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Mayflower set to get a facelift



The Mayflower Hotel's new owners have hired an architectural firm to help freshen the landmark building's appearances inside and out while preserving its historic look.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Mayflower Hotel is in line for some restoration work.

Hotel general manager and part-owner Matt Karmo said the plan is to

renovate the restaurant, bar and public areas of the hotel, and the exterior.

"It's mostly a facelift," Karmo said.

"We're trying to maintain the theme of the Mayflower, we just want to update it."

Karmo said the lease on the kitchen cabinet store on the corner has not been renewed. "We want to make it part of our bar and restaurant. We want to link the whole building, we want to give it one uniform look."

Of the hotel's interior, "It needs to be more airy," he said.

"We want to maintain the historic look. It's a landmark for the city of Plymouth and we want it to stay that way."

Karmo also plans to sell cappuccino and pastries at the space on Ann Arbor Trail once occupied by the jewelry store.

The architectural firm working on the restoration is Victor Saroki and Associates of Birmingham. The architects have started photographing the building, making drawings, taking measurements and researching

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Track star tracks deer



Sure shot: One shot from Courtney Sheldon's .270 Winchester at 220 yards felled a 180-pound, eight-point buck Nov. 16 near Posen, Mich.

At 17, she is a dead-eye deer hunter

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Courtney Sheldon, captain of the girls' cross country and track squads at Plymouth Salem High, just bagged her second buck while hunting with her dad.

On Nov. 16, the second day of the rifle deer season, she felled a 180-pound eight-point buck with one shot from her .270 Winchester rifle from 220 yards.

Sheldon, with her dad Terry Sheldon and uncle Pat, was hunting in Posen, near Alpena.

"I've always been interested in shooting. I'd always go to the range with my dad," said Courtney, 17, a senior at Plymouth Salem High.

"I took her hunting for the first time maybe when she was 14 or 15; she didn't seem to be afraid of anything," said Terry Sheldon, who started hunting in 1967.

Last season, Courtney shot her first buck, a spike-horn.

Dad said his daughter took easily to lessons he passed on from his father and grandfather about shooting: about finger control and how to breathe so the gun remains steady while taking a shot.

Younger daughter Kimberly, 16 — she plays volleyball at Plymouth Salem High — hasn't taken to shooting, but she was also on the

hunting trip. "She dressed the deer out like a surgeon general; she doesn't want to whack them," Terry Sheldon said.

"I taught them all that stuff you teach boys to do and they took to it," he said.

Courtney said, "I like the challenge; I like being outside — it's a nice time of year."

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Salem student hits mark: 'Bowling for Trees'

Environmental effort: Jason Pino, a junior at Plymouth-Salem, has organized a bowling tournament to raise money to buy historical trees for school.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Jason Pino, 17, of Canton has two loves in life: science and bowling. So when it came time for the Plymouth-Salem junior to submit a semester project for his environmental studies class, he decided to combine the two.

The Plymouth-Salem Environmental Open resulted. It's a "bowling for trees" tournament scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4 at Superbowl in Canton. Proceeds will be used to buy historically significant trees to be planted on school grounds.

"Science has always fascinated me

— planets, astronomy, rocks and minerals, chemicals, stuff like that," said Pino. "The way I got the idea was combining what I like to do for fun in order to use it as a semester project."

According to Pino's science teacher, Sally DeRoo, Pino had expressed interest in environmental issues regarding lack of trees, global warming, and rain-forest destruction. So when she issued her project guideline — "Identify a problem at home, school or community that you can effectively

See **BOWLING**, 2A

Rezoning approved

The Plymouth Township planning commission has approved a rezoning of the southwest corner of Beck and Five Mile roads from single family residential zoning to general commercial district zoning.

The action was in keeping with the township's master land use plan, which suggested a commercial development at the site. S&N Inc. sought the rezoning. They have not specified what type of commercial development is planned for the site.

Goodfellows sale

The Plymouth Goodfellows Association will sell special newspaper editions around Plymouth on Saturday in its annual fund-

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raising drive for the Christmas season.

"Community contributions will enable us once again to attain our goal, 'No kiddie without a Christmas,'" said Goodfellows secretary Julia Peters.

Corrections employees help

Employees of the Western Wayne Correctional Facility in Plymouth recently worked with the Adopt-A-Family committee to aid needy kids and adults.

The committee donated 30 turkeys to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit for Thanksgiving.

Western Wayne employees also helped provide 100 students in grades 1-3 at Harding Elementary School in Detroit with shoes and T-shirts, based on need.

The shoes were bought at Mavade' Footwear in Wixom, partly because the store included a T-shirt with each pair of shoes bought. The shoes and shirts are to be delivered Dec. 1.

Family sing

Families are invited to join in at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 for the "Plymouth Families Sing Christmas" event at Kellogg Park.

Hot cider will be available, and local families will lead the crowd in their favorite yuletide carols. Everyone that comes to the event will receive a candle.

Hunter from page 1A

Some of her friends at school are surprised to learn she hunts. Courtney said she has heard arguments from those who are against hunting.

"It's a sport, it's part of life, it always has been. It's part of the life cycle," she said.

"When I shoot it I'm not going to leave it there," she continued, adding the meat from the buck is

being processed for her family.

After graduation, Courtney plans to attend General Motors Institute in Flint to study engineering.

She shares in a school record time for the 3,200 meter track event and is a nominee for the Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete award for girls' cross country.

Tyburski gets sentence cut in half

Leonard Tyburski, convicted of the 1985 murder of his wife, had his sentence cut in half Friday and could now be eligible for parole within three years.

The former Canton resident was found guilty of second-degree murder in 1989 and at that time

received a 20- to 40-year sentence.

According to his own testimony, Tyburski killed his wife, Dorothy, after an argument about an affair she had with their daughter's 18-year-old boyfriend. He put her body in the basement

freezer, where it was discovered by their daughter Kelly, then 20, on Jan. 2, 1989. She said that she had been haunted by dreams about the freezer.

In September, Tyburski agreed to plead guilty during his second trial in exchange for a reduced

sentence. On Friday, Judge Dalton Roberson of Detroit Records Court ordered him to serve 9- to 20- years in prison. Taking into account the time he has already served and time off for good behavior, Tyburski could be paroled as soon as 1997.

High winds wreak havoc throughout area

Plymouth police responded to numerous calls Monday morning about high winds that reached speeds of 55 mph.

Winds damaged the roof and awning at the Dairy King on Main Street. Phone lines were reported down at 780 Penniman and on Ann Arbor Trail near Hamilton. Wires fell on a guard rail at 980 W. Ann Arbor Road. Wires also were reported down at Colonial Collision, 936 W. Ann Arbor Road.

Drunken driving

A 24-year-old Northville woman was arrested for driving while under the influence of liquor at 2:45 p.m. Nov. 16. A Plymouth police officer first noticed the woman, who was transporting two passengers, traveling westbound on Ann Arbor Road in a 1988 Buick.

The woman started the heel-toe sobriety test but fell and

screamed. The officer said the woman claimed she was nervous. He said she cheated on the balance test by opening her eyes, which were bloodshot. The driver, who passed the alphabet test, had a blood alcohol level of .124. She was handcuffed and transported to the station.

She was booked and jailed, and her license was destroyed.

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impact on" — Pino made a quick observation: Centennial Park simply didn't have enough trees. The next step was to do something about it. However, the scope of his project took DeRoo by surprise. "What this kid has done to my amazement is organize this bowling tournament," she said.

We came out here, and it was a hundred percent better. We've never looked back. He's had some tremendous teachers," Rosanna Pino said.

But even tremendous teachers need willing students. Catherine Campbell, Pino's fifth-grade teacher and current counselor at Hoben Elementary School, said of her former student: "He has got a spirit that's just so special. He always brought a sense of joy to the classroom. I would take a million of Jason because he was so teachable."

donated. The only person Pino had a difficult time convincing was his 12-year-old sister, Laura, a seventh-grade cheerleader for the Canton Lions football team. However, he's not worried. "She'll be attending whether she wants to or not," he said in typical big-brother tone.

Except for some help with the computer, Pino did all the organizational work for the tournament, from contacting the bowling alley, to printing and distributing the entry forms, to soliciting donations. It was more than a matter of communication skills and determination. It involved vision.

DeRoo, a board member of the Michigan Science Teachers Association, endorsed the cross-curriculum aspect of Pino's project, which she said involved "history, social studies, science and mathematics, as well as the environment." And certainly, Centennial Park could use a few trees. "Our school site is devoid of trees. It was once a beech-maple forest in the 1800s," she said.

Campbell, who plans to bowl in the tournament, commented on the motives behind Pino's project: "He's really an unselfish person. This project is not about Jason Pino. It's about helping a whole community out."

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the history.

"We're now now getting into the design, what the needs and necessities are," Saroki said.

As to what the finished restoration will look like, the architects and Karmo both say it's too early to say.

For Pino, organizing the tournament was just another of the many challenges he has taken in stride throughout his school years. "He's never let anything ever hold him back," said his mother, Rosanna. "If he has a down day, he just handles it and goes on." Pino's parents moved to Canton six years ago because of the school district's excellent reputation. "We lived in a school district that didn't have the services.

Pino had no problem selling his idea of bowling for trees to potential sponsors. "Well, I'd go in and give them my little speech, tell them what I was doing and how I was doing it. Then I give them one of my entry forms," he said, describing his soft-sell approach.

Several area restaurants, businesses and residents already have

Saroki and Karmo say no schedule has been set for when work will happen or when it will be completed.

Saroki said the firm has done restoration work on private homes and on the Peabody mansion in Birmingham and the Second City Theater in Detroit, formerly the Hughes and Hatcher Building.

The firm plans to research old photos and writings about the Mayflower at the Plymouth historical museum, he added.

"We don't know yet, we're just doing our research right now," Saroki said.

Karmo said the architectural firm has done five conceptual drawings of what a restoration could look like. "It's too early because I want to give room for any suggestion that comes up," Karmo said.

Karmo said he's organizing a group of long-time residents to make suggestions about the restoration.

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Santa's house: In his new house, Santa holds David Maycock, 5, on his lap.

It must be Christmas season — Santa has arrived.

Santa rode into Plymouth on a fire truck at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, as scores of kids and moms and dads anxiously awaited his arrival.

The event was made even more festive by a sing-along of Christmas carols and the unveiling of Santa's new house.

"He was overheard saying 'This is a beautiful new house, I'm going to be happy there,'" said Mayor Doug Miller who was on hand for the big event.

To greet Santa, kids all yelled in unison "Hi Santa!" as he arrived in the park. Songbooks were passed out and all joined in on rousing renditions of "Jingle Bells" and "Here Comes Santa Claus," led by Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce which sponsored the event.

A highlight of the event involved Santa throwing the switch to light a Christmas tree in the park.

Of the new Santa house, built by Plymouth Township firefighter Randy Maycock, Miller said, "I told him he ought to come and build the library for us, the detail work is just amazing."

Upon entering his new house for the first time, Santa received his first callers — a long line of kids telling him what they wanted



Is he here?: Sara Roan, 2, and her grandfather Gerhard Heyer of Plymouth await Santa's arrival Sunday in Kellogg Park.

for Christmas.

Just before entering his new house, Santa told the kids from the stage that it was a month before Christmas, and they should continue to be good.

Families are invited to return to the park at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 for the "Plymouth Families Sing Christmas" event, complete with hot cider and more singing of Christmas carols, backed by Salvation Army musicians.



Sing-along: Sara Galante, 8, and Marrie Galante, 5, sing Christmas carols while awaiting Santa's arrival.

Teddy Bears, trains featured at historical museum show

The Plymouth Historical Museum announces the opening of a new exhibition for the holidays, "Teddy Bears and Trains," featuring more than 300 teddy bears and 100 examples of model trains.

Ever since Teddy Roosevelt went on his famous hunting expedition in 1902 and refused to kill a captured bear cub, Americans have loved the bear that eventually bore his name. The first "Teddy" bears were made in 1903 by a Brooklyn couple who asked the president for permission to name their bears in honor of him and the rest is history.

Bear lovers everywhere will enjoy the wonderful examples of teddy bears featured in festive settings. Vintage bears, including many examples of early Steiff and Ideal Toy Company bears, as well as modern art Bears are on exhibit.

Also included in the holiday exhibit are many examples of Michigan's own Lionel model trains. The Lionel Company, located in Mt. Clemens, is 90 years old this year. Featured are extensive collections of early Lionel engines, and passenger trains as well as some rare pieces featuring Mickey Mouse. American Flyer model trains are also on exhibit. The trains exhibits are compliments of local members of the Toy Train Operator's Association.

Special events for this exhibit include the Annual Holiday Exhibition at the Museum from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. All who attend have a chance to win a "Thomas The Tank Engine" electric train set. This is a Lionel



Exhibit: The award-winning painting "Forgotten Friends" by local artist Sharon Dillenbeck will be on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum's Holiday Exhibit. Cards featuring "Forgotten Friends" are available for sale in the Museum's Gift Shop and will be signed by Dillenbeck between 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

electric train set featuring Thomas the Tank Engine and train cars from the Shiny Time Station children's series on PBS.

Also featured at the Holiday Exhibition will be local artist, Sharon Dillenbeck. Sharon's award winning painting "Forgotten Friends," featuring teddy bears, Paddington and others, is on display as part of the Museum's exhibit. Matted prints and cards featuring "Forgotten

Friends" are available for sale in the Museum's Gift Shop and will be signed by Dillenbeck between 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Refreshments will also be served.

The Museum is open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students (5-18), under age 5 are free. Family rate is \$4.

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vation Army guidelines will be invited to take your donated gifts.

In each issue of our newspaper during the Christmas Cheer Club drive, we'll list names of donors who bring things in. We'll also run a photo or two of folks dropping by our office to donate.

Our office is at 744 Wing just east of Main Street, and office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We've recorded as many as 200 donors to the Cheer Club during the Christmas season.

We hope you can join the Cheer Club this year. For more information, call the Plymouth and Canton Observer office at 459-2700.

Buck pole:
Tim Cross of Canton shows the eight-point buck he shot while hunting northwest of Mio on Nov. 15.



Township man bags 2 in 1 day



COMMUNITY Buck Pole

The firearms deer season is in full swing, and we're asking successful hunters to report their kill to the Observer Buck Pole.

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Our most recent reports came from several residents. John Kamph of Plymouth Township got a doe on the last day of bow season. On opening day of rifle

season, Kamph bagged a 6-point buck.

"Two deer in less than 24 hours — I probably never will do that for the rest of my life," said Kamph who hunted four days in Charlevoix County.

Canton resident Jerry Putin bagged a spike-horn deer on his property in Delta County in the Upper Peninsula. "I saw a spike-horn on the first day. I couldn't get a shot. On the second day I saw a different one and shot it," Putin said, adding that spike-horn are probably 70 percent of the deer harvest. Putin has been hunting since 1966.

Canton resident Tim Cross got an 8-point buck while rifle hunting Nov. 15 northwest of Mio. Cross said this was the largest 8-point rack he ever bagged.

OBITUARIES

ELMER E. WOOD

Services for Elmer E. Wood, 84, of Canton Township, were Saturday, Nov. 19, with Rev. James F. Andrews, of Full Salvation Union Church, officiating. Burial was in United Memorial Gardens, in Superior Township.

He was born in Hancock County, Iowa, and died Thursday Nov. 16, at home, in Canton Township. He was a tool and die maker.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley F. Wood; daughters, Lois M. Long of Kentucky, Joy S. Simchak of Canton, Hope E. Shuler of North Carolina, Paula J. Mullins of New Boston; sons, David E. of Westland; Mark W. of Jackson, Tenn., and Philip E. of Chelsea; sisters, Ruby Holt of Iowa, and Claribel DeVries of Iowa; brothers, Melvin of Florida and John of Iowa; 33 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Mott Children's Hospital, or the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

JERRY D. STEWART

Services for Jerry D. Stewart, 63, of Canton, were Friday, Nov. 18, at Uht Funeral Home, with Rev. Henry Schafter officiating. Burial was in Knollwood Memorial Park, in Canton.

He was born Sept. 16, 1931 and died Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Ann Arbor Hospital. He was a driver and a member of the VFW Harris-Kehrer Post 3323.

He is survived by his wife, Sheila K.; son, Jerry David; daughter, Vicki Richards; son, Tim; daughter, Connie Kile; sisters, Sara Cooper and Nancy Oliver; 9 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice, Michigan Heart Association, or the American Lung Association.

FRANK J. RILEY

Funeral services were held recently for Mr. Riley at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington. Officiating was Monsignor Walter Hurley. Cremation rights were accorded.

Mr. Riley is a retired chief stationary engineer for the Felician Sisters at Madonna College in Livonia. Mr. Riley retired in 1970 after 35 years of employment.

Mr. Riley is survived by: his wife, Arla; children, George F., Shirley Burden, Nancy Master-nack, Michael, Susan Weber, Bonnie Riley, and Paul; 25 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; brother, Owen Riley; and sister, Irene Strople. Mr. Riley is predeceased by son James and daughter Judy Zaborowski.

LUNCH MENU FOR SENIORS

The senior citizen nutrition program will serve these hot meals for the week of Nov. 28. Meals will be served at noon at Tonquish Creek Manor, 1160 Sheridan, in Plymouth (453-9703) and at 11:30 a.m. at Canton Recreation Center, 44237 Michigan Ave. (397-5444).

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Engler challenges local user fees

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Voters in Wayne County and many suburbs would decide the fate of an airport tax and recycling fees under a recommendation endorsed by Gov. John Engler.

"Mandatory user fees" for recycling are used by Bloomfield Township; the cities of Rochester Hills, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Wixom; and the village of Milford.

"There are a lot of communities with 'mandatory user fees' that this report says must be voter-approved," said Patrick L. Anderson, deputy state budget director and a member of the governor's commission.

Wayne County's 30-percent tax on parking at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, 5-percent charges for 911 emergency telephone service, and Detroit's utility users tax also should be approved by voters, not imposed by governing boards, the report said.

The 12-member Blue Ribbon Commission for Review of the 1978 Headlee (tax limitation) Amendment included Anderson, a Farmington Hills resident and

chair of the 11th Congressional District Republican organization; his boss, budget director Patti Woodworth; state treasurer Doug Roberts; and Gary Wolfram, Hillsdale College economist and member of the State Board of Education.

Wolfram chaired the panel.

Dissenting on the user-fees section were three local-government members: Elaine Skarritt, Milford Township clerk and president of the Michigan Townships Association; Gene Thornton, lobbyist for the townships association; and John Logie of the city of Grand Rapids.

The dissenters said it's impossible to prove that a user fee isn't a tax. "How does one prove a negative? And to whom?" they asked rhetorically.

The dissenters said local recycling programs "have been established in good faith on the basis that the user-fee approach was acceptable and valid. A retrenchment now would not only cause a likely disruption of existing programs, but also stifle further advancement and development of this socially desirable goal."

Despite the dissent, Engler told the commission he would direct the treasurer, his legal counsel and budget director to address the administrative concerns. "I will also ask our legislative leaders to work with us on legislation addressing other recommendations," he said.

The report covers all facets of the 1978 lengthy Headlee amendment to the financial article (IX) of the Michigan Constitution. The report's section on local government fees is likely to stir the most controversy in the 1995 legislative session.

The report defines a "fee" as payment for a voluntary service, including fines for violations of law. But the panel said a charge for mandatory services such as recycling and 911 emergency service are unconstitutional unless approved by voters.

"The commission recommends that the Legislature amend each statute that authorizes establishment of a jurisdiction-wide assessment district to finance general government services" to require voter approval.

Among other recommendations:

■ Wayne County's 30-percent tax on airport parking — which ranks with Montana's 30-percent tax on coal sold to Detroit Edison Co. as one of the highest levies in the nation — also should be approved by voters, because "The revenue from this tax, although ostensibly imposed by the state, flows directly back to the cities and counties in which a regional airport is located."

■ Convention bureau marketing taxes of one to two percent on hotels and motels with more than 10 rooms should be subject to a vote of the people, not just hotel-motel owners. "These statutes effectively create local authorities that levy taxes and make expenditures without any control by the citizenry," it said.

■ A very similar statute, the "Tiger Stadium Tax" act (PA 180 of 1991), authorizes an explicit excise tax on hotel and motel accommodations in municipalities or counties constructing or reconstructing a stadium or convention facility.

Commissioner lands 'plum' county post

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Suburban Wayne County gained an edge last week as county commissioner Michelle Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights, was named chair of the Committee on Roads, Airports and Public Services.

Plawecki, 27, also represents Redford Township and Livonia east of Middlebelt.

As chair of "CRAPS," Plawecki succeeds commissioner Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, who was named chairman of the whole commission Nov. 17.

Suburban commissioners think western Wayne County will benefit greatly from having a fellow suburbanite in the CRAPS chair.

The committee has oversight responsibility for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, which does all the county road work, runs Metro Airport and the operates the



Michelle Plawecki

county park system.

Because a portion of Plawecki's district is a township, she has a strong incentive to see that county road maintenance is efficiently performed.

Commission elects chief

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County commissioner Ricardo Solomon, D-Detroit, was elected chairman of the county commission Nov. 17.

Solomon replaces commissioner Arthur Blackwell, D-Detroit, who announced his resignation as chairman last month.

Solomon was elected by a vote of 14-0 with one abstention, commissioner Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe.

Observer-area commissioners all voted in favor of Solomon.

They are: Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, who also represents Plymouth and Plymouth Township; Michelle Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights, who also represents Redford Township and part of Livonia; Kay Beard, D-Westland, who also represents Garden City,

and Bryan Amann, D-Wayne, who also represents Canton Township.

Solomon, 39, represents District Seven, which encompasses the northwest corner of Detroit.

Solomon has spent the majority of his adult life in government employ. His experience includes stints as the assistant director of the Economic Development Corp. of Wayne County, an employment specialist at Wayne County Metropolitan Community Action Agency, an aide to U.S. Rep. George Crockett and a contract compliance officer for the Detroit government.

Solomon has a bachelor's degree in political science from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Ga., and a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University.

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Exercise group helps MS sufferers

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

Doris Colling has multiple sclerosis, but she is determined not to surrender her mobility.

Colling is credited with putting together the first area exercise program for people with MS.

A former employee of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, Colling drew on business contacts at St. Mary Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA to put her plan into action.

"I was fortunate enough to know the right people and they were kind enough to say yes," said Colling, who has suffered with MS six years.

Combining the resources of St. Mary's medicine and rehabilitation department with the Y's swimming pool, the 14-month-old program offers participants a combination of aquatic exercise and education.

MS is a chronic, slowly progressive disease of the central nervous system which can result in muscle weakness and loss of coordination and balance. The cause is unknown and there is currently no known cure. Treatment includes physical therapy and medication.

What began as a program for a dozen people with MS has grown to a weekly session for about 40, with interest growing all the time.

"We've kind of become an advocacy group," said Colling.

For years Colling was content to listen to her neurologist, who discouraged exercising.

"Heat is the enemy. Becoming overheated is dangerous for someone with MS," she said.

Finally Colling decided to take the matter into her own hands.

"I just thought I'd like someone to exercise with, for motivation," she said. "In the pool you cannot get overheated. My balance is bad and I can't move well, especially my left leg. In the water I can bring my left knee to the top of the water. Also, if you fall, you don't kill yourself."

"If I wasn't doing this, my walking would be so much worse. With MS, tendons shorten up. They need regular stretching."



JIM JAGDFELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Grant presentation: R.J. Moore, area marketing director, and Chuck Keys, district manager for USA for Health Care, recently presented a \$4,500 grant to St. Mary President and Chief Executive Officer Sister Mary Modesta for the MS exercise program at the Livonia Family YMCA. Doris Colling of the MS group is in the foreground. The money will pay for a lift to help the wheelchair bound in and out of the pool and also will provide for water equipment and a physical therapist to work with the group for a few sessions.

Jan Estes of Redford couldn't agree more. Estes was diagnosed with MS in 1992. Her priest told her to start swimming — he'd

read somewhere that it was helpful. So she joined the Livonia YMCA and became acquainted with the group accidentally just as it was forming.

"It's a wonderful group," Estes said. "We're all very supportive of one another. It's not just a bitch session. We have special guest speakers and we socialize."

She credits the swimming with keeping her mobile.

"I don't walk with a cane now," she said.

For more information on the program, call the Y at 261-2161 or St. Mary's at 591-2955. Sharon Terkins, also of Redford, looks forward to the Friday class.

Environment is topic for public hearings

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Environmental officials from Lansing and Washington are listening to the public discuss a broad range of issues in a series of meetings in November and December.

"We're stepping out of the traditional role so we can develop long-range goals," said Denise Mogos, spokesperson for the state Department of Natural Resources' regional office in Livonia.

"The EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) has done this in other states. This is the first time it has been done in Michigan. We're having a series of nine meetings in eight counties."

"We had our first one in St. Clair County (Nov. 16). The loss of wildlife habitat was brought up a couple of times. Other people noticed an increase in bladder cancer. There were questions about groundwater and air quality."

"Much of the focus was on the St. Clair River" — foreign ships emptying their ballast.

"We're organizing the meetings around five watersheds — the Detroit River, the Rouge River, the Raisin, the Clinton and the St. Clair River," Mogos said.

Usually DNR hearings are on a fixed topic, such as underground storage tanks or wetlands permits. In this first-of-a-kind series for Michigan, DNR and EPA say they will use public input to establish budget and enforcement priorities.

All meetings run from 7-9 p.m. Here is the full schedule for the remainder of the meetings:

- Detroit, Tuesday, Nov. 29 — Wayne County Medical Society dining room, 1010 Antietam.
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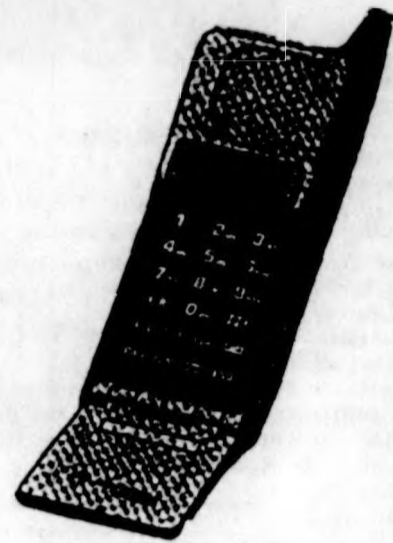
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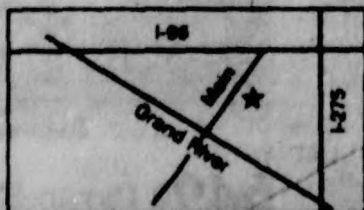
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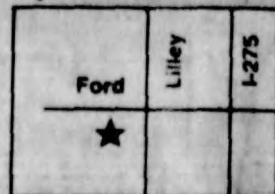
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KAREN MEIER

The farmer and his wife

Fifty years and four days ago a young farmer from North Dakota got married. The weather was mild that day, unheard of for late November in North Dakota. But mild it was as the young man and his bride began making their way in this world. Together, farming the land with its rocks and hills, tending the fields of waving, golden wheat, milking the cows and gathering eggs from the chickens were the tasks filling the days of the young couple. And then the children started to come along. Their marriage was blessed with five of them, three boys and two girls. Those five children, all born on the North Dakota farm, are, of course, grown now. And they're doing all right for themselves. None of them, though, turned out to be farmers. And not a one calls North Dakota home anymore.

'62 was their last good year on the farm. After that came the funnel cloud which drowned the crops and sliced open their barn. Later on, droughts and wild prairie fires destroyed fields and hope. Then a late March blizzard unleashed its fury. The snows began in the middle of the day. The fierce wind soon drifted the roads closed. The school bus couldn't make it through at the end of the day. The farmer and his wife, who was now pregnant with their fifth, wouldn't see their other children for three days. After the storm broke, the farmer hitched two horses up to the sleigh and brought his children back home. He broke the news to them: The cows and pigs had perished in the pasture.

