrees, move over. A new concept in home cooking was born this past July with the creation of Nina Schneyer's "Your Home, My Cook-

As this self-explanatory name for a business suggests, people are being offered the unique services of a cook who provides wholesome, flavorful home-cooked tods. Schneyer, a respected cooking instructor, caterer and seasoned cook who has studied with James Beard and Michael James, will come to your home with basketfuls of equipment and ingredients to whip up whatever your heart

Schneyer said, "I make the kind of foods you would make yourself if you had the time and inclination."

The idea was developed when Schneyer was brainstorming with a Brazillan friend who said this kind of service is common in her native

"Busy families, new mothers, ail-

ing patients really need help in putting together meals," Schneyer said. She also said that although she sometimes accepts catering jobs, her primary goal in getting into the food preparation business was to get the family back to the dining room

"I'LL NEVER FORGET my son telling me that his favorite part of each meal was the warmth and conversation. If the cooking is done, there's more time for that," Schneyer said

This 54-year-old mother of four is married to a physician who appreciates a good meal, and consequently, Schneyer spent a lot of time in the kitchen experimenting.

When her kids were young she would get together with a friend each week to develop recipes with the intention of publishing a cookbook. Although the book never materialized, her growing interest in cooking prompted her to take classes with professional chefs.

She recalls the time she spent with James Beard in New York. "It was a week of learning to cook whatever I

wanted and together we struggled to create an apple pie I had thought about a great deal. After many failed attempts, he told me to give up," she said.

Schneyer's specialty apple pie fi-

nally was realized when she joined a recipe crust from one cookbook with a filling from another volume.

SCHNEYER'S REPERTOIRE includes many recipes from the hun-



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Nina Schneyer displays a meal prepared in her customer's

dreds of cookbooks found all over her home. "One good recipe from a cookbook makes it a workwhile investment," she said. Some of her favorites include French Onion Soup, hearty beef stew and apple pie.

So home much will a meal by this avid cook set you back? Her fee is \$40 an hour. At first glance, that may seem a hefty price for a meal that can take several hours to prepare, but not when you consider she coordinates things so that every hour is packed with cooking activity.

For example, she said she will prepare a soup or stew that requires a few hours to cook first. While that simmers, meat might be marinating, bread dough rising and spinach strudel being assembled.

"Many things are going on a once," Schneyer said, "and ordering large quantities makes things eve more economical. If I make severs dozen muffins, or a large batch of soup for the freezer, things actually turn out to be very reasonabl

Before going to a client she will plan the menu, take an equipment inventory and make an ingredient list She will check to see what ingredients a person already has in order to avoid making unnecessary expenditures for such staple items as olive oil or grainy mustard.

So far, most people requesting her services are on special diets. "I can make almost anything low salt or low fat and still have it taste good." Schneyer said. "The point is, I'm doing what I love and helping others at the same time. What more could anyone want in a job?"

DOUBLE RICH CHICKEN SOUP 3-4 lb. Chicken back, neck, gizzards or a cut-up chicken

2 chicken feet, if possible or a couple of yeal bones plus 1 whole 3-4 lb. chicken, not cut 2 onions, sliced and sauteed with 2

garlic cloves

I leek - optional 4 carrots

2 parsnips 2 stalks celery with leaves, if you

2 sprigs parsley (Italian or flat parslev is more flavorful)

few pappercorsn l teaspoon salt

I tablespoon thyme fresh dill

Cover chicken parts with cold water and bring to boil.

Skim off scum of foam if you want a clear broth. When no more foam is forming add vegetables and seasonings (reserving half the onions, carrots, celery, and parsnip for later) When broth returns to boil, turn down and let simmer for 21/2-3 hours

Strain the broth, discarding bones, meat, and vegtables.

You now have a stock, broth or bouillon - a base for many soups, stews and sauces.

To make a chicken soup for serving (or to poach a chicken) bring the stock to the boil first, then gently add thewhole chicken. When it returns to the boil, cover and let it simmer until chicken is just tender or boil for twenty minutes; turn oft and wait until you can bugthe pot.

Remove chicken.

Add remaining vegetables and sprig of fresh dill and cook just until barely tender, then remove. While vegetables are cooking, separate bones and skin Reserve good chick en and just-cooked vegetables to add to soup later. May serve double rich chicken soup with bite-sized pieces of meat and vegetables or strain broth through two or three thicknesses of cheesecloth; measure broth and refrigerate over night. Remove all fat from top of soup.

To clarify soup for a clear broth; measure soup and put back into cooking pot. For each quart of soup, use one egg white. Beat whites into a froth which is not quite stiff. Stir into cold stock. Stir and cook over medium heat. When stock begins to bubble at edges, stop stirring and allow mixture to simmer for about ten minutes. All the tiny bits and pieces wil cling to the egg whites. Turn off heat and let settle for one-half hour

With skimmer, remove as much of the mess as possible. Strain remains ing broth through three thicknesses of cheesecloth Serve or freeze

You have a clear double-rich consumme or a base for onion soup. Taste and salt before serving

To make Beef Broth, a Double Rich Beef Broth or Clear Beef Consumme

Use 3-4 lbs beef neck and beef marrow bones and a couple of veal bones plus 2-3 lbs. of chuck, flank steak or round for the second cook ing. Brown the bones and the roast under the broiler on all sides and then proceed exactly as for chicken

For richer consumme before clarifying, put broth (fat removed) into pot with 12 lb. ground beef, 1/2 cup red wine, and 1 cup cold water. Bring to boil, skim again, Cook gently 30 mintures and clarify as above using egg shells as well as egg

A petite marmite is a soup made with both beef bones and chicken broth

FRENCH ONION SOUP 3 large yellow onions, sliced in rounds

's pound butter or beef fat 1 's cup beef consumme per person salt, if needed

fresh ground pepper nutmeg to taste French bread toast rounds (cut to fit

exactly in opening of individual oven-proof soup crocks) Freshly grated gruyere cheese Freshly grated parmesan cheese

Saute onions in fat until soft (for browner onions sprinkle with sugar and turn over). Add consumme. Add salt, fresh ground pepper and nutmeg. Let blend very well, 5 to 6 minutes. For lighter soup, serve as is and pass the fresh grated parmesan. Or, ladle servings into individual crocks adding 1-11/2 tbsp. Madeira to each crock, fit in toast rounds and top with mound of grated gruyere cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts and is bubbly. Serve with parmesan.

CHILI 2 pounds cubed beef chuck (fat re-

2 tablespoon chili powder (or more) beef broth to cover 1 1/2 cup chopped onions

moved)

salt to taste Brown beef under broiler. Put in cooking pot and add chili powder and beet broth to barely cover Let cook down until almost dry Start covered and then open Add chopped onions and garlic, add salt to taste Cook covered until very tender Add more chili powder to taste. This is a very dense chili, delicious with black

APPLE PIE

beans and yogurt or sour cream.

10 cups peeled, cored and thinly sliced Northern Spy or mixtures of Granny Smith, Cortland and Empire apples

13.34 cups sugar (15 brown, 35 ganulated)

13-1 teaspoons cinnamon I handful raisins

'a teaspoon salt I tablespoon cornstarch

a cup flour 2 tablespoon butter

pastry for 2-crust pie.

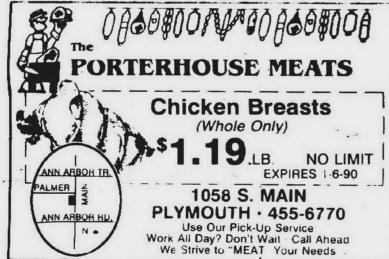
Combine sugar, ginnamon, salt, raisins, cornstarch and flour with apples Turn into a nine-inch pan lined with pastry. Dot the apples with butter and moisten the edge of the trimmed botton crust Put on the top of the pastry, trim and crisp the edge Bake in a 450-degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 degrees and bake 20-25 minutes longer (length of time will depend on apples used) Leave a slit in the center of the pie crust so that the apples can be tested with a fork without disturbing the curst Serve apple pie warm or cold, plain or with sharp cheddar cheese. Put aluminum foil around the crust edge for most of the cooking time to keep the edge from burning.

PASTRY FOR PIE 2 '2 cu. flour, sifted

1 teaspoon, salt 3-4 tablespoon ice water

12 tablespoons butter, forzen, cut into table spoon-sized pieces

With metal blade of food processor in place, add flour salt, butter an d process with on and off switching rapidly for 15 seconds. Add water as needed. Continue processing until a ball of dough forms on the blade. Chili overnight Handle pastry as little as possible, make in a cool spot, using cool fingers, makes two 8 or 9 inch pastry shells





Grocery sends home sushi

Continued from Page 1

gently through the rice to prevent mashing the individual grains, adding the vinegar seasoning slowly. Contin ue this motion with the spatula with one hand and fan the rice with the other hand. If this is not possible, use an electric fan or have someone else fan the rice nearby or point a hairdryer, set on cool air Meanwhile, constantly turn the rice, using a cutting and holding motion, until the rice is cool. This firms the surface of the grains and gives them a glossy finish. Cover the rice with a damp cloth, and keep it at room temperature Serves 4

HOSOMAKI

2 cups vinegared rice l ounce kampyo (dried gourd shavings) 5 sheets nori (laver seaweed)

salt rice vinegar

sugar

Prepare the vinegared rice, put aside. Cut the kampyo strips in 3 pieces Rub with salt, rinse in water Cook in enough boiling water until soft. Drain Squeeze out the water. Fill a pan with the kampyo and add 2-3 tablespoons water, 5 tablespoons sugar and 3 tablespoons soy sauce. Cook until the liquid is absorbed. L

Toast 2 nori sheets together over low heat. Turn off the heat when the color of the nori becomes greenish. Do not over toast. Cut in half crosswise will measure approximately 7 by 4 inches.

Place nori on the surface of a sudare (bamboo rolling mat), so the longest length will be crosswise. Moisten hands with tezu (vinegar/water solution of 1 cup water 2 tablespoons rice vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt). Make a ball of a '2 cup prepared vinegared rice. Place this mound on the nori. Spread out carefully, leaving about inch of the nori exposed on the end farthest away

Make a hollow groove in the center so you can place 3 pieces of cooked kampyo lengthwise. Dampen exposed strip of nori with vinegar/water solution. Lift the front of the sudare closest to your body Roll the hosomaki with the sudare, pressing down on the nori portion firmly and finally it will stick to itself when completely rolled Shape the roll ends so no rice will fall out If you can let it rest a minute or two, all the better. Moisten a sharp knife with vinegared water. The ideal manner of cutting is in half and then wipe the knife and place the two rolls together. Cut the two rolls together again in half to result in four pieces. Variations for filling

Tekka Maki (rolled hosomaki with tuna)

Use a strip of fresh tuns cut to inch square length wise Serve with wasabi (Japanese horseradish)

Kappa Maki (rolled hosomaki with cucumber)

Rub cucumber with salt. Rinse with water. Cut cu-

cumber into spears lengthwise Sprinkle toasted white sesame seeds to give good flavor

> AVOCADO/CRAB CALIFORNIA ROLL

In California since the advent of sushi bars, there has been an interesting development in sushi. Chefs use sliced, ripe avocado, along with crab legs, to form a dazzling "California Roll." The oil content and smooth texture of the avocado is similar to tuna, and is delicious when combined with crab

There are quite a few adaptations of this idea

· Toast nori sheet, cut in quarters and place on your hand Vinegared rice is placed thereon In the center a slice of avocado and a crab leg meat portion are aligned with a sprinkle of toasted white sesame seeds This is rolled like a fat cigar

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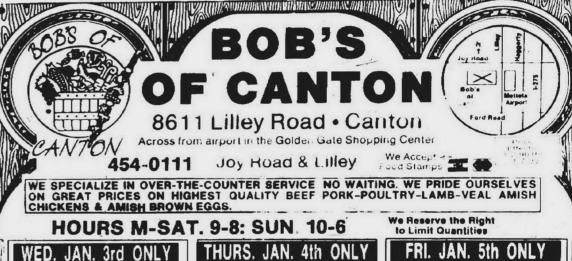
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· Another version is to place the toasted nori sheet cut in quarters on the sudare (bamboo rolling mat). The avocado slice is placed thereon along with the crabmeat. This is colled at the point with the nori surrounding the ingredients. Then the vinegared rice is formed by hand around the nort to produce a nigirisushi-type oval. This is in turn rolled in toasted white sesame seeds.

• A favorite method is to make it buffet-style. The avocado slices are sprinkled with lemon juice to prevent oxidation and lined up with crab portions and a small dish of toasted sesame seeds. The ingredients are arranged on a serving platter A bowl of vinegared rice is then made up into small balls, ready to be picked up by the guests. The toasted nori is cut into quarters and stacked close by And the star of the show is a bunch of fresh green shiso (beefsteak plant of the mint family) leaves, ready to be included in the combination. Prepare your own temaki sushi Dip in soy-sauce to eat.

· Avocade slices can have lemon juice sprinkled on them and be placed on a legular nigiri-sushi assortnent of toppings Shrimp or scallops would work equaliv sell with avocado. Or you can use avocado as a surprise filler in other types of sushi

Substitute for crab: A very delicious alternative to expensive crab legs is an imitation crab made from pollack, potato starch, sugar and salt with coloring and crab flavoring. This is a steamed fishcake produced in Japan and sold frozen in America



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Dinner hails 1990s neatly

I don't know how you are, but I always make New Year's resolutions I keep anywhere from six hours to six weeks depending on my resolve.

When I make these resolutions, I really do mean to follow through, but somehow my sincere intentions begin to fade into the mist as the reality of the pressures of everyday life take over

But once again, I find myself excited by the prospect of yet another fresh, new year, although I sometimes regret there is no quick and fool-proof recipe for life.

Unpredictable at best, life can be likened to this week's Winner Din-ner, "Neat to Eat" Sloppy Joes, which are perfect examples of controlled chaos - neat and tidy on the outside and all mixed up on the inside. And yet, as with life's delights, these tasty sandwiches will keep you coming back for more.

Barbara Crouse of Farmington Hills is this week's Winner Dinner Winner. Her 22-year-old son and husband love this dinner and it is already slated to be served to friends on Super Bowl Sunday.

Eaten with a fork, these no-mess, no-fuss sloppy Joes take only minutes to put together. A mock Ceasar salad and peach cobbler that can be cooked in the microwave round out this tasty dinner.

Barbara, a woman of many talents, has worked as a secretary, real estate agent, sewing teacher and sales person. Putting these varied job experiences to use, she recently started her own "have skills, will travel" business, and now works as an independent temporary person.

Originally from New Jersey, the Crouses have lived in the Detroitarea for 21 years. Citing the friendli-



Barbas Crouse's Neat-to-Eat Sloppy Joes are a hit with her family

ness of 1e people and less congestion andraffic, they love Farmington Hilland consider this area to be

Thankyou, Barbara, for sharing your fanly's favorite dinner with us and corratulations on being our first Winer Dinner Winner of the ni-

I woul like to take this opportunity to thak all of you who have supported ad contributed to this column. I hpe it has been helpful and I am looking forward to hearing from more of ou in the new year.

Just 4 we have dinner menus, each an every one of us has our very on unusual menu for life, filled wh many different courses. Some corses are simple, others are more couplicated; some are delightful and thers, quite frankly, can give onendigestion.

Hopefully, the courses life serves you in this new year will be fulfilling and bring much happiness to you and your family. Wishing you all the best, I hope this week's Winner Dinner will start you off in the right direction for 1990.

Each week's winner receives an apron with the words Winner Dinner Winner on it. 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 clipping in a folder with pockets that will hold them.

Observer & Accentric Winner Dinner

Menu

"NEAT TO EAT" SLOPPY JOES MOCK CEASAR SALAD MICROWAVE PEACH COBBLER

Recipes

"NEAT TO EAT" SLOPPY JOES

1 pound ground beef 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese.

grated % to 1 cup ketchup 2 tablespoons prepared mus-

2 teaspoons Worcestershire desh pepper 2 cans (8 ounces each) crescent rolls

This recipe takes 10 to 15 minutes to prepare and can be

made as much as a day ahead and kept refrigerated until placed in the oven

Brown ground beef with onion. Drain grease. Stir in remaining ingredients while beef and onion mixture is still hot. Separate crescent rolls into 8 rectangles (press seam holes together) Spoon % of the mixture onto center of each rectangle. Bring edges up and fold together at center. Seal edges. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake for 15 to 20 minutes at 350 de-

MOCK CEASAR SALAD

1 head romaine lettuce 1/2 jar (3 oz.) crumbled bacon bits or 5 slices crisply cooked bacon, crumbled Golden Ceasar salad dressing (Crouse prefers a dressing made by Kraft)

1/2 cup onion and garlic flavored croutons anchovies (optional)

Rinse and pat dry the lettuce. Tear into small pieces. Mix all other ingredients and toss well.

MICROWAVE PEACH COBBLER

4 peaches, peeled and sliced (or two 16 ounce cans of peaches, drained and sliced). '4 cup butter or margarine 2 cups yellow cake mix or 1 small box of Jiffy yellow cake

1 teaspoon cinnamon 3 tablespoons sugar

This recipe uses fresh peaches. However, if using canned peaches, omit sugar

Arrange peaches in an 8-inch square microwave-safe pan. Sprinkle with cinnamon and sugar. Cook 3 minutes on high. In glass bowl, melt butter. Add cake mix and blend well. Crumble over peaches. Microwave on high for 10 minutes. Cool slightly and serve. It is especially good with vanilla ice cream. If you prefer to bake this in an oven, assemble and bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees.

Shopping List

1 pound ground beef bacon or bacon bits 2 cans crescent rolls (8 ounces

onion and barlic-flavored crou-

1 box vellow cake mux

1 onion 1 head of romaine lettuce anchovies (optional) 4 peaches or 2 cans of sliced

peaches (16 oz. each) sharp cheddar cheese butter or margarine ketchup

prepared mustard Worcestershire sauce pepper cinnamon

golden Caesar salad dressing

Nutritionist cautions against catalog food Veggie duo

"If it wasn't for catalogs, I would never have anything new, because I don't have time to shop"

Does that sound like you? In-home shopping is big business. Besides purchasing clothing and home furnishings, Americans order food through the mail to the tune of about one billion dollars a year.

It's not surprising that crown rib roasts, succulent baked hams and turkeys, gorgeous planked salmon or perfect cheesecakes seen in catalogues tempt customers. They're great for putting together easy holiday meals and as gifts for those hard to buy for.