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

'House of rest' in a time of need



November is National Hospice Month, a time to reflect on the services provided to the terminally ill and their families and a time to learn more about what once meant "house of rest."

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It may be an odd subject to consider in the waning days of November, when we gather to reflect on family. It's a time to give thanks for the love, the caring and the sharing for which "family" stands.

But those familial feelings may be the reason November has been designated National Hospice Month.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of hospice in America. Hospice - a patient- and family-focused, cost-effective way of caring for incurably ill people when curing their diseases is no longer possible - was introduced to the United States by Dame Cicely Saunders, founder of the modern-day hospice health care concept and St. Christopher's Hospice near London, England. It has grown from a single program established in New Haven, Conn., in 1974, to more than 2,000 organizations across the country.

There is much in common among hospice organizations. The care they provide is covered by Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers. They also provide 13

months of bereavement counseling and services for families following a patient's death. Their differences reflect the philosophy that guides them.

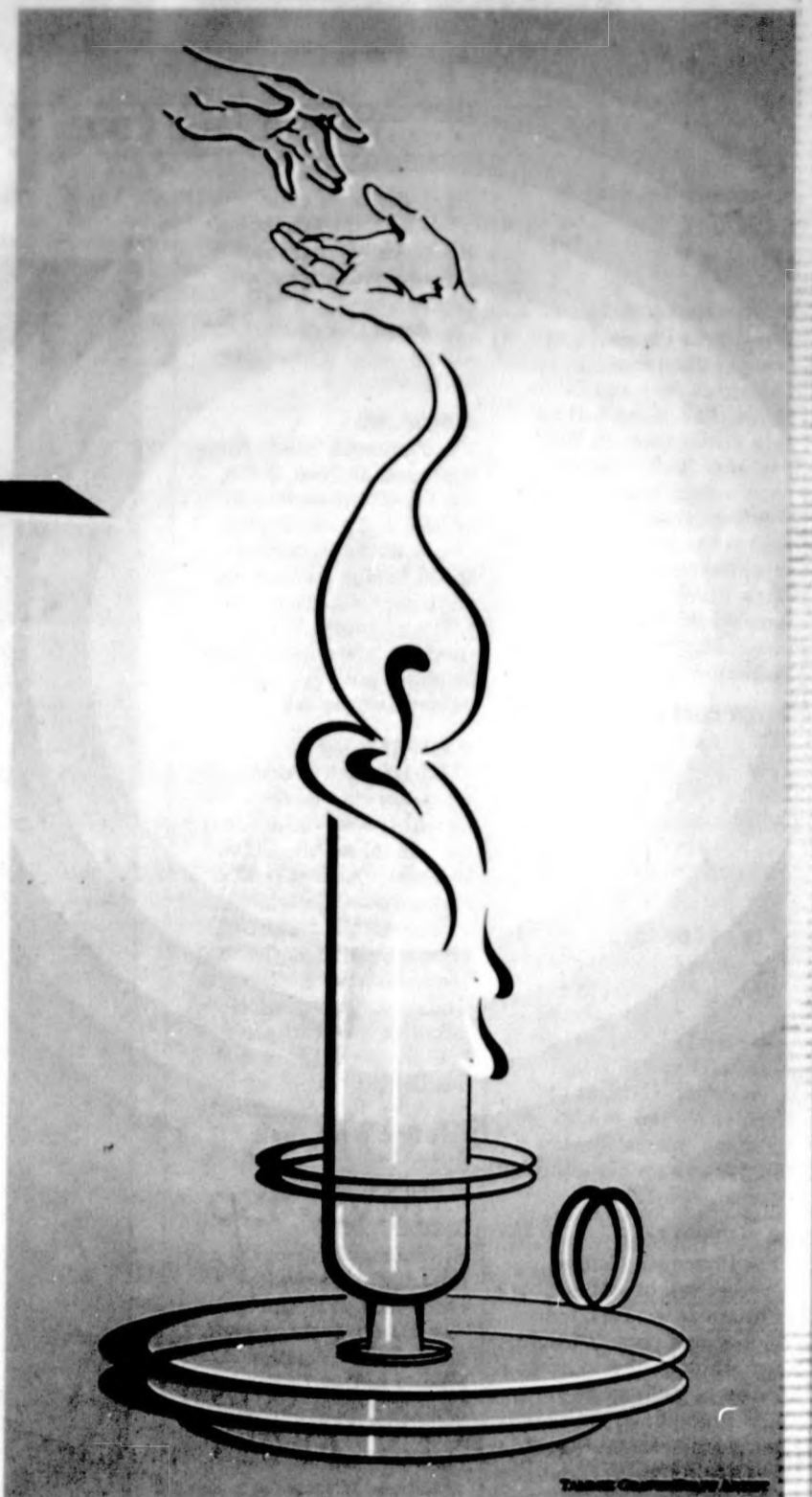
Original hospice

The Hospice of Southeastern Michigan was the first licensed and certified hospice in Michigan. Opened in 1980, its original hospice was a 48-bed inpatient unit in Southfield.

Today, most of HOSM's care is delivered in the home, with most patients remaining under the care of their own physicians. Hospice nurses visit the patient at least once a week to check the patient's physical condition, review medications and make recommendations for ongoing care.

A social worker visits the family to see if they need help with any non-medical problems. If the person caring for the patient needs help, the hospice will assign a home health aide to assist with such tasks as bathing, dressing and feeding the patient. And home service aides are also available to

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CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND PLYMOUTH

LOCAL EVENTS

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The City of Plymouth will host the 22nd annual Christmas Arts and Crafts shows. The shows will be held Friday through Sunday, Nov. 25-27, and Friday through Sunday, Dec. 2-4. Both shows will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information, 455-6623.

TOY COLLECTION

Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest Ave. in Plymouth, is having its 17th annual toy collection for needy and handicapped children. Drop off your new or used toys Nov. 25-Dec. 17.

CLASS OF 1975

For all graduates of Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem high schools' classes of 1975, there will be a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 134 N. Main, Plymouth, to plan the classes' 20-year high school reunion. Information, 455-1230.

FLOWER SALE

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

AUCTION

Nativity Greek Church's third annual auction will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at 39851 Five Mile, Plymouth. Hors d'oeuvres, spirits, lots of gifts, evening of fun. 420-0131.

GOODFELLOWS PAPERS

The Goodfellows will be selling the special Goodfellows Edition of the newspaper on Saturday, Dec. 3. Community contributions will enable them to attain the goal of "No Kiddie Without A Christmas."

COMMUNITY CHORUS

The 145-voice Plymouth Community Chorus is presenting its Christmas concert 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 1-3, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 N. Territorial, west of Sheldon in Plymouth Township. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Information, 455-4080.

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon at Junction. Tickets are \$3, adults; \$2, children. Reservations, 416-4ART, or at the door.

CRAFT SHOW

The Central Middle School Christmas craft show will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at 660 Church at Main in Plymouth. Admission is \$1. For exhibitor information, call (810) 792-4563.

SHOP-ALONG

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will host the "Plymouth Families Sing Christmas" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in Kellogg Park. Enjoy a warm, old-fashioned Christmas sing-along, and Christmas tree dedication with your family. Hot cider will be available to warm your spirits, while you sing

your favorite yuletide carols with the help of Salvation Army musicians. Everyone who comes will receive a candle. The Christmas tree decorating will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3.

BOWLING

The Plymouth Salem Environmental Open, 9-Pin No Tap Tournaments will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Superbowl, 45100 Ford in Canton. \$6 per person. Check-in is at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds will purchase historical trees to be planted at Plymouth Salem High School.

ADOPT-A-TREE

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce will be taking reservations for the annual Adopt-A-Tree program. The cost is \$35 and includes 200 white lights, and the group or company name on the sign. Decoration days will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, with the dedication held Sunday, Dec. 4, with a candlelight sing-along and hot cider. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Trees will be assigned at random.

CRAFT SHOW

St. Thomas A' Becket's annual craft show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Hourly raffles. Lunches available. Bake sale. More than 75 crafters. Wheelchair accessible. Strollers welcome. Admission is \$1, seniors 50 cents, 12 years and under free.

BASKETS OF LOVE

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

HOLIDAY CARDS

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

RAFFLE

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

THRIFT SHOP

The Presbyterian Women Thrift Shop will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, and is accepting men's, women's and children's used clothing for resale (also small appliances). The profit goes to mission work. 459-1260.

SOFT VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball reg-

Skate at lunch



Noon-time fun: The city of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department offers open skating at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The fees for residents are \$2.75 for adults; \$2 for children; and \$1.50 for seniors. Skate rental is \$1.25.

ISTRATION IS UNDER WAY.

Teams are allowed as many non-residents as they wish. A resident is any player who lives or works full time in the city of Plymouth or Canton Township. There is a limit of 16 teams for the league. \$250 plus \$15 per non-resident player. 455-6620.

HAYRIDES

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

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE

Seniors' line dance lessons will be 1-2:30 p.m. every

Thursday through June 1995 at the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Everyone welcome. \$4 per class.

HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

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

ART SALE

The Plymouth Community Arts Council's Art Rental Gallery is having a "Sell It So We Don't Have to Move It" sale. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Plymouth Symphony League is offering an Entertainment book for sale to help fund the league. Each book contains two-for-one discounts on dining, fast food, movies, sports activities, and much more. To order, call 453-3016.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

'95 books are on sale by the Plymouth Optimist Club. 100 percent of proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout southeast Michigan. Entertainment books offer up to 50-percent savings on dining, movies, special events, theater, travel, car washes and more. Price is \$40. Home-delivered. Call Ken Fisher at 728-7619 or Bill Von Glahn at 453-8253.

CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

Community Hospice Ser-

VICES is offering a free Children's Grief Support Series. To register, call Vicki DesJardins or Joan Johnson at 522-4224.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are already planning the 1995 Fourth of July parade. They are looking for more musical entries, more floats, marching units, etc. Any support would be appreciated. Call Fred, (313) 453-8407.

CLOTHING BANK

The Plymouth-Canton schools' clothing bank will be open Tuesdays only. Hours are 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. during the school year. To make an appointment or for more information, call 416-6179 during open hours. The bank accepts donations of clothing in good condition during open hours.

PLAYSCAPE PROJECT

Volunteers are needed to organize the various committees involved in the building of a wood play structure in Plymouth Township Park next spring. 454-9614 or 454-4829.

CLUBS

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS

The Plymouth Newcomers December open house will be held 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1. Any Plymouth resident who is interested in the Plymouth Newcomers Club and would like to attend this holiday event should call Kathy at 455-8336 or Bev at 454-3663.

SENIORS

The City of Plymouth Holiday Lights Tour for Seniors will be held Friday, Dec. 2, \$38 per person. They will depart at 11:45 and return at 9 p.m. Two-hour tour of Ann Arbor includes: Kerrytown Town Concert Hall, Mormon Church, Holiday Creche Dinner at Pizzano's with choice of three different meals. Tour of Ypsilanti Lights, Domino's Farms Lights, Festival of Trees, Wayne County Lights and local touring. Information, 455-6623.

60-PLUS

The 60-Plus Club will meet noon Monday, Dec. 5, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township. Catered lunch, price to be announced. Program will follow.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN SENIORS

The 50-Up Club's annual Christmas party will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at LeRight's on Wayne Road. Buffet dinner and entertainment. Guests are welcome. Information, Betty Gruchala, 459-4091, or Virginia Graller, 453-5979.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SKATE AT LUNCH

The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department has open skate time for all those looking to get a little exercise. The ice arena has open skate at the following lunch hours: noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday; 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 11:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday; 1-2:40 p.m. Thursday; 11:40 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Friday. Fees for city residents are \$2.75, adults; \$2, children; \$1.50, seniors; \$1.25, skate rental. For non-city residents: \$2.50, adults; \$2.00, children; \$2, seniors.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Learn how to legally appoint a patient advocate who can make your medical decisions when you are unable to do so at a session from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Oakwood Canton Health Center. Cost is \$10. Information, 593-4660.

MRS. PLYMOUTH SEARCH

Applications are being accepted for the title of Mrs. Plymouth, an official preliminary to the Mrs. Michigan International Pageant, which is to be presented at the Smith Theatre-Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills on May 21. The woman chosen as Mrs. Plymouth will become an ambassador from the Plymouth area and will receive an official title and sash. The woman chosen as Mrs. Michigan International will receive an all-expense-paid trip to Texas to compete for the title of Mrs. U.S. International, numerous prizes and cash. Competitions for the title include interview, aerobic-wear and evening-gown. There is no swimsuit competition. Married women living in the Plymouth area interested in applying can write Michigan Pageants Inc., 2474 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, Mich. 48320; or call (810) 682-7616.

OPEN ICE SKATING

The Plymouth Cultural Ice Arena, at 525 Farmer in Plymouth, has open skating: Mondays — 8:40-9:40 a.m., noon to 1:20 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Tuesdays — 9:40-11:30 a.m., 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays — 8:30-10 a.m., 11:20 a.m. to 1:20 p.m.; Thursdays — 8:40-11:40 a.m., 1-2:40 p.m., 4-5:20 p.m.; Fridays — 9:40-11:40 a.m., 11:50 a.m. to 12:50 p.m., 7-8 p.m.; Sunday — noon to 1:20 p.m., 1:30-2:50 p.m. Fees for city residents are \$2.75, adults; \$2, children; \$1.50, seniors. For non-residents — \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$2, seniors. Skate rental is \$1.25. Open Skate Line, 455-1782.

RENAISSANCE CHORUS

Rehearsals will be held 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Newburg Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail in Livonia. They are looking for men to sing four-part harmony. Tenors, leads, baritones, and basses.

SWEET ADELINES

Spirit of Detroit Sweet Adelines, a women's chorus devoted to the singing of four-part harmony, barbershop style meets year-round, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 1-96 and Inkster Road. Reading music is not a requirement. Jan, (313) 534-4468.

MALL WALKERS

Twelve Oaks Mall is open for walkers 8 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday. (810) 348-9438.

HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is offering many winter activities, including exhibitions and demonstrations. 219 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor. (313) 996-6438.

VOLLEYBALL

First Presbyterian Church of Northville is sponsoring adult volleyball, 6:30 p.m. every Sunday or 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Cost is \$1. (313) 343-8911.

The Plymouth and Canton Observers welcome Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 744 Wing, Plymouth, MI 48170, or by fax to 313-459-4224. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.

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WEDDINGS

ENGAGEMENTS

Mondro-Badgerow

Paula Camille Badgerow and Matthew Allen Mondro were married June 25 in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Dearborn by the Rev. Rock Badgerow. She is the daughter of John Paul and Lunita Badgerow of Sparta, Mich., and he is the son of John and Phyllis Mondro of Westland.

The bride is a graduate of Macomb County Community College and the University of Michigan. She is employed by Ford Motor Co. as an auto body designer and is the Livonia Franklin High School pompon coach.

The groom is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College and is employed by Ford Motor Co. as an auto body designer.

Sister of the bride Toni Potes served as matron of honor with bridesmaids Susie Hatch, sister of the bride Dena Calder, sister of the bride Denise May and Laura David.

Brother of the groom John



Mondro served as best man with groomsmen Jeff Cwiek, Paul Cox, Doug Cecil and Rich Schlatterbeck.

The couple received guests at New Hawthorne Valley Country Club before leaving on a trip to Kauai and Maui in Hawaii. They are making their home in Westland.

Wood-Wohlfell

Thomas and Joan Wood of Garden City and Marilyn Wood of Moreno Valley, Calif. announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela, to Matthew Wohlfell, son of Sharon Wohlfell of Redford and Ed Wohlfell of Gaylord.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and a former student of Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Woodridge Apartments as a resident manager.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Redford Thurston High School and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Automatic Data Processing as a district manager.

A September 1995 wedding is planned.



Shallow-Woodard

Deborah Smith of Taylor announces the engagement of her daughter, Laura Marie Shallow, to John Timothy Woodard, the son of Paul and Elizabeth Woodard of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, also the daughter of the late Gary Shallow, is a Romulus High School graduate and attended Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by Corrigan Moving Systems in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is co-owner of Tri-Con Construction.

An April wedding is planned at



the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Schott-Loughman

Patricia Ann Loughman and Matthew Richard Schott were married Sept. 16 in St. Edith Church, Livonia, by the Rev. Jim Scheick. She is the daughter of Vilia Doyle of Grapevine, Texas, and he is the son of Richard and Sharon Schott of Plymouth.

The bride is a graduate of Churchill High School and is employed by Handy Andy Home Improvement Center.

The groom is a graduate of Churchill High School and is employed by Soil and Materials Engineers.

Lori Helmuth served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Cheryl Afetian, Cindy Thomason and Julie Zenner.

Skip Schott served as best man with groomsmen Kevin Thoma-



son, Duane Zenner, David Kelly and Linus Ivanauskas.

The couple received guests at St. Edith's reception hall before leaving on a trip to Disney World in Orlando and Cocoa Beach, Florida. They are making their home in Plymouth.

Muenchow-Coomer

Gordon and Barbara Muenchow of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Diane, to Steven Warren Coomer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Coomer of Indiana.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Ferris State University and is employed by Crowley Milner & Co.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the University of Michigan. He is employed by Detroit Diesel Corp.

A June wedding is planned in



First Congregational Church in Wayne.

Drummond-Murphy

Tom and Janet Drummond of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Suzanne, to Matthew Shawn Murphy, the son of Tom and Penny Murphy of Corvallis, Ore.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Missouri Valley College and is an airman in the U.S. Air Force.

A December wedding is set for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Plymouth.

Tockstein-Downey

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tockstein of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Kay, to Brian Michael Downey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Downey of Dayton, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is attending Eastern Michigan University. She is employed by NBD Bank in Livonia.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in computer aided design. He is employed by Nissan Research and Development in Farmington Hills.



A July 1995 wedding is planned in St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Westland.



Minion-Oshea

Marty Oshea and Alfred James Minion of Plymouth were married June 4 in the Little Wedding Chapel of Farmington Hills. The Rev. Shari L. Johnson performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bob and Ellie Hih and Clifford Willkin. The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Minion Sr.

Abraham-Tierney

Richard and Barbara Abraham of Byron, formerly of Redford Township, announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Alyce, to Brian O'Neill Tierney, son of Joe and Ruth Tierney of Grand Rapids.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Lutheran High School Northwest and Grand Valley State University. She is employed by Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Catholic Central High School in Grand Rapids and Central Michigan University. He is employed by Cordis Corporation in Grand Rapids.

A March wedding is planned in Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford Township.



Curri-Baaki

Thomas and Theta Curri of Bolton Landing, New York announce the engagement of their daughter, Lonnie Sue, to John William Baaki, son of Don and June Baaki of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bolton Central School and Adirondack Community College with an associate degree in English and a graduate of State University of New York at Oswego with a bachelors degree in communica-

tions. She is employed by NAM-IC U.S.A. Corp. in Glens Falls, New York as a staff secretary of sales and marketing.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Brother Rice High School and the University of Michigan with a bachelors degree in both economics and communications. He is employed by Olympia Arenas, Inc. as the event coordinator at the Glen Falls Civic Center in Glen Falls, New York.

A September 1995 wedding is planned.

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Family Room from 11A

The farmer and his wife finally conceded to Mother Nature. Their farm, their lives on the farm, had been ruined. So with their baby daughter only months old, they said goodbye to the only life and the only people they knew and packed their belongings up. They headed east in their car full of children and full of cartons of eggs. The chickens, they could always count on them.

They traveled through Minnesota, over the Mississippi River, through Wisconsin, Illinois and then Indiana. Finally, they made it to their new home, Michigan. The North Dakota farmer and his wife were in their early 40s. It was a big change for the couple who had worked the land and lived in wide open spaces under a big sky for so long. They now found themselves toiling in factories and living in a cramped two-bedroom apartment. The sky no longer seemed so big.

They slowly regained their footing after the terrible storms back home. They moved from their apartment into a house on a street filled with many houses just like their own. Their yard was now a patch of land no bigger than the vegetable garden used to be back home. Neighbors of theirs were so close you could hear their business from where you stood in the kitchen.

They moved again, but in the same city, to a house with two levels just as their next to youngest headed away to college. The baby girl was now in middle school.

Little by little, the man and his wife saw their family changing. It was growing again. Two of their sons had found brides of their own. And one daughter became a bride. It was only a matter of time before that house with two levels heard the happy noises of grandchildren coming to visit.

The man and his wife weathered many storms over the years. And after storms they couldn't weather, they simply picked up what was left and made it all right again. To do it was never easy. To do it was next to impossible at times. But they always did it.

I've got a picture of this remarkable couple on my fireplace mantel. The black-and-white photograph has yellowed a bit over time. The old silver filigree still gleams, though. And the young farmer all scrubbed and polished in his only suit holds the hand of his bride, dressed in white.

I look at that old picture every week as I dust the frame off and put it back in its spot on the mantel. And I wonder if those two impossibly young people in that yellowed photograph could ever have imagined what roads they'd travel and what storms they'd see and what the words spoken that day really meant. "For richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, till death do us part."

How could they have known? They were so young. But now they know. And they're much older. And they're together. After 50 years and four days. And on this Thanksgiving Day, I've got that to be very thankful for.

After all, they are the parents of the young man in the handsome suit who stands next to me and holds my hand in that other photograph on my fireplace mantel.

Thank you, Ma and Dad Meier. And Happy Anniversary.

If you have a question or comment for Karen Meier, call her at 953-2047, mailbox number 1883, on a touch-tone telephone, or write her at The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Hospices from page 11A

do light housework and errands. Some patients may prefer to live in a nursing facility because they can't get the care they need at home, so HOSM contracts with hospitals and nursing homes — such as Westland Convalescent Center in Westland, Annapolis Hospital in Wayne and Garden City Hospital in Garden City — for such services.

HOSM has established several new programs, including a residential unit in Detroit that provides a safe haven for people who have no home or who cannot get the care they need at home.

Its Children's Hospices Services has a team of pediatric nurses and social workers, specializing in the care of terminally ill children and their families. It also helps the children of adult patients and others who have experienced a loss.

Islamic Hospice Services is one of HOSM's several culturally specific efforts. The hospice staff has been trained to understand and respect Islamic laws and traditions. It also has a Fundamental Christian Ministry and Jewish Hospice Services.

For more information about the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, call its Taylor office at (313) 291-9700.

'House of rest'

Hospice comes from the Latin root hospes, meaning host. In medieval times, a hospice was a house of rest and entertainment for pilgrims, travelers, the destitute and the sick.

Joining the modern-day movement to provide a "house of rest" was Community Hospice Services, established in July 1981 as Hospice Support Services Inc., an all-volunteer hospice serving western Wayne County.

The grass-roots organization began with a handful of dedicated health care professionals whose

only purpose was to serve. That philosophy has remained as the cornerstone of the hospice's mission.

CHS changed its name to Hospice Services of Western Wayne County Inc. in 1986 to reflect the full services provided by the organization and to indicate the communities served. It formed an affiliation with Amerigard Corporation (Garden City Hospital) to continue a hospice service in the area.

This August, the organization struck out on its own, becoming Community Hospice Services.

The CHS philosophy is, and has always been, to provide compassionate care to people living with a terminal illness and their families, with no exception, but to serve.

Under the direction of an interdisciplinary team, including professionals and volunteers, a full range of physical, emotional and spiritual care is provided 24 hours a day in the patient's home or contracted inpatient facilities.

CHS is well known for its ongoing commitment to bereavement counseling, offering specialized groups and memorial services. A unique and comprehensive children's bereavement program begun in 1993, culminated with Camp Phoenix, a weekend camp for bereaved children.

Community Hospice Services maintains offices at 32932 Warren Road, Suite 100, Westland, and at 127 S. Main St., Plymouth. For more information, call (313) 522-4244 or (313) 459-0548.

Not for profit

In 1984 Arbor Hospice/Personalized Nursing Service began serving southeastern Michigan. A not-for-profit, community-based organization, the needs of the patients and families come first at Arbor Hospice. It strives to create an environment where patients

can achieve the highest quality of life possible within the limitations of their illness.

The mission of Arbor Hospice is to give comfort, assurance and care to families and patients and to educate and nurture others in this care. It works with an interdisciplinary team. The patient and the primary caregiver, usually a family member, are consulted at every step of the way about the patient's care.

Arbor Hospice views the patient and the family as a unit, and Arbor Hospice is there to support the family and the patient. It is the goal of Arbor Hospice that no one should walk the last mile alone.

The hospice team is led by the nurse, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide help for the patient and the family. The home care aide is the eyes and hands of the hospice team at the bedside, providing needed personal care to the patient.

The social worker coordinates any special needs that the family may require and is concerned with the emotional health of all family members. The patient care volunteer is there to provide support to the patient and family.

Arbor Hospice provides adult bereavement groups as well as children's groups. The adult groups are open to all individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The loved one need not have been a patient of Arbor Hospice. It also has an extensive children's services program. The Children's Support Network includes bereavement support groups for children who have lost someone they love.

Arbor Hospice maintains offices at 3810 Parkard Road, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, and at 7445 Allen Road, Suite 230, Allen Park. For information, call (313) 677-0500 or (313) 383-8800.

The 'new kid'

The "new kid on the block" is Angela Hospice Home Care, established by the Felician Sisters in 1985. Ready to celebrate its 10th anniversary, the organization is set to become one of the

most comprehensive hospice programs in the state.

Beginning in 1996, Angela Hospice will provide hospice home care, residential inpatient care, patient day care, home health care and pediatric care.

At the heart of the Angela Hospice philosophy is caring for people with limited life expectancy in the warmth and comfort of their home. The home care team, consisting of chaplains, dietitians, doctors, nurses, social workers, therapists (occupational, physical and speech) and other specialists as required, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For those people unable to receive home care, the Angela Hospice Home Care Center provides a home away from home for patients who have no one to care for them or nowhere to go. The center is the first free standing inpatient hospice facility in the state, providing residents with room and board and direct care in a home-like setting.

The first hospice in the state to offer patient day care in 1989, Angela Hospice will offer an expanded version of its original program at its care center. The day care program will allow primary caregivers to bring their loved ones for the day so that they can continue to work, run errands or just receive respite.

During its 9 1/2 years of service, Angela Hospice has cared for patients as young as 6 months of age up to age 107, and members have realized that children have a very different need than adults. Beginning this fall, it began providing services to children who face a life-threatening illness through its new pediatric program, "My New Best Friend."

The name of the program reflects the belief that children feel better in the comfort and familiarity of their own home and is named for P.D. Eastman's children's book, "The Best Nest." It supports the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the children as well as their families.

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Dear Ms. Green,
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M.M. Northville
I visualize a warm, responsive, kind, gentle and sympathetic woman in today's handwriting.
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This is a conscientious, dependable and thorough worker.

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She also has the ability to maintain drive and proceed toward her goal. She is not easily deflected by inner or outer influences. When she accepts a duty she expects full involvement and is not afraid of hard work. Neither does she rebel against routine or repetitive details.

Hers is a good mind, and she is a logical thinker. She does not often rely on intuition for her answers. She tends to be a little on the serious side.

Our writer is approval-seeking in all things. This includes approval from both peers and superiors.

Seemingly, she is willing to accept responsibility that will enhance her self-esteem. An underlayer of anxiety concerning self-worth may be present. Growing up, it appears she didn't feel she was first in the family constellation.

She was raised in a traditional home where she heard lots of "shoulds" and "should nots." Continued adherence to this early training and moral discipline is seen in her handwriting. Her conscience is alive and well, and she probably experiences guilt feelings if she does not live by her early training. Rudeness in others

is most distasteful to her. She has a good memory that furnishes the mind's eye with information and eliminates the need to search it out again. This is both a convenient and useful tool in saving time and effort.

A little bit of self-consciousness can be observed, and it suggests her concern about being judged by others. She has a need to look right and be right.

By nature, she is a little cautious. I don't see her as a big risk taker. Some apprehension about the future or the challenges it holds seems to be present.

She is not a pushover. Some resentment over past experiences has her on guard to avoid being vulnerable again.

There is loyalty in her writing. She can be counted on to remain faithful to her friends. I suspect she has some she has kept in contact with since school days. She believes with H.G. Bohn who said, "Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs."

This is a neat, clean and tidy person, both in her person and in her home. She probably has a place for everything and is happy

when everything is in its proper place.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist at

36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES

Lancione

An early evening Mass at St. Genevieve Church kicked off the festivities surrounding Anthony and Rose Lancione's 50th wedding anniversary. Celebrated on Sept. 3, a dinner for family and friends was held at Burton Manor after the service.

The Lanciones exchanged vows on Sept. 2, 1944, in Youngstown, Ohio. She is the former Rose Crish.

Residents of Livonia since 1960, they have three children — Sandra Guerro of Northville, Shirley Brockhahn of Flushing, Mich., and Anthony, also of Flushing. They also have five grandchildren.

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Thankful

Plymouth has many blessings

When Plymouth residents sit down for their Thanksgiving dinner, they will have plenty of things for which to be thankful. Here are a few of the reasons:

- A streetscape plan for downtown Plymouth. After years of talking and planning, it looks like there will be some changes for the better in and around Kellogg Park. The streetscape plan is moving along, which means better-looking sidewalks, with brick trim, more attractive landscaping and improved traffic patterns. Responsible for the changes are the Plymouth City Commission and the Downtown Development Authority. Both bodies stuck to the task even after funding for the project was cloudy because of the passage of Proposal A.
- A joint Plymouth Township and city of Plymouth fire department. It was a tough issue for both communities to face and solve, but because of work done by Plymouth Township Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy and Plymouth Mayor Doug Miller, a single fire department will serve both communities. Union leaders also acted in a responsible manner to accomplish the goal. Forming a single fire department is important because it can pave the way for a combined police department and possibly shared municipal services. Such sharing can eventually lead to

savings for taxpayers.

- A new tone at the Plymouth-Canton schools. Superintendent Charles Little has only been on the job since July, but he has been able to send a message to the community that he is more concerned about the education of children than he is in propping up the old educational bureaucracy. He was able to scrap the pay-to-play system by not replacing an assistant athletic director at a cost of nearly \$70,000. Little took that money and put it into the programs. It's an act for which we should all be thankful.
- A new use for St. John Seminary. The Archdiocese of Detroit finally ended years of speculation about the use for the seminary in Plymouth Township by announcing that it will be used as a center for family retreats and recreation. Speculation once centered on it as being a new site for Tiger Stadium and later a developer wanted to turn it into a senior citizen complex.
- Tax rates. Not only did Proposal A lower property taxes, but officials in the city and township have kept the property taxes for municipal services from going up significantly.

When the Pilgrims first sat down to give thanks that their community had survived, they started a tradition of giving thanks for the benefits of community life.

It's a tradition we all keep alive.

Take time to share this season

Thanksgiving ushers in the holiday season, and it's a time to celebrate, enjoy and share.

It's a very human need to let the best in us surface and extend a kindness to someone else. Today, the Observer pauses to pay tribute to a few of those who show others what sharing and caring are all about this season.

Earlier this year, Dan Bergstrom, president of Bergstrom's Inc. of Livonia, came to this newspaper because the family business wanted to give something back to the communities which had helped to make it so successful over the past 37 years.

So The Good Neighbor Team - a program designed to keep the heat on for needy people in western Wayne County, Farmington and Farmington Hills - was born.

Bergstrom enlisted our support to publicize the program. The business worked in conjunction with the Salvation Army which offered its services as a clearinghouse for requests.

The requests poured in from area families. Bergstrom's is located on Schoolcraft Road between Middlebelt and Merriman. It has 25 trucks to service customers' plumbing, heating and cooling needs.

It's a good feeling to have people like Dan Bergstrom and his family business who are saying thank you in a responsible and caring manner.

Similar in spirit to Bergstrom's efforts is Detroit Edison's commitment to The Heat and Warmth (THAW) Fund.

Electric bills can sometimes be a big problem when times are tight, and Edison real-

izes that. The utility first encourages customers with payment problems to call (800) 477-4747 to arrange for special programs. When other options are exhausted, though, there is THAW.

The fund gives one-time assistance for energy payments starting Jan. 9, using donated money. And Detroit Edison has pledged to match gifts to THAW. In fact, between THAW donations and bill credits to homeless shelters, the utility is prepared to donate up to \$1 million. That could make this winter a whole lot warmer. THAW donations may be sent to The Heat and Warmth Fund, P.O. Box 1000, Plymouth 48170.

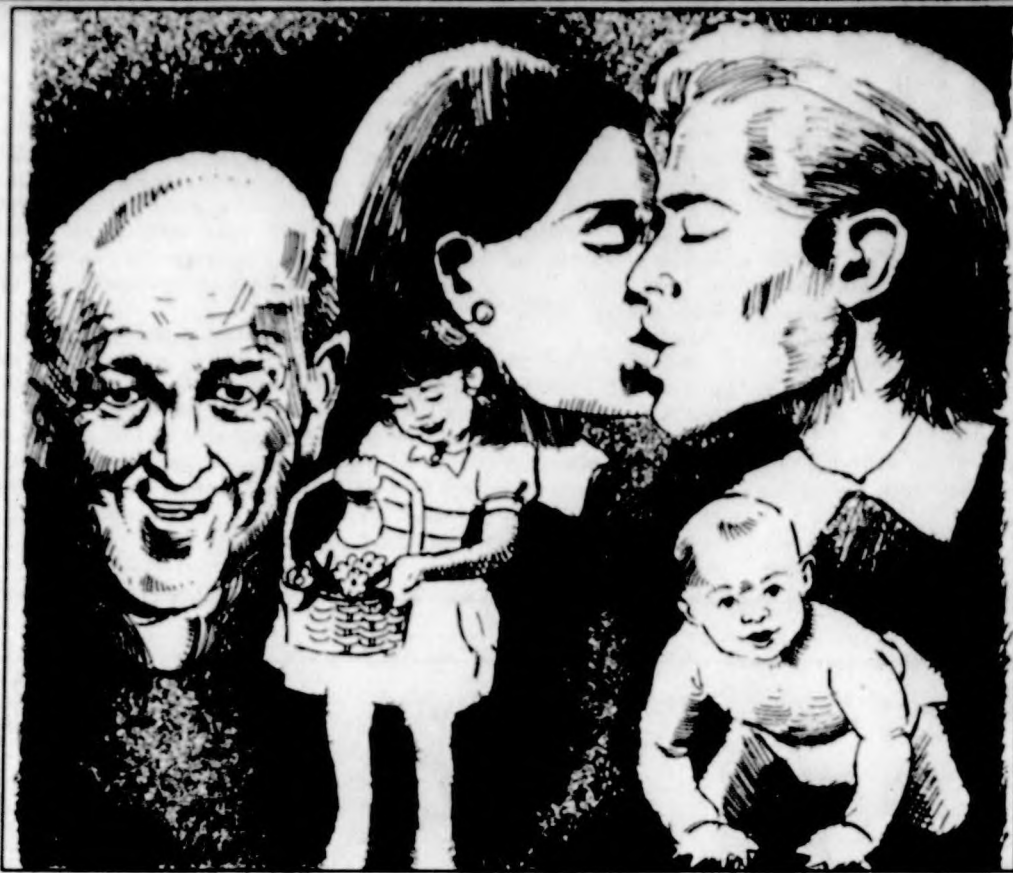
Yet another example of the private sector helping charities this holiday season is the annual WNIC/American Red Cross Blood Drive, set for 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25 at Wonderland Mall, Plymouth and Middlebelt roads in Livonia.

We all know the day after Thanksgiving is a big shopping day, but this drive asks that shoppers take a little time out to give a special holiday gift. That particular day is chosen because of increased needs for donated blood, partly because of a drop-off in other blood drives during the holidays.

The Red Cross gets help from WNIC in the form of time donations and gifts for donors. Wonderland Mall plays host, and also gives away a \$100 gift certificate to drive attendees. And SelectCare helps out, too, giving T-shirts to the first 275 donors.

Enjoy the holidays, but please remember to take some time - even if just for a moment - and extend a kindness to someone else.

MARVIN TEEPLES



LETTERS

What citizens need

On NBC's "Dateline" they told the story of a town, Northfield, Wis., where the police were out of control, causing problems rather than controlling problems among townspeople.

Among other things, they were beating and torturing young men who had done nothing wrong. Their town government was set up on the same principles as that of Farmington Hills, with one exception. They have a town ombudsman who is a former police officer.

The problem had been going on for some time and the people were never able to get it corrected by going to the town manager, the chief of police or the City Council. Finally, one of the young men who had been tortured brought his story to the ombudsman, who was outraged. Others then came forward with their stories.

The ombudsman had to go to the state police and U.S. attorney to finally get action, which resulted in three police officers and the chief of police being suspended from their jobs.

In Northfield, the City Council hires the town manager and the town manager runs the Police Department.

In Farmington Hills, the arrangement is much the same, except the entire city government, police, court, everything is pretty much one and the same body. We have a closed bureaucracy which answers to no one except themselves.

Go against them, whether you are right or wrong, and chances are you will lose. They can do almost anything they want whether you like it or not.

Would it not be a good thing for Farmington Hills citizens to have an independent ombudsman or grand juror to go to bat for them?

Kenneth Kemp
 Farmington Hills

Boycott talk shows

You published my letter on April 18, 1994 in which I told about the eerie feeling about the safety of our president. The subsequent plane crash and the assault weapon shooting have reinforced that feeling.

I plead with you and other media to find out why such venom and hatred is spewed by

such talk show host the likes of Rush Limbaugh, Mark Scott, and Michael Reagan, who encourage hatred of government and its legally elected officials, under the pretense of free speech.

I believe there is a concerted effort to undermine this administration. Their agenda and propaganda is to create chaos. The media should try and discover the roots of this conspiracy.

As for me, I am willing to start a movement to boycott the sponsors of these talk-show programs; any one or group who wants to join in this action can contact me at (313) 422-1483 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

We do not need another president assassinated.

Gabrill Adam, Livonia

Waste is at root

Our society is beset with so many problems one hardly knows which one to address.

"Country-club type prisons," "pork-barrel tactics in Congress," and overall government waste.

However, government waste is really the root of most of the problems.

As a taxpayer I am up in arms at the way Congress pours our money down a rat hole.

It's hard to believe that a country with such a large gross national product is operating in the red.

How can our representatives, in good faith, spend our money wantonly and plunge us deeper in debt?

The old saying "the squeaking wheel gets the grease" is proven daily in Washington.

The lobbyists supply the grease to swing everything in their favor, mostly programs which are not important to you or to the country in general.

The national debt would not exist if government waste was cut to the bone.

I recently read that the Department of Agriculture has three offices in, of all places, Las Vegas. How much farming is done around Las Vegas, or all of Nevada for that matter?

This is just one small example of the thousands of ways our dollars are misused.

It's high time that we start to squeak, louder and louder, and our big squeak must be made at the voting booth, and perhaps we can drown out some of the lobbyists.

Ross Rhinehart, Livonia

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

Now that the elections are over, what message would you like to send to elected officials?

We asked this question in front of the Plymouth Post Office.



'Cut the pork.'
 Tom Kimmel
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'Get a long-term point of view.'
 Betty Ford
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POINTS OF VIEW

Story of the season still rings with relevance

BY STEVEN R. ROTTGERS
GUEST COLUMNIST

It's November and he's coming! There is no secret about his arrival. The signs have been evident for a long time now. You can hear it in places crowded with people, and you can sense by the smells and visual symbols that it is the right time for him to set things right in people's hearts one more time. Icons of his face and stature are placed in houses, yards, and other important scenarios for veneration.

The trees, wreaths, lights, songs and colors of the season herald his arrival. He's already here! I saw him at the parade in New York. Santa has arrived once again!

An adult of middle age interrupts, "It's more of an adult thing, not so childish. The signs are more subtle and speak of the ultimate return of the king himself. You see, I think that he never did die and will come back when the time is right, bigger than ever. Elvis is alive and well! He's been seen by some and is going to make a comeback!"

NOT!

There are so many hopes, needs and

expectations to be met by the promised arrival of a special king, a savior. Each individual or collective group of concerned persons has a specific idea of what that person would be like. What would they do? What would be their program agenda? Will that savior meet my needs? Will they answer my questions — the way I want them answered?

As we start our preparations to celebrate the original birth of the king of kings this Advent, we need to remember how these same hopes, needs and expectations were in place to greet the messiah. Imagine and explore the wide range of awe, wonder, excitement, disappointment, confusion, and even hatred that focused on this "babe" in a manger, a carpenter's son, a servant king and his radical, yet simple message of love.

I bet the same scenario would greet our lord today if he made the promised "Second Coming Tour" this year. It's hard to imagine how any human being could be able to stand up under such an expectant burden. Yet, who better than the one who bore all the sins of the world on a cross? It needs someone who could turn an instrument of

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shame, suffering, and execution into a radiant throne and symbol of redemptive hope. It would take someone special who could break open a "new life" with the possibilities of making real the substance of things hoped for by all humankind. Truly, it would necessitate a king of kings, a lord of lords to pull it off.

Such a need today brings us to a fevered pitch of anxiousness for the savior's answers to our questions, healing to our pain, acceptance to our isolation, forgiveness to our guilt, and gracious love to our troubled souls.

It would be so much better, and we could breathe so much easier, if our lord would just come back and set all things right! This holy spirit/prayer/discernment process is hard, long, and doesn't bring clear-cut answers in all cases that are presented. It's again like wanting a great ruling savior king and getting someone who wanders around the countryside, with a band of reprobates, and talks in stories that counter local custom and the authorities.

There are many images conjured up in the minds of people all over the metro area and in the world today as this Advent/Christmas season comes into full swing. Like pharisaic Scrooges, we can yell and curse it as the parade of lights, evergreens, packages, carols, treats, greeting cards and credit cards that precede Santa in his sleigh. We can scream, "That doesn't fit our image of what Advent is about! They don't meet our spiritual needs!"

I believe that the simple gift of Love that pierced through the confusion at the time of Jesus' birth is still the message to pierce our confused lives, symbols, and images of Advent/Christmas today and in years to come. He's here now, today, if we will take the time to look out from behind our own agendas and expectations and look for the holiday in all things around us.

It's a time of being expectant servants who can help others see the "reason for the season" in stories about St. Nicholas, or how Martin Luther started the practice of lights on an evergreen tree. We can unfold the mysteries of the season's symbols like messenger angels, shepherds, radiant stars, gold, frankincense, myrrh and places named

Bethlehem, Jerusalem and Nazareth. We can share expectant stories around an Advent wreath or Jesse Tree about others who looked for a Savior in their times and are recorded in the Old Testament. We can refresh clouded memories about "the one crying in the wilderness," a carpenter named Joseph and his young bride, Mary, who gave birth to a child and named him Jesus.

Dear Lord, help us to sort through the many confusing issues in our lives and to seek you in humble simplicity as we await your coming. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! For we know that if we look too hard, and in the wrong places, for the wrong reasons, we will miss you as others have done in times past. If we don't allow you to be the center of our hope, as another king put it into words, it will be "a blue, blue Christmas without you!" Thank you, for coming to us in our time of need. I look forward to greeting you in all the faces I meet each day.

The Rev. Steven R. Rottgers is the vicar of All Saints Church in Canton Township.

Yesterday's thinkers offer best response to today's critics

The Detroit papers got bamboozled. They failed to spot the skulduggery of the "antis" during the Department of Education hearings on the state's proposed new core curriculum standards.

The critics, passing themselves off as mere parents with no religious axes to grind, raised a stink about teaching of "politically correct values" vs. their version of "academics."

In August, the Michigan Family Forum, part of the Religious Right, threatened publicly to "major input" against "multi-culturalism" and "constructivism," according to MFF spokesman Randall Hekman. No one should have been surprised at the shrill nonsense that was spewed at the hearings.

One critic professed there was "nothing in the law" authorizing the elite to "determine social attitudes" of kids.

Wrong, of course. From the very beginning, Isaac Crary, first superintendent

of public instruction, envisioned a state-decreed, state-inspected system of locally run districts.

Crary's successor was Franklin Sawyer Jr. In his 1841 report to the Legislature, Sawyer deplored some parents' attitudes toward teachers — "disdain and contempt . . . The parents regard the teacher as a mere servant, hired to do a job that nobody else can do, and fit for nothing else . . ."

His words could describe the Religious Right today.

Sawyer saw the state school inspectors as a major ingredient in assuring educational quality: "Whenever these official visitations have been frequent, and the examination of both pupil and teacher thorough, the schools have sustained a better character . . ."

The school inspector was to judge the teacher's moral character: "The question is not whether he (the teacher) is a Protestant or a Catholic, a Trinitarian or Unitarian, a Perfection-



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ist, Latter-day Saint, Mormon or Transcendentalist; but whether he has an unblemished moral character."

Sawyer responded beautifully to the religious bigots who would "take back" public schools for their sect: "Sectarianism never will infuse its poisonous virus into the great veins of our educational system . . . A school without moral instruction lacks the essentials of a right education, as evidently as the school opened to sectarianism exceeds them."

Sawyer summed up his approach to bad teaching in words that live today:

"In too many of the schools, the character of instruction is behind the age. In them, the mind is treated precisely as if memory were its only attribute . . . Education's true office is to discipline the mind; to call into action and unremitting exercise the affections of the heart; and to develop and invigorate the physical powers . . . If you educate the mind and body but neglect the heart, you may raise up a giant frame and giant intellect, but you do it at the peril of all that's most holy and attractive in spiritualized human nature . . ."

Teaching values has a long and honorable place in Michigan public schools.

There are many pages in the new core curriculum standards, but two paragraphs summarize the thrust:

"Constructivist" education "emphasizes concepts. Students learn how

to use and apply important ideas . . . exploration of student questions . . . authentic tasks calling for problem solving and critical thinking . . . expressing divergent points of view . . . dialogue in a learning community where students and teachers work cooperatively."

On the way out is the "traditional" approach — "relying heavily on textbooks, workbooks and drill sheets . . . a hierarchical and authoritarian structure in which students work alone . . . students memorize basic facts . . . there is one correct answer to every question."

The new curriculum standards, developed in 1994 under the leadership of Robert E. Schiller, are faithful to Michigan's Constitution, traditions and the standards set nearly 160 years ago by Isaac Crary and Franklin Sawyer Jr. The critics, with their fanatical exaltation of parental authority, just don't know Michigan very well.

There's a middle ground on schools

When we passed Proposal A, we switched the main source of school finance from local (66 percent in 1993) to state (possibly as much as 79 percent this year). Whether we knew it or not, we also set in motion a process that will replace local control with state-mandated educational standards and state-defined ways to measure results.

By law, all schools will be required by 1997 to implement an academic core curriculum as promulgated in standards set by the State Board of Education. The state board is conducting hearings around the state to invite public comment on its proposed draft.

That's why you are hearing so much sound and fury during last week's public hearings about the dangers (advantages) of "outcome-based education," "The Michigan Model" and "dumbing down." To assist you in sorting through the welter of claims and counter-claims, below is a short guide to the three main points of view in this debate.

On the right are conservatives who see the whole thing as a dangerous plot by bureaucrats in the state Department of Education to brainwash our kids.

Beginning with wholly reasonable concerns about academic rigor and the wholesale elimination of values and patriotism from our schools, some would turn back the clock by advocating a curriculum stressing rote memorization of the Three R's and McGuffey's Readers, with a dose of creationism thrown in.

The big problem with this point of view is that kids leaving such schools would lack almost entirely the kind of critical thinking capability that will enable them to compete in a global economy. The business leaders who advocated outcome-based education in the first place should come out of the closet and say forthrightly that they want to hire kids who can think competently for themselves.

On the left are those who would have you believe that schools are appropriate instruments to transmit various kinds of social advocacy, from multiculturalism to ethical relativism and from various versions of political correctness to multilingualism.

Again, the big problem with this point of view is that kids leaving schools would lack almost entirely the values, character and socialization as Americans with their fellow workers to enable them to compete in a global economy. Business leaders who employ such kids have an



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obligation to speak up now.

There is a broad center position in this debate, to which I happen to belong. It holds roughly:

■ Our schools need much improvement. The best way to get it is to define what kids are supposed to learn to enable them to compete, and then measure whether they in fact learn it. Therefore, a new, rigorous curriculum and system of measuring outcomes are good and deserve support.

■ Our schools have become ethical wastelands. The constitutional prohibition against state-imposed religion does not mean that the schools should be purged of ethics, religious concerns or moments of silence for prayer. Therefore, let's try to find ways (without inviting the lawyers to run the schools) to allow teachers to expose children to values and, if they wish, prayer.

■ Our schools should encourage students to become Americans. The United States is unique, a nation almost entirely made up — and still being run by — immigrants. Over the past two centuries, these immigrants have helped create a distinctly American ethos, based in large part on a common language — English — and a common culture — Western and Christian. Therefore, let's focus on transmitting to our children these elements of American culture as the basis of our social fabric and as the jumping-off point for an appreciation of what other cultures offer.

The stakes in this debate are large. Remember Alexander Pope (a dead English male), who wrote: "Tis education forms the common mind; Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined."

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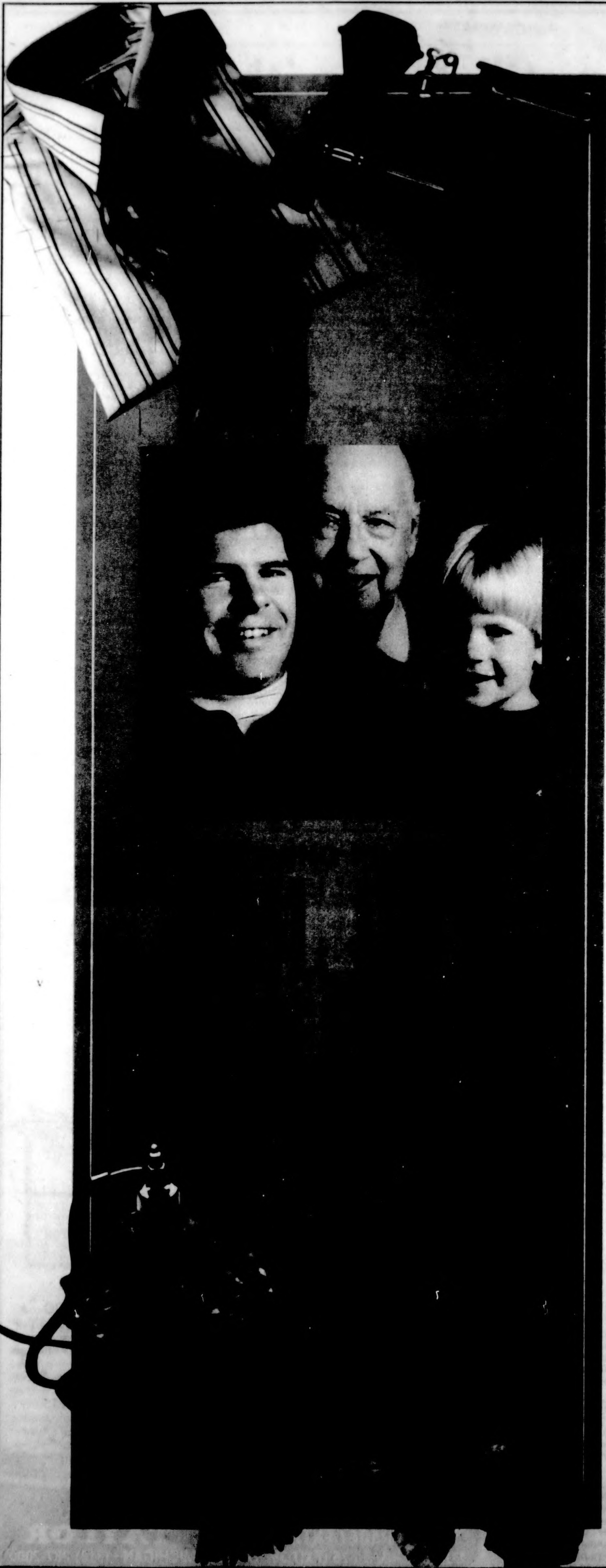
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KEELY WYGONIK

Be thankful for strong local support of arts

Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you for all the kind letters about our new section — Let's Go! We've been very pleased with the response, and are looking forward to this winter.

We are truly blessed with an abundance of talent in our communities. While it's nice to go downtown once-in-awhile to a show at the Fisher Theatre, Fox or Masonic Temple, we can be thankful for the Farmington Players, Livonia-Redford Theatre Guild, and Plymouth Theatre Guild who entertain and enlighten us. Be sure to look inside Let's Go! for Bob Weibel's review of Plymouth Theatre Guild's current production, "The Dining Room."

Music lovers can be thankful for our fine community orchestras including the Farmington Area Philharmonic, Livonia Symphony and Plymouth Symphony who are busy rehearsing for their upcoming holiday concerts. Be sure to pick up Let's Go on Dec. 1 for information about local holiday concerts.

■ I've gotten a few calls from readers who wanted to know if we were still collecting vacation snapshots for our Travel page. The answer is yes! We're eagerly awaiting your winter vacation photos of you and your family holding your hometown Observer in scenic snowy and sunny places.

■ Thank-you young readers for your tremendous response to our "Swan Princess" contest. Many children sent along drawings with their entries which described "what I want to be when I grow up." They were adorable. Be sure to turn to our movie page to find out how to enter our "Pagemaster" contest open to kids ages 5 to 12.

■ Don't be shy. We've only received three entries so far for our New Year's Eve Contest. Write and

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Holiday ballet: Katie Adams of Farmington Hills warm ups for Midwest Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker." Dancers practice.



DANCERS & SWEET ON NUT CRACKER

Dancers — young and old, experienced, and just starting out, are counting down the days to their group's presentation of Tchaikovsky's delightful "Nutcracker Ballet." The magical holiday season begins with swirling snowflakes and waltzing flowers as dancers tip toe out onto stages all over the metro area.

Here is a round-up of "Nutcracker" ballet presentations in your community.

■ Ballet Electric presents their Winter Concert, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Features Act 2 of "The Nutcracker," dances to Gershwin and Vivaldi. Admission \$6, students and senior citizens, \$5. Call (313) 477-3830.

■ Midwest Dance Theatre, which is based in Walled Lake, will present "The Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 at Old Warren High School, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at Mercy High School, Eleven Mile at Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$9 senior citizens and students. Call (810) 669-9444 for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the performance.

The full-length ballet, in two acts will be performed under the direction of artistic director Evelyn Kreason.

■ Livonia Symphony Orchestra will present "Nutcracker" with Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 at the James P. Carli Auditorium in Churchill High School, Livonia. Tickets are \$15 adults, senior citizens age 62 and older, \$10, and students 21

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Ballet is a family tradition

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY
SPECIAL WRITER

For many families attending a performance of the "Nutcracker" is a holiday tradition.

For some families, the tradition is to go to every performance of this ballet masterpiece.

There's a reason for their dedication.

They're among the dancers, young and old, short and tall, who perform in one of the many presentations offered throughout the area this time of year.

Mary Link of Farmington Hills has danced in the "Nutcracker" continuously for the past six years. However, this West Bloomfield teacher hasn't kept up with her 12-year-old daughter, Marya. The younger dancer is preparing to perform for the 10th year in the holiday classic.