Still, the food safety question remains. How can you be sure these foods will stay safe and arrive looking wonderful during shipment?

It's important to understand that

smoked, which often is just exposure to a commercial smoke source, this doesn't ecessarily mean the meat has bee cooked. While a vacuum pack dos extend shelf life somewhat an delays some taste change problem, most vacuum-packed foods sti need a cold source.

WHA? IS AN adequate cold source? ome companies use a box consistig of a plastic foam cooler packed ith dry ice. Other reliable compans freeze food solid so that overnigl delivery in cold weather guarantes it will arrive still firm and coldo the touch.

When you order a gift, find out some arwers to ensure that it arrives in safe eating condition.

· Chek on the cold source. Ask what kids of cold source will be used wir perishable food and how long thepackage will be in transit. The col source must last long enough s that food arrives frozen or firm ancold. Canned or processed foods laeled "keep refrigerated"



Lois Thieleke

home economist, Cooperative Extension Service

source.

• Check to see that the package will be labeled as perishable on the outside wrapping. Perishables have a much better chance of surviving if those receiving the food item can see the label.

• Set a workable delivery date. Once you know how long the mailing takes, call your friends to find a date someone can be home to receive the gift. It's surprising how much food can spoil because it's stuck in the post office. Mention that this surprise should go straight into the refrigerator. Then call the mail-order house back and set up a date. It's the shippers responsibility to deliver on time, the customers responsibility

should also be shipped with a cold to have someone at home to receive the goods.

• It's safer to send food directly to the home rather than the office, as people forget to take the gift home and leave it unrefrigerated.

If you receive a gift of perishable foods, what should you check for

· Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen it should be cold to the touch.

· Ham, with the exception of drycured country hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

· Sausage; some hard, dry sausages; pepperoni, and hard salami

don't need refrigeration. Other types (summer sausage, Lebanon balogna, Thurbinger) do. If the label says "refrigerate," the sausage should arrive

· Cheese. There should be no mold on cheese except what is part of its nature - blue mold in blue cheese, for example.

• Cheesecake is perishable bearrive fully frozen.

• First-class live lobster should come packed in seaweed in an insulated box. Lobsters should still be lively before cooking. Check that the tail is tightly coiled. Do not eat lobster with a limp tail. This may indicate the presence of disease or that

the lobster is near death. Make sure you are dealing with a reputable company and ask questions about delivery policies. These companies want to have satisfied customers so are willing to answer your concerns. If you have taken the time to order a gift you certainly want it to arrive in beautiful and safe condition.

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spices up meals

AP - Because two are often tastier than one, be on the lookout for new vegetable duos.

'MICROWAVE CAULIFLOWER AND TOMATOES

2 cups cauliflower flowerets 2 green onions, sliced ns water

crumbled 's teaspoon dried basil, crust 4 teaspoon self

In a 1-quart microwave-safe dis serole combine cauliflower, onic and water. Cook, covered, on 100 percent power (high) for 5 to 7 minutes or until cauliflower is crisp-tender. Drain well.:

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Recipes warm Chef's heart

I know you'll enjoy: ROSE'S POTATO SOUP

Add flour and mix well. Add milk and bring to a beil. Simmer potatoes, colory, carrots in water till tender. Add to milky stock. Season with salt and popper. Stir in ham. Heat to serve, top with grated choose and croutons, if desired.

NO PEEK STEW (great for those holiday crock pots)

pounds stewing boof, cut into cubes I cap colory, cut up

Place all ingredients in a heavy liettle or crock pot at medium tem-perature, about 325 degrees. Cover and don't raise the lid for 4 hours.

Long drives allow taste tests in small eateries of country

By the time you read this, I will either be in Florida, or well on the way. I don't have anything against flying. In fact, I enjoy it, and fly of-ten. However, if I have the time to do so, I enjoy driving to and from my annual vacation spot.

But "time" is a key word here. Never do I want to drive there as my son and brother do; J-75 all the way, stopping only to go to the bathroom, and arriving less than 24 hours after leaving home tired out and tense from a trip that was no fun at all.

When I drive to Florida, the actual trip is half the fun of the vacation. And I don't hurry. My friend Inez and I once took two days to get from Marco Island to the Florida-Georgia. border, and we did not get back to Michigan for another five days.

We had to come home because, by that time, the car was so full of plants, shells, feather beds, pillows, and other wonderful things we had picked up at factory outlets and flea markets along the way, we could no longer close the car doors without great difficulty.

TAKING BACKROADS and alternate routes, stopping in small towns along the way, visiting old cemeter ies, eating in homey little restaurants, and passing the time of day talking with strangers beats any form of relaxation I can think of.

You forget all about your daily routine, and when you don't race the clock, you arrive at your destination well rested. Besides that, you get to enjoy some of the world's best cook-

Sure, there are some dangers in straying from the beaten path. Once I ended up spending the night in the Evergleden. Another time, I drove 20 miles on a steep winding read in the mountains of Kentucky before find-

ing a safe place to turn around.
On those occasions, I-75, with its chain motels at every exit seemed mighty good to me. But the excitement, the beauty, the people you meet, and the peacefulness of traveling through small towns you can't see from the main highway - as well as the serendipities you come across there - far outweigh the risks.

SMALL TOWN restaurants in Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky offer menus very different from the ones you find in Michigan. More than once, I have sent my compliments to the cook, and he or she has come out from the kitchen and pulled up a chair to talk a spell. I have collected some really good "down home" recipes this way.



I'd like to share these with you exactly as they were given to me.

CORN MEAL MUSH

Put two quarts of water in a clean pot, and heat it until it boils. Then add a tablespoon of salt.

Take a handful of yellow corn-meal in your left hand, and pudding stick (or wooden spoon) in your right. Drop the meal slowly into the water, and stir constantly. Continue to add cornmeal until the mixture is as thick as you can stir easily.

Cook about 20 minutes. It will bubble and puff up. Stir it a lot. Pour it into a deep pan or dish, (bread loaf pans, if you plan to slice it later).

This may be eaten cold or hot, with milk or with butter and syrup and sugar, or with meat and gravy like potatoes or rice.

The next morning, quickly slice the left-over mush, and fry the slices in hot fat until golden brown. Serve with molasses, maple syrup, or honey - along with sausage, ham, or

TURKEY BURGERS 1 pound ground beef (or ground veni-

1 pound bulk pork sausage (sweet or spley, to your liking) 1 small outon, chopped 2 cups coarse cracker crumbs

2 eggs, slightly beaten salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together. (If Shape into patties, and fry as you would hamburgers. These are really good grilled, and served on hamburger buns.

COUNTRY HAM

This is nothing like the boneless variety we have all become used to. A country ham should be soaked overnight before cooking, to remove excess salt. Then wash the ham thoroughly, and place it in a large kettle. Cover with water, and cook until tender (20-30 minutes per pound).

Remove from kettle. Cut off the outside skin, and score ham. Sprinkle with brown sugar, and dot with whole cloves. Bake about 45 minutes at 850, degrees, basting regularly with apple cider.

Other Glazes For Baked Ham

- Jelly glaze: Mix one cup of jelly with one cup ham gravy (baste the ham with this).
- Mix one cup brown sugar with one teaspoon dry mustard and enough apple cider to make a thin paste to cover the ham.
- Boil together: 4 cup corn syrup (light or dark), 1/2 cup brown sugar, and 1 cup orange juice. (Use to baste the ham.)

Fried Ham and "Red Gravy"

Slice the cooked ham, and fry in a skillet. Cook on both sides. Add 1/2 cup of black coffee. Serve while hot.

STEWED CHICKEN WITH DUMPLINGS

1 5-6 pound chicken (whole or cut up) 1 large or 2 small onions; (chopped

1 or 2 carrots, (sliced lengthwise) a couple of bay leaves salt and pepper to taste

Place all of this in a stew pot. Cover with water, and boil slowly until chicken is tender. Remove chicken to platter.

Drop dumpling batter into boiling water by spoonfuls. Cover, and cook about 10-15 minutes. The pot must have a tight fitting cover, or dumplings will be heavy.

Serve hot with butter, and more salt and pepper.

Dumpling Batter 2 cups flour

l teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper 4 teaspoons baking powder

1 egg, well beaten 3 tablespoons melted butter, or other

shortening milk (about % cup)

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A breakfast of cereal fruit milk and whole-grain the "fuel children need to go woing in the morning. Breakfast should dd up to at least one-fourth of daily 1 requirements

The American Health Foundation says you can reduce fat and cholesterol at breakfast by serving low-fat milk and whole-grain breads and cereals with fruit.

Sandwiches made with water-

tritious alternatives to processed meats. Plain low-fat yogurt can be used instead of mayonnaise in chick en and tuna salads. Ketchup, mustaid and chutney have very little fat and are good substitutes for butter mayonnaise. Try whole-wheat

pernickel, oat and pita breads variety. Cauliflower, broccoli, turnips

mushrooms, green peppers and to-matoes make colorful snacks Soak iresh vegetables in icy water before serving to make then crisp, Use carrot and celery sticks with low-facheese and low-fat yogurt dips

Offer a variety of fruit prevent sliced fruit from turning brown by squeezing on tention time or orange juice, which also adds fla vor. Or try dried fruits, such as figs apricots and dates.

Whole-grain breads and cruckers packed tuna and part-skim moz- make healthy snacks and are good

ber. Au popped or microwave pop-corn without butter is another hearthealthy treat. Nuts, too, are healthy nutritious anacks, full of protein. They contain fat, but very little of it is saturated fat. Low-fat munchies also include pretzels, but watch the

Cook your own sandwich meat Roast chicken turkey, beef and pork. Hemove the skin and fat. Bake o boil ham For frankfurters, your best choice is chicken or turkey hot

The American Health Foundation says 50 percent or more of the calories children eat should come from carbohydrate foods. The best sources re bread, pasta, potatoes, cereals, scains rice, peas and corn, which are also packed with vitamins and ninerals

A: easy way to reduce fat intake is to serve meatless dishes. Try pasta with marinara sauce, rice and beans, vegetables with low-fat cheese, and vegetable stew.

Make your own low-fat desserts. Serve sherbets, ice milk or frozenfruit bars instead of ice cream. Muffins, cookles or cakes turn into healthier desserts when baked with whole-wheat flour or a mixture of half whole-wheat and half white flour. Use 2 egg whites in place of 1

The importance of eating break-

fast has been emphasized by Dymple Cooksey, a nutrition specialist at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Kids who skip breakfast can not concentrate as well as their classmates who take time for a morning meal, Cooksey says.

Proper choices from the basic food groups of meet, milk, fruits and vegetables, cereals and grains should provide about one-fourth of the recommended daily amounts of protein, calories, vitamins and minerals, Cooksey says

These nutrients are essential for energy, maintenance and body repair," Cooksey says. She compares breakfast eaters and breakfast skippers in these ways:

. Kids who regularly eat a wellbalanced breakfast can perform more efficiently, concentrate on the day's schedule, and are less tired af ter a busy day.

· Kids who eat breakfast are energetic and can concentrate on school-related tasks; skippers often tend to be irritable, restless and list-

· Kids who eat breakfast have a better late-morning problem-solving ability and have more energy at midday.

· Kids who eat breakfast are better nourished, and have more nutritionally balanced diets. They have higher intakes of calcium derived from milk, as well as phosphorus and riboflavin, nutrient essentials

LOW-FAT RECEPES BEAN SOUP One 12-scace can of red beans or black beans

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One 15-super can crushed toma se olive all

3 cups water
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 onion, chopped
Rinse brans and cook in water until tender Add remaining ingredients. Stir. Continue cooking until all ingredients are tender. Makes 8

STUFFED TURKEY BREAST One 8-ounce can aliced water chest-

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PLYMOUTH FREIGHT HOUSE

10 ounces slicel mushrooms I bunch scallions I cup low-fat plain yogurt

Preheet oven to 350. Mix water ets, mushrooms and scallions In another bowl, mix yegurt, temater paste and lemen juice for dressing. Combine three-fourths of the yegurt dressing mixture with vegetables.

Place 1 tablespoon of vegetable mixture into the middle of the turkey breast Roll up turkey and place on rack in baking pan. Top with re-maining vegetable mixture, the remaining yogurt dressing and sesame seeds. Roast in preheated 350 oven for 45 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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thin vanilla chiffon layers, soaked with Grand Mariner

Dissolve sugar in egg white waitin over water bath, whip until cool. Fold in Persimmon puree. Add cream, whip to medium peaks. Layer in 4 ounces ramikins with chiffon layers, (3 layers each), ending with persimmon mousse. Top with thin layer of brown sugar and glaze under broiler. Refrigerate and serve.

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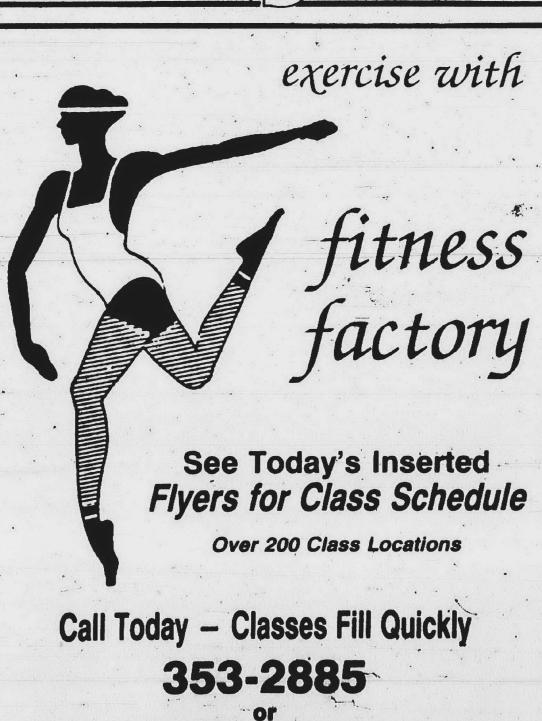
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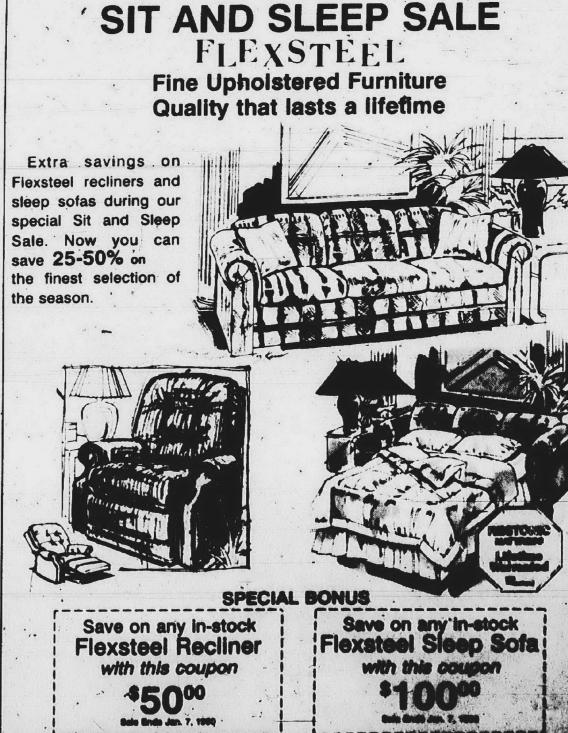
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Gun regulation bills

Tighter controls attract broad support

The latest gun regulation bills are sponsored by a gun-owning lawmaker and endorsed by a committee chair who belongs to the National Rifle Association

They would ban fully automatic weapons in Michigan.

"I'm a gun owner and ardent supporter of Second Amendment rights," said the sponsor, Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton.

"It's easier to defend (gun ownership) when we've removed access to weapons with no sporting purpose whatever. Why wait until another Stockton, Calif., incident?" said Kos-

THE BILLS will go to the House Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, chaired by Jerry C. Bartnik, D-Temperance, the NRA member who endorsed it.

"A few years ago, you would never see my name associated with this kind of bill," said Bartnik. He changed hts mind because of "the fatal link between these kinds of weapons and the spread of drugs throughout our state.

The Kosteva bills have been endorsed by House Democratic leaders

Here are other gun regulation

bills, their sponsors and their sta-

• Senate Bill 325 - require back-

ground check on purchaser of rifle

or semiautomatic assault rifle. (N.

Smith; Senate Judiciary Committee.)

allow death penalty for firing gun at

motor vehicle and causing death;

• HJR A and House Bill 4011 -

tus in the Michigan Legislature:

Lewis Dodak of Birch Run and Pat Gagliardi of Drummond Island. Kosteva expects bipartisan support.

One Kosteva bill is a revision of House Bill 4624 (see chart). The sponsor, Rep. Vincent Porreca, D-Trenton, withdrew it from consider-ation after a buzzsaw of opposition. Porreca's name is on several strict gun control measures.

Other bills in Lansing would treat inoperable pistols as if they were operable and require training of pistol buyers.

THE NEW package of bills by Kosteva would:

• Require a criminal history check and mental health background declaration of persons purchasing firearms. (It appears similar to SB 325, sponsored by Sen. Nick Smith, R-Hillsdate.)

· Ban shotguns capable of accepting ammunition drums or magazine clips of more than five rounds. "They call them 'street sweepers.' They fire 20 rounds in a few seconds. They serve absolutely no sporting purpose. They are a kill-and-maim type weapon," Kosteva said.

• Prohibit "conversion kits" used

to convert a semiautomatic to automatic firing. (A semiautomatic gun requires a separate trigger move-

voters would have to approve consti-

tutional amendment. (Porreca; no

fore one may purchase a pistol. (Leland; Strongly opposed on House

floor, sent back to committee; spon-

• HB 4624 — prohibits sale of "assault" weapons. (Porreca; House

sor asked it be withheld.)

• HB 4163 — require training be-

Status of other gun control bills

weapon fires continuously as long as one squeezes the trigger.)

e Repeal a law allowing individuals to buy and possess automatic weapons.

REP. WILLIS Bullard Jr., R-Highland, is sponsoring a bill to treat inoperable handguns the same as working guns for purposes of sentencing. His HB 5003 is locked in the House Judiciary Committee.

"There was a Court of Appeals case where someone was let off because the gun wasn't working," said, Bullard.

That case reversed nearly 20 years of case precedent that an inoperable handgun which can easily be made operable requires the same pistol permit, according to Prof. David G. Cotter of the Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Bullard said his intent is not to require licensing of inoperable pistols but to allow a judge to sentence users as if they were operable pis-

House Judiciary Chairman Perry Bullard (no kin of Willis), D-Ann Arbor, scoffed that HB 5003 "a Republican load of . . . It loads prisons without doing anything about the cause - loaded, real guns.'