The Links perform in the "Nutcracker"

with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at the Fox Theatre, Dec. 9-23. They are students at the Lascu School of Ballet in West Bloomfield.

"I started out as a 'doll' when I was three," said the younger Link. "Over the years as I got older and have become a better dancer, I've been placed in better roles."

This year she will perform in at least six different roles, including a "child" at the party in the first act.

"While my daughter performs as a child, I am cast as a parent," said the Link family's other ballerina. "There have been times in this ballet when Marya and I have been cast as mother and daughter. This is extremely special."

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Now showing

Dining



Festive holiday dinners will put you in the Christmas spirit.

Theater



Plymouth Theatre Guild is outstanding in "The Dining Room."

Movies



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Travel



Hop a train to Chicago for a fun holiday weekend in the Windy City.

Music



Punk rockers Bad Religion finally have a hit on their hands.

Looking ahead

▶ Leo Dolignais of Westland who is appearing in "Miss Saigon" at the Masonic Temple Theatre is glad to be home.

▶ Local symphonies and choral groups present holiday concerts.

SKI CONTEST

Learn to ski, enjoy our winter wonderland

BY KEELY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITER

Get out of the house and onto the ski slopes this winter. Here's your chance to learn.

Write and tell us why you and your family would like to learn how to ski to win a gift certificate for two nights lodging at Sugar Loaf Resort and lift tickets for up to two adults and two children.

The runner-up will receive a Michigan Ski Industries Association White Gold Card which allows them to ski one time free at each of the participating ski areas across the state during the 1994/95 season.

Send entries no later than Monday, Dec. 5 to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go! Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, or fax entries by calling (313) 591-7879. Call (313) 963-2106 for more information.

Winners will be notified by phone. The winners will be announced in a story in the Dec. 22 issue of Let's Go! Sugar Loaf is one of 29 Michigan ski areas and shops teaming up to offer an array of special ski programs this winter. Working with McDonald's restaurants and Ski In-

dustries America, the Michigan Ski Industries Association is introducing beginner snowboard, downhill and cross-country ski programs under the heading "Menu of Michigan Skiing."

Participants in Discover Michigan Skiing and Discover Michigan Snowboarding receive the opportunity to take three beginner lessons beginning Jan. 3. At the end of the three sessions, these new skiers and snowboarders will receive a coupon worth \$20 off a purchase of \$100 or more at 39 participating retail ski shops throughout the state including Bavarian Village with stores locally in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn Heights, and Farmington Hills; Don Thomas of Bloomfield Hills; and Nicholas Ski and Sports with locations in Dearborn and Waterford.

Details of the Menu of Michigan Skiing will be explained on tray liners at McDonald's restaurants in December. In order to participate in the program, potential skiers and snowboarders must ask McDonald's for a Menu of Michigan Skiing Value Voucher, which is necessary to make

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Wintertime fun: Participants in Discover Michigan Skiing and Snowboarding receive the opportunity to take three beginner lessons at participating ski areas and resorts. After some lessons, and lots of practice, you'll be ski-boarding like this pro at Sugar Loaf Resort.

Talented cast at your service in 'Dining Room'



BOB WEIBEL

Playwright A. R. Gurney's favorite subject is the family. In "The Dining Room," he provides the sort of challenge performers love — the chance to create several characters — as they explore the social aspects of this very special room and what it means to the family.

The Plymouth Theatre Guild meets the challenge and then some, in its stylish production of the "The Dining Room."

An elegant Greek Revival setting provides the perfect backdrop, as if to say the dining room is the temple of the home. When combined with tasteful furnishings, you have the sort of room performers can step into and create a variety of interesting characters.

And do they ever. The Guild's talented cast of six creates 57 characters in a sequence of scenes that overlap and dissolve. There is a "cinematic" quality to it, and director Sally Dubats does a superb job of staging the show.

The performers are James Dereniak, Jason Corney, Ken Pletzer, Deborah Kandler, Bobbie Judd and Ariana Schrader. They are called upon to do everything from farce to drama. Except for a time or two when they went a bit over the top, all do a fine job.

James Dereniak is especially good in roles ranging from a child at play to a stuffed-shirt father and doddering grandfather.

The play shows how, in an earlier time, (before the modern cyberspace community) "The Dining Room" was where really important family events occurred — like eating dinner together.

If the family happens to be stuffy and too formal, well, that's

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perfect for comedy. "The Dining Room" has great fun with our peccadillos and non-conformist behavior — such as typing a term paper in the dining room.

There also are more serious moments, like the failing memories of the elderly at holiday dinners and making plans for funerals.

Of course, just plain silly events also occur in dining rooms. The children's birthday party is a scream, especially the wild and crazy hats. In fact, all of the costumes are excellent, and kudos to the small army that must have been employed to make changes.

Bob Weibel of Westland is a freelance writer, who has spent more than 25 years in community theater as a director, designer and performer.

ONSTAGE

"The Dining Room"

► **THEATER:** Plymouth Theatre Guild at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, Northville, (west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads).

► **CURTAIN TIME:** 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 3; 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27.

► **TICKETS:** \$8 adults, \$7 youth and senior citizens. One dollar discount if you buy your ticket in advance (810) 349-7110.



Dining In: The Plymouth Theatre Guild is staging A.R. Gurney's "The Dining Room" through Dec. 3 at The Water Tower Theatre in Northville. The cast includes (from left): Bobbie Judd, Ken Pletzer, Ariana Schrader, Jason Corney, Debbie Kandler and James Dereniak.

Ballet from page 1B

This proud mother enjoys sharing her interest in dance with her daughter, a seventh-grader at Power Middle School.

"I danced as a child and up until I was pregnant with Marya. Now we dance together."

Marya said that she, too, enjoys dancing with her mother.

"We have to spend a lot of time in rehearsal and at the performances. I like it better because

my mom's here with me," she said.

While the two Link dancers usually enjoy the holiday season, there are some drawbacks to the exhausting performance schedule.

"I have to make sure that I get my holiday shopping done in the summer," said Mary Link. "That's the only time I can do it because Marya starts rehearsal in September, and I begin in October."

The Links aren't the only family members performing in the Fox production.

Erin Eagen, in her third "Nutcracker" at age 13, is joined for the second year by her four-year-old sister, Shannon.

Jeanne Eagen, their mother, Shannon watched her older sister with interest, then declared that she wanted to do it, too.

"And she loves it," Jeanne Eagen said.

Erin, an eighth grader at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham, said she loves to watch her little sister dance.

"Shannon looks so happy when she performs her role as a doll," Erin said. "I also feel happy because I can help her with her dance steps and her makeup."

While Erin helps her little sister, most of her time is needed preparing for her many roles in the "Nutcracker." She's a child, a

soldier, a page and a Chinese dancer.

"I just love doing this," Erin said. "I get to work with many of the same people year after year, and dancing with them is like getting together for a family reunion."

Jeanne Eagen said she is happy that she has two of her three children in one place.

"Although it's hard keeping up

with the hectic schedule, it's good that the girls and I can be together."

She added that the "Nutcracker" commitment also allows her husband, Mike, to spend some time with the third Eagen child, 11-year-old Ryan.

"And of course, dad and brother spend a lot of time in the "Nutcracker" audience," Jeanne Eagen said.

Ski from page 1B

reservations. The Value Voucher will also be available at participating ski shops throughout the state or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Menu of Michigan Skiing, 7164 Deer Lake Court, Clarkston, MI 48346-1271.

The price for the first session of Discover Michigan Skiing is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children seven to 14. The second session is \$30 adults and \$20 kids and session three is \$35 adults and \$25 kids. Discover Michigan Snowboarding is priced at \$35 per session for adults and children and is available midweek only.

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Dancers from page 1B

and under \$8. Call (313) 421-1111 or (313) 464-2741.

■ Eric Johnston's Detroit Ballet presents "Nutcracker Suite, Pas de Quatre and Suite de Jazz," sponsored by the Michigan Touring Arts Fund and Farmington Parks and Recreation at Mercy Center, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children. The

troupe will present the entire "Nutcracker" ballet 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 at Southfield High School. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12-50 children. Call (810) 474-3174.

■ Plymouth Symphony Orchestra with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company, presents "Nutcracker," 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 11 at Salem High School Auditorium in

Plymouth. Tickets \$14 adults, \$8 students. Call (313) 451-2112.

■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 9-11; 14-18; 20-23, at the Fox Theatre. Tickets \$22, \$25 and \$27, call (313) 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666 for tickets and show times.

■ Livonia Civic Ballet Company presents "Nutcracker," 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, Livonia. Call (313) 421-8264 or (313) 464-7310.

If your group's "Nutcracker" presentations is not listed, please send information, as soon as possible, to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (313) 519-7279.

Cross country skiing

On Sunday, Jan. 8, participating ski areas will offer a free group lesson and trail pass. Then, from Jan. 9 to March 15, each participant will be invited to take two follow-up, free group lessons and will receive free trail passes at any participating ski area. Advance reservations are required. Upon completing all three lessons, each participant will receive a made-in-Michigan fleece headband and the same \$20 off retail coupon that Discover Michigan Skiing and Discover Michigan Snowboarding participants receive.

For the 1994-1995 season, Kids will "Sleep and Ski Free" midweek when mom and dad are on one of the "midweek lift & lodging" ski packages (excluding Dec. 22 to Jan. 1). During Sugar Loaf's special "Just Kidding" weekends, (Jan. 20-22 and March 3-5) kids not only sleep and ski free, they are invited to special free parties and activities including a pizza party, popcorn/movie night, group lesson or race clinic and race. Sugar Loaf is celebrating its 30th birthday Jan. 8-12 by offering slopeside hotel rooms for \$30 per night, per room and kids sleep free.

Marquee from page 1B

share suggestions for fun things to do on New Year's Eve to win a pass for two to a Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday show at Second City in Detroit. Twenty passes will be awarded. The deadline for entries is Thursday, Dec. 8.

Try to recall New Year's Eves past. What did you do that was the most fun? We'll be sharing your ideas with Let's Go! readers in a story on Dec. 15.

Maybe you went to dinner at a

really nice place, or had a formal home party where everyone dressed up in their finest attire. Send suggestions for fun things to do on New Year's Eve (be sure to include a daytime telephone number) to: Keely Wygonik, Let's Go editor: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc., 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or fax entries to (313) 591-7279. For more information, call (313) 953-2105. Winners will be notified by phone.

■ Farmington Public Schools' annual used instrument sale is 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in the East Middle School Cafeteria, 25000 Middlebelt. The sale is open to anyone wishing to buy or sell a band or orchestra instrument, metronomes, music stands and other music items. If you have an instrument languishing in the corner of a closet, bring it to sell. You'll be helping a young musician. If you are looking for an instrument, come to the sale.

Those bringing instruments and other items to sell are asked to donate \$2 per item to cover space and advertising. Call (810) 489-3412 for information.

Keely Wygonik is editor of the Taste and Let's Go! sections of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. She welcomes your calls and comments, 953-2105, fax 591-7279, E-Mail keely@oeonline.com or write: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Inc. 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Several area colleges and institutions are offering special holiday dinners to ring in the season. It's definitely not too early to start planning and making reservations.

■ Schoolcraft College presents its 18th annual Christmas Madrigal Dinners Dec. 8 at the Waterman Center. Several other evenings are already sold out. Schoolcraft's Music and Culinary Arts Departments will combine talents to recreate a 16th century English feast, complete with merriment, song and entertainment.

Seating begins at 6:45 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. The Madrigal Singers will enter the

hall in full costume to present the Wassail and toast the Christmas season. Each course of the prime rib feast will be presented with trumpets and ceremony. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be reserved. There are tables of eight. Call (313)462-4417 for more information. Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund.

■ The hospitality management students of Oakland Community College will present the eighth annual Wassail Feast on Thursday Dec. 1 at the Ridgewood Cafe on the third floor of Tirrell Hall. Tickets are \$35 per person and early reservations are suggested. Call (810) 471-7780.

■ Another magical holiday dinner is the Detroit Institute of Arts' 23rd annual Wassail Feast, Dec. 8

and Dec. 15 (several other dates have sold out). Visitors can travel back 400 years to celebrate the holiday season like members of the court of Queen Elizabeth I. The evening begins with an open bar in the Kresge Court and Romanesque Hall, then continues to the newly renovated Great Hall, for a setting that includes candle-lit tables, mimes, acrobats, madrigals, dancers, wizards and strolling minstrels. Trumpets will sound to announce the arrival of the queen and revelers will then sit down to a five-course meal.

The meal includes honey-pickled rutabaga and turnips in sour cream, mutton-barley soup, roast leg of chicken, pork and leek pie, prime rib and Yorkshire pudding

and more. A vegetarian option is also available. Wassail punch, a mixture of ale and other libations, and apple cider are served throughout.

Tickets are \$150 per person or \$125 per person for tables of 10. All proceeds support the DIA general operating fund. For tickets, call (313)833-4005.

■ Plymouth's Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will present a Boarshead Festival and Feast at 4 p.m. Dec. 11. The program, with 250 singers, will feature traditional carols and musicians playing period instruments. Following the concert, guests will enter the school, transformed into a King's castle, for a dinner of roast suckling pig with all the trimmings, fruit tarts and plum pudding with

rum sabayon, created by parish member and chef Dick Gilles of Cafe Bon Homme. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 per person, \$8 for seniors and students. Call (313)453-0326.

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

■ The Lyric Chamber Ensemble presents a holiday brunch on the lighter side at 10:45 a.m. Dec. 11 at Detroit's Gem Theatre and featuring Measure for Measure: A Men's Chorale Society. The 65-member, Ann Arbor-based group will perform sacred and secular

songs from around the world and will be directed by Leonard Riccinto of Eastern Michigan University.

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

■ Greenfield Village is featuring Holiday Evenings at Eagle Tavern Nov. 26-31. Celebrators can sample the 1850s at the historic tavern, once a popular stop on the Detroit-Chicago stagecoach road, and enjoy a 19th century style dinner with traditional trimmings. A traveling troupe of entertainers will provide entertainment. The cost is \$39.50 per person. Call (313) 271-1620 ext. 382 for reservations. Several dates are already sold out.

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Festive dinners.
Festive events
Breakfast with Santa
 Schoolcraft College's student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, will host breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 in the College's Waterman Center on campus in Livonia. A photo with Santa and small gift is included with the children's pancake breakfast. The cost is \$8 adults, \$10 children. Call for reservations. (313) 462-4422

Génitti's

have lunch with Santa at the Kid's Christmas Show, Nov. 26, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 10-11 and Dec. 17-18 at the restaurant in Northville. (810) 349-0522

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Gallop in St. Clair
 The restaurants of St. Clair are hosting the second annual Gourmet Gallop 6-10 p.m. Dec. 1 and 15. Horse drawn carriages will carry participants for appetizers at the St. Clair Inn, Murphy Inn, DJ Gallagher's, the Voyager and Rachelle's on the River. Desert will follow at the William Hopkings Manor. Tickets are \$27. (810)329-7159

College restaurants
 Oakland Community College
 Ridgewood Cafe in J-305 of Tirrell Hall, Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Student-run restaurant is open for lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday (810) 471-7786

Schoolcraft College
 The college's gourmet restaurant, American Harvest, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, is now open for lunch, noon to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. A lavish buffet is offered each Friday at \$10.95 per person. (313) 462-4488

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Schoolcraft College offers seminar for alcohol servers

Just in time for the busy holiday season, Schoolcraft College will present "TIPS," Training of Intervention Procedures by Servers of Alcohol, a six-hour program designed for servers at restaurants, bars, hotels, casinos, or any establishment where alcohol is consumed on the premises, Dec. 4, 5, and 6, in the College's Waterman Center.

Participants can select their six hour training from: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5; or 5-11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6. The fee is \$30. To register or obtain further information, contact Continuing Education Services at (313) 462-4448.

Participants learn strategies for serving alcohol responsibly while

providing the best possible customer service. In addition, TIPS training helps prevent people who are drinking from hurting themselves, injuring others or destroying property.

The TIPS program was developed more than 10 years ago by Dr. Morris Chafetz, founding director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. In an independent university study testing the effectiveness of the UPS program, almost 50 percent of the patrons who were served by non-TIPS-trained servers left the establishment intoxicated. None of the patrons served by TIPS-trained servers became intoxicated.

Local theater productions sure to delight youngsters

Local theatre groups are presenting some popular children's stories.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is presenting "A Winnie-the-Pooh Christmas Tail" at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 2 p.m. Dec. 3-4 at the council's building, 774 Sheldon (at Junction).

The Marquis Theatre in Northville is offering "Beauty and the Beast" through Dec. 30, and the Greenfield Village Theatre Company is staging a musical version of the classic, "Hansel and Gretel."

Cast members of all the shows include local youngsters.

The Pooh play is an hour-long musical that shows how Eeyore's friends in Thistle Corner help the poor animal get over his gloom about having lost his tail during the holidays.

The show includes a cast of 20 local children and will tour several will tour local elementary schools. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and are available

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able at the door, for more information, call (313) 416-4ART.

To those few people who missed the popular animated movie, the story is about a young woman whose love and kindness for a creature called Beast, releases him from an evil spell and eventually turns him into a charming prince.

"Beauty and Beast" is being performed Saturdays and Sundays, with special holiday break performances, through Dec. 30. All tickets are \$7. There are also special performances for school children. Call (810) 349-8110 for tickets.

Local actors in the Northville production include: Katie Banks, Delaney Coyne, Ed Lendrum, and Erin Martell, all of Livonia; Matthew Britten, Lauren Fisher, Jackie Washburn, Kalli and Lindsay Fortune and Peter Jacques, all of Farmington or

Farmington Hills; Kristin Wolff, Theresa Martilotti, Kristin Mellian and Laura Novkov of Canton; and Laura Haerle of Plymouth.

Sue Borg, who wrote the play based on a classic French fairy tale, said there are 56 kids in the four casts. The production includes lavish costumes and opera music.

"It's a very lovely production and it gives kids an introduction to classical music," Borg said.

The Greenfield Village Company promises an exciting show as Hansel and Gretel encounter the fairy-tale characters and meet up with the wicked witch. There's the Gingerbread House with real candy and cake decorations and songs from the opera by Englebert Humperdinck.

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Dec. 3, 10, 17, 27-31; 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18; and 7 p.m. Dec. 10 and 17.

Tickets are \$5.75 and can be reserved by calling (313) 271-1620. The performances are staged at

the Anderson Center Theater at the Henry Ford Museum, at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, Dearborn.

Children are invited to meet the actors in costume after each show. The cast includes Lisa Andres of Livonia; Harry Bennett of Farmington Hills; Maureen Dorrington of Beverly Hills; and Jackie Marns of Canton.

The intrigue and illusion of Mardi Gras and Halloween will hover over the stage at Music Hall Center, 350 Madison at Brush, Detroit 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3 when Youththeatre presents "The Mask Man."

Tickets are \$7. Call (313) 963-2366.

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Generations' launches a whole new Star Trek series

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Kirk dies. By now that's no secret. How the filmmakers are going to resurrect him is a lingering question that will keep you guessing through the first half of "Star Trek Generations," the entertaining seventh entry in the ever popular science fiction series.

Instead of trotting out the original Enterprise crew, the movie focuses on the "Next Generation" cast. Though technically they lived a century apart, James T. Kirk and Jean Luc Picard, Starfleet's two most famous captains, serve together and save the universe one more time.

And if nothing else, it's fun to see such different actors strut their stuff. William Shatner, who originally helmed three seasons of the NBC series in the late 1960s, still chews up the scenery while the Shakespearean-trained Patrick Stewart speaks volumes

through his wise and steely eyes. Scotty and Checkov (Patrick Doohan and Walter Koenig) also appear in the opening scenes, where the old gang accompanies a new Enterprise on its maiden voyage. The captain (yes, a third one) looks to Kirk for advice when an undulating ribbon of electricity threatens to destroy the ship.

The scene, perhaps the best in the movie, works because you can see Kirk half-rise from his chair as the green captain makes wrong decisions. You know Kirk just itching to retake command.

From here, however, "Star Trek Generations" isn't much better than an above-average episode of the television series. The conflict this time: a mad scientist (a surprisingly limp Malcolm McDowell) who casually blows up stars in an attempt to get closer to intergalactic Shangri-La.

Klingons also appear, this time as a pair of smelly female commanders who think they've found a weak link in the Enterprise. Surprisingly, the primitive warrior race has more for its women to do than on the Enterprise, where Counselor Troy (Marina Sirtis)

and others only offer their shoulders for crewmen to cry on.

In an entertaining twist, android crewmate Data (Brent Spiner) installs a computer chip in his brain that will give him human emotions. Now he laughs hysterically at jokes he heard years before but only now understands.

Data also discovers the meaning of fear when he's under fire and loses best friend Jordy (Ben Vereen) in the process.

The rest of the crew, including Jonathan Frakes as Number 1, don't seem too out of the place on the big screen. And that's just dandy with Paramount, who pulled the series from television after several successful seasons in the hopes of making more money at the movies.

Campy and clever, "Star Trek Generations" officially passes on the baton to the "Next Generation." Yet you still wonder, after Spock's unlikely comeback in "Trek III," can another rebirth of Captain James T. Kirk be too far behind?



New Trek: The new film, "Star Trek Generations" stars (from left) Patrick Stewart as Capt. Jean-Luc Picard, Jonathan Frakes as Cmdr. William Riker, Michael Dorn as Lt. Cmdr. Worf, and Marina Sirtis as Counselor Deanna Troi. William Shatner returns as Capt. Kirk.

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Screen Scene

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

DETROIT FILM THEATRE
Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call 313-833-2323 for information. (\$5)
"What Happened Was..." (USA - 1994). 7, 9:30 p.m. Nov. 25 - 26; 4, 7 p.m. Nov. 27. A tense, funny, and downright frightening two-character story about a dinner date that doesn't go as expected. Tom Noonan directed the Grand Jury Prize winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival.
"Francois Truffaut: Stolen Portraits" (France - 1993). 7 p.m. Nov. 28. When Francois Truffaut died ten years ago, he left behind a legacy of extraordinary films and a life story full of missing pieces. This new documentary, with rare interviews with friends and colleagues, helps us further

understand the man and the moviemaker.

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
Magic Bag Theatre, 22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 544-3030 for information. (\$5)
Hendrix double feature — "Jim Hendrix" (USA - 1973) and "Jimi Hendrix on the Isle of Wight" (USA - 1970). 10:30 p.m. Nov. 25; 7, 10:30 p.m. Nov. 26. The self-titled documentary is a fascinating account of the guitarist's life, with invaluable interviews and lots of musical clips. The "Isle of Wight" concert, filmed just three weeks before his death, is a fitting sendoff to the rock legend.
MAIN ART THEATRE, 118 N. Main Street at 11 Mile, Royal Oak. Films play through at least Thursday, unless noted otherwise. Call 810-542-0180 for information and showtimes. (\$6.50; \$4 students and matinee; \$3

twilight)
"The Last Seduction" (USA - 1994). The follow-up film noir from John Dahl, director of "Red Rock West." This time Linda Fiorentino stars as a ruthless femme fatale who double crosses her husband.
"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). Neil Jordan's stunning new film version of the Anne Rice vampire novel features seductive performances from Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and newcomer Kirsten Dunst.
"Bullets Over Broadway" (USA - 1994). Woody Allen's latest, set in the 1920s, finds an ambitious playwright (John Cusack) offered the chance to direct his own play. The only hitch: he has to cast a mobster's girlfriend in a key role.
MAPLE THEATRE
4135 W. Maple, Bloomfield. All titles play through at least next

Thursday. Call 810-855-9090 for information. (\$6; \$2.95 twilight)
"The Professional" (USA - 1994). The new thriller from Luc Besson ("La Femme Nikita") finds a hit man taking a young girl under his protection. Gary Oldman stars.
"Oleanna" (USA - 1994). The latest from David Mamet, adapted from his stage play, about a college professor trying to save his reputation against a floundering student in a sexual harassment case.
"Interview with the Vampire" (USA - 1994). See Main Art Theatre listing above.
STATE THEATRE
2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call 961-5450 for information. (\$1)
"Monty Python and the Holy Grail" (Britain - 1974). 9 p.m. Nov. 28. This inspired spoof of the King Arthur legend is still the funniest feature from the British comedy team.

Coming Attractions

There's something for everyone at the movies. Here's a list of what's in the wings:
Opened Wednesday, Nov. 23
"The Pagemaster" — A partly animated film about a young boy's amazing journey led by The Pagemaster, the keeper of books and guardian of the written word. Stars Macaulay Culkin and

Christopher Lloyd and the voices of several stars.
"A Low Down Dirty Shame" — This comedy-action-adventure has a private investigator enlisting his wise-cracking secretary and her roommate to help him out of his latest jam. Directed by and starring Keenen Ivory Wayans.
"Junior" — A comedy in which

Arnold Schwarzenegger is a genetic engineer who, with the help of his gynecologist friend, decided to prove that male pregnancy is possible. With Danny DeVito and Emma Thompson.
Opening Friday, Dec. 2
"Trapped in Paradise" — It's Christmas Eve and the Firpo brothers have come from New

York City to the small town of Paradise to pull a heist, but their big city ways are no match for the kindness of the good folks of Paradise. Comedy starring Nicolas Cage, Jon Lovitz and Dana Carvey.
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'Little Jo' takes viewers on an interesting journey



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The old frontier days in the American West would seem to have been a pretty hard place for anyone and particularly hazardous for unescorted females. That's a lesson learned quickly by a young woman, thrown out by her wealthy family for having an illegitimate child, who makes

her way West. Pretty Josephine Monaghan, faced with limited job opportunities and abusive treatment, decides to take matters into her own hands. She chops off her long hair, cuts herself to scar her face and presents herself to the world in men's clothing. The 1994 film "The Ballad of Little Jo" follows the former Josephine, played by Suzy Amis, as she navigates her life posing as a man. After a time working as a miner, Jo is offered a job at a stable in the mining camp and a

VIDEO

room in the home of the local assayer, played by Ian McKellen. That ends after a time when the man proves to be a violent drunk and misogynist. Many of the men in the small town are ignorant, violent and often drunk. Jo finds some peace, taking a new job as a sheep herder living alone for four winter months. It's a beautiful and harsh country, but Jo learns to take care of herself. After wolves attack the

sheep, she learns to shoot. Eventually, Jo is able to buy her own homestead and become independent. After she intervenes when local men torment a Chinese man, whose offense was looking for work in the town, the men insist she take him as a cook and servant. Since no one else would hire him, Jo reluctantly agrees. It's only a matter of days until it becomes clear the man, played by David Chung, has figured out Jo's secret. It's ironic that the two, both

outcasts, develop a close relationship but one that can only be open at the seclusion of their cabin. As they are both aware, it's only as Little Jo, a free white man, that either has any control or rights. All of the performances are good and writer-director Maggie Greenwald doesn't present a romanticized story. The life choices which are to some extent forced on Jo have a heavy cost. The characters are complex — of-ten contradictions. The man who first harasses Jo,

them becomes an employer and loyal friend, has no qualms about trussing up the Chinese man to be tortured in the name of having some fun. "The Ballad of Little Jo" is a compelling and interesting journey. "The Ballad of Little Jo" is available on tape at local video stores. If you have a question or comment, call LeAnne Rogers at 953-2103 or write her at The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Kids, enter our 'Pagemaster' contest

Kids — write and tell us about your favorite book to win an autographed copy of "The Pagemaster" written by David Kirchner.

Be sure to list the name of your favorite book and the author. Explain why it was the best book you ever read — tell us why you liked the story and the characters.

The first 20 entries will receive a "Pagemaster" prize package containing a t-shirt, write and wipe board, activity book and other surprises.

This contest is open to children ages 5 to 12. Only one entry per family. Deadline for entries Friday, Dec. 2.

Include your t-shirt size with the entry, name, address and a daytime telephone number where your parent's can be reached. Winners will be notified by mail.

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

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"The Pagemaster," which opened at metro Detroit movie theaters on Nov. 23 tells the story of Young Richard Tyler who thinks he sees danger everywhere: in his backyard treehouse, in the streets where his friends play — even in his own bedroom. He can quote the exact percentage of accidents which happen in the home, and he's rigged his bicycle with more safety features than a 747.

But the magic in books is about to change all that.

When Richard takes refuge from a storm in an empty library, he finds himself stepping into a wondrous new world. In no time at all, he's sent on an amazing animated adventure by The Pagemaster, keeper of the books and guardian of the written world.



Famous Voices: The new animated film, "The Pagemaster," features a cast of famous voices. Richard Tyler (pictured above in glasses) is voiced by Macaulay Culkin. Other voices include Patrick Stewart, Whoppi Goldberg and Christopher Lloyd.

Tell us about a gift that left you 'Speechless'

Tell us about a holiday gift you received that left you "Speechless" to win a sweat shirt and two tickets to see the movie 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13 at Star John R. Theatres in Madison Heights.

The first 24 entries will receive a "Speechless" sweatshirt, and two tickets to the movie. One grand-prize winner will receive a sweatshirt, two tickets to the

movie, and a commemorative book. Deadline to enter is Friday, Dec. 9. You must be 18 to enter, only one entry per family.

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

"Speechless," opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on Dec. 16, stars Michael Keaton and Geena Davis. Sparks fly when Kevin Vallick (Keaton), and Julia Mann (Davis) meet over the last box of Nytol in an all-night convenience store, but these two have more in common than insomnia. Both political speech writers, they are unaware that they share the same profession — and work for oppos-

ing candidates. When they discover the truth, romance gives way to rivalry as they engage in an escalating and hilarious match of one-upmanship. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer presents "Speechless," a Forge Production of a Ron Underwood Film distributed by MGM/UA Distribution Co.

The movie is rated PG-13 for one use of strong language.

Coming Attractions



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Opening Friday, Dec. 9
■ "Disclosure" — A high-tech story of corporate intrigue and sexual harrasment, based on the novel by Michael Crichton. Stars Michael Douglas, Demi Moore and Donald Sutherland.

■ "Drop Zone" — A thriller about a U.S. marshall who gets involved with exhibition sky diving while investigating his brother's murder. Stars Wesley Snipes and Gary Busey.

■ "Heavenly Creatures" — The tale of a joyous friendship between two young, imaginative women, who find themselves on dangerous ground.

Opening Friday, Dec. 16
■ "Richie Rich" — Based on the Harvey Comics series, the story of a boy who has everything and takes over the family business when his parents are believed lost in a plane crash. With Macaulay Culkin and John Larroquette.

Opening Friday, Dec. 21

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

Opening Sunday, Dec. 23
■ "Nell" — A woman raised in a remote cabin in the wilds, becomes a source of wisdom and inspiration to the doctor and psychologist who control her fate. With Jodie Foster, Liam Neeson and Natasha Richardson.

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Singles Mingle

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Dance parties

TB-COUNTY DANCE
TB-County Singles "Meet A Mate Dance" will be 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster Road, Exit 177, Livonia. Admission \$3. You must be over 21. Dressy attire. 842-7422 or 842-0443.

WESTSIDE SINGLES
For November, Westside Singles will hold dances from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road. Admission before 8:30, \$2. 21 and older, dressy attire. (313) 562-3160.

WEDNESDAY DANCE
Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in November in Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster. Exit 177, Livonia. Age 21 and older, proper attire, no jeans. Cost is \$3. (313) 842-0443 or (313) 477-8050.

MEGADANCE
Megadance, singles dance party, will be 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. every Sunday at Rohn's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, Drassie, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

Ballroom dancing

STAIRLITERS
Ballroom dancing for singles age 40 and older will be 9 p.m. to midnight every Friday in the Northwest YWCA, 25940 Grand River, at Beech Daly, Livonia. Dressy attire, no jeans. Married couples welcome. (313) 525-8913.

ANN ARBOR SINGLES
Ann Arbor Singles Ballroom Dancers meet 8:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Grotto Club of Ann Arbor, 2070 W. Stadium Blvd. Live band. Admission \$4.50 per person. Dance lessons available 7-8 p.m. for a fee. (313) 930-1892; (313) 665-6013 or (313) 487-5322.

Singles groups

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS
Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, brunches, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

UNIQUE SINGLES
Unity of Livonia Unique Singles is hosting a Christmas "Carol" Costume sing-a-long pot luck dinner 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. 278-0459.

BETHANY

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

ST. PAUL'S
Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45-years and older meets at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Game night will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25. On Friday, Dec. 9 the group will host the "History of Automobile Industry" at \$3.50 per person.

NEWBURGH SINGLES
Newburgh Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guthrie Hall of Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. Light refreshments served. (313) 663-0014.

FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS
A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

SINGLE PLACE
Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents Active Singles, social group for singles who work afternoons, nights and weekends. Events include social, cultural and sports events, and brunches and tours in and around the metro area. Ages 24-44. (810) 478-1220.

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

Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (313) 422-1854.

EXPRESSIONS
An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those age 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 996-0141.

REAL PEOPLE CLUB
The Real People Club, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9626 or (810) 646-3347.

ACTIVITIES GROUP
The Activities Group is single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777.

EXPLORERS
St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburgh south of Five Mile. (313) 464-2027.

PWP/LIVONIA-REDFORD
The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Embassy Suites Hotel, just east of I-275 between Six Mile and Seven Mile. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (810) 478-1969.

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

after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 525-6937.

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

Sports/Recreation

WALLYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals and Metropolitan Single Professionals host Whirlyball at 6:40 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Racquetball Farmington, located on Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake roads. Cost \$4 for members per hour and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

WALLYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals and Metropolitan Single Professionals host Whirlyball at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Racquetball Farmington, located on Nine Mile Road between Farmington and Drake roads. Cost \$4 for members per hour and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

BOWLING
Farmington Single Professionals and Metropolitan Single Professionals host a bowling night at 9:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, at Drakeshire Lanes, located on Grand River Ave. east of Drake Road. Cost is \$2.50 per game. (810) 478-9181.

BOWLING
Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league bowls 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Mem-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Meritman roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717.

BRIDGE
Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are

offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 349-9104 or (313) 420-3177.

WALLYBALL
Farmington Single Professionals play wallyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Thursdays at Racquetball Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

BEGINNERS/WALKERS
Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181.

Other activities

SINGLES LECTURES
Focus On Singles is presenting a seven-week lecture series on various topics followed by a dinner banquet. 514-7462

DIVORCE RECOVERY
Single place presents a Seminar for Divorced and Separated Persons of All Ages, designed to help people during the holidays. The seminar will be Thursday evenings, through Dec. 15. Donation \$30. (810) 349-0911.

DIVORCE RECOVERY
Single Place presents a workshop, "Living Beyond Divorce, Phase II," 7:30 p.m. Sundays, to Dec. 4, in First Presbyterian Church Library/Lounge, 200 E. Main Street, Northville. Cost \$30. (313) 349-0911.

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Single Place presents at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, euche night every second and fourth Wednesday of the month; a \$4 donation requested.

Entertaining Choices

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Concerts

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Holiday concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia. Tickets available at the door. (313) 462-4448

POLONAISE CHORALE
Polish Christmas Carols 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. (313) 464-7996

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
Holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Harrison High School, Farmington Hills. Titled "Holiday Collage," and will feature collection of holiday classics with the band, jazz band, and several small ensembles. Tickets available at the door. (810) 478-5014

FARMINGTON AREA PHILHARMONIC
Holiday Pops Concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, Farmington Hills Activities Center, (formerly Mercy Center). Tickets \$15, seniors \$12, children under 12, \$5, available at all Metrobank locations. (810) 478-2075

NORTH PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Brazel Dennard Chorale performs 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, as part of the church's 1994-95 Music Series. The church is at 29887 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$5. (810) 478-8860

LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS
"A Christmas Wish," holiday concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Clarendon High School, Livonia. No admission charge. (313) 421-0527

ST. DEDE

Seasonal celebration, Handel's "Messiah, Part I," Christmas Carols, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at the church, 12 Mile at Southfield. Tickets \$3 or 3 or more nonperishable food items. (810) 557-7245

Community Theater

PLAYERS BULL OF DEARBORN
Gilbert and Sullivan musical, "H.M.S. Pinafore," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 25-26, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Tickets \$10. Playhouse is at 21730 Madison, Dearborn. (313) 561-7KTS.

TRINITY HOUSE
Gashouse Gorilla Productions presents an encore engagement of "Trapped in the Rubber Room," written and performed by Timothy Campos. Evening of original comedy combines stand-up routines with over a dozen creative characterizations. Shows 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 25-26 at the theater, 38840 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$6. (313) 928-1944

Auditions

MERCY PLAYERS
Open auditions, high school and college age male performers, 3-6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29-30, Mercy High School auditorium, 11 Mile Road at Middlebelt. Possible musicals are "Oklahoma," "West Side Story," and "Dames at Sea." Call for information. (810) 478-3270

PLYMOUTH THEATRE BUILD
Auditions for "The King and I" dancers; adults 7-10 p.m. Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 28-29 at the Water Tower Theatre in Northville. (810) 349-7110

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY
Auditions, 12:10-1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 in the HFCC dance studio in the lower level of the Athletic Building. (313) 845-6314

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THEATER REVIEW



In case you haven't heard, the zany 1959 screen comedy, "Some Like It Hot," has been made into a zany musical for the stage, called "Sugar." The Village Players of Birmingham are currently offering up the confectionary treat for area audiences.

VICTORIA DIAZ

Though it may not be the slickest, smartest comedy ever staged

REVIEW

and though most playgoers won't leave the theatre humming any of these Jule Styne-Bob Merrill tunes, this "Sugar" — directed by Barbara Anne Gowans — makes for some delicious fun.

"Sugar" (and "Some Like It Hot") tells the story of two hapless musicians, Joe and Jerry, who, as the play begins, find themselves out of work in Prohibition-era Chicago. Things get a

lot worse, though, when the klutzy pair stumble into the right garage at the wrong time, only to witness the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre. (Here, the Massacre is cleverly choreographed by Martha Lamb.)

What to do when the perpetrators discover you've seen it all? Run for your life, of course, and get out of town fast.

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Luckily for our heroes, an all-girl orchestra, "Sweet Sue and Her Society Syncopators," are desperate for a bass and a saxophone before they move out for an extended engagement in sunny Florida. Here's a bright idea: Why not dress up like girls, change your names to Josephine and Daphne, and apply for the jobs?

This being musical comedy, Joe/Josephine and Jerry/Daphne do just that, get the jobs, hop on the train with all those Society Syncopators, and move out for sunnier climes. Little do they

ON-STAGE
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"Sugar"
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Musical: Dave Springer (left to right), Sally Savoie and Dan Castle star in the Village Players of Birmingham presentation of "Sugar."

certainly makes the most of gender confusion whether he's onstage or making one of his grand (and flirtatious) entrances from the audience. Carousing with the smitten millionaire, Osgood Fielding (played charmingly by Tom Spriggs), is a special delight. And don't miss his curtain call.

As his sidekick, Joe/Josephine, Dave Springer has his winning ways, too, especially as that blonde vixen, Josephine. Though not the boisterous comic that Castle is here, he definitely has his own brand of humor, in a somewhat lower key, and he's always an eye-catching performer to

watch. (Impersonating Cary Grant is not his strong point, however).

In the title role, pretty Sally Savoie — although a little heavy on the doll-like mannerisms — lends a soft, comedic touch of her own, and always adds a certain dotty charm to a scene.

For the most part, a large supporting cast performs well. Watch especially for Dianne Nowland as Mrs. Spats Palazzo, villain extraordinaire. Her big death scene is like nothing you have ever seen before, and she possesses a real knack for bringing it off.

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MUSIC NOTES



CHRISTINA FUOCO

Musicians rally for injured singer

The industrial bands HAL and Skinhorse will play a benefit at Alvin's in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 26, for Skinhorse frontman/bassist Andre Royster who, according to their press release "suffered a terrible accident." He wasn't maimed or paralyzed but he did fracture two elbows after he fell off a speaker during a performance at the Dome Room in Chicago during the Independent Label Fest last month. It's been a rough year for Royster who was electrocuted earlier in the year at Alvin's. For effect, Skinhorse, who will release a CD in January, poured club soda on the drums with black lighting overhead and Royster stepped in a puddle of it. Aside from raising money to pay for Royster's medical expenses and lost wages, Skinhorse's manager Sue Summers said she "hope to bring awareness (to the fact that) musicians need to have affordable medical insurance."

The show is part of Alvin's 27th anniversary. The weeklong celebration also includes an acoustic showcase on Thanksgiving, and a show on Friday, Nov. 25, by Knitting Factory recording artists Blue Dog and newly reformed group Fundamental Extremists, formerly Broken Yo Yo. For more information, call (313) 832-2355.

Spin Doctors will have a new look when they visit the Pontiac Silverdome Dec. 1 with the Rolling Stones. Guitarist and founding member Eric Schenkman amicably left the band in early October due to artistic and creative differences. He has been replaced by Anthony Krizan.

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Last year's winners: East Lansing's The Verve Pipe won the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 1993 Band of the Year honor. To offer us your nomination for the 1994 Band of the Year, call (313) 953-2021 before Friday, Dec. 16.

Send in your Band of Year nominations

There are a lot of impressive local bands around Detroit, and we're looking for the ones that our readers loved the most.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers is asking readers to nominate their local favorites for 1994 Band of the Year honor. There's a lot of choices out there — Wig, Big Chief, Majesty Crush, Spunk, The Verve Pipe, The Emotions, Immigrant Sunz, Slot, Hot Feetin' Puddin' Pie, among others. Last year's winner was East Lansing-based The Verve Pipe, who will headline a concert on New Year's Eve at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit.

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

Bad Religion: Patience pays off

It's taken 14 years and a major-label deal but mainstay punk rockers Bad Religion finally have a hit on their hands. "21st Century (Digital Boy)" checks in frequently on MTV and the radio.

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER



Melodic punk rock may be near the top of the charts but Bad Religion guitarist expects that phase to crash and burn as fast as it took off.

"The punk rock thing's just a fad," guitarist Greg Hetson said in typical punk rock fashion.

"I'm kidding. I think people were turned off in the mid-80s because of all the bad press — punk rock riots, people getting injured (at shows), or people were afraid of what the bands were saying. I think people aren't really afraid of it now."

Afraid they aren't. Upstarts Green Day and the Offspring came out of nowhere and sold millions of albums this year. Tickets for Green Day's show on Friday at Cobo Arena in Detroit sold out in about 10 minutes. Even punk rock family siblings like Pennywise, Rancid and Black Train Jack are creating a stir for themselves by touring incessantly.

But it took 14 years for Bad Religion to emerge from the punk rock static and score a hit. A song by the band — the incredibly hook-laden "21st Century (Digital Boy)" off the band's Atlantic debut "Stranger Than Fiction" — has finally hit commercial airplay. This is also the band's first foray with an outside producer, Andy Wallace who has also worked with Nirvana, Sonic Youth and the Rollins Band.

It's not that past Bad Religion songs weren't worthy of airplay. Allen Liggett of Harmony House's Farmington Hills store said success is all in the timing.

"From my point of view it's the old adage: It isn't who or what you know — it's timing. Green Day happened because it happened. The timing was right, the song was there, people caught on to it and boom it was there. Look how long it took Soul Asylum — 11 years. They played (Royal Oak nightclub) 3-D in 1989 when they were on A&M. This industry has no rhyme or reason." Liggett said that although the album was released in September, it's just now getting hyped.



Religious experience: See Epitaph Records founders Bad Religion — from left, Jay Bentley, Bobby Schayer, Greg Graffin and Greg Hetson — at the State Theatre in Detroit on Saturday, Nov. 26, with Samiam and Supersuckers. Member Brett Gurewitz, pictured at far right, recently left the band to run Epitaph.

"On the retail level, it has to be marketed properly. Maybe it just wasn't marketed enough."

Hetson, a part-time member of newly signed major leaguers the Circle Jerks, agrees that timing is part of the success equation.

"I have a theory that people who started and grew up with the punk rock scene are now the people that are programming the stations and working at labels. Maybe that's why."

Other longtime fans of the band include Pearl Jam perpetual moper and lead singer Eddie Vedder and ex-Concrete Blonde vocalist Johnette Napolitano, both of whom made appearances on Bad Religion's 1993 album "Recipe for Hate."

"We've known Johnette for a long time, and Eddie we met a couple years ago. Eddie used to come see us all the time. He even snuck back-

stage once to meet the band. He was nobody back then," Hetson said.

To "Stranger Than Fiction," Napolitano contributed the song "Television" which features the snarling vocals of mohawked Rancid singer Tim "Lint" Armstrong. MC5 guitarist Wayne Kramer, and Pennywise vocalist Jim Lindberg also make cameos on the record.

The appearances of Armstrong and Lindberg show the band's dedication to ex-guitarist Brett Gurewitz's label Epitaph Records, whose lineup also boasts Gas Huffer, and the Offspring. "Recipe for Hate" was Bad Religion's last album for Epitaph (although it was repackaged and re-released by Atlantic). Collectively, the Epitaph records "Recipe for Hate" as well as "Suffer" (1988), "No Control" (1989), "Against the Grain" (1990), and "Generator" (1992) have sold more than a million copies — something that the Offspring has pulled off on its own.

A band with an indie frame of mind, Bad Religion made sure they could keep their "hands-on band" status when they signed with the massive Atlantic Records.

"We are really a hands-on band. We pretty much know what's going on all the time. We have as much as say as what's going on with Atlantic as we did with Epitaph."

Bad Religion — who replaced Gurewitz with former Minor Threat guitarist Brian Baker — makes sure their fans are aware of that when they're slugged for "selling out."

"When we get a little slack from some of the fans (we tell them we) put out the best record we could. It (signing to Atlantic) wasn't the end of Bad Religion as we know it."

Bad Religion performs an all-ages show with Supersuckers and Samiam at State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (313) 961-5451.

DJ goes from one 'Club' to another

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

A self-proclaimed "geek" in high school, Wayne resident Jerry Millen never imagined himself on the pages of Teen Beat magazine.

"When I saw it I thought, 'I was some nerd in high school and now I'm in Teen Beat.' It said I'm the stud of the show. It was really weird," said Millen, who is modest but a little more outspoken than in his school days.

"I'd get all these letters from teeny boppers saying they wanted to come to Michigan and marry me. They'd send me necklaces. . . . For me to experience that (that) was just weird," he added.

That's what Millen experienced during his 3 1/2-year stint on the internationally popular, Detroit-based PBS teen show "Club Connect." The very tall, jovial personality also shopped with Salt 'n' Papa in New York.

"They stripped me down to boxer shorts right in the middle of the store. We didn't bother with dressing rooms. It turned out to be quite interesting," he said with a laugh.

He hung out with the MTV spring break crew, and played in children's playlands. Millen's favorite assignment was going to Sea World and playing with Shamu.

"I've always wanted to touch a killer whale. (But) I was always the kid in the audience who never got picked. That was the coolest thing I ever got to do."

Now that the series has officially ended, he's moving on to other things. A career as an MTV VJ has always been on his "A" list. Technically, he already has achieved that goal. He said a few words to his friend, former VJ Steve Losen, after appearing during a fashion show on Losen's segment "Ed and Doc" from "Yo! MTV Raps."

Instead of moving to New York or Los Angeles and waiting tables until he's offered a more permanent MTV job, he's focusing his attention locally.



JIM JARDFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

For the past 3 1/2 years, Millen has been a part-time DJ at WHYT 96.3, now called "The Planet" after changing its format from Top 40/urban to alternative. Being a west-sider and having seen alternative music's effect on the music industry, he thought it was about time it came to his hometown area. He and a few friends were able to convince the owners of Graffiti nightclub in Westland to offer alternative music, instead of sugary sweet pop/dance hits, a couple times a week.

The bar — splattered with neon graffiti, mannequins and extralite — took a 200 degree turn with "Club Slam," held every Wednesday in conjunction with "The Planet." Besides hard alternative dance music by acts like the Beastie Boys and Prong, "Slam" offers live tattooing and body piercing and, despite its name, no slam dancing. To

hammer home its point, they added a lip ring to their lip-lined DJ booth.

The first few weeks were so successful that the club's management had to temporarily lower the capacity to get a handle on the crowd. They hired the security firm ESI and raised the age requirements. The links have been ironed out and Graffiti decided to expand the alternative lineup by adding the college night "Club Y" on Friday nights with special guest DJ Gynapp from 88X — CIMX 88.7 FM. Saturdays offer retro music.

Graffiti is planning to make a few more changes, but Millen won't be. He's satisfied with hanging around Detroit and taking it one day at a time — for now.

"I'd rather have happiness and learn all my lessons than make it overnight," he said.

Slammin': WHYT 96.3 (The Planet 96.3 FM) DJ and "Club Connect" host Jerry Millen (above) initiated a west side alternative music club at Graffiti's in Westland.

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Tattoo you: Chastity Johnson takes advantage of the free tattoo parlor at "Club Slam" held every Wednesday at Graffiti in Westland. She got a rose tattoo on her upper shoulder from artist John Steffan, above.

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STREET BEATS

Everyone's Got One — Echobelly

I'm a big believer in the theory that you can get a pretty good idea of what a band is all about by looking at the album's artwork. When you open the CD case of Echobelly's "Everyone's Got One" (Fauve/Rhythm King/Pandemonium), the letters "E.G.O." (the title's initials) are staring at you. The press materials name the first single as "I Can't Imagine the World Without Me." Without listening to the CD, you can only guess what you're going to get into. More pompous British pop, perhaps?

The British darlings du jour throw those assumptions aside and rock. Madan, a waif-like ex-kick boxer of Anglo-Indian descent, sounds like Debbie Harry with Bjork's yodels.

Echobelly was to be the opening band on Morrissey's ill-fated tour and it's easy to see why — Madan's drawn-out vocal delivery is similar to Morrissey's. She's been on the cover of the British music magazine Melody Maker twice.

She's outspoken. Take "Give Her a Gun" for example: "In a



lifetime full of changes a woman's group is still a second class convention. Look around, who has the power. Am I big mouth with a fix of paranoia on your side, on your side, not here for the ride."

And Echobelly is an equal opportunity employer. Besides the Anglo-Indian Madan, the band is made up of the Swedish co-songwriter Glenn Johansson, the "token black lesbian" (according to the press materials) guitarist, Debbie Smith, bassist Alex Keyser and former Polly Harvey bandmate drummer Andy Henderson.

(Echobelly and Scarce will perform Sunday, Nov. 27, at Industry, 15 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. Call (810) 334-1999 for more information.)

— Christina Fuoco

Short Fuse — The Blazers

When the most important chicanos rock band this side of Los Lobos signed with Rounder Records, no one in their Southern California home-base was surprised. This, after all, is just the latest manifestation of a lineage that traces itself back to Ritchie Valens. Having been mesmerized by their live sets many times over the years, most recently at the Festival of Arts this fall, I'm happy to report that that energy comes through with both barrels smoking on their recording debut.

From the opening "Yeah! Yeah! Yeah," with its Texas Tornado-meets-the Beat Farmers riff, to the closing, sashaying "Miss You Lil' Girl," this is a band that delivers the goods. Much of the formula at work here has to do with the 20-year partnership between guitarists/vocalists Ruben Guaderrama and Manuel Gonzales, and the fact that drummer Ruben

C. Gonzalez and bassist Lee Stuart sound like they've been with them for as long a time.

Like Southern California compadres the Blazers, Paladins, Big Sandy and, certainly their spiritual big brothers, Los Lobos (whose Cesar Rosas produced), the territory that the Blazers call their own is generally pegged as roots rock. Rockers like the title cut and the radio-ready "So Long Time Sally" will do wonders to bolster that reputation. Their versions of the Mexican language "El Ano Viejo," "Mi Ultima" and, especially "Tiburón, Tiburón" put them in an even more refined subgenre that, for these ears, makes them a more delicious aural candy.

As much as this amazing disc is recommended from these quarters, the live shows are not to be missed. The Blazers are set for Club International, 6060 W. Fort St., Detroit, on Wednesday, Nov. 30. For more information, call (313) 841-0020.

—Mark E. Gallo

Mark E. Gallo is a freelance reporter from Farmington Hills.

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BY CAROLE STRONG
STAFF WRITER

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If you haven't had time to send for tourist information, check your hotel for a free copy of "Where — Chicago," an excellent and timely guide.

Now, get those shopping bags ready.

"The Magnificent Mile," as North Michigan Avenue is called, starts at the river, marked by two architectural sentinels, The Tribune Tower and the Wrigley Building, joined by the historic Water Tower further up the avenue.

The way north is lined with dozens of intriguing shops (Gucci and Cartier among them), four malls and trees adorned with over 30,000 holiday lights. The flagship store of Crate & Barrel, a glass-fronted, four-story looker, is an Oprah Winfrey favorite, reportedly.

For the bargain hunter, there's a clearance Crate & Barrel at 800 W. North Ave. — a short taxi ride

away.

Two atrium malls are stand-outs. They are Chicago Place, anchored by Saks Fifth Avenue, and Water Tower Place, featuring Marshall Field's and Lord & Taylor. Together they offer over 180 shops and boutiques. Bloomingdale's and Neiman Marcus are here, too.

FAO Schwarz grabs your attention with three floors of toys. There's everything from stuffed gorillas to Barbie and her exercise video and musical "foot" notes you play with your feet. The ultimate street for shopping, Oak, has over 70 exclusive boutiques and salons.

The North Pier on East Illinois Street is a waterside warehouse-turned-trendy-festival-marketplace with interesting specialty shops, restaurants and nightlife.

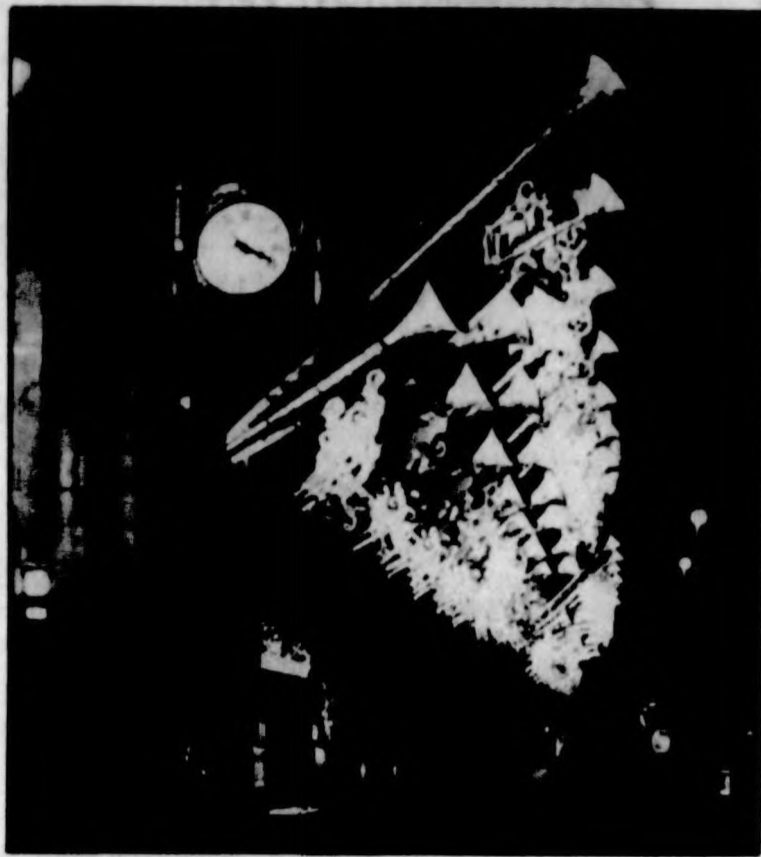
When you're ready to change shopping venues to downtown's State Street, you can walk (only for the hearty) or ride a bus or

taxi. Newly renovated at a cost of \$115 million, Marshall Field's is the queen of retail stores, the second largest in the U.S., with 145 departments on nine floors. Best of all, you can use your Hudson's charge card.