• HB 5003 - treats inoperable

handguns as concealed weapons if

used in commission of a crime. (W.

Bullard; House Judiciary Commit-

leaving loaded firearm in minor's

reach. (Stallworth; House Judiciary

• HB 5212 — penalties for person

Tourism Committee.)

tee.)

what he says about all criminal leg-

LEGISLATORS LIKE the sound of the pistol training bill (HB 4163), but find problems with setting up classes.

"The sheriffs association didn't want to do it," said Perry Bullard, who co-sponsored it and handled it in the judiciary committee. "We couldn't get a floor vote. They sent it back to committee."

"It's not a bad idea," agreed Kosteva, "If it's not overly costly to implement.

Willis Bullard added that lawmakers "on a lot of issues are not concerned about the bill itself but where it might lead." He said it would have to be "meaningful training" by a responsible group."

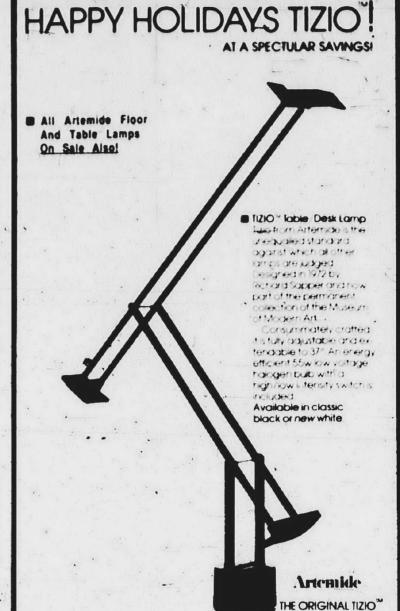
There's still argument over the effectiveness of driver training," Bullard said.

TWO BILLS favored by gun owners and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs have made it through one chamber of the Legislature.

In 1988, the Senate passed, 26-9, a bill by Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, to prohibit local units of government from enacting ordinances more restrictive than state and federal firearms laws. It died in the House Judiciary Committee.

The House gave 77-15 approval to the MUCC-backed shooting range. protection bill. HB 5056 would protect shooting ranges from lawsuits over noise in cases where the range was in operation prior to residential development - the situation in several suburban areas. The Senate Judiciary Committee reported it out to the Senate floor.





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Salem program takes new direction

By Dan O'Mears staff writer

The team approach applies not only to the Plymouth Salem volleyball players but the coaches as well

The Rocks will have two bosses this year. Brian Gilles and Allie Suffety will serve as

Gilles had been the varsity coach at Salem (1974-77) and recently was the JV coach under Betty Smith, who resigned to devote more time to other commitments and pursuits

That's also the reason Suffety, who coached the Canton varsity for three years. is at Salem. With two people sharing the responsibility of running a program, he has more time for his family.

Gilles, who coached Salem varsity baseball 1976-83, got out of coaching so he could travel and see his daughters play college tennis. They've since graduated and Gilles was ready to coach again.

"IT'S NICE to have someone to bounce things back and forth with," Gilles said. "It's nice because you're not overwhelmed. Otherwise, it can get you. If you want to do it right (and alone), it can get you

Suffety likes being a coach in the same building where he teaches. As the lone coach at Canton, he sometimes felt the weight of three programs was on his shoulders. He was reassured by the belief that job was left in the capable hands of former Salem player Jacque Merrifield, he said.

There are other things I enjoy in my life," Suffety said. "I enjoy being home with my family

Gilles and Suffety will have a young team and, with some experience, hope to see it reach its potential later in the season.

The Rocks have just three seniors: 5-foot-8 Kolleen Lawrence, 5-61/2 Aimee Rutan and 5-9 Jenny Justice. Lawrence and Rutan are co-captains. All are outside hitters.

In addition, there are only five juniors. The rest of the 36 players in the program are sophomores and freshmen. Under the co-coaching format, the varsity and JV teams will practice together. Some of the young players will have to help on the varsity, and others know they have a chance to move up since the varsity won't have a set

"IT'S NOT a rebuilding thing," Gilles said, but we're looking at some of the young

volleyball

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players being involved We're hoping down the road we're going to be a power, not only in the league but the state. That's where we want to take this team.

We're going to leave it open. We want them to know if they're doing a lot better in two weeks they're going to go up and play with the varsity.

The juniors are 5-9 Lisa Grosso (hitter). 5-7 Amy Krajewski (all-round), 5-7 Amy Syria (setter), 5-6 Kelly Szurek (back row) and 5-7 Andrea Welling (hitter).

"We'll be real young at an important part of the team," said Gilles of the lack of experience among the setters. "But we have some kids we think will be able to handle the job. We don't know who will come forward out of them, but we think someone will."

The sophomores are Martha Bol (setter/ front row), Jenny Emmett (all-round), Casey Fillion (setter), Emily Giuliani (hitter), Sarah Krieger (setter), Nicole Santillie (back row), Heather Sills (back row), Theresa Sunderman (hitter). Julie Thomas (hitter) and Sue Tihanyi (hitter).

Gilles said the coaches are looking for big things from the 5-9 Bol in the future, and Emmett is a versatile player who can play any position. Fillion and Sills are others who might get varsity playing time, and Sunderman and Thomas, like Emmett, played JV ball as freshmen.

"WE DON'T want to lock anybody out" of a chance to play varsity, Gilles said, "and" we don't want anybody to get into a comfort zone. We're saying to the older kids: 'Because it's open up and down, if you keep your job fine, but if somebody is improving they've got a shot.' We want to keep the competitive edge in practice."

The top freshmen prospects are Shetby Carey, Michelle Cronan, Cyndi Platter and Caryn Tatterton. Carey, Cronan and Platter are outside hitters and Tatterton is a setter. Cronan also plays back row

"We're going to have a lot of young players, and we hope those young player get better," Suffety said. "Not to take away from this year, but it's a good time to get into the

'A lot of kids are going to get some experience. We'd like to be somewhere around our peak by the end of the year because we've got some learning to do.

In the tournament at Henry Ford Community College last month, the Rocks were third in their five-team pool, but their purpose was to begin the process of getting the needed experience, Gilles said.

"We went there treating it as a practice," he said. "Everybody played an equal amount of time. It probably cost us some games, but we wanted to see who could do what in cer-

tain situations. Gilles expects defense to be a strength, but attacking is an area Salem needs to

work on 'At the tournament, we were really timid," he said. "We've got kids who can hit the

ball, but we want them to be aggressive." Salem begins the dual-meet season Wednesday, Jan. 10, when it plays host to

Akron team's greeting lacks holiday cheer

By Ray Setlock staff writer

The holidays haven't been so happy for the Redford Catholic Central bas-

The Shamrocks found themselves up against a much quicker Central-Hower team Thursday, falling 71-51 at home.

CC drops its record to 1-4, while the visitors from Akron, Ohio, remain

Central-Hower wasted little time in getting a lead, jumping out to a 10-2 margin in the game's opening minutes.

'We came out intimidated," CC coach Bernie Holowicki said. "We had nobody willing to take control and put the ball in the hole. When that happens you're not going to get positive results."

One of the Shamrocks primary concerns was Central-Hower guard Marquiee Smith. He scored eight of his team's first 10 points on a layup and a

"HE IS PROBABLY our most consistent three-point threat," Central-Hower coach Mike Meneer said. "He played real hard for us tonight."

Smith finished the night with a game-high 23 points, four of which came from three-point territory.

With Central-Hower leading by eight, the Shamrocks reeled off 10 points to cut the deficit to 12-10 at the end of the first quarter: "We started to play like we are capable of playing," Holowicki said. "Our

press was beginning to work and the guys were making their shots." Central-Hower shut the door on the Shamrocks in the second quarter,

building a 13-point lead by taking advantage of costly CC turnovers. Central-Hower would rally for a 38-25 halftime lead. "Our downfall in the second quarter was a combination of their quickness

and our mistakes," Holowicki said. "We aren't going to get away with many mistakes against a team like this. They are going to get you with their THE SHAMROCKS would come within seven late in the third quarter, but

once again Central-Hower would close the door and walk away with the "I think when they got close, it was just a case of our team letting up," Meneer said. "There were times when we thought we had the game locked

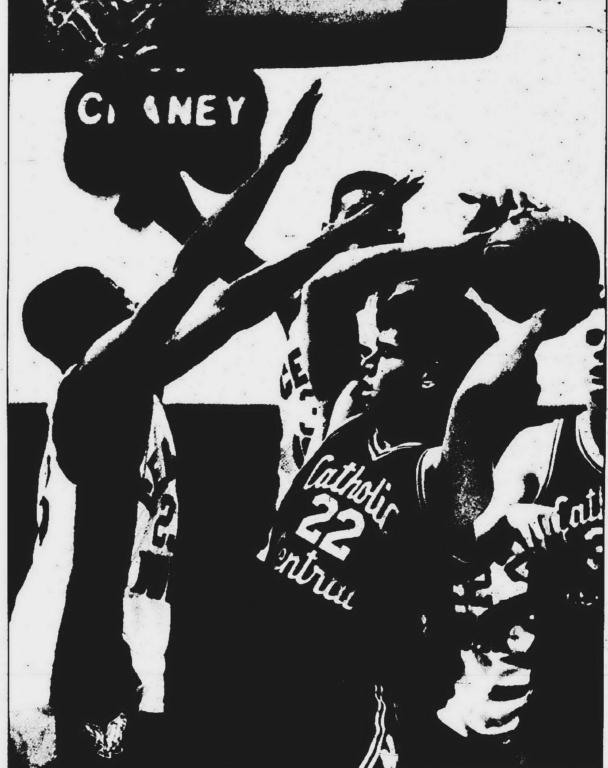
and we didn't. Speed really helped us. We were a much quicker team and that was the key factor.' Junior guard Steve Whitlow and sophomore center Bob Kummer led the

Shamrocks with 16 points.

"I think Whitlow played a real steady game tonight," Holowicki said. "He is starting to adapt to the point guard position. Last year, Terry (Boykin) handled the point position, but since he graduated we are looking to Whitlow and he is starting to do the job for us."

Senior forward Robert Thompson contributed 16 points for Central-Hower and junior guard Jed Dunn added 15.

Despite the loss, Holowicki said the game with Central-Hower was benefi-



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Jon Barbara of Catholic Central gets pressure from Akron Central-Hower players Marquiee Smith (left) and Cedric Richards in the interstate encounter Thursday at CC. The Ohio ballclub went home with a 71-51 victory.

Palace lights too bright for Spartans

By Brad Emone staff writer

A stay at the Palace was anything but pleasurable Thursday for coach Mike Fusco's Redford Bishop Borgess basketball team.

It was more like a night in the torture chamber as unbeaten Saginaw High held the Spartans hostage during the final 16 minutes of play en route to a convincing 81-52 triumph in the Big Michigan Shoot-out.

"I just chastised my team for getting caught up in the glitz and glamour of the thing instead of being mentally into the game," said Fusco, whose team suffered its first loss in four games. "Our minds were in it emotionally, which is good, but our minds weren't focused on actually playing the game."

Saginaw outscored the Spartans 47-24 in the second half to notch their fifth consecutive win.

The Trojans, in fact, were clearly the most impressive team in the in-

augural Shootout, which featured five games on the day, including the big matchup in the nightcap between Detroit Pershing and Country Day School of Birmingham.

"WE DIDN'T PLAY well at all," said Mike Fusco. "But they (Saginaw) played together. Their guards play extremely well. They isolated them one-on-one and they worked in that scheme very well with some of the other things offensively. They can get up the floor very well, but they're also a very selective team with their shots."

Saginaw clearly won the battle of the backcourt.

Senior Marcus Buckley paced all scorers with 21 points, while junior Daniel West contributed 17 and Julian Taylor added 10 off the bench.

The Trojans connected on six shots from three-point range.

"I think we're a good shooting team," said Saginaw coach Marshall beeketbel

Thomas. "I think we've been under 50 percent only one game. Our guards are starting to come around because mentally they're more into it. Any time Marcus or Daniel had the ball, we felt we could take it to the hoop.

Saginaw also got strong inside play from 6-6 junior Jesse Drain (14 points). The Trojans also started 6-7 junior Rashaan Williams.

"THEY KICKED OUR butts in the rebounding department," said Fusco. 'Not that I'm not super happy about our block outs, but in our defense they had some huge bodies."

The Spartans started out as if they were ready to avenge last year's embarrassing 96-45 loss at Saginaw.

Respert scoring eight points, took a 19-18 first-quarter advantage. But things quickly soured for the

Spartans in the second quarter. They got careless with the ball

and began forcing shots. By halftime Borgess was down

Respert, the 6-3 senior who came in averaging 29 points per game, picked up his third foul late in the first half and sat out half of the third quarter after being tagged with his

BUT THAT WASN'T the only problem. The Spartans could not handle Saginaw's ball-hawking backcourt. The Trojans, taking advantage of turnovers, outscored Borgees 11-0 during a stretch of only one minute and 32 seconds.

"We didn't have anything special designed for Respert. We played him

straight up," Thomas said. "But The Spartans, with top gun Shawn being in foul trouble kind of took him out of the game.'

Respert finished with 12 points. Senior forward Randy White, was the only other Spartan in double figures with 13.

"If they invite us back next year, we'll play," Fusco said. "It was a good experience to play in a game like this. It says something about our program, even though we didn't live up to it tonight."

In the feature attraction of the night, Country Day held off Pershing, 51-46, in a ragged game.

The much-heralded Chris Webber, Country Day's 6-10 center, finished with 14 points as did teammate Iya-

po Montgomery. Sean Rambus, a 6-7 senior, led the Doughboys with 18, while 6-7 Loren-20 Orr, bound for Southern Cal, added 10, including a spectacular left-handed put-back dunk, which had the estimated crowd of 7,000 buzzing.

Webber unhappy with play

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

Lorenzo Orr and Chris Webber are good friends, so Thursday at the Palace, Webber decided to take out his frustration on something else. A backboard.

Webber scored only 14 points and grabbed an uncharacteristically low seven rebounds in Detroit Country Day's 51-46 win over Detroit Pershing in the featured game of the first-

ever Big Michigan Shootout. Those are depressing numbers for Webber - considered one of the naion's finest juniors - but he man aged to leave a lasting impression on the 7 303 fans at the end: a two-handed, monstrous dunk at the buzzer.

'I wanted to try to break the backboard," said the 6-foot-10 Webber. That dunk was out of frustration for missing all those shots, making turnovers and not playing as well as I could have.'

THE GAME was billed as a matchup between Webber and Orr, Pershing's 6-8 senior center who has already signed a letter of intent to attend Southern California. Before the game, both players embraced at half-court, sharing a conversation. No, they didn't kiss - but they

made a pact. "We just said, 'Let's leave all the publicity and newspapers out of this and and just play ball," said Webber, who made six-of-10 shots. "He's the best post-up player I've

ever played against." Said Orr: "That's one of the highest compliments I can get. I thank him for that and believe me, I feel the same about him."

Orr, who missed practice Wednesday because of the flu, did not start and finished with 10 points and only two rebounds before fouling out with 17 seconds left in the game. Orr's most spectacular moment came with 6:30 left in the game when he rose above everyone else in the paint and threw down a one-handed dunk off a rebound, giving Pershing its last lead, 39-35.

DCD scored the next 12 points to take a 47-39 lead with 3:10 remaining. It was unheralded junior guard Iyapo Montgomery who triggered the raily, scoring 10 of his 14 points during the run.

MONTGOMERY AND Pershing's other senior forward - Sean Rambus - helped take some of the attention away from Webber and Orr. Rambus finished with a gamehigh 18 points and eight rebounds.

Forward Ryan Ringold scored eight for Class B Country Day, which improved to 4-1 overall. Pershing. one of the top-ranked teams in Clair A, fell to 4-2.

"It was no work of art," DCD coach Kurt Keener said. "But it's still December and we want to be a great team in March. Right now, we're rough around the edges. Mene-gomery's points in the fourth quarter were key hoops. They changed the momentum. It was an emotional win, for bragging rights on the play-

money-making efforts

HERE'S SOME money out there just waiting for some-body to come along and win it. Several local tournaments are available to amateur bowlers right now or coming soon: The prize measy is up to thousan

s, which you or I can win. Usually, the entry fees are pretty reasonable compared to the available winnings, so it's up to the individual to decide er to enter or not.

There are lots of howlers who do not enter tournaments who think they are not good enough. However, with the handicap system offered in many tournaments, it is possible for almost any-one to win, regardless of average.

The 77th annual Greater Detroit Bowling Association City Tournament takes place in April and is open to five-

The Classic Division (951 and over) has a \$2,500 first prize, and the Regular Division (950 and under) offers a \$5,000 top prize. There is also a Senior Division for those bowlers 55 or older.

Entries close Saturday, Feb. 24. For the ladies, the Detroit Women's Bowling Association is presenting its 65th Annual City Tournament.

There will be one division based on 80 percent handicap. The prizes for first place are: team, \$1,000; doubles, \$600; and singles, \$300. The total prize fund is estimated at \$40,000.

Lanes beginning March 17. The entry deadline is Saturday, Feb. 3. For entry blanks, stop at your bowling center or call the GDBA at 773-6350 or the DWBA at 773-3050.

One of the most popular tournaments in the Midwest is the Hamtramck Singles Classic, which is under way and continues into June.

The reason this tournament, which is handicapped at 70 percent, is so popular is the enormous prize: \$54,000 for first place. This tournament is open to all ABC-WIBC bowlers of the past six years. Call 875-1546 for reservations or information.

The Amateur Bowlers Tour has regularly-scheduled tournaments each month. They are open to sanctioned bowlers who have had 189 or under averages for the last five years. For information call 928-2741

For you higher average bowlers, the Michigan Majors Bowling Association is holding forth Jan. 13-14 at the Astro Lanes in Madison Heights and Feb. 17-18 at Century Bowl in Pontiac.

There are several out-of-town money tournaments such as the Peterson Classic in Chicago and the Hoinke Classic in Ohio and which have very substantial prizes. Information on these tournaments can be obtained at the bowling

If you decide to enter, good luck!

• Bel Aire Lanes in Farmington is the site of the Tuesday Night Senior House League, and John Staricha held the hot hand last week with a 690 series, including a 257 game.

Bob Raf rolled a 671 with a 247 game. Bill Funke shot 268 with a 661 ries, Keith Elwert bowled a 241 and 651 and Bill Pietrzyk scored 244 with a 654 set. The league finished the first half of the season, and this week everybody starts out even for the second-half

Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills saw Al Young of the Farmington Elks run up a 290 with a 748 series. A week earlier he shot a 725 series with games of 278 and 279. In the Wednesday Junior House League, Brian Reamy came through with a fine 761 series.



· At Country Lanes in Farmington Hills, Christopher Semik of the University Men's League put together a block of 205, 245 and 299 for a 749 set. In the Ladies Noon Classic, Gloria Mertz had her magic touch working as she fired a 257 game and 624 series.

Linda Turman had 233/642, Betty Harris 235/637 and Jeanette McDonald sang to the tune of a 633 series. In the Tuesday Nite Ladies Classic; Kevin Landacre shot a 238 game and 595 to-

The Greenfield Mixed League was led by Tom Gow with 225/231 and a 667 series, Bob Mertz 248/233 and 666, John Staricha 224/231 and 637. Gloria Mertz rolled a 596 series, Jan Elliot 584 and Darnell Krause 582. Paul LaFleur had a 227 game, and Al Prieskorn scored the hat trick with 203, 205 and

· Jerry Harris of Westland recently fired a 300 game in the Monday Night Men's League at 700 Bowl in South Lyon. This was his first perfect game, and the series was 752 as he supported the 300 with a 256 and 197.

At Oak Lanes in Westland, the Wednesday Night Men's League saw Mark Helsel with 231, Ken Callus 241, Henry Coleman 234/630, Ellery Makowski 232 and Ron Mijal 236. In the Tuesday Rollers Mixed League, Rob Boyce had a 233 and Beth Awdish 227.

The Tuesday Night Men's had Bill Huzar 231, Jeff Terberg 237, Jay Gniewek 266/671 and Leo Sanchez with a 232 game. The Tuesday Men's League saw Gerald Twigg 244/636 and Bernard Antonelli 233. In the Friday Night Men's Ron Maruk shof 258/630.

The Monday Night Ladies had Cindi Brasil at 246, and the Oak Lanes Threesome featured Jo Bryans with a 207. At Super Bowl in Canton, the Strike & Drink League had Todd Bruning with a 670 series on a block of 243, 225 and

In the Friday Night Men's, Robbie Cook put together games of 235, 256 and 223 for a fine 714 set. Westland Bowl is the site of the Ford Motor League which saw Steve Bester with a 270 game and 729 series. Bob Spears had a 266 game and Bester's four-man team totalled 2669.

The Wednesday 9:30 Men's League featured Brad Falk with a 780 series with games of 275 and 278. In the West Side Senior House League, bowler of the week honors go to Terry Tesarz with an 822 series. His scores were 266, 276 and 286.

Mayflower Lanes in Redford saw Bruce Alderman of the Tuesday Men's League with 233/617. Steve Furay 223 and Karl Reel 227. In the Ladies Junior House League, Debbie Gazdik came through with a 255 game.

At Redford Lanes, the West Side Lutheran League saw Jim Globke roll a 696 set with games of 243, 264 and 189, Don Johnson 244/648, Terry Courter

644 and Terry Krohn 610. Woodland Lanes in Livonia had Adele Tabaka of the Lyndon Meadows League with a 252 game.

Tournaments can be WLAA without clear-cut favorite

By BM Parker staff writer

HE ONLY THING certain about the Western Lakes **Activities Association vol**levball race is that there will be a race.

In a Jeague that prides itself on consistently producing top-notch vol-leyball teams, there doesn't appear to be a clear-cut favorite as the 1990 season approaches.

"I think it will be a very fascinating race this year," said Mike Hughes, who coached the Livonia Churchill team to the WLAA cham-pionship last year. "I don't see anybody with a significant edge."

North Farmington veteran coach Sandra Lubieniecki, whose team won the Lakes division title last year with a 12-1 league record, echoed similar sentiment.

"The league is always tough," Lubieniecki said. "They (league opponents) will all be a challenge. I wouldn't make any predictions. There is no team in the league that can't come out and beat you.

The following is a brief preview of each of the Observerland teams competing in the Western Lakes Activity Association.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

The Chargers were undefeated in the WLAA last year (13-0) and advanced to the district finals before falling to the eventual state champ, Livonia Lady-wood. Churchill finished the season at 30-

Churchill lost six girls from that team to graduation, including five starters. But don't look for the Chargers to slip to the back of the pack this season.

"The one thing that's really belping right now is that the girls lileve a nice attitude." said Hughes, entering his 11th season at the helm of the Churchill program. "We're very small (the biggest girl is 5-feet-8). So in order for us to do well we'll have to play defense. If we play excellent defense, play well as a team and do all the little things, we'll be OK."

Middle-hitter Christina Garry (5-8) is the only returning starter from last year's team. Janice Polega, a 5-8 senior hitter; Alyssa Belaire, a 5-7 junior hitter; Stephanie Speen, a 5-3 junior hitter: and Amy Baron, a 5-3 junior setter, all return to the team after seeing limited action

Kelly Musallam, a 5-7 junior hitter and Keri Hawkins, a 5-7 junior hitter, move up from the junior varsity squad and are expected to fill in starting roles.

Juniors Jackie Hebert, Jill Hutton, Lori Place, Janine Sproul, Fran Priebe and Becky Sharrar will also help the team.

Churchill is currently 2-0 on the season and travels Jan. 9 to Walled Lake Central for a rematch of last year's conference championship match.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN

Second-year coach Shannon Miller is excited about Walled Lake Western's potential to be a contender in the upcoming

"We have the ability to win," said Miller, who came to Western last year after playing four years at Central Michigan University. "The girls that I have are really hard workers and want to win. I came into a really good program. Last year was my first year, but this year the girls know the program and what I expect from them.

The Warriors only lost two starters from last year's 28-31 team which finished second in the Lakes Division behind Churchill. Miller is looking for leadership from her four returning starters.

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Seniors Shawna Schlimgen, a 5-7 hitter, Angie Gillert, a 5-7 hitter, Amy Schunoin a 5-7 setter; and Laura Call, a 5-10 They'll be joined in the starting lineup by or Tina Gardner and sopho

Dawn Godfrey.
Seniors Monica Cottrell and Jenny Du-Lac will give the Warriors some depth.

FARMINGTON HARRISON

The Hawks were young last year and struggled through a 5-24 campaign. Things don't appear to be much improved over last year as Farmington Harrison heads into the 1990 season with just one senior and two returning starters.

We had a young team last year and we're even younger this year," admitted seventh-year head coach Ronald Short. 'We're trying kids at different positions and we'll have to see how they do

Senior Kristen Skibinski, a 5-3 hitter, and junior Melanie Alcantara, a 5-7 hitter, are the only returning starters from last year's team.

They'll be joined on the floor by juniors Shelly Bouwens, a 5-7 setter, Lisa Vasler, a 5-5 setter and Carrie Hentnic a 5-10 hitter.

Others expected to fill in for the Hawks include freshman Julie Heist, sophomore Stephanie Sprague and junior Kari Hardner. Sprague and Hardner both transferred to Harrison and are ineligible

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Brenda Bulmanski steps into the head coaching position at Franklin this year after coaching the junior varsity last season. Bulmanski, an '86 Franklin grad, returned to the Franklin program last year after playing for two years at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Although the Patriots struggled through a winless season last year, Bulmonski hopes she can get the program back on the right track.

'We hope to play some better volleyball than in the past," Bulmanski said. "We have a young team and not a lot of experience, but we hope we can win more games than last year. Our biggest goal right now is just to play better volley-

Senior Erica Sundeck, a 5-10 hitter and juniors Emily Skura, a 5-7 hitter and Anne Mondro, a 5-10 hitter, return to the floor for the Patriots. They'll be joined in the starting lineup by senior Amy Lankford, a 5-6 hitter; junior Kari Zabello, a 5-6 hitter and Sue Bona, a 5-3 sophomore

Substitutes Colleen Lai, Wendy Rynkiewicz, Nicole Cheisa, Holly Young and Kari Smith round out the Patriots roster.

PLYMOUTH CANTON

First-year coach Jacque Merrifield has a task confronting her. She must build a successful volleyball program around two returning starters.

"We have a real young team and it's going to take a lot of getting used to play-ing tegether," said Merrifield. "The last quarter of the season we'll have every-

thing together."
Senior hitters Susan Ferko (5-11) and
Christyn Halliday (5-7) are the only start-

ers returning to the Chiefs'lineup.

Several other girls are battling for starting positions including juniors Lorena Sanford (5-6), Cindy Granger (5-3), Esther Buzuvius (5-7) and Rachel Poole (5-8)

Amy Tortora, Danielle Meyka, Rence Dory, Michelle Mortierre and Jenny Dav-

NORTH FARMINGTON

Last year the Raiders finished second in the division and advanced to the district finals before falling to Walled Lake Central But three starters return from that 26-7 team and coach Sandra Lubieniecki hopes their talent and experience will be enough to push the Raiders over the top

"I have some outstånding girls back, said Lubienecki, who enters her 13th see son as head coach at North Farmington. "All three of my returning starters can out together a season where they will earn (postseason) recognition."

The three girls Lubienecki is referring to are 5-8 senior hitter Courtney Knapp, 5-10 senior hitter Vikki Seamons, and 5-7

junior hitter Eve Claar. Amy Post, a senior setter, also returns after taking over the setting position last year late in the season. Junior Dana Botwick and sophomore Karen Seremet are also battling for the top setting posi-

Senior Julie Whiteman, sophomor Karen Miller, and junior Christy Krall (5-11) will add spark off the bench as will sophomore Sara Lungren and senior Lori

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL

The Vikings set a school record for the best win/loss record last year when they finished the season at 31-9. They finished second to Livonia Churchill at the league tournament, won the district title and advanced to the regional before bowing out of postseason play to Portage Northern.

With four starters returning from last year's team, eighth-year coach Mike Lindstrom feels this year's squad has a solid chance to contend for the league championship.

"I think we have a real good chance in our conference and a real good chance to be around at the end of the league tournament," said Lindstrom. "We're a solid team. I don't think the girls realize their potential. Much of that confidence rests on the

shoulders of four-year starter Sara Brorby, a 5-10 middle-hitter who earned all state honorable mention last year Joining Brorby in the starting lineup

will be returning starters Shannon Burt, a 5-8 senior hitter; Kelly Glennie, a 5-9 junior hitter, and Jackie Brown, a 5-6 funior setter: Others vying for a starting role in

seniors Christine Dean and Diana Santiago, junior Nan Dansard and sophomores Wendy Wolski and Stacy Barrett.

LIVONIA STEVENSON

The Spartage return a solid cure of starters from last year's 10-10 team which finished fourth in the Lakes Dipi-

For coach Lee Cagle it was the first

losing season in his 10 seasons at the helm of the Stevenson program.

But Cagle hopes to combine that expe-rience and a strong work othic from this year's team and turn the Spartans back

"These girls have an incredible work ethic," explained Cagle. "They challenge each other and they like practicing. They have the potential to become a very good

Returning starters Renea Bonser, a \$-10 setter/hitter and sophomore Toresar Sarno will anchor the team. They'll receive support from juniors Sue Bell, a 5-7 hitter and Laura Zatorski, a 5-8 hitter Juniors Andrea Wittrock, a 5-7 hitter, Jenny Melia, a 5-10 hitter and Collette Rockwell, a 5-9 hitter will add strength to the Spartans' lineup.

Reserve help will come from juniors Nicole Cibor and Chris Holowicki, sophomore Alicia Smith and freshman Patty Diamond

"At this point we don't have any pit " bulls," Cagle said. "We have a lot of show dogs, but we want to find out if we have any pit bulls."

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

The Rockets lost seven players from last year's 12-18 team but first-year coach Linda Jimenez has her team working to improve on that mark.

The team is working hard to develop into a solid defensive team with aggressive serves," Jimenez said. "Our spiking and blocking need much work, but the potential is there. Attitude is fantastic. It will be an enjoyable season.

Leading the way for the Rockets will be returners Michelle Meyers, a senior setter, Kerry Solano, a senior hitter, and Dionne Ross, a senior hitter.

Newcomers expected to fill in include senior Kim Costantino, junior Jennifer Massey, junior Kara Beeny, junior Pam Murray, junior Lori Agius, junior Heather Lulek, sophomore Karen Olack, sophomore Kristi Zimmer and sophomore Nikki Wojcik.

FARMINGTON

After finishing at 5-12-3 last year, the Falcons are hoping to improve on that mark in the 1990 season.

"I think we're going to win," said sec-ond-year Farmington coach Sharon Hekker "Our goal is to improve our record. I don't see us as a powerhouse, but I think we can upset some teams. We'll surprise some people."

Senior returning starters Bonnie Wheelis, a 5-11 hitter, Carrie Miller, a 5-4 hitter, and setter Dawn Montrose will lead the charge when the Falcons take the court. They'll receive help from sen-iors Jennifer McGlinch and Ratio Hall.

Juniors Patti Hansen, Kristy Bodary, Jennifer Derwinski, Kerri Finlayson, Kim Owczarzak and Beth Schneider will also help the team.

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Ocelots lose shooting touch, game

It didn't require a lot of analysis to figure why the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team lost by 26

points Thursday night. "It's very simple," said coach Dave Bogataj after the Ocelots lost 106-80 to Kellogg Community College in the Battle Creek Shootout. "Our shooting just went kaput."

Schoolcraft, 6-10, shot 39 percent, making 28 of 72

shots. The Ocelots were 5-of-19 from three-point dis-Trouble surfaced late in the second half. Schoolcraft had led 43-42 at halftime, and the game was close for

the first 10 minutes of the second half. But the Ocelots went through a three-minute scoring slump and never recovered. Kellogg extended its lead to

10 points and pulled away. SCHOOLCRAFT ended up shooting 32 percent in the second half. The Ocelots were 12-of-36 from inside the three-point circle and 3-of-10 outside.

"We just shot bad," Bogataj said. "And we had open shots. They just didn't go down.'

On top of that, Schoolcraft's leading scorers, Ken Fuster and Randy Waters, fouled out with five minutes left in the game. Fuster scored 23 points and Waters 17. Waters had

been shooting 60 percent on his three-point attempts but was 0-for-5. Al Hudson chipped in 12 points and 14 re-Derrick Gordon scored 27 points and Joe Bentz 24 for

Kellogg, which shot 36-of-71 from the floor. Free throws also were a big factor. Kellogg, 8-5,

made 23 of 32 shots, while the Ocelots were 9-of-17. Schoolcraft was to play Henry Ford Community College, which lost to Flint Jordan in the other first-round game, for the consolation title Friday.

Showdown fizzles

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with his overall performance, he finished with six blocked shots. Orr blocked one of Webber's shots and scored his first points of the game on an alley-oop

Pershing coach John Goston called the matchup a "standoff."

The difference might have come in the backcourt, where Pershing guards Kahlil Felder and DeJuan Sewell combined to make only five-of-26 shots. Sewell, a senior guard, finished with eight points.

"WE JUST didn't concentrate," Goston said. "I don't know if it was the

Palace's bright lights - but they were in the same arena so I can't use that

excuse. Country Day was more aggressive and we played passive. We didn't play smart, especially in the backcourt. Five of 26 — that's a lot like how had the Pistons guards were shooting two weeks ago." Country Day took a 30-20 halftime lead, but made only one-of-12 from the floor in the third quarter to let Pershing back in the game. Pershing, which

made just 16 of 53 (30 percent) from the field for the game, scored the first 19 points of the second half to tie DCD, 30-30. Webber finally broke the Yellow Jackets scoring drought with a free throw with 2:31 left in the third quarter. David Williams, who gave Keener valuable sinutes off the bench, scored DCD's only field goal in the quarter to make

Pershing took a 35-32 lead into the fourth quarter on a three-point play by

"I can't remember us being as awful offensively as we were in the third rter," Keener said. "Fortunately, our defense held us in the game — as as we stank up the place offensively. I know Pershing would pick it up a

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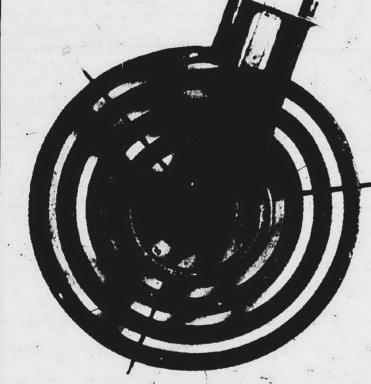
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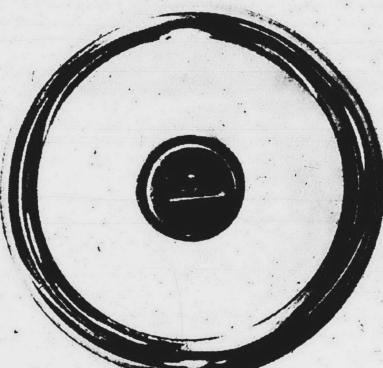
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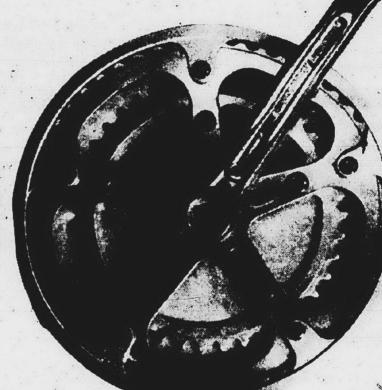
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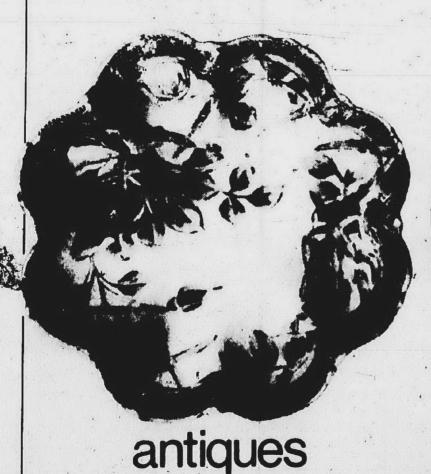
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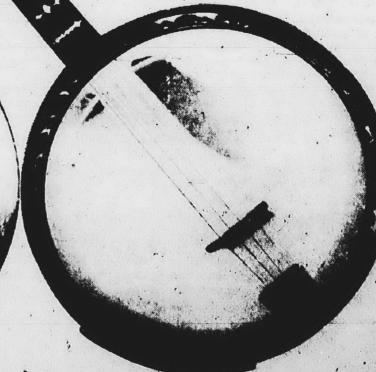