Marshall Field's was established in 1852 during a rebirth that followed a big city fire and it can't be topped in architectural elegance. Marvel at the soaring atriums — one with a blue mosaic Tiffany dome, another decked out with a skyscraping Christmas tree in the Walnut Room Restaurant.

Lunch here (chicken pot pie is the favorite) is a cherished tradition, like strolling past the outdoor windows that each year tell an animated Christmas tale. This year it's an all-new Pinocchio.

Also on State Street is Carson Pirie Scott & Co., a full-line department store famous for its scrolled ironwork entranceway that was designed by Louis Sullivan in 1904.



Looking grand: Marshall Field's flagship store on State Street was recently renovated. Its architectural elegance dates back to 1852. The store is shown here well-dressed for the holidays.

Only half a block north of Field's is the restored Chicago Theatre, currently staging Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," with Donny Osmond, no less, through December. It's a tempting respite from shopping.

Another refreshing time out is afternoon tea at a landmark hotel like the Drake, Ritz-Carlton or Hotel Inter-Continental. The Fairmont is selling gingerbread houses, signed by the chef/artist.

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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Onto the finals

Scott Pengelly turned in a strong performance at the U.S. Track and Field Association's Junior Olympics Region Five Cross Country Championship Saturday in Lexington, Ky. It earned him a shot at the USTFA National Championship, which is Dec. 10 in Reno, Nev.

Pengelly, a junior at Plymouth Salem, placed fifth out of 80 runners in the 17-18 age division at the region meet, finishing the 5,000-meter course in 16:20.

The top 20 finishers qualified for the national championship. Pengelly made it to the region meet by placing 19th at the USTFA state meet Nov. 13 in Ann Arbor.

Pengelly needs sponsors to help pay for his trip to Reno. Anyone interested in a sponsorship can call Salem cross country coach Geoff Baker (595-4250); Tom Pengelly (981-4859); or Salem assistant athletic director Gary Balconi (416-7766).

Standout performances

Danielle Meyka, a junior at Siena Heights College, was named to the all-Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference women's soccer team.

A Plymouth Canton graduate, Meyka, a defender, helped the Saints reach the NAIA regional semifinals, where they lost to Tiffin University 3-1. She was one of four Saints named to the all-WHAC team.

Julie Nicastrì, a junior at Saginaw Valley State from Plymouth Canton, was named to the all-tournament team after the Gannon (Pa.) University Tip-Off Tournament last weekend.

Nicastrì, a center, scored a career-high 17 points in the Cardinals' tournament-opening win over LeMoyné. SVSU went on to beat host Gannon 76-72 in Saturday's final.

Brian Paluk, a sophomore forward at SVSU from Plymouth (Redford Catholic Central), also had a strong start to the season, netting a career-best 16 points in the Cardinals' winning effort in their opener against University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Citrus sale

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem wrestlers, and the Salem swimmers, are having their 17th annual orange and grapefruit sale through Dec. 1.

Navel oranges and pink grapefruit are available in 20-pound (\$15) and 40-pound (\$25) boxes. Mixed boxes are also available (\$16, \$26).

Call Ron Krueger (416-2876) or Dan Chrenko (455-6991) to place an order.

Used equipment sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Coventry Commons Shopping Center, on Joy and Morton Taylor.

The public is invited to sell their sports or recreational equipment at this sale. Sellers should bring their items to the Coventry Commons Shopping Center on Thursday, Dec. 1, to be priced and tagged for the sale. The seller sets the prices, and gets the money (minus 15 percent, which goes to the Parks and Recreation department).

Volunteers will handle the sales; sellers needn't be on hand. Money or unsold items can be picked up 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

For more information, call 397-5110.

Chiefs cruise past Central

Basketball coaches are fond of saying "Nothing comes easy at tournament time," but Canton's regional game against Detroit Central Monday proved an exception to the rule.

BY C. J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER



The lull before the storm? Or should it be Storm?

Plymouth Canton's girls basketball team got some extra time to contemplate that question, since the Chiefs' opponent in the first round of the regional tournament — Detroit Central — offered such little resistance.

The outcome of the game was decided well before halftime, when Canton went to the locker room with a 37-11 lead. The Trailblazers never led, never figured out how to play defense and never really posed a threat in suffering through a 66-27 trouncing at the hands of the Chiefs Monday at Birmingham Seaholm.

The win raised Canton's record to 17-6; next up is Julie Storen and Birmingham Marian in Wednesday's regional final, 7:30 p.m. at Seaholm.

"We just got off to a good start and got a lot of easy baskets," summed up Canton coach Bob Blohm.

No kidding. It looked like the Chiefs were still practicing layups during their pre-game warm-up. And to be honest, at the start they weren't executing very well; they missed five puppies in the first quarter.

And Canton still led 18-7 after one, thanks to a defense that forced nine Central turnovers.

Some of the Chiefs' starters may have played a total of one half; Blohm started subbing in the first quarter. Everybody played, and nearly all of them scored. Amicie Crayton led Canton with 14 points; Kristi Fiorenzi had 12 and Tiffany Williams scored 11.

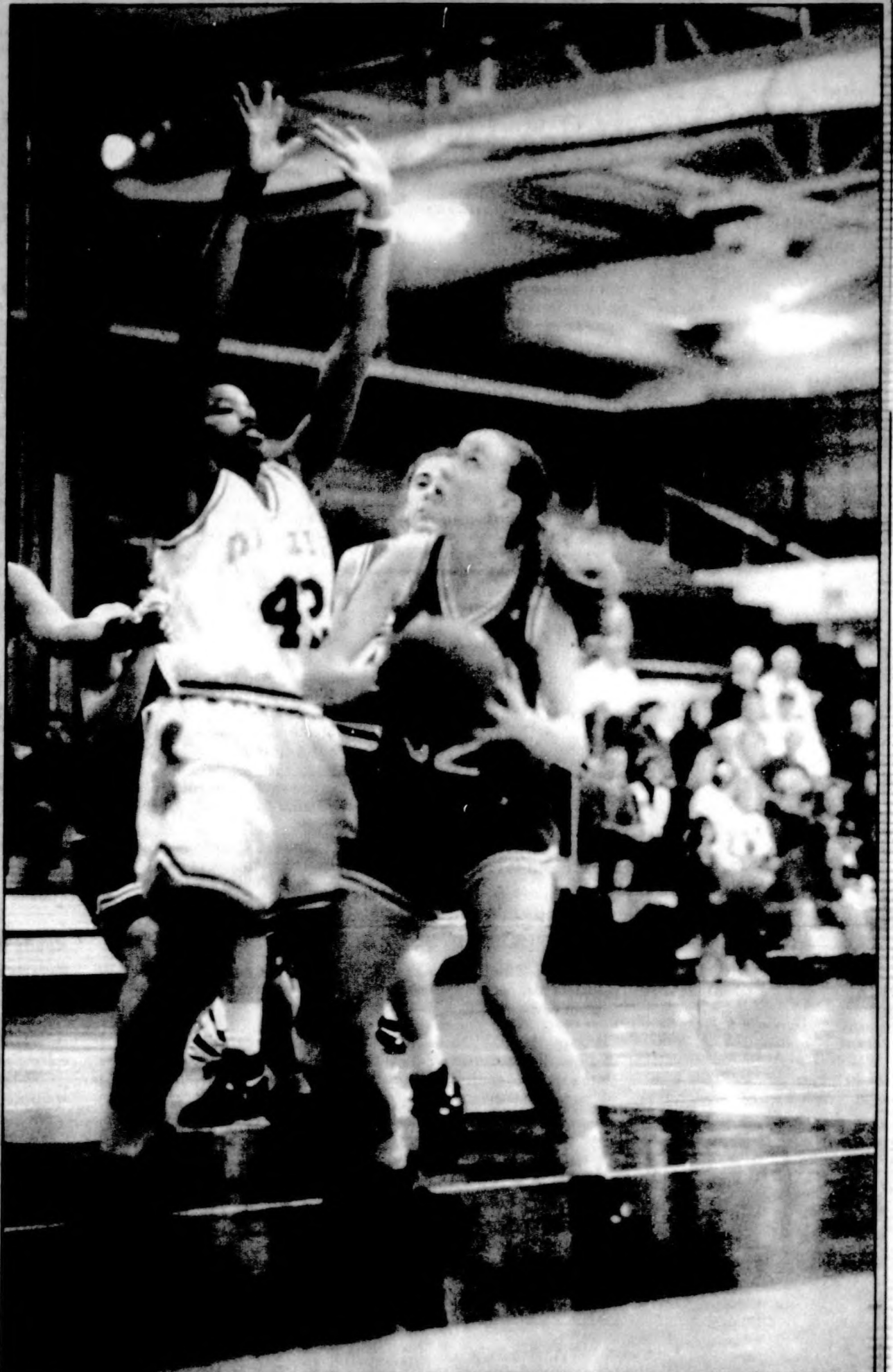
To be fair, it should be noted that the Trailblazers, who finish 9-11, started five sophomores. In fact, they had just one senior and two juniors on the team — and they saw limited action.

Ayesha Muhammad topped Central with 10 points.

So the early exit to the bench provided Canton's starters with some additional time for musing over their next opponent: Marian. The Mustangs advanced by eliminating Farmington Hills Mercy 41-36 in Monday's first game at Seaholm.

They'll bring a 15-7 record into Wednesday's game — which includes a 49-40 victory over Canton

See CANTON 2C.



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Imposing: Canton's Kristi Fiorenzi (with ball) searches for a way to get the ball over Central's 6-2 Karonna Funderburg. The Chiefs had few problems around the basket, scoring 66 points.

Slone's shot lifts Madonna

It was a moment to be treasured.

Certainly the rarity had something to do with it — Madonna University's men's basketball team enjoyed few successes in its first season. But it wasn't just the outcome, a 96-89 come-from-behind overtime win over Pillsbury College (from Minneapolis) in the consolation final of the Cedarville (Ohio) Invitational Tournament.

As coach Bill Sharpe explained, "For us, the greatest thing was that, what we've been teaching them for the last two years, the light finally went on.

"We saw a turning point in this game."

Maybe so. It took the Fighting Crusaders nine games to get their first win last year; this season, it took just three.

And it took a fair amount of determination. Madonna (1-2) trailed 45-44 at the half and, with three seconds left in regulation, was still behind 79-76. The Crusaders called timeout to set up a play, but according to Sharpe there was never any question whose number would be called.

Mike Slone, the 6-foot-8 sophomore swingman from Plymouth Salem, filled the role perfectly be-

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cause, as Sharpe put it, "He has the two things necessary: He never feels guilty about shooting, and he has no conscience."

Slone took the inbounds pass into the corner and launched. Swish — a three-pointer. Game tied, 79-79. Overtime.

Pillsbury scored the first five points of OT, but it was all Madonna after that. The Crusaders outscored their foe 17-5 the rest of the way to claim a victory.

Jay Dimes, who was named to the all-tournament team, led Madonna with 20 points and 11 rebounds. He also blocked two shots. Slone finished with 18 points and eight boards, with Christian Emert adding 16 points and four assists; Mike Maryanski 15 points and eight rebounds; and Brandon Slone 12 points and six boards.

Berry Jones' 35 points led Pillsbury; Greg Snow had 14, Adam Taylor 13 and Jacob Hodge and Dan Brewer 10 apiece.

Madonna won the battle of the boards, outrebounding Pillsbury 48-47. Also, the Crusaders had just 11 turnovers; both factors

helped them overcome a 32-of-85 (38 percent) shooting night.

"We gutted it out," said Sharpe. "We did everything we said we had to do to win."

The Crusaders did some of those things in their opening game of the tournament, Friday against Indiana Wesleyan. What they didn't do was score (20-of-58 from the field, 34 percent), and this time neither the turnover ratio (23 turnovers for Madonna, 20 for Wesleyan) or the rebound factor (44-39 Wesleyan) worked to their favor.

Which is why they lost, 72-58.

The final minutes of the first half were Madonna's downfall. A six-point Wesleyan lead blossomed into a 45-29 halftime advantage. The Crusaders never got closer than nine in the second half.

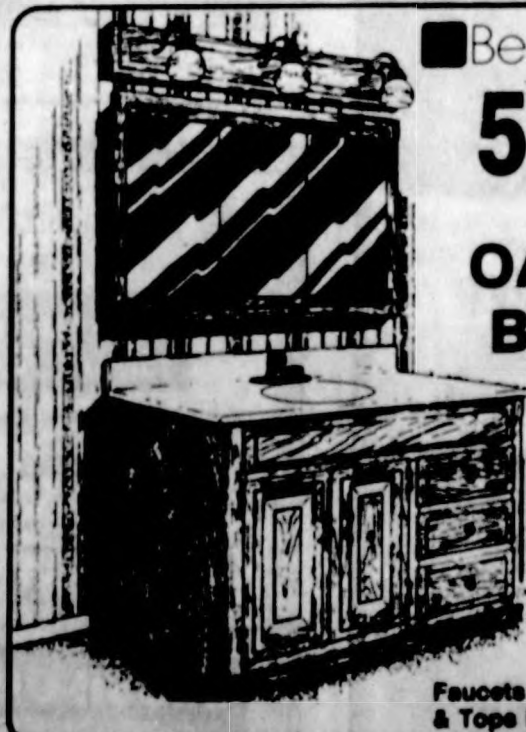
Mike Slone's 25 points topped Madonna. Dimes totaled 12 points and eight rebounds, and Brandon Slone netted seven points and nine boards.

Wesleyan got 25 points from Darrell Smith, 23 from Matt Shode and 11 from Ryan Stegal.

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Madonna falls in region semis

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What finished Madonna University's volleyball season was the same thing that plagued the Lady Crusaders most of their campaign: Inconsistency.

Madonna reached the semifinals of the NAIA Great Lakes Regional Saturday at University of Michigan-Dearborn, but the trip was fruitless. The Crusaders were thumped by Mount St. Joseph's (from Cincinnati) 15-1, 15-7, 15-2. St. Joseph's proved less than best, too, falling in the regional final to third-ranked St. Francis

VOLLEYBALL

College (Fort Wayne, Ind.) 15-11, 15-6, 15-2. St. Francis advances to the NAIA Tournament Dec. 1-3 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Madonna finished its season with a 30-21 record and some unfulfilled goals.

"We didn't play a very good match and they played outstanding," said Crusaders' coach Jerry Abraham of the St. Joseph's match. "We played great on Friday. But it's been an inconsistent year for us."

Injuries and the loss of two starters from last year's team, both All-Americans, caused Madonna's problems. A pair of starters on this season's squad, Erin Comment and Nikki Scherrer, were both lost to injuries and missed the last half of the season.

Two others, Kelly McCausland (from Redford Union) and Julie Martin (Livonia Stevenson), missed sizable portions of the campaign due to injury.

On Friday, Madonna won its three-team pool to advance to the regional semifinal. The Crusaders beat Edgewood College (Madison,

Wis.) 15-5, 15-5, 15-11 and Grace College (Winona Lake, Ind.) 15-6, 14-16, 12-15, 15-11, 15-5.

But all that went right on Friday came undone on Saturday.

"We just did not block them very well," said Abraham — and that started the Crusaders' problems. St. Joseph's kept them off balance with a varied attack.

"We do better against power teams, but for some reason we've had trouble with teams that change up on us. We didn't flow defensively at all.

"(St. Joseph's) did everything they needed to do to keep us off balance."

Lady Crusaders split at Hope tournament

BASKETBALL

The weekend started well for Madonna University's women's basketball team, but the ending could have been better.

The Lady Crusaders clubbed Trinity Christian 72-47 in the opening round of the Hope College Classic Friday in Grand Rapids, but in Saturday's final against Hope it was the Crusaders who came up short, losing 67-54.

In the loss to Hope, poor shooting (21-of-58 from the field, 36.2 percent) and turnovers (30) plagued Madonna. Only Vikki Koenig managed to reach double-figures in scoring, with 14 points. She also had 10 rebounds. Meegan Marlatt had nine points and four steals.

Hope got 15 points and 11 rebounds from Kristin Carlson,

13 points from Nicki Mannes and 11 points from Dana Smith.

Friday's game was far more satisfactory. The Crusaders shot a bit better (28-of-74, 37.8 percent), rebounded better (39-37) and did a whole lot better job taking care of the ball (11 turnovers). They led 34-21 at the intermission and cruised in the second half.

Marlatt's 18 points topped Madonna; she also nabbed six rebounds and had five steals. Koenig had 11 points, eight boards and three steals, and Stephanie Creley finished with eight points, five rebounds and three assists.

Lady Ocelots post another easy win

Another game, another lopsided win, and more high praise from the coach — right?

Get real. Not with Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team. After ripping visiting Moraine Valley (from Chicago) 85-57 Saturday, here's how Lady Ocelots' coach Ed Kavanaugh described his team's performance: "We're doing OK."

Well, let's not go overboard, coach. In the win over Moraine Valley, which ran SC's record to 2-0, the Ocelots led 37-24 at the

SC BASKETBALL

half and were never really in danger.

Leandra Hoffman (from Livonia Clarenceville) led SC with 18 points. Dawn Newlin scored 15, and Megan Heslip and Shawn Krause (Westland John Glenn) each had 12.

Mary McCarthy led Moraine Valley with 18 points.

"They're adapting to my style of play real well," said Kavanaugh. Which is: "Pressure de-

fense and pushing the ball up the court, which allows us to convert a lot of easy baskets."

■ **Glen Oaks 95, SC 84 (men):** The Ocelots were up by four with 12 minutes left Monday against visiting Glen Oaks, but free throws led to their downfall.

Glen Oaks was 28-of-38 (74 percent) from the free-throw line, including 24 makes in the second half. SC was 10-of-16 (65 percent).

"In the second half, for whatever reason, we started fouling," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "We

stopped moving our feet (on defense), stopped going inside (on offense) and started shooting the 10-12 footers instead."

The Ocelots (now 0-4) were led by Tony Maciejewski with 29 points and 13 rebounds, including 10 offensive boards. Jason Maschke (Livonia Franklin) contributed 10 points and seven rebounds, and Fadi Bazzi had six points and 10 assists. Dave Pavlak finished with nine points.

Fred McLang led Glen Oaks with 32 points. Andrew Kiess had 19.

Shamrocks rebuild to defend Class A title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central coach Gordie St. John knows all too well the 1993-94 hockey season is going to be a tough act to follow.

St. John, in his first year after taking over for longtime coach John Gumbleton, led the Shamrocks to the coveted state Class A championship and a 24-1-2 record last season.

CC clobbered Midland 8-1 in the finals after surviving several close games en route to the tournament title.

Gone are three first-team All-

HOCKEY

Observer players including goalie Mike Brusseau, who sported a 1.35 goals against average; forward Jon Heady, who racked up 57 points on 32 goals and 25 assists; and Mark Holdridge, a smooth skating defenseman who had 30 points.

Holdridge, who was eligible to come back this season as a senior, opted to play in the junior select ranks.

"We just can't step onto the ice and expect it to happen," St. John

said. "We're going to have to work hard."

"And we've got to be careful after having the kind of year we had. It all depends how they fit together. We have a long way to go."

The cupboard is not completely bare, however, for CC.

Senior center-left winger Jason Couture led the tough Michigan Metro High School Hockey League with 33 points. Also back is senior center-left winger Jeff Helner.

"Couture played on a line with Heady and he was our sniper," St.

John said. "We got hit hard (by graduation) and you just don't replace a guy like Brusseau, who was arguably the best in the state last year."

Once again, Birmingham Brother Rice and Trenton will have a say in the Michigan Metro race as well as the state tournament.

"Rice is loaded and Trenton has a strong team," St. John warned. "Both teams are going to be hard to beat. We'll really be challenged to do well in our league."

them defensively, how we're going to defend them in their half-court offense.

Storen, who can play anywhere on the floor, certainly creates a match-up problem. "You can't guard her with one player," said Blohm.

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Sept. 1. The Chiefs had trouble manufacturing points in that game, but had survived a 9½ minute drought to regain a 29-28 lead in the third quarter.

Which is when Storen, their 5-foot-10 senior forward, took command. She led a 12-0 Marian run

to end the third, scoring eight points to put her team in control. Canton never got closer than nine after that.

Storen finished the early-season meeting with 18 points, despite early foul trouble that limited her to about 2¼ quarters.

"I just hope we can deal with Storen under pressure," said Blohm. But that's just one concern.

"The key thing is, we've got to deal with their pressure (on defense). And then we've got to figure out our match-ups against

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Final showdown for Harrison, Central

Coach credits staff for Hawks' success

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

John Harrison, as head coach of the Farmington Hills Herrington football team, receives much of the credit for its long-running success.

Oops! It's Herrington who coaches Harrison! That seems an easy mistake to make as the two have become synonymous since Herrington has run the program all 25 years.

But he also has always been quick to share the spotlight with his assistant coaches.

The continuity and cohesiveness of the coaching staff is a big reason the Hawks will play in a record ninth state final and try to win a seventh championship Friday.

Harrison plays first-time opponent Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central at 1 p.m. in the Pontiac Silverdome. Both teams are 11-1.

"This year I think my staff has done one of its best coaching jobs ever," Herrington said.

Bob Sutter has been at Harrison 24 years, John Witkowski 17, Jim Weston 15 and Steve Dollaway 14.

Justin once again has gotten the maximum effort from a small line, and Witkowski has overcome numerous setbacks as special teams coach.

"Coach Witkowski had to make so many changes because of injuries," Herrington said. "I don't think most teams could be down to their third punter and snapper and still be effective."

"That's because he prepared in the summer for anything, and he had those kids ready."

Weston, who coaches the JV team, and Dollaway do a lot of the behind-the-scenes work scouting

opponents.

"Coach Dollaway's work in the playoffs has been tremendous," Herrington said. "He spent unbelievable hours preparing reports, because we thought we'd be playing Brother Rice and then Midland. He stayed up long hours getting reports ready for us."

The plans took a U-turn when Central topped Midland in a semifinal game, 12-7.

So the Hawks have spent the week getting ready for the Rangers, who are grounded in two basic tenets of football: defense and ball-control offense.

"In our big games, Nick (Williams) has been able to be very dominant, but their defense looks like it can stop the run pretty well," Herrington said. "Anytime you play a good defensive team you worry. But our offense has been our strength, and hopefully we'll find enough seams to break some."

That's what has Central coach Tim McGee worried. He fears Harrison using its speed to make the big play.

"That's what we're going to look for as our advantage," Herrington said. "We're a good team on turf."

McGee won't like this stat: Harrison tailback Jason Granger's older brother, Roy, holds the state-finals rushing record of 295 yards. He had that and 355 yards of total offense in 1991 when the Hawks defeated Cheboygan in Class BB.

"They go pretty well together," said Herrington of a Granger and artificial turf. "Jason runs well on turf, he just has to quit laying the ball down on turf."

In three playoff games, Harrison has made them more



ANN HEALEY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tough tackle: Harrison's Jason Granger has been difficult to stop all season, rushing for more than 1,400 yards.

suspenseful than necessary by giving the ball away with late turnovers.

"We should put teams away, and we let them back in," Herrington said, "so the kids have to protect the ball. If we fumble it back to them, we're not going to win."

Granger has rushed for 1,469 yards and 12 touchdowns and Williams, who runs at tailback when the Hawks need hard-earned yards inside, 1,218 and 20.

Granger, who ran for a 76-yard TD on the first play of the Brother Rice game in the Silverdome, averages 9.4 yards a carry, Williams 6.3.

The Rangers average 218 pounds on the defensive front, but the Hawks are used to working against a bigger opponent.

"They put a good pass rush on, but I think we can do a pretty good job of protecting the quarterback," Herrington said. "The fact our linemen have stepped up and done the job, we look for them to do it again."

"Their coach has been around a long time, and they'll adjust to what we do the best. It will be decided by the kids out there who make the blocks and the tackles."

Harrison must have the ball to score, and Central complements its defense with a good running game, using two tight ends to run mostly power.

"Our major concern is that we don't let them have the ball all day long," Herrington said. "That's what they tried to do against Midland, keep the chains moving and don't make mistakes."

GRID NOTES

SOME HITTING: How's this for a batting average? .854! That's the Harrison winning percentage in post-season playoff games. The Hawks are 35-6.

Or how about this number? .750. That represents the Harrison winning percentage in state finals. The Hawks have won six of eight times. They can make it seven-of-nine and .777 Friday.

Nobody has been in the finals more times (nine) than Harrison, which has advanced to the final round for the sixth time in eight seasons (1987-94).

"One of the things I'm proudest of is our playoff record," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "It's not just making the playoffs that's a sign of a good team; it's what you do in the playoffs."

"Against that kind of competition, we can be as proud of that as anything we've done."

ONE FOR THE COACH: Forest Hills Central has never won a state title in football, but Rangers coach Tim McGee has.

He was the coach at Forest Hills Northern in 1978 when the Huskies won the Class C championship.

That was the year Northern running back (and future Michigan player) Kerry Smith ran for a final-game record 278 yards in an 18-16 win over Bad Axe.

The record stood until 1991 when Harrison's Roy Granger ran for 295 yards.

BUDGING TRADITION: Forest Hills Central doesn't have the history of playoff success to match Harrison, but McGee has turned the program into one of the best in the Grand Rapids area since arriving in 1988.

McGee is 52-16 in seven seasons at Central, 43-7 the last five. In nine sea-

sons as head coach at Northern (1975-83), his record was 69-15; his teams were 59-7 the last seven.

McGee left coaching for five years and worked in business sales until taking the Forest Hills Central job.

PLAYOFF REVIEW: The Rangers are in the playoffs for the second time. They qualified in 1991, beating Portage Central 14-3 but losing to South Lyon 22-12.

Central was 8-1 last year but failed to make the playoffs despite having the 10th highest computer point total among Class A teams.

"(The success this year) can make it up for those of us who are back this year," McGee said, "but not the 13 seniors who didn't make it last year."

Two teams with 6-3 records qualified in other regions, he added, but this year the top 16 teams all made the grade.

"It doesn't mean we were better than a 6-3 team," McGee said. "Harrison was 7-2 and won the state championship, and they're an awesome team again."

COACHES CORNER: McGee on playing Harrison: "They offer a challenge I'm not sure we're up to. They're definitely among the elite with six state championships."

"They're a classy football program with a lot of tradition. Kids go there because they know they're going to have success; they're going to win and have fun."

Herrington on playing Central: "They started to scout us the first game of the playoffs, so they knew they had a good chance to play us. Despite what Tim says, you know he's going to be ready and his kids are going to come in ready."

"They play with a lot of enthusiasm, and you can tell they're tough mentally."

They only lost to East Grand Rapids, which is the team everyone says is the best in the state — them or (Orchard Lake) St. Mary's."

1993 REVISITED: Nick Williams carried the ball a state-finals record 28 times, rushing for 168 yards and the winning touchdown as Harrison downed Midland 12-9.

His rushing total was 1 yard shy of the Class A record set by Midland Dow's Scott Alexander against the Hawks in 1976.

Harrison led 3-2 at halftime on Brock Gove's 35-yard field goal, but the Chemics went ahead 9-3 on Dwight Twomey's 16-yard touchdown catch.

A 46-yard run by Williams set up his 1-yard scoring run, and Gove's extra-point kick gave Harrison a 10-9 lead. Midland gave up a late safety rather than punt from deep in its own territory.