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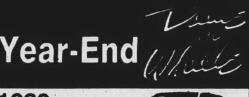
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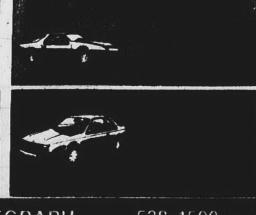
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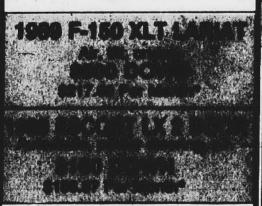
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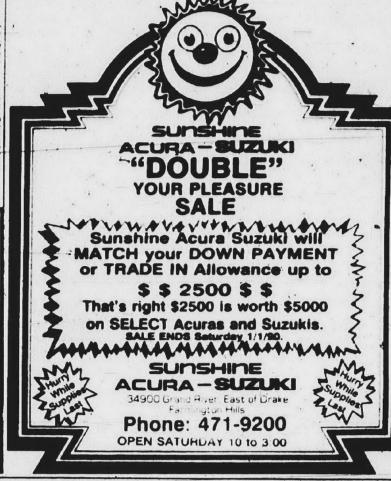
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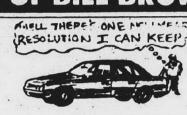
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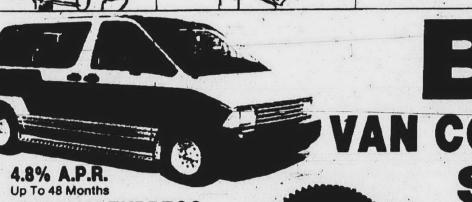
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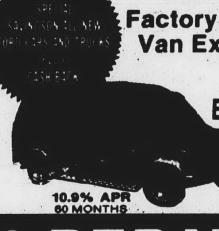
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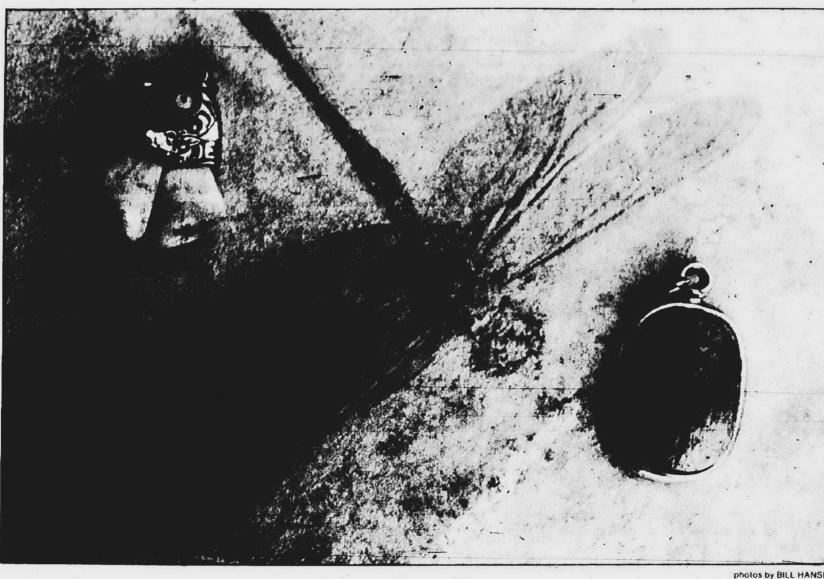


STREET SCENE

Inside Just relaxing

So what if the weather outside is frightful. So, what if there's as ground. It's never too late to think about Florida Well, I Florida per se ... Jane Fedrigo found the patio furniture of her dreams in Florida and with some luck and a semi full of the stuff, she has set out to make a name for herself in Michigan. Find out more about the queen of patio decor on Page 6D.

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At Your Jeweler's Bench in Farmington Hills, you'll find a stone bearing the fossilized remains of a dragonfly, a pendant made of elk's teeth and a tourquoise paste scarab beetle.

Stone Age

Discovering the hidden meaning

By Debbie Sklar

special writer

Monday, January 1, 1990 O&F

All right, you can blame it on actress Shirley Mac-Laine, if you want to. After all, she's the one who got us hooked on crystals, didn't she?

But now it seems that everyone and his grandmother has his own crystal or personal gem stone. According to experts, believers and authors, crystals and other gem stones have power.

"Precious and semi-precious stones have many qualities beyond their physical attributes," writes George Frederick Kunz, author of "The Curious Lore of Precious Stones."

They have remarkable monetary value and in the opinion of most of mankind from the earliest recorded times to the present, they have abilities and characteristics that can only be termed magical."

The "agate, for instance, was believed to cure insomnia. Ancient Greeks thought amber was the fossilized tears of Indian birds. Amethyst once was believed to prevent drunkeness and to cool sexual passion." Kunz said

In the Middle Ages, beryl was thought to help one in battle or law suits, rendering one amiable, intelligent and diligent. Rubies were divided by the ancients into male and female stones. It was believed, they could make water boil and protect fruit trees from tempests as long as they were uncontaminated. A recent trek through our suburbs uncovered a va-

"SURE QUARTZ crystals are still popular, but the newest craze is colored gems," said Elaine Lewis of the Michigan Metaphysical Society in Berkley. "A lot of the customers already have a piece of jewelry that contains a quartz crystal, but now they're coming into the store and buying colored stones to add to the

Some of the more popular stones, Lewis said, are amethyst; hemitite and lapis.

"Here's a perfect example of wearing colored stones in jewelry," she said, pointing to her own wrist wrapped with five beaded bracelets, each containing a different colored stone.

Why would someone want to wear a particular

stone? "It has been said that each stone has different

power; each holds a different energy. The Michigan Metaphysical Society, which has been in business for more than 20 years, sells loose stones as well as those set in pendants, earrings, rings and other accessories. Loose stones cost as little as 50 cents a piece.

"A few years ago, young girls would come in here and ask for an attractive pair of earrings they could buy. Today, they come in and specifically ask for a

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'It has been said that each stone has different power; each holds a different

-Elaine Lewis

Interest in stones increases

By Debbie L. Sklar special writer

When it comes to illnesses, doctors are usually the experts; if it's a bank loan you're interested in, you go see a banker; but, if it concerns the unknown, chances are you should probably pay a visit to your local psychic.

'The reason people are so into crystals and gemstones," said Birmingham psychic Korry, "is be-cause they are trying to balance their lives.

Korry said this phenomenon is nothing new because "the use of crystals dates back to the Old Testament. It's just becoming a part of pop culture.

For those who didn't know, the same crystals that many people are carrying or wearing around their necks are the same crystals that can be found in computers and

Quartz crystals are in the heart and soul of our technology," Korry said. "You see crystals have always been out there. It's only in the last few years that people have discovered their value. Crystals aren't

anything new under the sun.' On a personal level, Korry said he wears two stones, a topaz and a diamond.

"Being a Scorpio, the topaz calms me down and the diamond soothes me," he said.

He said people are flocking to stores to buy anything that has a symbol or sign printed on it.

People are looking toward anything that they think is going to make them feel better," he said. "This is one of the most stressful periods in history and people are basically grasping at straws to make them feel better.

"Gemstones, crystals or anything with a hidden symbol or meaning is definitely an aid to

Carnelian is a stone reputed to grant good health and even possess antidotal qualities. Here it is used in this pair of "Eternal Light" earrings, made from an Egyptian

R.U. Syrius

Karlos Barney



Trends of the Nineties: Salon head-shrinking for

fuller, thicker-looking hair.

Plan the honeymoon and let it snow

By Iris Sanderson Jones contributing travel editor

"Oh the weather outside is

Is that why my phone is ringing off the hook with questions about honeymoon destinations? The fire may be so delightful, but it can't compare with dreams of a sunny beach somewhere

"And since we've no place to

Why not go to Jamaica, where you can buy a week in an all-inclusive resort (a couples resort like Sandals), with all your food, drink, recreation and entertainment covered by one package price, Club

Sandals prices start at about \$2,000 a week per couple. Since you've paid for your bed and board anyway, the resort will put on your wedding - at a minimal cost and invite all the resort guests to the festivities.

"It doesn't show signs of stop-

But that doesn't matter to Jim and Carol of Redford, who want a nice cold, snowy destination for a January honeymoon. They want to buy some corn for popping and let

"No ski resorts," Jim said, "although we wouldn't mind a little cross country skiing." That's an easy one. Chateau

Montebello, in the village of Montebello, between the cities of Montreal and Quebec. Lots of snow.



Honeymooners can soak up the sun or head out to saliboat at Cloister Beach on Sea Island, Ga

The great log hotel is on what was once a seigneury given by the Bourbon kings of France centuries ago, so there are 100 square miles of snow-covered land for cross country skiing, walking, hunting,

THE CHATEAU IS a lazy comfortable place by day, but you dress up for the dining room, so it's a great honeymoon choice. You can take the train 40 miles west to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, or 80 miles east to the history and discos and great food of Montreal.

"When we finally kiss good night, how I hate to go out in the

But if you go to Chateau Montebello, you can stay inside and let

I'll never sell Julie and Bob of Birmingham on that idea, however, they're planning a March wedding, and they want semeplace

How about the islands that sur-round Florida and southern Georg-ia? The Florida Keys. Marco or

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MOVING PICTURES



Fourth of July," an autobiographical film about paralyzed.

Tom Cruise stars as Ron Kovic in "Born on the Kovic's experiences as a Marine veteran who is

'Fourth of July' kicks off a new decade of movies

A very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year to you all.

Everybody's combing through the 80s for their best-this-or-best-thatof-the-decade, so I thought I'd spare you one more trip through other people's pleasures and tip you off to some of the coming attractions that hold great promise for the new year.

"Born on the Fourth of July" opens next week and appears to more than "just another Vietnam film," starring Tom Cruise as Ron Kovic in an autobiographical work about Kovic's experiences as a Marine paralyzed during fighting in

The traumas visited on all Viet veterans when they returned is synthesized and symbolized in Kovic's Based on Kovic's book of the same

name, "Born on the Fourth of July" was directed by Oliver Stone ("Platoon") who co-authored the script with Kovic. Willem Dafoe also appears in what looks to be a major motion picture.

"Glory" and "Roger and Me" are the best bets for the week of Jan. 12. Everybody's heard about Michael Moore's sardonic look at General Motors, but "Glory" hasn't had the same level of prerelease publicity.

Matthew Broderick stars as Col. Robert Gould Shaw, the commanding officer of the 54th Massechusetts Regiment, the first black fighting unit recruited in the North during

The 54th Regiment's valor in bat-tle undermined Northern opposition to arming blacks who eventually totaled more than 180,000 members of

the Union Army.

"Music Box," with Jessica Lange, opening Jan. 19, rounds out the new films this month. Lange is an attorney defending her father against charges that he was a notorious and vicious Hungarian secret police officer during World War II. The film



the movies

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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
В	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

examines the questions of guilt and innocence during the Holocaust.

STILL PLAYING:

"All Dogs Go To Heaven" (B+) (G) 90 Well-known voices back this animated

story about Charlie the German Shepherd and Itchy the Dachshund. "Always" (B-) (PG) 110 minutes.

Sometimes poignant, sometimes sappy story of airborne fire fighter who returns from death as a spirit.

Mike Laszlo. (Armin Mueller-Stahl), accused of committing unspeakable crimes nearly 50 years ago, is defended by daughter Ann Talbot (Jessica Lange), an attorney, in "Mu-sic Box." Lukas Haas plays Laszio's grandson,



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.

'Blaze" (A) (R) 110 minutes. Superb Paul Newman portrayal of Louisiana Governor Earl K Long with Lolita Davidovich excellent as stripper/ girlfriend, Blaze Starr

'Crimes and Misdemeanors' (A+) (PG-13) 100 minutes. Woody Allen at his best in this roman-

tic 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 cliches

"Drugstore Cowboy" (2) (R) 100 min-About as unpleasant as it gets Four young folks steal and use drugs.

"Family Business" (D-) (R) 120 nin

Clever idea and good perfern a e shot down by weak script about father son and grandson in robbery business "Harlem Nights" (D) (R) 110 minutes

Nice cars and nifty suits but all that comic talent Eddie Murphy Richard Pryor, Red-Foxx, Arsenio Hall and Della Reese can't save this slow-paced 1930s Harlem gangster story.

The Little Mermaid' (A) (G) 80 min-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 Lapoon's

"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. Delightful story of 9-year-old girl who finds an injured reindeer just before Christmas.

'Sea of Love" (C) (R) 110 minutes. Al Pacino as a burned-out detective adds nothing to the cliche nor does a very

She-Devil" (B+) (PG-13) 90 minutes Meryl Streep is marvelous as she cari-catures a romantic novelist who incurs the wrath of her lover's wife (Roseanne

cker" (R) 107 minutes. Wes Cravan does it again, this time in the world of electronic video mayhem. "Steel Magnolias" (B-) (PG) 110 min-

Talented cast, led by Shirley Mac-Laine's performance, falls short in depicting problems of six Southern women. us Monk: Straight, No Chaser (D) (PG-13) 85 minutes.

Poor testimonial to great jazz planist.

ALTERNATIVE VIEWING

Alternatives offered in '89

special writer

Controversy and box office re-ceipts thrived in 1989, while some classics got a new life. Here's a look back at some of the year's most significant alternative film events:

e Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" had a healthy run in mainstream theaters but was still the most thought-provoking alternative film of the year. Some critics thought Lee's ambiguous moral tone would provoke riots, but audiences found themselves much more stirred up by the controversial violence in "Harlem Nights."

 The highly overrated "sex, lies and videotape," which overshadowed Lee's film at Cannes, was nevertheless an intelligently written drama by 26-year-old director Setven Soderbergh. It was one of the year's many rags-to-riches stories.

• "Heathers," produced by schlocky New World Pictures and written by a former video store employee, poked fun at high school mores in the nastiest - and cleverest - way possible. Some saw it as a glorification of teen suicide, but dark comedies never play by the rules anyway.

• In the Soviet-made "Little Vera," a young woman longs for excitement in a dead-end industrial town. This fascinating film, a sort of "comrades without a cause," has been called the most honest film of the Glasnost era.

• Spain's Pedro Almodoyar, the 'bad boy" of European cinema, had three memorable films premiere on area screens this year. His "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown" was so popular that it left audiences begging for more - and they got it.

Almodovar's "Matado" (1986), a steamy satire of sexism, provoked women's groups to protest in front of the Detroit Film Theatre. If anyone figured out that "Dark Habits" (1984) was about a sect of drug-crazy nuns, there would have been trouble, too, but it played in relative ano-



Steven Soderbergh's "sex, lies and videotape," which won acclaim at the Cannes Film Festival, stars Peter Gallagher, Laura San Giacomo, Andie MacDowell and James Spader.

nymity at the Tele-Arts Theatre.

· The Maple Theatre, which used to vie for quality art-house titles with the DFT, hit bottom this year. 'Drugstore Cowboy," the subversive look at a group of wily junkies, was their only decent premiere. In recent months, they've been showing pedestrian-first-runs like "Gross Anato-

• Some old films made a comeback. Golden anniversary celebrations saw new prints of 1939 classics "The Wizard of Oz," "Wuthering Heights" and "Gone With the Wind" in local theaters. The rare concert film, "Ten for One" (1971), set in Ann Arbor and featuring a stirring performance by John Lennon, was unearthed for benefit screenings in Ann Arbor and Royal Oak.

The restored director's cut of David Lean's "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962), meanwhile, surpassed everyone's expectations - artistically and financially - during its long run at the Fox Theatre. Even with lousy sound and lots of splices, this was an epic achievement. More films at the

• The Detroit Film Theatre held an ambitious 13-film tribute to wide

screen films this past fall. Poor attendance may have led to the upcoming winter season having just a small handful of vintage titles. It's still the best screen in town.

• The Tele-Arts, meanwhile, kept plugging away in Grand Circus Park bringing in decent premieres such as "The Navigator" and "Alice." It's a great place to see movies, though insiders wonder how it's survived this long.

 Senior citizens continue to flock to the Redford and free morning screenings at Livonia Mall.

· Certainly, the most talkedabout film locally continues to be "Roger and Me." Journalist-turnedfilmmaker Michael Moore's hard look at hard times in Flint was a hit at film festivals. Moore was courted by several studios before deciding to let Warner Bros. distribute it.

Think about it: a grainy, low-budget documentary about lay-offs in a Michigan auto town given the big push by a major film company. I can't think of a more encouraging sign for filmmakers - local, alternative or otherwise - in the new

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

"Elmer Gantry" (USA 1960), 10 a.m. Jan. 2. Burt Lancaster shines in this heavy-handed adaptation of novel. He plays the unscrupulous title character who joins a charismatic woman's (Jean Simmons) traveling salvation show. Part of the mall's month-long tribute to Lancaster

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

"Laputa" (Japan - 1988), 5:15 p.m. Jan. 2, 4-5 and 5 p.m. Jan. 3. A new animated feature about a woman chased around the galaxy for the magical amulet around her neck. With a mystical floating world, roughly based on a chapter from Gulliver's Travels.

"Distant Voices Still Loves" (Britain 1989), Jan 2-4 (call for show times). The shots look like old color photographs in this intentionally slow, stilted, extremely stylized look at a British working class famiat times extremely moving, film ex-

"Dangerous Liaisons" (USA 1988), 9:10 p.m. Jan. 2 and 4 and 9:40 p.m. Jan. 3. John Malkovich, Michelle Pfieffer and Glenn Close team up in this frantic story of sexual politics in 18th century France. Directed by Stephen Frears.

"The Rainbow" (Britain - 1989), Jan. 5-11 (call for show times). Ken Russell's highly acclaimed adaptation of the D.H. Lawrence novel is a prequel to "Women in Love." . A young woman (Sammı Davis) defies social convention to come alive intellectually and sexually in Victorian England. Glenda Jackson co-

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"Mr. Skeffington" (USA - 1944), soap opera stars Bette Davis as a flat-broke socialite who marries a wealthy stockbroker (Claude Rains) only to realize her real love for him years later Shown on large screen

TELE-ARTS, 1540 Woodward, Detroit, 963-8690. (\$2)

"Drugstore "Cowboy" (USA -1989), Jan. 4-8 (call for show times). Matt Dillon leads a quartet of larcenous junkies in the early '70s. Instead of simply depicting the horrors of drugs, the film also shows their appeal - a subversive thought indeed for the late '80s.

- John Monaghan

VIDEO VIEWING

By Dan Greenberg special writer

The flood of videos for home viewing pleasure continues unabated as the New Year dawns. In case you missed a few of the less publicized ones, let's start the new year by looking back over some interesting tapes that appeared unheralded the last few months.

HBO presented six films from Hollywood's early years entitled "Legendary Silents." This collection has something for everyone two swashbuckling adventures, "The Thief of Bagdad" (153 minutes) with Douglas Fairbanks and "The Eagle' (81 minutes) with Rudolph Valentino, and three comedies, "Our Hospitality" (75 minutes) and "The General" (77 minutes), both with Buster Keaton, and "The Strong Man" (78 misutes), starring Harry Langdon.

Langdon is little known these days despite great success during the silent era. Then he was ranked with Chaplin, Keaton, Harold Lloyd, Fatty Arbuckle and Ben Turpin although he faded from view quickly when the sound era began. He has not been revived as widely as the others.

In "The Strong Man," he stars as Paul Bergot, a Belgian World War I veteran traveling in America as a circus strongman. Bergot is searching for the young girl whose letters during the war helped buoy his spir-

"The Strong Man" was directed by Frank Capra, better known at this time of year for "It's a Wonderful

Life" as well as his other sound

films, including "Mr. Smith Goes to

Washington" with Jimmy Stewart.

certainly deserves th "classic" tag, D. W. Griffith's "Broken Blossoms" (95 minutes), the sad and poignant story of a young girl (Lillian Gish) who is brutalized by her drunken father (Donald Crisp). Yes, Virginia, he did play nasty roles in his earlier The young girl escapes from her

THE SIXTH of these silents most

father and is befriended by a Chinaman (Richard Barthalemess) in London's sleazy Limehouse District. This 1919 tragedy concludes when Crisp discovers her in the Chinaman's rooms. Buster Keaton's "The General"

ranks with the very best film come-dies ever produced. "The General" is

a railroad locomotive in the south during the Civil War. Keaton is its engineer, Johnnie Gray, who wants . nothing more than to run his engine and court his girl (Marion Mack). But the Civil War gets in the way

Keaton successfully deadpans his way through the Armies of the North and South, outwitting the machines of war, and of man, as he goes. He does so with some of the finest comic routines ever devised.

There are lots of other excellent films available at your local video store. "The 1990 Video Source Book" should be on local libraries' reference shelves in the next few weeks. It promises to be even thicker than its 1989 predecessor which listed 54,000 titles.

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Gories: Pounding out their own R&B sound

Two minutes into a performance by the Gories, an astute observer can easily determine which audience ers are seeing the band for the

The first-timers wear what Gories lead singer and guitar player Mick' calls "the grass-eater look — that look that wildebeests get before the pack of lions pounces on them."

"People who haven't heard us are enerally taken aback," he said. "I don't know what it is about us. I'd like to think it was the noise level, but I know we're not that loud."

Indeed, it is not the band's volume that prompts the weak to go glassy-eyed and bovine . . . it is the band's

For the past three years, Mick and his partners in crime, guitarist Dan Kroha and drummer Peg O'Neill, have played a grungy, snarly brand of rhythm and blues which is startlingly unlike anything this side of Bo Diddley's worst lost weekend. Mick says the sound "generally re-

minds me of a Marmaduke cartoon. where Marmaduke and this kid are hiding, but looking over the fence at the milkman, and the kid looks at Marmaduke and says, 'OK, Marmaduke, bark real loud right now!"

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A basso back, the sound of breaking glass and crying over spilled milk, are all elements of the Gories' sound, but there's a lot more to the

MICK IS nothing if not manic. Clad in sharkskin and sunglasses, he claws his Kent guitar and rants into the microphone with unsettling fer-

Dan bolster's Mick's guitar lines with a steady stream of bashed-out bar chords. Peg pounds a tom-tom with a maraca and generates more noise than one person with a sorely limited drum set including a nonfunctional bass drum.

You'd expect a band like the Gories to spring from twisted roots, but were it not for occasional perversities, the Gories' genesis would read uncomfortably like an old Mickey Rooney/Judy Garland "we can have a show of our own" barnyard musical.

We were sitting around one night listening to an LP called 'Scurn of the Earth, Volume 1'," Mick recalls, "and Dan was polishing off a sixpack. I looked at him and said, 'Y'know, we could do this just as good as these guys.' And Dan said, 'Y'know, you're right. Why don't we



The Gries — lead singer/guitarist Mick, guitarist Dan Kroha and drummer Peg O'Neill — played a grungy, snarty brand of rhythm and blues.

Befor forming the Gories, Kroha'sntire playing skills consisted of stimming one chord during a song in s previous band, the Onset. Mick neer picked up a guitar seriously. Ad because O'Neill happened to be sitng next to Kroha, she got to play drus.

THE AND'S NAME came "from an episce of Gidget, where Gidget is in a and called 'Gidget and the Gories.' Mick said.

Earlyin the band was uncertain about it guitar/guitar/drums line-

people who wanted to play hass for Mick said. "When we first formed, we really could have used a bass player, but once we got used to the idea of just the three of us up on stage, our arrangements started to reflect that.

"We got the tone of the guitars the timbre where we wanted it. We're use to our sound . . /. I can imagine how lot of people wouldn't be, but to us it sounds really complete."

Those who have seen the band will undoubtedly agree that three Gories are more than sufficient, but the

"We got all kinds of offers from band is hard pressed to explain just how and why it arrives at this suffi-

> "Most people would say that Screamin' Jay Hawkins is an influence, but it's really not the truth," Mick said. "It just sounds like it. Our primary influences are the Sonics, because they were really wild in the

> "AND HOUND DOG Taylor and the Houserockers is still a big influence because here are these three old bluesmen from Chicago and they play two guitars and a drum set, and they use Silvertone amps."

Mick is especially fond of his vintage Silvertone tube amp, and well he should be. It has given him two years of service - and that can not be said of any other piece of Mick's

"I'm on amp number two, and I'm on guitar number six right now . . heading for guitar number seven," he said. "Very rarely do I go through set without breaking a string. Strings are cheap to come by. It's when I bash up guitars that's the problem, but it's only happened once on The Gories' latest "accident" bodes well for the band.

"We're actually a playing unit right now," Mick said. "In the first shows, we didn't know when to begin or end the songs. I think we can almost legitimately claim to be able to play now, which was never really our goal, and as far as I'm concerned, it's still not. It just happened along the line.

We were just standing around one day, and we realized that we knew how to play, practically. It was kind of a big shock to us."

The Gories will perform on Friday, Jan. 5, at Willis Gallery.

IN CONCERT

Fully Loaded will perform on Tuesday, Church, Livonia. For information, call

Rhone and the Freedom band will perform on Tuesday, Jan. 2, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information,

A J.D. LAME

J.D. Lamb will perform on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Rick's American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor For information, call

. KNAVES

The Knaves will perform on Wednes-

day, Jan., at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, GRANFALLOON Ann Arb. For information, call 996-

. HIPPOROME

Hippodome will perform on Thursday, Jan. 4. at-D Club. 1815 N. Main, near 12 Mile, Roll Oak. For information, call

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Sweet weet Life will perform on Thursdaylan. 4, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, An Arbor. For information, call

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Dirty Blonde will perform on Friday,, Jan. 5, at Blondie's, 31139 W. Seven Mile, east of Telegraph, Detroit. For information, call 535-8108.

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Serf Encephalads will perform on Friday, Jan. 5, at Garden Bowl, 4120 Woodward, Detroit. For information, call 833-

. JEANNE AND THE DREAMS

Jeanne and the Dreams will perform Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6, at Rick's

American Cafe, 611 Church, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-2747.

Bim Skala Bim will perform with guests, Gangster Fun, on Friday, Jan. 5, at the Blind Pig, 208 S. First, Ann Arbor. For information, call 996-8555.

D.I. will perform with guests, Coven and Pittbull, on Saturday, Jan. 6, at Blondies, 21139 W. Seven Mile, east of Telegraph, Detroit. For information, call 535-

. SKA MIGHT

Bim Skala Bim, Gangster Fun and D.J. Eddie Riott will all perform on Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Art Center Music School, 3975 Cass, Detroit. For information, call

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LOCAL

Here are the top 10 songs receiving airplay on WBFH-FM 88.1, student-operated

"Janie's Got a Gun." Aerosmith

"Storm Front," Billy Joel. "Feel a Whole Lot Better," Tom Petty.

"Another Day in Paradise," Phil Col-

5. "Bang!," Gorky Park.
6. "Pretending," Eric Clapton.
7. "Terrifying," Rolling Stones.
8. "With Every Beat of My Heart," Tay-

9. "Love Song," Tesla. 10. "Dangerous," Roxette.

Here are the top 10 songs receiving airplay on "Detroit Music Scene," which heard 4-5 p.m. Sundays (repeated 5: 6:30 p.m. Tucedays) on WDTR-PM 90.9.

1: "Some Day Son," Strange Bedfe 2. "Rainy Day Picture Show," Hyp

"Now You're Gone," EFX.
"Blue Christmas," Twiggy Burbest.

"Chan Chan," Nemosis.

"Wake Up Rebecca," Chris Gorey.

"N.G.L.F.," Pest.
"Jingle Bells," Bad Ynce.

10. "I'm Not Santa Claus." Lab Animale

REVIEWS

UPTOWNSHIP — Hugh Masekela

Despite having had a huge hit in the '70s with "Grazing in the Grass," Hugh Masekela is best known in the United States for his contributions to Paul Simon's "Graceland" album.

As the title suggests (blending the American notion of "uptown" with a reference to South African "township" jive music), "Uptownship" is an effort to play to the fans Maseke-la won as a result of his work with

While Masekela's love for American music is probably every bit as strong as Paul Simon's love for South African music, "Uptownship" suffers when Masekela and his fellow musicians cover the work of American composers.

Masekela's version of Camble & Huff's "If You Don't Know Me By Now," is'a rather syrupy rock-jazz treatment, and Masekela's fine trumpet work drowns. Similarly, Masskela covers Smokey Robinson's "Oco, Baby, Baby," with his horn playing replacing Robinson's vocals. Even with that substitution, the song Even with that superiors, it take on a life of its own. It has a compari-

tive, rather than an artistic appeal.

Masskela also covers Bob Marley's "Ne Weman, Ne Cry," remarkably faithfully. Were it not for occasional bursts from Masskela's truss-



pet, one right mistake the song for the origin.

Fortuniely, the remainder of "Uptownip" consists of songs which areat times informed by an Americamusical sensibility, but remain Afcan. On these songs, Masekeland his band play with vigor and cafidence. And it is these songs with are far closer to the spirit e Simon's "Graceland" project in the cover covers of Americamaterial.

The bes of these songs is the title track, while features a bouncy township basshe, cascading guitars, inspired hot duets, and what can only be descriid as a skating-rink organ. Masskelairaws these elements together, at creates a vibrant, uplift-ing whole

It's a terific song, which makes it seem unfiturate that it is the only Masskelsjomposite on the album.

THREE MONTHS. **THREE WEEKS &** TWO DAYS - Bill Pritchard

"Three months, three weeks & two days" is an excellent offering from Bill Pritchard. Filled with songs about childhood nostalgia, bittersweet romance, political drama and lost hope, "Three Months" is a great listen.

Pritchard, originally from England, sounds a lot like another intelligent British singer/songwriter, Robyn Hitchcock, because of his clever word play and somewhat deadpan

Lucky for us, Pritchard was signed by Canada's Nettwerk Productions, which is known for supporting other alternative acts such as Skinny Puppy, Severed Heads and Sarah McLachlan.

Pritchard's biting, ironic lyrics sound best when they are offset by the deceptively gentle accompaniment of a single accoustic guitar or a

In "We Were Lovers," Pritchard sings, "And all the greedy green politicians/the bedhogs, politically speaking/and censor what is senseal/we were lovers/and I think that's worth . . mentioning" over a background sound of people whispering a



la the layered sounds of Pink Floyd. "Cosy Evenings," a Pritchard-style Christmas tune, has lyrics like, 'Mouths aren't rational, mouths need feeding/and if the system screws you, months get desperate/ and those cosy Christmas evenings are gone forever." If "Three Months" has a flaw, it is

on the song "Invisible State." The backing vocals sounded uncannily like Tricy, Lori and Shirley singing along with "The Partridge Family." It's not a horrible flaw, just a little unsettling. The rest of the album is great, so if you see it in the stores, grab it immediately and enjoy.

— Jill Hamilton

KNUCKLE SANDWICH

— Orange Roughies

The Orange Roughies need this alburn. This band's reputation has been garnered for the most part by toiling on the local club circuit for nearly

three years. Yet no album.
So here it is, folks, the long-awaited "Knuckle Sandwich" (Nocturnal).

At first, let's say this is better than we expected. This album has been in the can for 1 is years. There's was a chance that the meterial would become dated, especially considering that "Eyepatch" was on the bend's debut cassette two years ago and finds itself here on the "letest" LP.

Still there is a sport, on "Kan andwick," sometting very run out of the Roughles early di



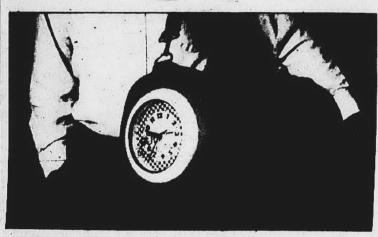
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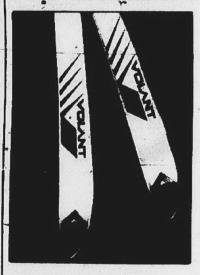
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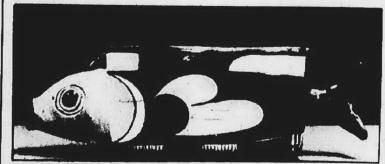
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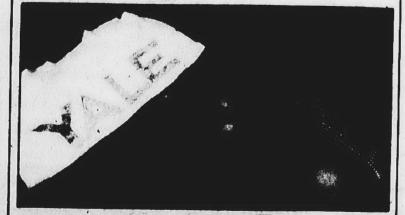
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For suburbanites, I predict

What does the new year hold for suburbanites? To prepare you for 1900, our staff goes back to the fu-ture with next year's news:

(1) Pashien Trends
Women's hemlines will go down
below the knee, but this move towards modesty will be more than offset by a switch to transparent fabrics. The new "see-through look" will lead to a sharp increase in men

walking into parking meters.

Cosmetic dentistry will offer more than just style. For diners who love their steaks extra rare, fully func-tional fangs will save valuable time at those power lunches.

Body piercing will be the next craze in jewelry. It started with ear lobes, then spread to noses for a daring few. This year, anywhere you can grab a pinch of skin will be pierced and decorated. Instead of sweating at the gym to lose those 'love handles" and "spare tires," fashionable folks will use them to dangle their bangles.

(2) Diet and Health

High-fiber foods will grow even more popular. However, as people consume increasing amounts of oat bran, their bodies will become highly flammable. Colon cancer will be virtually eliminated, but death by spontaneous combustion will skyrocket.

Fad diets will be replaced by a simple surgical procedure - having

Don't let weather dampen planning

Continued from Page 1

Sanibel islands on Florida's gulf coast? Sanibel is low-rise, residential and has the third-best shelling beach in the world. Neighboring Captiva has a huge resort called South Seas Plantation. Marco is high-rise and

Or, go north and east to the Atlantic, and you get a similar (if slightly cooler) ambience on Amelia Island, which has the Amelia Island Plantation at one end (ask for a pool room) and a funky fishing town at the

Or go north across the Georgia borden to the Sea Islands. Each island has its own ambience.

GREG AND SALLY of Farmington are also getting married in the spring. Sally said, "Greg likes cities, and I like islands. We both like it

There is one Florida island that will do all that: Key Biscayne, which is across a bridge from Miami. You can do beach life at a contemporary hotel, bike, spend some time in the state park at the end of the island, climb an historic lighthouse, enjoy a fairly populated island and drive the bridge into the city any

Well, the fire is slowly dying, and there's one more couple trying to say goodbye to winter. "We love staying in historic houses and wandering around historic areas. Someplace warm, please." That's Sue, who will marry John in April.

Try Charleston, Savannah or San Antonio, which will be "warm. warmer, warmest, as you drive south. Historic Charleston was not damaged by Hurricane Hugo and fits

So does Savannah. Stay in one of their marvelous historic inns in the restored downtown area and walk, walk, walk.

San Antonio has the Alamo, the Spanish missions, a restored river front and lots of warm southern

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(3) Real Estate

Detroit suburbs will pass tough new zoning laws, requiring one strip center for every 10 residents. For the suburbs and must concity approval, each mall must contain a party store, video rental, suntan parlor, frozen yogurt, pizza carryout and sensory deprivation flotation tank. Nicknamed "East Meets West," the project calls for one continuous strip center stretching from St. Clair Shores to Ann Arbor by

Business and Industry
Early in 1990, the Big Three automakers will unveil bold new marketing. Instead of cash-back rebates, buyers will receive a free Japanese car with every purchase. American engineers will counter foreign technology by adding more design opera-tions like eel skin pedals, leather tail pipes and vibrator seats. As sales slump, buyer incentives will escalate with free gas, free insurance and a chance to live in the dealer's home for five years or up to 50,000 miles.



(5) Media Scoop

Detroit TV stations willile for a joint operating agreement y claiming their top execs are fored to deliver newspapers in their are feet just to pay the rent. Switchig to one simulcast channel will cut rerhead. end the rating wars and rive ad rates up. Viewers will als benefit from the JOA's take-it-oleave-it programming policy of ion-stop

(6) Leisure and Recreation

Boat marinas and publi docks will be filled beyond capaty next

year. Faced with no place to law Special parking lots will be set asi for boaters to trailer their box Wavy sections of pavement will sim-ulate choppy conditions, while the crew enjoys the sun and wind just like before. Ski boats will pull skiers on skateboards and fisherman can cast into specifically stocked chuck

(7) Cultural Trends

Cigarette smoking will finally be banned in all public and private places. Children will be paid to turn in parents who light up and nicotine screening will occur at every workplace. However, to subsidize the economy of tobacco producing states, lobbyists will pressure Washington for alternative uses for their cash crop. By the end of 1990, millions of leftover cigarettes will be fed to students as part of the govern-

ment's school lunch program.