HARRISON CHEERS: The Hawks had

their first pep rally at the school Wednesday morning before the team left for Ann Arbor and a practice session at the University of Michigan.

"I like to keep things on the same level all the time, but for the state championship we're going to have one," Herrington said Monday.

"The people in Grand Rapids are football fanatics, and I know they'll have a lot of people there. So I hope the Farmington community gets behind the team and comes to the Silverdome."

COACH OF YEAR: Herrington will receive the 1993 Coach of the Year award in the sport of football Saturday from the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

Herrington and coaches in 21 other sports will be honored at the 36th Annual Coach of the Year Banquet in the Main Event at the Silverdome between sessions of the state football finals.

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28	Westland Glenn 10	13	East Grand Rapids 20
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35	Walled Lake Western 7	14	GR Northview 8
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Rangers' defense will create a big obstacle

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Forest Hills Central does it with defense.

The Rangers take a reputation for being stoppers into the Class A championship game against Farmington Hills Harrison at 1 p.m. Friday in the Silverdome.

The Grand Rapids team has allowed just 13 points in three playoff games, held seven opponents to a touchdown or less and given up no more than 20 points in any game.

"The strength of our team has been our defense," Central coach Tim McGee said. "We have some kids who are fairly strong and physical. They work hard and like to play the game."

"In some games, other teams have had better stats offensively, but we managed to win the game with defense."

That was the case Saturday when the Rangers upset No. 1-ranked Midland in a semifinal game at Central Michigan University, 12-7.

"They had twice as many yards, and we were kinda lucky," McGee said. "The kids played well on defense, and we had five interceptions. One was returned back to the 1; we were able to punch it in, and that was the go-ahead TD."

"They had a number of chances to score, and we were fortunate to be able to keep them out of the end zone."

Central's leading tackler is linebacker Brian Griffin with 170-plus. Defensive end John Roark has 21 tackles for a minus-130 yards, and tackle Mike Miller has contributed to more than 100 stops.

On paper, it looks as if the game will turn on the matchup of Central's defense against Harrison's offense. The Hawks average 30 1/4 points per game while the Rangers allow only nine.

McGee isn't sure No. 5 Central can master that task, however.

"They have so many weapons it's about impossible to defend them," he said, adding the No. 2-rated Hawks have an "outstanding passing attack, excellent defense and very good kicking game."

And that's in addition to an offense already centered around the potent one-two rushing combination of senior Nick Williams and junior Jason Granger.

"They can do it all," McGee said. "They have speed like we've never seen. They have so many weapons and speed it's a different level of competition. They're a

step above the rest. "Granger is very fast; the big back, Williams, also has speed, and the wide receiver (Kevin Bryant) who is going to U-M also is very talented."

Dylan Karczewski of defending Class BB champion East Grand Rapids rushed for 220 yards as the Pioneers gave Central its only loss in the second week of the season.

"We can't handle speed," McGee said. "The key factor for us is keeping (Harrison) from breaking the long touchdowns by Granger, Williams and (Bryant). I think if we had about four more players on the outside and up the middle we'd have a better chance."

The real key could be what the Rangers do offensively against a Harrison defense that usually stops opponents just long enough for the offense to outscore them.

Central averages 24 1/4 points per game; the Hawks have given up an average of 19 in the playoffs.

A ball-control offense could be Central's best defense. The Rangers don't want to get into a scoring contest and try to match Harrison point for point.

While his defense is good, McGee doesn't want to leave it on the field and give Harrison a chance to break the big play any more than he must.

"How well our offensive line plays against Harrison will determine whether we get blown out, because we need to keep the ball away from them," McGee said. "I don't see us having the ability to shut them down like we have some other teams. Our offensive line has to step up and play better than it has all year."

The Rangers employ a run-based, power offense, which would be suited for such a task.

Roark doubles as the tailback and is tough to tackle at 220 pounds. He has 920 yards and 15 touchdowns on 170 carries. Jay McKellar has added another 700 yards and 14 scores.

Miller is the tight end and another key two-way player. The offensive line is led by tackle Luke Stepanovich and guard Ben Greenman.

John Millhouse replaced Greg Wood at quarterback when the latter was injured at midseason, but Wood is expected to be the starter this week.

"I hope we at least learn something," McGee said. "We're going to the Dome to have fun and enjoy it. It's a tall order to beat a fine Harrison team."



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Murray Wright sinks Spartans

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson couldn't ground Detroit Murray-Wright's Lady Pilots in Monday's Class A regional girls basketball semifinal.

The Spartans, one of only five Observerland teams to win a district, bowed out of the state tournament following a 60-38 defeat in the first game of a double-header Monday at Detroit's Communication/Media Arts High.

Murray-Wright, the Public School League runner-up, improved to 15-4 overall with the victory.

Stevenson, who got 14 points from senior guard Jill VanTiem, finishes its season at 12-11.

Ebony Dickinson, a 5-foot-9 senior guard, led Murray-Wright with 19 points, including eight in the opening quarter as the Lady Pilots jumped out to a 20-6 advantage. Sparkle Smith, a 6-foot

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sophomore center, also had eight during the surge.

Stevenson made only two of nine shots in the first eight minutes while committing eight turnovers against Murray-Wright's press.

The Spartans were able to adjust to the pressure somewhat in the second quarter, but Murray-Wright increased its lead at halftime to 38-16 after Dickinson and Alshirre Davis each scored layups in the closing seconds.

Stevenson coach Wayne Henry was disappointed with his team's defense, particularly after the Spartans held Redford Union to 21 points and Detroit Henry Ford to 28 in last week's district tournament.

"We lost focus on what we were doing," said Henry, whose team opened up in a matchup zone.

"Instead of sliding and helping out, we turned and watched. We didn't step out in front of the cutters like we had been before."

"To beat them, we had to play better than we did against Henry Ford (a 61-28 victory)."

The Spartans played evenly against Murray-Wright in the second half (22-all), but the damage had been done in the first half.

"We see a lot of zones and you don't find many people that play us man-to-man," Murray-Wright coach Virginia Lawrence said. "We had a little bit of a plan and it was working for the most part."

"When you've got the (fast) break, you take it. And we were able to get some good shots."

Dickinson, who is considering Michigan State among a number of schools, ranks right up there with some of the best players to come out of Murray-Wright, according to Lawrence.

"Ebony can play all the positions," Lawrence said. "She has a repertoire of skills. She can handle the ball, shoot with either the left or right hand, drive to the basket, and shoot the three-pointer."

Had it not been for the ball-handling and passing of the 5-11 VanTiem, the score may have been worse.

"We had a lot of shots in and around the basket, but they had people altering our shots," Henry said. "Early on, we got a little impatient after we broke their press."

Junior Jenny Dulz and senior AnneMarie Aquino each added eight points for the Spartans.

Stevenson shot only 14 of 46 from the field (30 percent) and while committing 23 turnovers.

Murray-Wright had 17 turnovers and made 28 of 72 field goal attempts (38 percent).

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8-and-under

Relays — Boys 100-yard medley: David Neu, Lorenzo Carlson, Ben Dazio, Danny Milenkovski, first (1:30.17). Girls 100 medley relay: Stephanie Lamar, Shay Reilly, Amy Mertens, Rachel Broniak, first (1:27.52). Boys 100 freestyle: David Neu, Darryl Milenkovski, David Karsten, Mark Kersten, first (1:38.02). Girls 100 free relay: Shay Reilly, Amy Mertens, Stephanie Lamar, Jessica Fricks, first (1:19.32).

Individual events — Boys 25 freestyle: Ben Dazio, first (15.50); Lorenzo Carlson, second (15.63); David Neu, fourth (20.37). Girls 25 freestyle: Rachel Broniak, first (19.19); Alison Van De Vliet, second (20.78); Natalie Beattie, third (21.42). Boys 100 individual medley: Lorenzo Carlson, first (1:27.65); Ben Dazio, second (1:27.80). Girls 100 IM: Stephanie Lamar, first (1:36.35); Amy Mertens, second (1:38.77); Shay Reilly, third (1:50.44).

10-and-under

Relays — Boys 200 medley: Jonathan Loch, Adam Sonnenstine, Jeremy French, Eric Lynn, first (2:41.42). Girls 200 medley: Leslie Ziegler, Miranda Carlson, Karl Foust, Sarah Broniak, first (2:40.37). Boys 200 free: Jonathan Loch, Eric Lynn, Jeremy French, Adam Sonnenstine, first (2:25.87). Girls 200 free: Miranda Carlson, Karl Foust, Sarah Broniak, Leslie Ziegler, first (2:29.26).

Individual events — Boys 50 free: Ryan Keesey, third (39.33); Chris MacKunder, fourth (39.39). Girls 50 free: Nora Reilly, first (39.28). Boys 100 IM: Jonathan Loch, first (1:17.75); Adam Sonnenstine, second (1:23.93); Eric Lynn, third (1:30.16). Girls 100 IM: Sarah Broniak, first

(1:28.25); Karl Foust, second (1:28.46); Miranda Carlson, third (1:33.23).

11-12

Relays — Boys 200 medley: Michael Segrest, Jason Rebarchik, Brian Mertens, Peter Neuroth, first (2:31.37). Girls 200 medley: Lori McKay, Jenny Broniak, Brandy Shuler, Amanda Sutton, first (2:21.20). Boys 200 free: Chris Lamar, first (2:28.36). Girls 200 free: Katie Bihatt, Megan Vandevors, Brenda Roberts, Angela Neu, first (2:22.09).

Individual events — Boys 50 free: Jason Rebarchik, first (29.38); Ryan McMann, second (33.21); Brian Mertens, third (33.59). Girls 50 free: Brandy Shuler, first (30.85); Amanda Sutton, third (31.72); Lori McKay, fourth (31.99). Boys 100 IM: Jason Rebarchik, first (1:19.81); Brian Mertens, second (1:23.93); Ryan McMann, third (1:28.28). Girls 100 IM: Jenny Broniak, first (1:17.25); Brandy Shuler, second (1:17.56); Lori McKay, third (1:22.12).

13-14

Relays — Boys 200 medley: Caedias, Mincher, Connolly, French, first (2:14.40). Girls 200 medley: Tricia Kelley, Jaclyn Bernard, Megan Dowd, Courtney Ceci, first (2:15.96). Boys 200 free: LaClair, Connolly, Stawicz, Locke, first (1:54.00). Girls 200 free: Dowd, Sauve, Ceci, Reeder, first (2:03.24).

Individual events — Boys 50 free: Don LaClair, first (25.16); Andrew Locke, second (27.16); Paul Connolly, third (29.25). Girls 50 free: Courtney Ceci, first (29.30); Tricia Kelly, second (30.25); Leah Reeder, third (30.32). Boys 200 IM: Don LaClair, first (2:41.57); Andrew Locke, second (2:47.53); Girls 200 IM: Megan Dowd, first (2:43.63); Leah Reeder, second (2:47.46); Jaclyn Bernard, third (2:52.49).

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Borgess revives in 2nd half to reach region final

Redford Bishop Borgess continued its drive toward a second-straight Class C girls basketball state championship with Monday's 57-41 regional semifinal win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The victory sends the Spartans, 22-2 overall, into tonight's 7 p.m. regional championship against

Detroit Benedictine at Petersburg-Summerfield. Benedictine, led by Marlena Walker's 34 points and a three-point shot at the buzzer by Patrice Hearn, was a 70-69 upset winner against Sand Creek.

Borgess trailed 13-12 after one quarter and 26-25 at halftime, before dominating both ends of the

court in the third quarter. Borgess outscored Gabriel Richard 17-5 in the third quarter to open up a 42-31 lead.

The Spartans outscored Richard 15-10 in the fourth quarter.

"We were down a point at the half and didn't expect to be," Borgess coach Dave Mann said. "We weren't ready to play at the start

and they made us pay for it. Defensively, we just worked a lot harder in the second half."

Three Spartans scored in double figures, led by junior guard Adriane Bryant with 19 points. Senior center Marrie DuBose had 15 points and junior guard Maxann Reese added 13.

Julie Carafelli had 14 points,

including four shots from three-point range, to lead Richard. Carizza Gizicki, a freshman guard, added nine points for Richard, which finished the season 13-9 overall.

Mann said the Spartans received further inspiration watching the Benedictine victory, which was played immediately

following Borgess' game. "That game got the girls' attention," Mann said, "because they expected all along to be playing Sand Creek for the regional title like last year. It showed them what can happen if they start looking ahead."

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Team	W	L	T	P	GF	GA
Looney Baker	10	4	3	23	72	44
McGowan	10	6	0	20	59	38
Suburban Opt.	9	6	2	20	54	48
Alan Ford	7	6	3	17	51	43
D&G Heating	7	6	3	17	56	58
Bench Pub	7	9	1	15	59	73
Pres. Cleaners	5	12	0	10	62	74
Daly	3	11	2	8	39	57

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Nov. 18 games: Suburban Optometric 6, Prestige Cleaners 8; McGowan Sports 4, Alan Ford 3.

Nov. 20 games: D&G Heating 8, Prestige Cleaners 6; Bench Pub 7, Daly Restaurant 2; McGowan Sports 4, Looney Baker 2; Alan Ford 2, Suburban Optometric 2.

LEADING SCORERS

Player	G	A	P
Harbert (Loon)	17	12	29
Reider (McG)	13	11	24
Cottis (Sub)	10	10	20
Green (D&G)	9	11	20
Clothworthy (Ford)	12	8	18
Fredrickson (Loon)	10	8	18
Vaughan (McG)	10	7	17
McCormack (McG)	9	8	17
Straszewski (D&G)	6	11	17
Cox (Pres)	5	12	17
Shelley (Daly)	7	9	16
Wozniak (Pres)	6	10	16

LEADING GOALIES

Player	GA	AVE
Garber (Ford)	41	2.56
Binger (Looney)	44	2.59
Vilmarova (Sub.)	42	2.63
Knap (D&G)	56	3.73
Harshall (Daly)	56	3.73
Johnson (Pres)	73	4.06
Quater (Bench)	63	4.20
Shanahan (McG)	51	4.25

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OUTDOORS

The current deer season marks Michigan's 100th year of licensed deer hunting.

"This is a landmark in the responsible management of wildlife for public benefit," said Department of Natural Resources Director Roland Harmes. "By commemorating this 100th licensed deer season, we're recognizing an important part of our Michigan heritage."

Before the end of the previous century, there were no regulations on the killing of deer. Early Michigan residents depended on deer for hides and food, and deer were taken by whatever means were practical. Snares and deadfalls were common, dogs were used to drive deer out of thickets, and deer were shot at night and while swimming or mired in deep snow.

As the herd decreased, people became concerned. The first deer regulation made it illegal to take deer during the nursing season, but this did not stop the decline of the deer population, which disappeared from southern Michigan in the 1870s.

100 YEARS

Meanwhile, the deer herd in northern Michigan increased as logging improved deer habitat. The Michigan deer population peaked at about 1 million in 1880, and commercial interests quickly capitalized on this resource. Market hunting became a major industry, as hundreds of thousands of deer were shipped by rail to ready markets throughout Michigan and other states. In 1880, an estimated 66,000 deer were taken by market hunters, compared to 4,000 by recreational hunters.

Out of concern for this heavy commercial hunting, Michigan hunters formed the Michigan Sportsmen's Association. Through their lobbying efforts, a law was passed in 1881 to prohibit the sale of Michigan game meat in other states. The deer season was shortened from seven to five months, and it became unlawful to kill a deer while it was swimming in water.

Then in 1887 a law was passed to prohibit the use of dogs or artificial lights to take deer. However, the deer herd still declined.

There were as few as 50,000 deer when, in 1895, a law was passed to establish the first deer hunting season Nov. 1-25, the first deer hunting license, and a bag limit of five deer of either sex per hunter. The significance of this law was that hunters themselves demanded this regulation. Individuals became organized to request action on the part of their state government to protect the welfare of the deer herd.

In 1895, a total of 14,499 hunters participated in the first licensed deer season and harvested 12,000 deer. This year, DNR staff expect 50 times as many hunters to participate and 20 times as many deer to be harvested. However, no change is expected in the level of hunter interest in Michigan's deer herd, and deer management continues to be an important year-round effort.

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

SHOOTING RANGES

PONTIAC LAKE
The shooting range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, 10 miles west of Pontiac off M-59, is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., (810) 666-1020.

BALD MOUNTAIN
The range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area, three miles north of The Palace, in Lake Orion, is open 10 a.m. to sunset Saturday and Sunday; noon to sunset Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and 3 p.m. to sunset Wednesday, (810) 814-9193 or (810) 693-6767.

MEETINGS/CLASSES

SHOTGUN SAFETY AND MARKSMANSHIP
The Wayne County Sportsman's Club will hold a class in shotgun safety and marksmanship at the WCSC clubhouse in Romulus, (313) 532-0285.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will hold a series of public meetings to gather input from citizens on their environmental concerns. The dates, times and locations follow: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Melvindale High School, 18656 Prospect,

Melvindale, (313) 389-3320; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6 in the Commissioners Auditorium at the Oakland County Court House, 1200 Telegraph, Pontiac, (810) 858-1000.

FISHING CLUBS

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, (810) 478-1494.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Garden City High School, 420-2965.

SEASONS

FIREARM DEER
Statewide through Nov. 30.

ARCHERY DEER
Statewide Dec. 1-Jan. 1.

MUZZLELOADING DEER
Zone I — Dec. 2-11.
Zones II and III — Dec. 9-18.

ELK
Dec. 6-13 in designated areas by

special permit only.

PHEASANT
Dec. 1-11 in designated portion of southern/central Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT
Statewide through March 31.

SQUIMMEL
Statewide through Jan. 1.

METROPARKS

GRAPEVINE WREATHS
Create a natural wreath using materials provided by nature during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Indian Springs.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS

Create three Christmas ornaments during this nature craft program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Indian Springs.

WATERFOWL WATCH
Bring binoculars and dress warmly as you search Kent Lake for migrant ducks and other waterbirds during this two-hour program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs, 1-800-47-PARKS.

RANKINGS

FOOTBALL

1. Farmington Hills Harrison.
2. Westland John Glenn.
3. Livonia Stevenson.
4. Redford Catholic Central.
5. Farmington.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

4. Farmington.
5. Livonia Churchill.

BOYS GOLF

1. Redford Catholic Central.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. North Farmington.
4. Lutheran Westland.
5. Farmington Hills Harrison.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1. Redford Bishop Borgess.
2. Plymouth Canton.
3. Farmington Hills Mercy.
4. Garden City.
5. Plymouth Salem.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

1. Livonia Stevenson.
2. Farmington.
3. Plymouth Salem.
4. Farmington Hills Mercy.
5. Plymouth Canton.

BOYS SOCCER

1. Plymouth Canton.
2. Livonia Stevenson.
3. Plymouth Salem.

GIRLS SWIMMING

1. Livonia Stevenson.

BOYS GOLF

1. Plymouth Salem.
2. Redford Catholic Central.
3. Livonia Churchill.
4. North Farmington.
5. Redford Thurston.

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Sunday 8:45 a.m. - Our Lady of Providence Chapel
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Bible Class
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Nov. 23 7:30 p.m.

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Livonia - 437-2390

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Sunday School 9:00 A.M.
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Pastor Richard A. Peacock
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Rev. Robert Leigh
Rev. Wilson Prayer

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NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
28888 Ann Arbor Trail
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Worship Services & Sunday School
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

November 27th
Giants of the Faith
"Wilderness Man"
Dr. Gilson M. Miller, preaching
Minister: Dr. Gilson M. Miller
Rev. Melvin L. Carey

Claremontville United Methodist
20000 Middlebelt Rd. - Livonia
Rev. James L. Mironov, Pastor

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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

■ **THANKSGIVING EVE**

Start your holiday off by remembering the giver of all gifts, Jesus, at a special service of praise and thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

With the theme of "Giving Thanks — Times 10," the service will feature music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, the Cherub and Choristers Choirs, Sunday School children, instrumentalists and Handbell Choirs. The Christ Our Savior Choir and Brass Choir will perform the national hymn, "God of Our Fathers."

Participants are encouraged to bring a canned food item for food baskets to be distributed by St. Andrew the Redeemer Church in Detroit. For more information, call (313) 522-6830.

■ **St. Paul's Presbyterian Church** invites the community to a Thanksgiving Eve service and Pumpkin Fest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at the church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia.

■ A festive service of Thanksgiving, with communion, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, at Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Garden City. Pastor Arthur Wilde will preach; the Good Hope choirs will sing; a special liturgy of thanksgiving will be used; and the church will be decorated for the holiday.

■ **St. Paul's Evangelical Luther-**

an Church, 17810 Farmington, Livonia, will have its Thanksgiving services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, and at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24.

■ **HEALING POWER**

In the spirit of love and gratitude, members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, invite the community to join in giving special thanks to God at the 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day services. A special lesson-sermon from the Bible and from "Science and

Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy will be read.

During the service, there also will be time for Christian Scientists to express gratitude for the ways in which they have experienced God's grace during the year. Child care will be provided for the service, and no collection will be taken.

■ **SINGLE PLACE**

Single Place Adult Ministries of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville will meet at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26, to carpool to the Box Bar in Plymouth for a casual dinner and movie at the Penn Theater. The movie costs \$2 and dinner is based on the meal selected. No reservations needed.

Nick Berner will speak on criticism at Single Place Presents at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, in Ball Hall, while it will be Friday night volleyball 9-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main St. Cost is \$3.

The First Presbyterian Church is at 200 E. Main St., Northville.

For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

■ **'HANGING OF GREENS'**

The Livonia Baptist Church at 32940 Schoolcraft will have a "Hanging of the Greens" service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. In addition to the decoration of the church for Christmas, the service will include a number of readings, congregational participation and musical presentations. The public is invited to attend. A reception will follow the service.

■ **PARENT'S NIGHT**

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

At 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, the church will present the musical drama, "Isn't This What Christmas Is All About?" The public is invited to attend.

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Church's annual creche exhibit grows to 600 displays

A local church is trying to bring out the Christ in Christmas again this year with The Creche, its annual display of Nativity scenes from throughout the world.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will display the creches along with handmade quilts and provide Christmas concerts 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Monday, Dec. 2, 3 and 5, and 1-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Livonia church at Six Mile and Merriman roads in Livonia.

"This is our gift to the community to bring our many cultures together in celebrating the true meaning of Christmas," said Leslie Snow, co-chair for this year's exhibit. "We hope that we can help the community, including ourselves pay more attention to the Christ in Christmas."

More than 600 Nativity scenes, ranging from dime-sized to life-sized and from more than 30 countries, will be represented at the church. The Nativity scenes are made of many materials, including clay, stone, porcelain, fabric, metals, gingerbread, chocolate, corn husks, shucks, Israeli olive wood and even mud and dung.

A creche is an artistic representation of the birth of Jesus. Whether called the French creche, the Italian presepe, the Spanish nacimiento, the German krippe, the Irish manger or the British

crib, the re-creation of the Nativity scene is one of the oldest and most sacred Christmas traditions.

St. Francis of Assisi created the forerunner of modern creche in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223. One December night, he saw shepherds sleeping in moonlighted fields and recalled the first Christmas. Inspired by this sight, and desiring to see the Baby in the manger with his own eyes, he set about to re-enact the Bethlehem scene with real people and animals.

The invited villagers lighted the sky with their candles and torches and all were greatly moved by the tenderness and beauty of the scene. This portrayal of the Nativity prompted many others to depict the birth of Jesus, using their own materials and images.

During the succeeding centuries the tradition spread from Italy to France and throughout the world. The art form flourished in churches and homes, inspiring both kings and commoners.

People seek to capture the Nativity in a personal, meaningful way. A creche may be an elaborate, jeweled masterpiece, or a child's simple creation fashioned from clay. Many creches are an unusual reflection of differing cultures, but each expresses the artists' awe and joy in the birth of Jesus Christ.

"This is the seventh year for the creche display and each year

more and more people are visiting," said Richard Thorderson, an associate provost at Wayne State University and co-chair of the display. "It's great to see our community pull together for something so important, yet virtually unrecognized worldwide — not Christmas but the actual birth of Christ."

"The creches all belong to private collectors. With the missionaries for our church serving around the world, it brings in some very unique Nativities."

The concerts this year will be 7-8 p.m. Friday, Sunday and Monday and 3-4 p.m. Saturday. According to Karen Spencer, chair of the musical programs, there will be several special features, including slide presentations and new music along with the traditional group vocals, solos and instrumentals.

Scheduled to appear are the Livonia Stevenson High School Village Singers, Livonia Churchill High School Choralation and members of the Livonia Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and surrounding cities, Spencer added.

Also on exhibit will be hand-pieced, hand-appliqued quilts. Sue Cleary of Livonia is one of the many women providing the quilts along with her mother Eunice Clevenger, who currently lives in Ohio.

"All who are within traveling distance are invited to share this



Blessed event: Porcelain dolls depicting *The Nativity*, issued by Ashton Drake Galleries, will be on display Dec. 2-3 and 5 at Livonia's Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints.

special occasion with us," said co-chair Kathy Facione, a teacher at McKinley Elementary School in Livonia. "Each year attendance

has doubled. We're excited that the creche has caught on so quickly in our community. "It's a great time to bring the

community together and appreciate others' arts and talents along with celebrating the birth of Christ."

**WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING SYNOPSIS**

4:30 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1994
WTUA CONFERENCE ROOM
40905 JOY ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, Karen Baja
The agenda was adopted.
The minutes of the September 26, 1994 meeting were approved.
Requestion No. 142 and Operational Expenses totalling \$511,367.21 were approved.
Engineering update was received and filed.
Engineer's Certificate No. 30, Granger Construction Co., was approved to release final payment.
The monthly operational report for September, 1994 was received and filed.
Plante & Moran was authorized to perform an annual audit at a cost not to exceed \$6,700.00.
Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith discussed changing the monthly invoice format to be submitted on a project-by-project basis.
Resolved to reappropriate the \$1797.00 unspent from 93/94 budget into 94/95 budget for educational reimbursement and further approve the Executive Director to attend a Business Management Training Program at U of M.
The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

THOMAS YACK, Chairman

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices, 40905 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48187.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING REGARDING THE OMNICOM FRANCHISE RENEWAL

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Federal Cable Act, an administrative proceeding will be commenced on Monday, November 28, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, to consider the proposed franchise renewal submitted by Omnicom of Michigan on August 10, 1994.

It is expected that the City Commission will adjourn the proceeding to a date after January 1, 1995, to give both the City and the applicant additional time to prepare their presentations for the administrative proceeding.

An additional notice will be published regarding the next date for the administrative proceeding.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
City Clerk

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



LINDA CHOMIN

Create your own holiday spirit

Thanksgiving weekend is the official starting time for decorating the home for the holidays. Florists are stocking up on greens, pine cones, poinsettias, and silk to create fresh arrangements, wreaths and silk centerpieces. These designing experts have up-to-the-minute information on what's in for trimming your home this season. Here are their holiday decorating tips:

According to the folks at My Lady's Florist in Westland, poinsettias, fresh greens and silks will be popular again this year for decorating homes.

"It's a great time of year for traditional. Poinsettias, people have come to know that's a Christmas item. They still want the Christmas greens, the bulbs. A brass horn or Christmas sleigh can be recycled in an arrangement next year," said owner, Lawrence Derderian.

"A fresh arrangement fills their traditional need to have that holiday quality, something that's alive. With so many people having silk and artificial trees now, a fresh arrangement can still give the scent of Christmas. We use only pine because of the scent. Not only is it Christmasy looking, but it smells nice."

Pink and white poinsettias were a big seller last season as were white and gold Christmas trees. Many more people are draping garland, fresh and fake, over fireplaces and staircases to add a touch of spice. A potted poinsettia placed on each step of a staircase creates a dramatic vista leading to an upper level.