Speaking of schools, the local smut patrol will allow "Catcher in the Rye" back onto library shelves after discovering students can no longer read words with more than three let-

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STREET CRACKS

Brannan: Laughing success

By Larry O'Connor staff writer

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Lazy typist at the hospital? Traded for an extra letter in his

Hey, Jef Brannan, where's the

'That's the way it is on my-birth certificate, with two Fs," said Brannan, 29, who lives in Auburn Hills. "But I cut it down to one. It looks better and two Fs is rather redun-

When you're a comedian, every letter counts. So does every engagement as the Rochester High School grad has found. Brannan is entering his ninth year as a stand-up comedian, not including the year he took off to go to Florida so he could become

Life is on the A-side for Brannan. He recently was featured on Show-time's "Comedy Club Network" and has a slew of upcoming headline engagements, both (nationally and

And this is from someone who didn't think he was any more funny than the other cut-ups at Rochester High, a person who first yiewed comedy as something of a hobby, not a way to make a living. Some \$50,000 a year later, Brannan has found out otherwise.

'That's the reason why I'm telling you," he said about yearly income, which doesn't include expenses. "The I.R.S. already knows."

Brannan knew he was hooked on stand-up comedy after seeing one

"I DIDN'T think you had to write material. I used to think all that funny stuff came out of their heads," Brannan said. "Then I went to a comedy show. I liked it so much I went back there the next night and he was telling the same jokes. I thought, (heck), I can do that."

Brannan started writing jokes on 3- by 5-inch index cards before graduating to spiral notebooks. He did his first stand-up gig at Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, which then was one of the only comedy clubs around.

He bombed Undaunted, Brannan kept practicing and writing new material. Then came the major turning point in his career, "when people started offering to pay me money." A club owner in East Lansing offered Brannan \$25, gas money (an additional \$5) and dinner to perform on weekends.



When you're talking about up and coming comedians, there's Jef - with one F, thank you - Brannan, a Rochester High School graduate

who has been honing his laughability for nine

From there, Brannan was on his way. His sarcastic and sometimes dark humor found appreciative ears in clubs in the East and South along with the Midwest. He is a regular headliner at Detroit area clubs.

His act has been honed to appeal to all audiences, no matter the re-

'You can't be from New York and do subway jokes in Iowa," Brannansaid. "I try not to deal in a whole lot of that humor. I kept my act where I don't have to do that."

Brantan's act was recently captured live on Showtime. He admits being a little nervous at the first of two tapings, the first taking place at

the Punchline in Atlanta, Ga. The second time went much better. That performance aired. The experience of watching him-self on TV was a new one.

"YOU TEND to become highly critical, he said. "I saw some things I thought I could do better. But,

overall, I was pleased with it." Brannan's trying to set up some other television appearances to go along with his busy club schedule. A planned move to Los Angeles next year won't hurt in that pursuit, either. Once there, he hopes to cut his travel itinerary from three weeks out of a month to only one week.

His soon-to-be wife wouldn't mind that at all. The two will be married in August 1991.

"She puts up with it," he said. "She would rather me be at home."

Jef Brannan will perform Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 3-6, at Joey's Comedy and Sports Emporium in Allen Park. For information, call 382-7041.

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 & Ec-centric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Bea's Comedy Kitchen Teny Hayes, Steet Johnson Theatre and Downtown Teny Brown will perform Friday through Saturday, Jan. 5-6, at Bea's Comedy Kitchen, 541 Larned, Detroit. Show times are 8:30 and 11 p.m. For information, call 961-2581.

Norm Statz with Rice Diaz and Harry Artin will perform Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 4-7, 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

Tim Walkoe; with Danny Gray and John Dacasse will perform Tuesday through Saturday, Jan. 2-6, at Chap-lain's West, 16890 Telegraph, south of Six Mile, Detroit. For information, call 533-8866.

Stunt Johnson Theatre will per-form Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 3-4, and Downtown Tony Brown will perform Friday and Saturday, Jan. 5-6, at Mainstreet Comedy Show-case, 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 , Bob Haney will perform along with Mike Green and Ken Brown Wednesday through Saturday Jan. 3-6, 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-

Joey's Allen Park

Jef Brannan will perform along with Keith Ruff and Steve Mitchell Wednesday through Saturday, Jan. 3-6, at Joey's Comedy Club and Sports

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Tim Lilly will perform Thursday through Sunday, Jan 4-6, 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 Sat-urday. For information, call 634-

Miss Kitty's
Paul Kelly and Tim Rewlands will perform Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-6, at Miss Kitty's Cornedy 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

Looney Bin

Breat Cashman will perform with special guests Pyramid and Tim-Herot will perform Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 4-6, at the Wolverine and Looney Bin Retaurant 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



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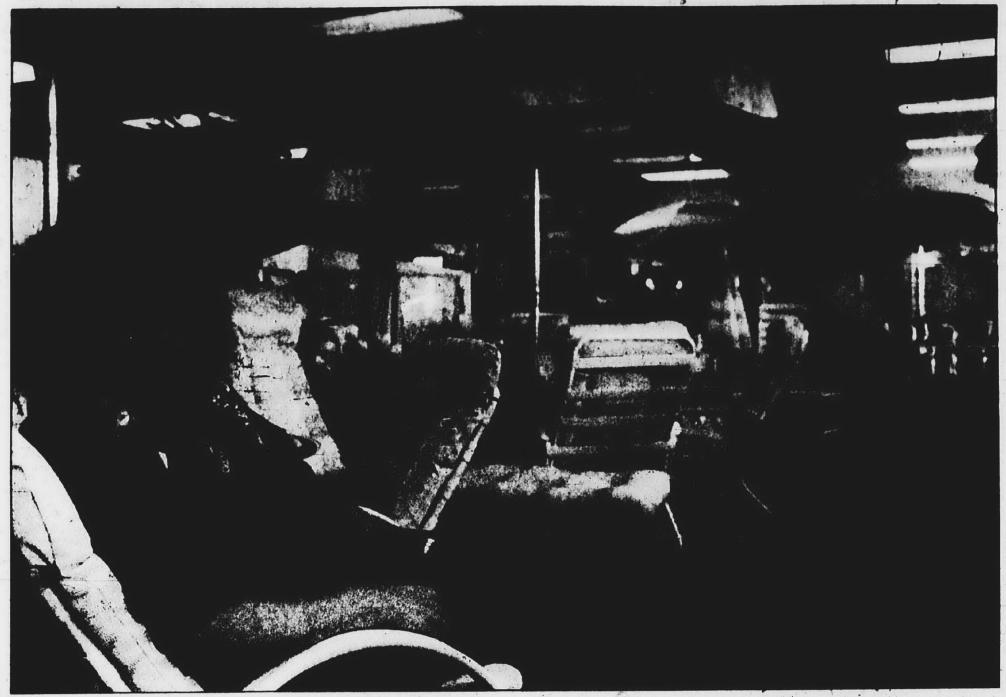
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Jane Fedrigo of Livonia went to Florida to find furnishings for her 1,000-square foot back yard deck in Livonia and ended up the owner of two patio furniture

Palm Beach: Closer than you think

By Darrell Clem staff writer

You don't find many black plastic Christmas trees in a patio furniture

Come to think of it, you don't find many black plastic Christmas trees anywhere.

But in a patio store? Especially, one that takes its name after Palm

first - but not after talking with store owner Jane Fedrigo. Then it starts to make good business sense.

"It's kind of hard to sell patio furniture in the winter," said Fedrigo. the 30-year-old Livonia resident who owns Palm Beach Patio Furniture stores in Waterford Township and

And anyway, this fast-talking, quick-witted entrepreneur who laughs often and smokes cigarettes can hardly be described as tradition-

"She cares more about her back yard than she does about the inside of her house," said Fedrigo's mother, Gwen.

Perhaps that's why Fedrigo start-'ed her patio business 51/2 years ago after a shopping spree in Florida. She went south to find furnishings for her 1,000-square-foot back yard deck in Livonia because she didn't see what she wanted in the Detroit area. She ended up having 40 sets of patio furniture - a truckload shipped north. "I was just looking."

FEDRIGO. WHO had quit college The idea might seem strange at because she didn't believe she was getting her money's worth, didn't even have a home for her patio inventory. Never mind that she had no retail experience. Or loyal customers. Or even a cash register.

Those details would be worked

However, even her family questioned her decision, at age 24, to start a patio business.

"But nobody talks Jane out of what she believes in," her mother said. "She had definite ideas, and she would not be discouraged. She has a lot of drive."

Nine of 10 businesses fail in the first five years. Fedrigo observes with a twist of wry humor that after 51/2 years in business, "the odds are now only 30 percent that I'll fail.'

She must be doing something right though. She has kept a Waterford Township office and last March opened her second store - the one at Novi Town Center. She wants more stores.

Even so, there was a time when Fedrigo wanted nothing more than to own a restaurant, although she concedes that her first love — cooking — is seldom practiced. But she did once beat 25 competitors in a state chili cooking contest. And she jokes - or does she - that she

might one day open a restaurant. 'I'm halfway to the restaurant business now. People will come in the store, sit down on the patio furniture and get comfortable. Now all I need is a little kitchen in the back room and I can start serving food."

ALTHOUGH SHE sometimes works 60 hours a week, Fedrigo travels to places such as San Francisco, Dallas, Atlanta, Chicago and New York to keep abreast of the latest styles of patio furniture. The furniture she buys has been shipped

from as far away as Costa Rica. Next summer, the most popular

colors for patio furniture will be black, dark green and white, she said, while yellow is expected to decline in popularity. One of the top styles will be large, awning-type

Palm Beach Patio Furniture carries such brands as Brown Jordan. Allibert. Samsonite and Tropitone. The patio sets vary from wrought iron to wood to steel to polyvinyl chloride. The stores offer wall art, table settings and -, of course -Christmas trees.

Fedrigo stocks such a variety because sne believes her store is like a doughnut shop, "and who wants to walk out of a doughnut shop with a dozen of the same doughnuts?'

Many people buy patio furniture on the spur of the moment for graduation parties or family reunions, Fedrigo said. When the patio business slows in the fall, Fedrigo turns to the Christmas season.

She decorates 20 trees at her Novi store and 30 at the Waterford Township outlet. White lights and silver tinsel look especially good on the

black plastic trees, she said. She chooses a wheat - yes, wheat tree decorated with aqua, pink and purple lights for her home.

"I REALLY GO for the avantgarde. These trees are just so contemporary.

Fedrigo, the fourth of five children, said she probably will settle down someday and have a family of her own. In fact, she alludes to marriage but won't say when it might occur.

But she'll never be domesticated, she said, because she plans to stay in the patio business.

I love patio. I will probably never get out of it.'

She will, however, have to consider expanding the 200-square-foot patio built onto the Farmington Hills house to which she plans to move soon. The patio is one-fifth the size of

her current patio.
"That's OK," Fedrigo said, puffing on a Carlton. "My new place is on a corner lot. I've got plenty of room to expand the deck. And I'll need to. I've got a lot of patio furniture.'



BILL HANSEN

You can find quartz crystals, said to emanate healing energies. light green chrysocolla, associated with creative and emotional balance, dark "mummy beads," made from clay found around the Pyramids, tourmaline, reputed to rid the wearer of negative conditions, and citrine, which is suppose to raise selfesteem, at the Michigan Metaphysical Society Bookstore in

When a stone isn't just a stone

Continued from Page 1

"I think people in general are doing more research about a particular stone before they make a purchase. The stones have taken on a whole new meaning for a lot of peo-

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quartz. For upper back discomforts — Rose quarts, amethyst or bloodstone. In a quaint jewelry shop in Farm-

ington Hills, fossil jewelry is all the

'What we've done is taken fossils and made wearable jewelry out of them," said Anita Collins, co-owner of Your Jeweler's Bench, "People

'A few years ago, young girls would come in here and ask for an attractive pair of earrings they could buy. Today, they come in and specifically ask for a colored stone. I think people in general are doing more research about a particular stone before they make a purchase.'

- Elaine Lewis Michigan Metaphysical Society

love it because they're unique and they don't see themselves coming and going like they do with other

Your Jeweler's Bench has fossil jewelry ranging from necklaces made from cephalopods, shells permeated by iron pyrite to Egyptian scarab pendants, which meant good luck in those days. The petri-fied sand dollar neck pieces are sure to start conversations.

COLLINS ALSO has some antique jewelry with its own history. For example, there's a Bloody Bucket ring. Made of sterling silver, it dates from World War II.

"It belonged to one of the soldiers

land; they called themselves the Bloody Buckets. It was like their signet ring."

Other items include jewelry made from human hair — real collector's pieces, according to Collins — and genuine elk's teeth pins.

People are generally fascinated with these items. And because they have a story behind them, that makes them all the more interest-

Fossils range in price from \$150-

\$2,500. Mounted prices begin at \$23 for a gold-filled trilobite pendant.

In Southfield, where besy streets and strip malls abound, there is one shop where peace and tranquility

the Claymore apartment comp

ce II on the lower level of

off of Franklin Road in Southfield can be described in one word - romance.

Jewelry with hidden meaning has 'been around for centuries," artist/ shop owner Leslie Pilling said.

Pilling's store, which opened last June, carries everything from lavish picture frames adorned in lace to home interior accessories to "jewelry with deep meaning."

T've done a lot of research on this topic. It appears that the Egyptians and Mayans were the first to use different shapes, designs and colors to give something a particular mean-

IN ANCIENT Egyptian hieroglyphics certain animals had certain meanings behind them. The fish meant good luck, the bird freedom, the elephant's trunk good luck, the heart love and the bear power, Pilling said.

Pilling has several pieces of jewelry that carry those signs. The also a pair of earrings that has been

made to look like grapes and vines.
"I asked the artist what the signif icance was. She told me that they should be worn by someone wi wants to have a baby because they represent fertility."

Other earrings have astro signs engraved on them, and are necklaces adorned with ch

"Over the past few years, have really gotten into this meaning stuff. Personally, the more unusual and assistance." that have their own mea

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New decade brings new choice options

Happy New Year!

*As always, the New Year is a time for New Beginnings, especially since we are also starting a new decade. It's a time to look back at what has been happening in our lives, to ponder if our lives have taken the direction we've wanted, to look forward to what is ahead.

Many of us have been with relatives for the first time in a while, or perhaps we've missed being with our families and became nostalgic. It may have been a time of remembering, of recreating a feeling for what our lives used to be, of the standards and values with which we were brought up.

A lot of us have broken away from the way we were reared. This happened with great purpose for some; for others it has been unintentional. We may have floated away from what was important in our families, to being caught up in an excessive materialistic society. We may have lost the habit of taking time to keep in touch, to pray, to do good for others. Or perhaps we feel good that we really have helped others during this holiday season and we'll do it again - next year .

NOW IS A TIME to become introspective. It is a time to imagine what we want to be in the future - 5 or 10 years down the road - and how we will get there. What is most important to us? What are we driven by? Do we want to be Mr. or Mrs. Success? Is money what we are after? Title? Position? Will even more possessions give us peace of mind? Or would we like to recapture a little



organizing

Dorothy Lehmkuhl

of the past? Would we like to evaluate the importance of faith in our

If we feel religion is worthwhile but we've not taken the time to practice it, perhaps this would be a good time for a new beginning. Rather than waiting for the next Easter, Hanukkah or other religious holiday, perhaps now is the time to begin praying more, to attend our places of worship regularly, to treat others the way we feel our God teaches.

Too many of us lament that, while we do believe, we "don't have time" for religion. What we must remember is that there are 24 hours in our day - just as there is for everyone else. Even some of the busiest, most important and influential people in our country regularly take time for their spiritual life. Lack of time is no excuse at all. What we must admit is that we chose to spend our time doing other things.

This is not intended as an argument with those who do not believe in religion; rather, it is to stimulate those who do feel faith is important, but whose actions do not mirror their beliefs.

Dorothy Lehmkuhl is owner of Organizing Techniques of Birmingham 48010.

In winter, there's garden work, too

there are things that can be done in the garden. If you haven't secured upright growing evergreens such as yew, upright junipers and others that might, be broken down by heavy snow, it isn't too late to do it.

Tap three tall pieces of dowl-type wood into the ground around the trees and wrap twine or heavy cord around them; they will appreciate it. Wind barriers are best made of burlap or fabric that will breathe. If plastic is used, the temperature can get quite hot in the winter sunshine under such coverings and the plants can be damaged by the heat generat-

Although many communities have now begun to compost Christmas trees, you may want to use yours as a snow fence or sun and wind shield for broadleaf trees and shrubs that are in an open area. Or, you may enlist several neighbors and tie your trees together to make a safe winter haven for the birds in severe weath-

When I was a child we often made a tree for the birds after Christmas. This might be a project for the children on a cold winter day. Strings of unsalted popcorn, cranberries, and peanuts in the shell will provide a welcome treat, as well as decoration. Pine cones can be rolled in a mixture of no-salt peanut butter which has been diluted with suet or other oils.



A home-made recipe called "Margie's porridge" that birds seem to love can be made. Two parts each of ground suet, corn meal and sugar, one part flour, water. Mix ingredients with water (not over 1/2 part) and cook in a double boiler (covered) until quite thick, about 25 minutes, stirring several times while it is

This mixture, after it cools, can be put into a cage made from hardware wire or packed into orange or grapefruit shells. After the mixture sets up in the shells, punch four holes evenly around the edge of the shells and up through the suet mixture.

Tie a cord at each hole, leaving the ends long enough to meet at the top so that they can be tied together. Now tie this feeder on a branch of a tree and watch the birds go for it. The shells can also be set in a crevice of a tree or at ground level. Have fun with these ideas.

I hope the New Year brings health, peace and joy to all of you.



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

THIS .

Interior designer Judy Hewes (left) and real estate agent Theresa

Levett in the fur-

house that is

serving as a pilot

project involving

houses for sale

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An empty room in the same house left vacant when the family moved due to relocation.

Sales tactic

Designer poses a question: empty vs. furnished house?

By Cathleen Collins Lee

OBODY has lived there since last April, but it would be hard for a visitor to this contemporary Rochester Hills house to tell.

A small Oriental rug lies on the dark wood floors in the entryway and a variegated ficus tree stands near the stairs.

The kitchen table - a glass top set on slabs of marble - is ready for lunch, with navy blue placemats and colorful napkins.

Mauve and gray contemporary love-seats are set at right angles to each other in the family room, while books and knick-knacks fill the shelves on either side of the fireplace.

While this house may lack only a stray sock or a few days' supply of newspapers to look completely lived in, it actually is the product of a 72-hour decorating blitz by area interior designer Judy Hewes.

Hewes is working with Chamberlain Realty's Relocation Department on a pilot project to temporarily and inexpensively decorate houses that are vacant because the homeowners have been trans-

SELLING AN EMPTY house, no matter how attractive, can be difficult because buyers have a hard time imagining it furnished.

So Hewes, who heads her own firm, Continental Interior Design, persuaded Theresa Levett, director of Chamberlain's Relocation Department, to let her use rental furniture and a few accessories to brighten up what might otherwise be a sterile-looking house.

"This is an attempt to sell a Traveller's relocation home that's been on the market since April,"

"It's a nice home, but there's tremendous competition with new construction houses sold through model homes. "Judy Hewes has been calling

me every month with this idea. Levett said, laughing. "And I'm glad she kept after me, because I think it could work." WHEN A relocation company acquires a house, they normally

have it painted and carpeted in neutral colors - at a cost of approximately \$6,000, according to

For an additional \$1,200 or so, she can improve the house's appearance dramatically - and help it sell more quickly, she said.

"We did something similar with -a house in Ohio that had been on the market for a while - and it sold in two weeks," Hewes said. "We do it on a shoestring - we gear it so the realty company can afford to do it."

WHAT DOES \$1,200 buy? Hewes' approach is to rent furniture for a few key areas - the kitchen, living room and family room - and buy some inexpensive accessories, such as used books and

Chamberlain bought the Oriental rug, the ficus tree and a brass fireplace screen to use in other houses.

In rooms that weren't furnished, such as the den and bedrooms, Hewes hung attractive prints and positioned flower arrangements on shelves and windowsills.

The prints were loaned for a month by Aardvark Custom Framing in Farmington Hills and the silk flowers were provided by Victoria's in Brighton.

attractive window treatments, but if it hadn't, Hewes would have used inexpensive valances.

THIS PARTICULAR house had

She can also add color to a room

by installing wallpaper borders with double-sided tape. "I want to stress that it takes one totally committed designer to accomplish this," Hewes said.

"It took a good 72 hours of work. Everything was hand-coordinated every house we do would be totally different. But if you stick with it, you can transform a house pretty quickly."

IN ORDER to make sure area real estate agents saw the change in the home. Chamberlain hosted a luncheon there, complete with a drawing for a car phone.

Approximately 50 real estate agents attended, and many seemed favorably impressed. "I've never seen a house profes-

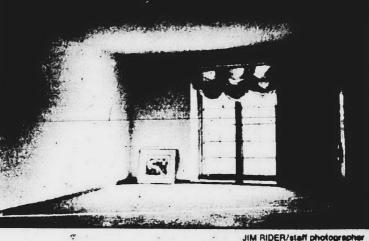
sionally decorated to be sold like that," said Suzanne Clark, a sales associate with ERA Meadowbrook.

"It's very effective. I have shown several vacant homes and not sold any of them. This might help."

The house represents an exciting new approach to selling relocation homes - and also some risk, Levett said.

BECAUSE Traveller's Relocation, which owns the house, was unwilling to pay for anything more than the customary painting and carpeting, Chamberlain has invested in the additional decorating itself.

"If we lose the listing - which expires in a month - and if this



JIM RIDER/staff photographes

house doesn't sell, it's an expense I'll have to eat," Levett said,

But we wanted to show Traveller's that we're extremely committed to selling relocation houses and will promote them to the best of our abilities."

Levett hopes that if sells fairly quickly, relocation companies will be more willing to pay for design services in the future.

BUT THE approach is only worthwhile in certain situations,

For one thing, the price of the house has to be high enough to jus-

tify the expense of decorating. This particular one in Rochester Hills is listed at \$198,900. Secondly, decorating a house

would be more useful in an area like Rochester Hills or West Bloomfield, where real estate agents are competing with new houses. And finally, this approach makes

most sense when the real estate market is soft and houses are taking longer to sell.

WITH THOSE reservations, Levett is optimistic that between them she and Hewes can pioneer a creative approach to selling relocation homes in the Detroit area.

In'fact, she already has Hewes working on another project - an unusual, contemporary house in downtown Birmingham.

exhibitions

SOMERSET MALL

Thursday, Jan. 4 + "A Thousand Years of Roman Fashions, 500 B.C. to A.D. 500," presented by Norma Goldman, is on display through Jan. 14. Goldman, professor at Wayne State University, has recreated Roman fashions down to the last seam after intentive on-site research. Open during regular Mall hours, Big Beaver and Coolidge,

• LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY

Thursday, Jan. 4 - Etchings, serigraphs and embossed prints by Casnadian artist Mathias Muleme are on display to Feb. 3. Closing reception 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac.

. JOY EMERY GALLERY Friday, Jan. 5 - Paintings and prints by Michigan artists Stephen Duren, Dick Goody, Ann Mikolowski and Lucille Nawara are on display through Feb. 3. Hours are 11 a.m. to

6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, until 8 p.m. Thursday, 131 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

SYBARIS GALLERY

Saturday, Jan. 6 - Sculpture by Margaret Keelan, Tony Natsoulas, Frank Ozereko and Susan Martin is on display through January. Reception 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 301 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. • ROCHESTER HILLS CITY

Paintings by Dorothy Foly of Bloomfield Hills are on display through February. The exhibit is sponsored by Paint Creek Center for the Arts. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, off Avon Road, Rochester

• ARC GALLERY

'Visual Dialogues/Emotional Spaces," paintings by Dale Sparage of Southfield are on display through JAN. 27. Reception 5-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday, 1040 W. Huron, • RATTLESNAKE CLUB

Photographs by National Geographic photographer William Albert Allard are on display in the Grill Room through Jan. 20. This is his only non-museum show and many of the works are for sale, 300 River Place, Detroit.

BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD ART ASSOCIATION Sunday, Jan. 7 - "Letters, Our

Legacy," is the annual, juried exhibit by Michigan Association of Calligraphers. Continues through Jan. 27. Reception 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham.

ART LOFT GALLERY

"Images From Italy" — works on paper and sculpture by Corinne A. Ragheb of Birmingham continue through Feb. 3. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, until 8:30 p.m. Thursday, 124 S. Woodward, Suite 3, second floor, Birming-

• RUSSELL KLATT GALLERY Newly released serigraphs by

American Impressionistsd Henry Plisson, John Powell and Christian Title and new works by regular lery artists are on display, 1467 S. Woodward, Birmingham.

• GARDEN CITY

Works of several local artists are on display, including oils, acrylics, watercolor and pen and ink. Hours noon to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. 30116 Ford Road, Sheridan Square, Garden City.

• CHAMELEON

Watercolors by Peggy Brown, stained glass by Diana Blanchard and other contemporary works by local and Australian artists through December. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Satruday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 370 S. Main Street, Plymouth.

• ROCHESTER HILLS MUSEUM

Stoney Creek Christmas Toyfest continues through Jan. 27. The toys span the 30th century. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Admission

charge, 1005, Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills. For information, call 656-4663.

en Michigan artists. Continues

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• GALLERY 22 Christmas art show has works by Yoko Moro, Jim Osthoff, Charles Gale and others. Continues to Jan. 13. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday, un-

til 9 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Saturday, 22 E. Long Lake, Bloomfield

• BELIAN ART CENTER Objects 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.

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7001 Orchard Lake, West Bloom-

• DETROIT INSTITUTE OF

"Furniture by Wendall Castle" continues through Feb. 4. The DIA is originating this show which will travel to five museums in the United States. Objects by Carol Ann Carter and constructions and drawings by Thom Bohnert make up the ninth exhibit of the Ongoing Michigan Artists Program (OMAP) which continues through Jan. 28. Open free of charge 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuceday-Sunday, 5200 Woodward, Defroit.

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 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, Executive Office Building, 1200 N. Telegraph,

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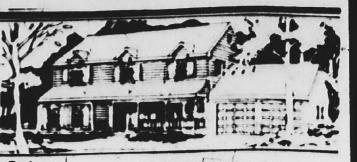
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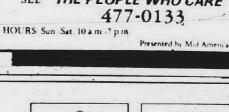
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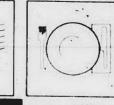
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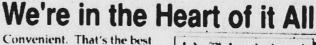
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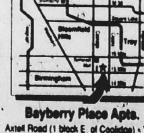








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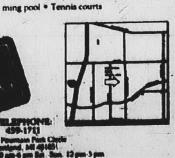
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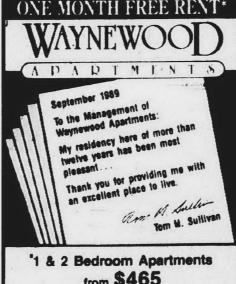


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Building Scene



Monday, January 1, 1990 O&E

1st-time house buyers eligible for state trust

By Gorald Frawley staff writer

Psst, wanna buy a house? No, really. This isn't a scam - it's got the backing of the state of Michi-

Gov. James Blanchard has a possible solution for first-time house buyers who are unable to save

enough money for a down payment. HOST, or Home Ownership Savings Trust, is a guaranteed investment program similar to the education trust established last year, according to Michigan department of treasury public affairs director Robert Kolt

Future first-time house buyers will make monthly purchases of variable-rate, Michigan quality of life bonds for a specified period of time based on the down payment needed. Voters approved the sale of \$800 million in bonds in November 1988.

The savings trust created by the deposits will be tax-exempt.

Reactions to the program by builders and real estate agents have

been favorable, Kolt said.

Michigan (BASM) president James Bonadeo said that Governor Blanchard has tentatively agreed to meet with association members to discuss the program, but no date has been

On the surface, the HOST program appears to be beneficial to builders, Bonadeo said, but he has yet to examine the program in detail. "Anything that helps young people to save for a home is a good thing.'

BONADEO SAID even developers who build apartments may not be opposed to the HOST program. Residential builders have diversified interests and many build single-family and apartments.

"I own apartments, and sometimes I'll talk to a tenant who has been living in an apartment for four or five years and ask him why he's still there, Bonadeo said. "He'll usually say, 'Don't you want me in your

"Don't get me wrong, I do want them there, but don't they want to

I think this is a good idea for people who have a difficult time saving, but perhaps not for everyone. I'm not jumping up and down over this, but for some people it will be a good thing."

- Doug Courtney Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors

can always get someone to fill the apartment.

"Besides, you may vacate one of my apartments, but you might buy one of my homes.

Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors president Doug Courtney said it is premature to pass judgment on HOST because no one has had a chance to carefully evaluate it. "We're excited at this point, but it's hard to say."

"I believe some first time-home buyers are looking forward to this program, but there may be draw-backs," Courtney said. "It could defer home ownership.

"If a person is interested in buying a home, he may wait because of this program even though it's not neces-

sary," Courtney said. With a Federal Home Mortgage (FHA) loan or specialized private mortgages, a house can be purchased for far less than many people realize, he said.

A person who buys a house today will build equity and could be in a second house before a HOST participant gets into his first house, he said. "If we talked about this in several years, my guess is that you (the person who bought today) would be further ahead.

"I think this is a good idea for people who have a difficult time saving, but perhaps not for everyone,' Courtney said. "I'm not jumping up and down over this, but for some people it will be a good thing."

KOLT SAID most of the quality of life bonds will be sold at a fixed interest rate, but approximately \$40 million worth will be sold as variable rate bonds with an interest rate equivalent to Michigan's annual housing inflation rate, he said. Monies from the bond sales will be used to clean up contaminated sites throughout the state.

The application period for the program begins Jan. 2. A cutoff date has not been set yet, although like the education trust, applications will be accepted again in the future, Kolt

Applicants will be asked four basic questions: the approximate value of the desired house, the number of years in which the purchase will be made, the down payment amount, and where the house will be pur-

Using these four factors, Kolt said the state will be able to design a savings program with specific monthly principal and interest payments to generate a down payment on a

KOLT SAID for participants who are uncertain of the house's location the average inflation rate on house prices will be used. That has been historically near 7 percent.

If a house is bought in an area where property values exceed the average state inflation rate, the participant will need to come up with the additional funds, he said.

Kolt said that regions, in contrast to exact cities, will generate a more accurate savings program than the

Typically, bonds are sold on Wall Street in denominations of \$5,000 or more, Kolt said, but the state is making an effort to sell bonds to Michigan residents for as little as \$100.

Participants can collect from the program early and still obtain the same interest rates if they intend use the money to purchase a house, he said. Money withdrawn for other reasons is not guaranteed to grow at

the same rate as housing inflation. Instead, participants will earn a rate of return equivalent to a oneyear, tax-exempt investment made at the time of joining the program.



Masons generally can't work when the temperature dips below 30 degrees, and snow and ice sometimes will delay roofers. But beyond that it's business as usual in the construction busi-

Builders ignore winter weather

By Doug Funke staff-writer

Ask builders here what they do during the cold winter months, and you get a simple, direct answer.

They build.

"We'll be busy all winter," said Fred Capaldi, owner of Capaldi Building Co. of Rochester Hills.

He has nine houses under construction in Orion Township, Bloom-

field Hills and Bloomfield Township. Once you get out of the business for even a couple of months, it's difficult getting ready mentally to return to work, said Capaldi. His father started the company in 1945.

contractors so I'm current in prices. If I drop out of the rotation, they another builder to fill th slot," Capaldi said. 'If you're going to be a profession-

"I like to keep in touch with sub-

al, I think you have to tough it out whether you like to or not," he said.

IT GENERALLY takes a little more time, depending on weather, and more money to build in winter than during more temperate months.

An excavator who charges \$100 per hour may take five or six hours longer depending on the frost line to dig a basement after the ground has

Some suppliers charge upward of 5 percent more to treat, heat and deliver concrete from November through mid-April. Then there's the added cost for straw and tarps used to keep foundations and basements

"We're not talking significant dollars - two, three, four thousand," said Mark Guidobono, president of Cambridge Homes of Northville.

"Customers have asked, 'Should we hold off to save?' We say, 'No, we get hit with price increases for materials."

Cambridge keeps one five-person crew of subcontractors busy all year long, a second six-person crew occupied most of the year and a third crew that works a little less, Guidobono said.

The company currently has 14

houses under construction in Michigan, including Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield and Farmington

"THE BIGGEST thing cold weather affects is putting concrete in the ground," Guidobono said. "You can't put in driveways or any kind of concrete on top of frost." Where builders might have taken

the winter off some years ago, they generally don't now, said Paul Robertson Jr., president of Robertson Brothers Co. of Bloomfield Town-

"I think builders have become more sophisticated and, with the cost of money, you can't afford to be open only eight months a year," he

It's common to excavate basements and pour concrete driveways and sidewalks at several homesites late in October and November so that carpentry and finishing work can continue through the cold weather months, several builders said.

"Everything else you can pretty

much do all year around," Robertson said.

TIMING FOR house orders often dictates winter construction.

'Spring and summer is when people are putting down deposits and making decisions," Guidobono said. "It takes three months to develop plans and specs. You can see where it builds up so we have a lot of

the temperature dips below 30 degrees and sometimes, snow and ice will delay roofers Experienced construction crews, however, are pretty

Masons generally can't work when

"Roughing carpenters are a pretty tough bunch," Capaldi said. "I've seen them working on days you and and I won't go out for anything.'

"The last few winters have been mild," Guidobono said. "My rough carpenters lost two days last year.

"The only thing you have to worry about that can screw you up is concrete," said Dean-Duke, secretary of Duke Contracting of Farmington Hills. "If you want to make money, you keep going through the winter.

Activity centers separate

The master suite of the Emerald 2 is a world unto itself on the home's second floor. But the main level is an assemblage of activity centers where a family with diverse interests can come together.

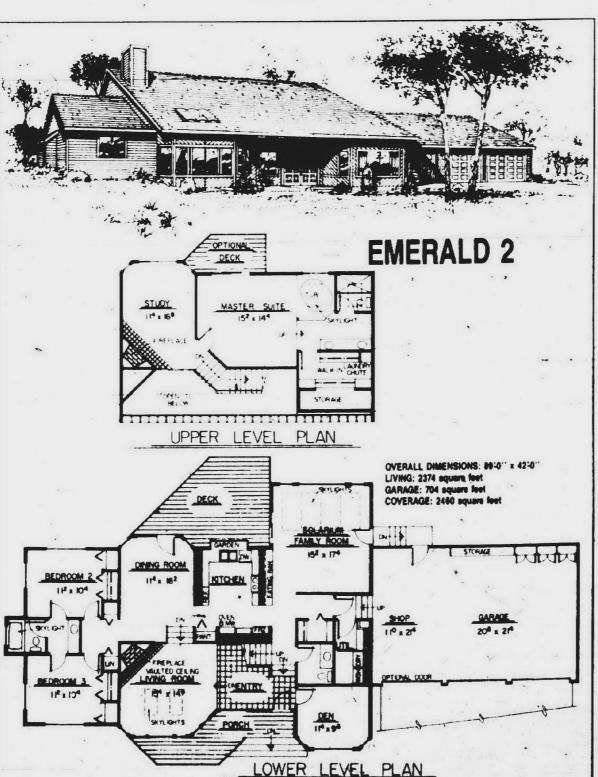
To the left of the front entrances is a sunken living room with skylights in its vaulted ceiling, a corner fireplace and a symmeterical arrangement of narrow and wide windows in a modified bay. To the right is a den with a bay window. Up a few steps is a half bath. A utility room is found near the steps leading down to

Around a corner is a 15-by-17 family room. Sliding glass doors open to a rear deck. The adjacent kitchen offers a clear view of the deck from a garden window over the clean-up station. A wide counter open to the adjacent dining room can double as an eating bar with the addition of a

The bedrooms on the main floor are isolated from the home's activity centers and are identical in size separated by a shared bathroom. Both have step-in closets and built-in shelving, vaulted ceilings and large windows

The second story is dominated by a high-ceiling master suite and adjacent study, which boasts a bay window and fireplace. The sleeping area, with sliding glass doors to a. private balcony, measures 15 by 14 feet. A step up leads to the bath, equipped with a combined spa/tub, double sinks and a separate shower.

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Should we take serious the forms that are sent to us by mortgage companies regarding the number of units that are being rented in the condominium? Our association management company is very lax in filling out this form and sometimes just turns it over to the president to take case of. Do you have any comments?

The following is a quotation from the Near North News, published in Chicago on Saturday, October 21, 1989, in an article authored by Bill Caldwell. "Some condo board members and managers are likely to be going to federal prison, the Association for Condominium Education warned this week. The group said that secondary money markets such as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have guidelines restricting transactions if condo associations have more than 30 percent renters.

"Some boards and managers have been certifying less than 30 percent renters when they know renters far exceed this amount. The FBI is in final stages of investigation and will report to the justice department. 'Look for indictments by next year,' the association said." Need I say

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