"It's not as traditional as it used to be. Fresh greenery is expensive because the roping is hand-tied. With the silk, you can use it again next year," said Pam Prough, a designer for the full service florist.

Prough expects this holiday to see a lot of pink, mauve, gold and silver decorations. Having been in the business for 11 years Prough has noticed that today, less is more. "People want to be more elegant, but want less on them (wreaths). Less is better. If they're too elaborate, you can't close the door. People want things they can keep and add to next year," said Prough of Westland.

As far as arrangements, the reverse is true. Christmas picks are becoming more popular every year to add a little pizzazz to all that greenery.

"Christmas picks like boxes, reindeers, snowmen and candy canes are popular. Frosted pine cones are in this year, anything that adds height and dimension."

Oddly enough, My Lady's Florist sells a lot of Christmas arrangements for Thanksgiving. As Miss Manners will tell you, it is proper to bring flowers or a little gift for the hostess when asked to dinner.

"Christmas greens last forever if you keep them watered. A dish garden or terrarium is nice for just the sentiment itself. It's a nice

See SPIRIT, 2D

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

■ Artys Holiday Gifts abound in Observer communities.

■ Textiles by EMU art professor, Patricia Williams take on new forms in show at Madonna University.

■ Victoria Diaz looks at the latest books by local authors.

■ Exhibitions, art gallery listings.

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INSPIRE HOLIDAY DECORATING IDEAS WITH A

CHRISTMAS WALK

Soak in the sights and scents of the season at the sixth annual Christmas Walk to benefit Greenmead Historical village Saturday, Dec. 3. From the smell of bayberry and pine to sleigh bells ringing in the air, it's all bound to be there.

by
Linda Chomin - staff writer

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead will host a Christmas Walk featuring seven Livonia homes 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Proceeds will benefit the restoration of the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia.

Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$8 on the day of the walk, and are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington.

Homes on the walk range from a 3,500 square foot contemporary with alabaster fireplace to an all solar home. Five of the homes will be decorated by local florists.

"I'm excited about the variety from the two spacious contemporaries to our old 1850s farmhouse, it's amazing," said Friends president, Janet Bennett.

"Because we have seven beautiful homes on the walk, when they get done they will want to start decorating," hostess chairperson, Rosemary Farough added enthusiastically.

Greeting visitors

Seven of Santa's reindeer will greet visitors to the 3,000 square foot home of Guilia and Vitto DePalma. Guilia handcrafted the ceramic creations resting on the floor of the two-story foyer in preparation for their Christmas Eve flight.

Directly to the left is a Christmas tree decorated with peach and teal ornaments and ribbons, all handmade by Guilia. Beginning Thanksgiving weekend it will take two days to decorate nearly every inch of the DePalma's four bedroom home built in 1990.

"Christmas time is great to have a family, the togetherness

including all the grandchildren. We're a very close family anyway, but the holidays make it more so," said Vitto DePalma.

Thirty-two family members including daughter, Grace, 25 and son, Paul, 23 will gather this Christmas in the DePalma's Great Room where the focal point is a marble fireplace reaching almost to the ceiling. The newest diners at the table will be a less fortunate family from their parish, St. Aidan's in Livonia.

"It was my daughter's idea, instead of exchanging gifts this year," said Guilia. "After all, that's what Christmas is, to do some good charity for other people."

Special touches

All around the expansive home you will find Guilia's touch from silk arrangements to swags. Even the skirt beneath the Christmas tree, and a ceramic lighted wreath over the fireplace are hers. In the music room, a Christmas nativity scene surrounded by a white wonderland village is Guilia's work as well. While the interior is her decorating domain, Vitto will festively deck the exterior with two beautiful wreaths.

Not to be missed is the breath taking master bathroom. Throughout the house, the work of Guilia's green thumb can be seen in the myriad of thriving houseplants. As part of the walk, Cardwell Florist in Livonia will accent the decorations in the DePalma home.

A house of light best describes the 3,500 square foot home of Michaila and Jerry Burt. A large expanse of windows in the Great Room brings the woodland-like backyard indoors. Throughout, the home is decorated

See WALK, 2D

Season's greetings:

Seven of Santa's reindeer (above) welcome visitors to the 3,000-square-foot contemporary of Guilia and Vitto DePalma, who (left) admire the family Christmas tree. Far left, Victorian Father Christmases give visitors a pause to rest on the way through the home of Michaila and Jerry Burt.



Making plans: Michaila and Jerry Burt discuss last minute details for the Christmas Walk with Janet Bennett, president of Friends for the Development of Greenmead.



Much merriment: Decorations as well as good cheer abound this holiday season at the Burt home in Livonia.



Awe inspiring: Angels are in this year especially at the home of Michaila and Jerry Burt.

Walk from page 1D

in a palette of mauve and rose which works well with the exquisite white-washed oak wood work marked by rosettes at every turn.

The English Country style decor, Michaila's handiwork, was in place six weeks after they moved in. A Christmas tree in the Great Room is decorated in off white, gold and burgundy. Green velvet bows at the ceiling circle the kitchen. A Victorian Father Christmas dressed in mauve awaits half way up the staircase.

A native of Connecticut, Michaila returns frequently to the East Coast. Through the years she has acquired many decorations from her trips to Williamsburg. Carolers by Byer's collectibles were annual gifts from her sister. This Christmas Eve the Burt's three children and granddaughter will gather to share their holiday

with those alone this season.

Positive traditions

"I love the holidays, the fact that there's a reason to celebrate life and you accentuate the positive," said Michaila Burt. "A nice tradition is that we always invite people who don't have other places to go, whether they're newly-divorced or widowed, or whatever the reason they're not able to be with their families."

Premier Designs & Gifts will decorate the Burt's home for Christmas.

Other homes sure to be popular on the walk include an 1850s Greek Revival farmhouse with a brace frame construction distinguishable by the lack of nails used during construction and large beams forming the main

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Glenn Schuldt

part of the structure into which smaller beams are notched to form the frame. Andrea and Glenn Schuldt purchased the home in 1984 in poor condition. Previous owners had installed paneling and acoustical ceiling tile throughout, hiding a sliding oak door. The Schuldt's stripped the house down to the beams, and restored the original flooring in the kitchen, 15 foot continuous strips milled from local trees.

The Christmas tree in the kitchen is decorated with cookie

cutters and kitchen items. Brightly-colored wallpaper and many Victorian touches will be accented by decorations from Leslie's Flowers & Gifts in Redford.

"Because it is a benefit for Greenmead, we wanted to help in any way possible. My wife works a lot with Questors and I'm on the Historical Preservation Commission," said Glenn Schuldt.

China theme

Built in the 1920s, an English Tudor in Old Rosedale was up-

dated and decorated by the present owners in an eclectic manner. They have used their China theme as a focal point to build their color scheme around. A magnolia theme will be worked into the Christmas decorations by the owners.

Decorated in an elegant traditional style, a ranch house sports many antiques. The owners will decorate their home themselves.

An extensively remodeled Cape Cod home is set amongst mature trees and a running stream. Wide flooring boards in the kitchen were brought from northern Michigan. Market Place Florist of Livonia will be working with the owners on the decorations.

A three-level solar home built into a ravine on a wooded lot is sure to be a major attraction on the walk. The owners will be pres-

ent to explain the aspect of heating the home by using energy from the sun and a wood burning stove. Village Green Florist will assist them in decorating the home.

Besides the Christmas Walk, Friends for the Development of Greenmead hold an annual garden walk in June. A white clapboard, two story Italianate farmhouse, the Alexander Blue House was built more than 130 years ago by Judge Blue, a Justice of the Peace. It is one of 11 structures in the village of Greenmead.

"Last year we donated \$25,000 to have for a new furnace and to have the basement floor poured," said walk hostess, Dee Dee Dittmar.

"People drive by and wonder what's been done, but the inside, it's being redone first."

Spirit from page 1D

gift to remind them of your visit all year long. It just brightens your day."

At Ribar's Flowers in Plymouth owner, Pat Ribar says the deep rich tones are in, the jewel tones. Fresh greens in arrangements are fragrant, but there's always a use for artificial with everyone's busy lifestyle these days.

"There's a lot of interest in permanent arrangements, wreaths and garland with pomegranates and cones. We do a lot of the winter look with branches and vines. That way it can be up through March," said Ribar.

"The new look is latex, kind of a silk leaf. It looks so real it almost has fragrance."

An unusual addition to the decorations at Ribar's this holiday season is a table top Christmas tree trimmed with antique buttons. Ribar spent last summer collecting them at antique shows and flea markets.

Gay Burns, a floral designer at Garden City Florist says when it comes to creating your own decorations you can't go wrong with Christmas greens, pine cones and cinnamon sticks.

"Centerpieces with hurricane

lamps were popular last year with greens. The fresh greens last longer especially if they're put into a container in an oasis with water." Poinsettias are always popular as holiday decorations at Leslie's Flowers & Gifts in Redford.

"We sell a lot of fresh. When someone thinks poinsettias they think red but there are 100 and some varieties from blush and peach to two-tone pinks, salmon

and white. There's even a variety called yellow," said owner, John Merlino.

Five or 10 years ago, silk was unpopular for decorating. Today's much-improved product has changed that," he said.

"Silk is wonderful. It's a nice idea because they can use it next year. You can add to it. You can stick in pine cones. Now with all the pot pourri, you can have silk

and have your home smell nice, too."

A few final tips from Scott Smith at Penniman Showcase of Arts and Crafts in Plymouth as to what's in this year.

"Things with a spiritual theme are popular. Angels are everywhere. The trend in decorating is elegant. Fyrmal is in, incorporat-

ing strange objects like an old door, painting it gold and arranging it to look like a page out of a storybook."

Linda Ann Chomin of Canton Township is a free lance writer specializing in the visual arts. Her Artistic Expressions column appears the last Thursday of the month.

Art fair seeking promotional design

The Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair will celebrate its 25th year in 1995 and is now searching nationwide for a promotional design for the upcoming fair.

Sponsored by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair is one of three simultaneous art fairs that take place on the streets of Ann Arbor each July. This fair is the largest and most diverse of the three, featuring the work of 560 artists and craftspeople.

Each year, the Michigan Guild produces and sells T-shirts and other promotional items as part of their fund-raising efforts. A different design is used each year. All entries for the 1995 design must follow the guidelines and procedures listed in

the guild's brochure in order to be eligible. The design will be chosen by members of the guild staff.

Potential uses for the design include advertising posters and postcards, T-shirts, buttons, magnets, tote bags, hats, newspaper advertising and signs.

Artists can enter more than one design. All entries must arrive at the guild office no later than Wednesday, Nov. 30.

A \$500 honorarium will be paid to the artist of the chosen design. In consideration for the monetary payment, the recipient will be required to tender all ownership and copyrights for the chosen design.

For more information, call Marilyn Gouin at (313) 662-3382 or write the

Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, 118 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor 48104-1402.

More than 400,000 visitors attend the fair, a four-day extravaganza. The visual artists are joined by musical performers, a free family arts activity area called The Imagination Station, unusual food booths from local eateries and sidewalk sales.

The fair showcases a diverse assortment of fine arts and contemporary American crafts, ranging from traditional baskets to contemporary gold jewelry. Other art works exhibited include sculpture, painting, photography, fiber arts, ceramics, toys and glassworks.

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Art Beat

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ART EXHIBIT OPENING

The Garden City Fine Arts Association will present its annual Holiday Exhibit and Sale Dec. 12-17 at Sheridan Square 30116 Ford Road in Garden City.

Nearly 45 original artworks in a variety of mediums will be on hand. The show will be judged by Gary Wilson, associate professor of art at Monroe Community College. Earlier in the year, Willson was a guest speaker at a GCFAA meeting.

The public is invited to attend an opening reception and awards ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at Sheridan Square. Refreshments will be served.

Wilson will award Best of Show (\$50); and First (\$40), Second (\$25), and Third Place (\$15) in two separate categories, wet and dry. There will also be five Honorable Mentions awarded. Visitors will vote on a People's Choice award to be given at the end of the show's run.

■ VOLUNTEERISM'S GOOD FOR YOU
A survey of Michigan adults regarding their volunteer activities found that 12 percent volunteered their time to arts and cultural organizations; 68 percent were males as compared to 60 percent females. The 1992 Michigan State University sur-

vey was commissioned by the Michigan Campaign for Volunteerism.

It's not hard to find arts organizations that need help. Just look around. Observerland arts councils and commissions as well as Very Special Arts, and the Detroit Institute of Arts are always looking for volunteers.

According to the Voluntary Action Center of Greater Kalamazoo Volunteer Forum, March-April 1994, as volunteering patterns have changed, so have people's perceptions of reward and recognition. Volunteers value the personal development training, interaction with others, job enhancement, and tangible rewards such as discounts on memberships, tickets or gift items that personally affect them.

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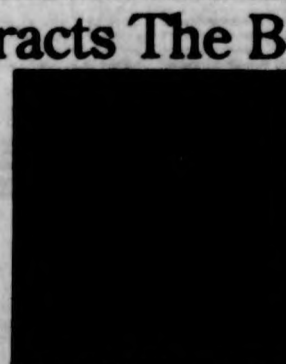
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Contemporary sculptor works in wood and clay

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Betty Marianetti sculpts abstract forms from alabaster, wood and clay. Her contemporary sculpture is on display through Nov. 27 in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases on the second floor of the Civic Center Library, Five Mile east of Farmington.

Marianetti, an instructor at the Art Palette in Livonia, earned her bachelor of fine arts degree from Madonna University in 1993. She works part time at the Print Gallery in Southfield.

"It's mostly contemporary and it's the style I prefer. I like the fact that she works with different materials," said arts commissioner, Lee Alankas.

A work not to be missed in this exhibition is the exquisite alabas-

ter sculpture, "Enveloping Love II." The lyrical line of the form leads the viewer's eye in an around the head and shoulders of the work very successfully.

"I like the touching part of it. The fact you can touch and be able to feel the piece I'm working on," said Marianetti of Novi.

Marianetti usually starts with a sketch. At other times she begins directly working with the clay, wood or stone. If she hits a snag, or a wood grain that's troublesome, the only solution is to follow its lead.

"You kind of try to listen to what's in the piece, what the piece is trying to tell you," said the 52 year old sculptor. Originally from Rochester, New York, Marianetti moved to Novi eight years ago because of her husband's job. Only in the last several years has she

begun to involve herself with sculpture. She prefers working in stone.

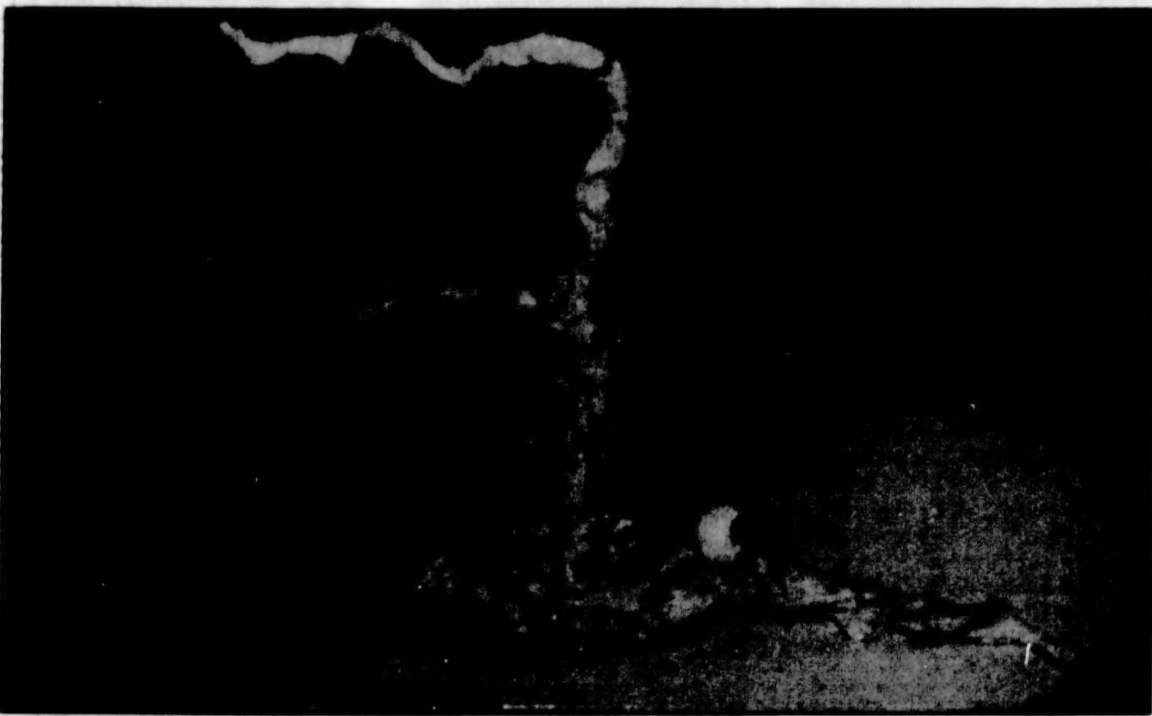
"There's so many different colors of stone. I like the translucent Italian white. When I get the stone it's very rough, then I start chipping. I like watching how the stone evolves. When I finish, it's really interesting to see the shine and color."

"Breaking Free" features an American Bald Eagle emerging from a piece of roughly hewn stone. Most of the work is non-representational abstract. But a few pieces like the eagle, and works from the Enveloping Love series give a hint of the subject matter.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.



Varied mediums: Betty Marianetti, an instructor at the Art Palette in Livonia, exhibits sculpture in alabaster, wood and clay through Nov. 27 in the Livonia Arts Commission's showcases at the Civic Center Library in Livonia.



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Experimental exercise: As of late, Marianetti is experimenting with incorporating a variety of materials including found objects like tree branches into her work.

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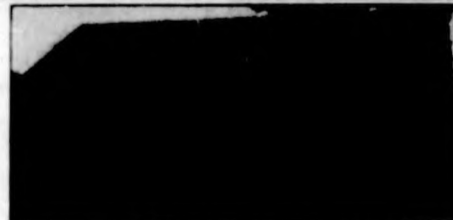
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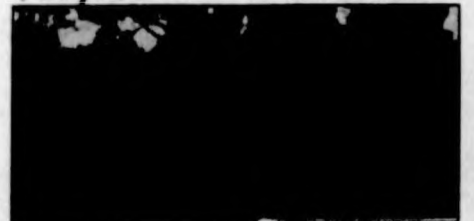
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MADONNA UNIVERSITY Now through Dec. 11 — The university will host an exhibit featuring fibre fine art in various constructs by Patricia Williams now through Dec. 11 in Exhibit Gallery on the second floor of the library building, 36600 Schockcraft and Levan in Livonia. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY Through Dec. 3 — Elizabeth Stone of the Elizabeth Stone Gallery in Birmingham brings the art of the children's book to life Oct. 31 to Dec. 3 courtesy of the Livonia Arts Commission. In addition to the paintings, children's books are also on display and available for reading. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Livonia Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road.

LIBRARY SHOWCASES Through Nov. 27 — The Livonia Arts Commission presents contemporary sculptures by Betty Marianetti of Novi Nov. 4-27 in the second floor showcases at the library. Marianetti teaches sculpture at the Art Palette Shop in Livonia. She is a recent graduate of Madonna University. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The Livonia Civic Center Library is on Five Mile east of Farmington Road.

NELSON'S GALLERY Through Dec. 31 — Director Laura Hardy presents her annual Art as Gift show featuring smaller, reasonably priced gift art now through Dec. 31 at the gallery 16376 Middlebelt between Five and Six Mile in Terrance. An

open house takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. This year's show spotlights 13 artists working in a variety of media from painting and glass to jewelry and clay. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY Through Nov. 26 — New paintings by Brian Rutenberg will be displayed through Nov. 26. Opening reception for the artist 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday. Rutenberg finds inspiration from the rivers that run through his home state of South Carolina. He captures the mood and atmosphere of a river in all its essence. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 430 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 433-3700.

ELIZABETH STONE GALLERY Through Nov. 26 — A collection of etchings by Arthur Geisert will be showcased through Nov. 26. Reception for the artist 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday; Michigan Opera Theatre will perform four tales from "Aesop's Fables" 7-7:45 p.m. (musicals written by Michigan artists Douglas Braverman and Larry Singer). Geisert is a master etcher with a fond appreciation of animal foibles and a keen sense of setting. His unusual and clever illustrations fascinate children and adults alike. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 536 N. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 647-7040.

SUSANNE HILBERRY GALLERY Through Dec. 15 — An exhibit of new paintings by New York artist Bill Komoski will continue to Dec. 15. Opening reception for the artist 5-7 p.m. Friday. Komoski indulges in the poetic and the coolly mechanical at the same time. This is the first time his work will be shown in the Detroit area. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, (810) 642-8250.

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY Through Dec. 31 — "Scrapple

from the Apple," an exhibit of works on paper and monoprnt by Vincent Smith, will continue to Dec. 31. Opening reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Friday. Smith will lecture on his work 2 p.m. Sunday; call the gallery at (810) 642-2700 for reservations. The show concentrates on Smith's jazz images. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, 161 Townsend, Birmingham.

MICHIGAN OULD GALLERY Through Dec. 4 — The gallery's last show of 1994 continues through Dec. 4, featuring the watercolor artist of Lula Nestor and jewelry by James Patterson. Opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday. Nestor was on the teaching staff at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. Her watercolors portray landscapes in which strange, amorphous objects and organic forms proliferate in a boundless dream space. Patterson is a contemporary jeweler who incorporates precious and semiprecious stones in his designs of gold and silver. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, in the offices of the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, 118 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor, (313) 662-3382.

MARDIANJIAN LIBRARY Through Dec. 16 — "Contemporary American Works of Art on Paper," an exhibit of prints and drawings, sponsored by the Fine Art Associates of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, will continue to Dec. 16 in the library on campus. Opening reception 7:30 p.m. Friday. The show is on loan from the collection of G. Fredric Bolling, an art collector and the director of the UM-D manufacturing systems engineering laboratory, and his wife, Valerie Withington. Bolling will lecture at the reception Friday. For library hours, call (313) 593-5400. For information about the exhibit, call art curator Joseph Marks at (313) 593-5087.

CENTER GALLERIES Through Dec. 16 — "A Place in Time: The Inlander Collection of Great Lakes Regional Painting, 1913-1958" will continue through Dec. 16, focusing on artists from the upper Midwest who painted scenes of the Midwestern cities and towns in which they lived and worked. Opening reception 6-8

p.m. Friday. A panel discussion with collectors Patricia Glascock and Michael Hall will take place 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Boughton Auditorium of the Center for Creative Studies Institute of Music and Dance at John R and Kirby. The exhibit will feature paintings by Aaron Bohrod, Clarence Carter, Hughie Lee-Smith, Ethel Spears and Zoltan Sepeshy, among others. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday (closed Nov. 24-26), in the Park Shelton Building at Woodward and Kirby in Detroit, (313) 874-1955.

WORDS INTO PLOWSHARES PEACE CENTER AND GALLERY Through Dec. 29 — La Raza, a Canadian artist collective, will be presented in an exhibit called "Urban Realities" continuing to Dec. 29. Opening reception for the artists 5 p.m. Friday. The group of large paintings focuses on difficulties in urban living — homelessness, current economic, political and social crises and the breakdown of the family unit. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 33 E. Adams, Detroit, (313) 965-5422.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MUSEUM OF ART Through Dec. 17 — "John Stephenson: After the Fire, A Retrospective" will continue to Dec. 17 at 525 S. State in Ann Arbor, celebrating the work of this well-known ceramist on his retirement from the School of Art. The exhibit will be on view simultaneously at the Jean Paul Slusser Gallery in the Art and Architecture Building on North Campus. Opening reception Friday: 6-8 p.m. at the Museum of Art and 8-10 p.m. at the Slusser Gallery. "John Stephenson: Clay in the Mind's Eye," a slide lecture, will be presented in conjunction with the show 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Chrysler Auditorium across from the Art and Architecture Building. Call (313) 764-0395.

CARY GALLERY Through Dec. 2 — "Dreams and Memories," a show by Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association faculty member Ellen Moucoulis and Danguole Jurgutis, will continue to Dec. 2. Opening reception for the artists 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

In her group of paintings in the exhibit, Moucoulis deals with the memories and dreams of her father. Jurgutis combines abstract forms with realistic references; her "reflected" landscapes are impressions of space, time and worlds beyond. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 226 Walnut Blvd., Rochester, (810) 651-3656.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN MUSEUM/GALLERY Through Jan. 12 — A retrospective of internationally acclaimed artist Samuel Bak will continue through Jan. 12. Opening reception, which Bak will attend, 7 p.m. Saturday; Bak will speak 1 p.m. Sunday and sign copies of his catalogs and books noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Bak's work reflects his experiences as a survivor of the Holocaust. His beautifully rendered paintings contain a visual vocabulary addressing universal themes and the plight of the human condition. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple at Drake in West Bloomfield, (810) 661-7641.

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and the Hunter House. Custom work is available. Call (810) 644-8233.

GALLERY: FUNCTIONARY "The Spirit of CCS," the first in the gallery's Design School Exhibition series, continues. The show features works by Matthew Norris, Gonzalo Rodriguez, Dave Gillespie, Jeff Tilley, Jessica Ingolia, Jason Coffey, Greg Hanson and Vincent Tingler. The gallery is at 23-B W. Lawrence in Pontiac. Call (810) 333-0333.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY Through Nov. 11 — "Glass X Nine," a collective vision of nine Center for Creative Studies glass studio artists, continues in the Front Room. Glass works include fine art creations, blown glass, functional pieces and constructional works. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, call for occasional Saturday hours, 29 W. Lawrence, Pontiac, (810) 334-6716.

BRIDGE STREET GALLERY Through Nov. 11 — An exhibit of works by nature photographer David Marks, and a sampling of "Polaroid Transfers," a new photography technique with an artistic angle, continues. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, 208 N. Bridge, Linden, (810) 735-1393.

DONALD MORRIS GALLERY Through Nov. 12 — An exhibit of paintings and pastels by Louisa Matthiasdottir continues. Matthiasdottir's landscapes, cityscapes, still lifes and imposing self-portrait are pared down to their simplest, often geometrized, constituent elements, yet through her rich color and expressive brushwork she conveys a deep sense of the dignity of Man and celebrates the harmonious union of Man and Nature. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 105 Townsend, Birmingham, (810) 642-8812.

BOOK BEAT Through Nov. 12 — "Mr. Lotus Smiles," an exhibit of recent work by Jeffery Silverthorne, continues at 26010 Greenfield in Oak Park. Call (810) 968-1190.

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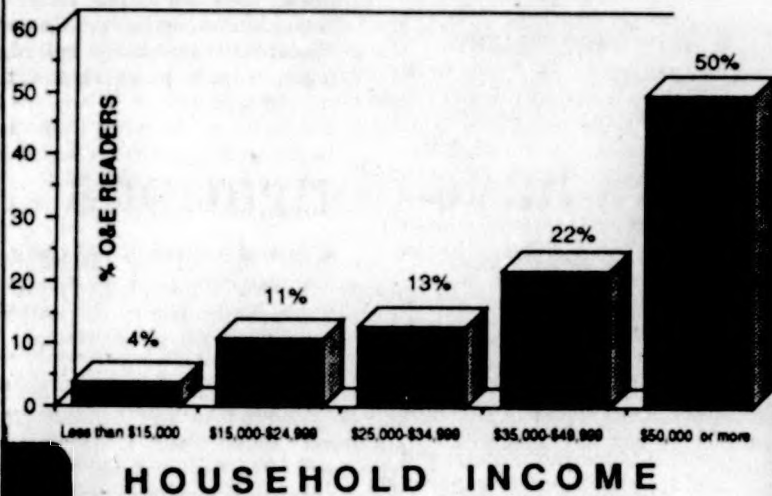
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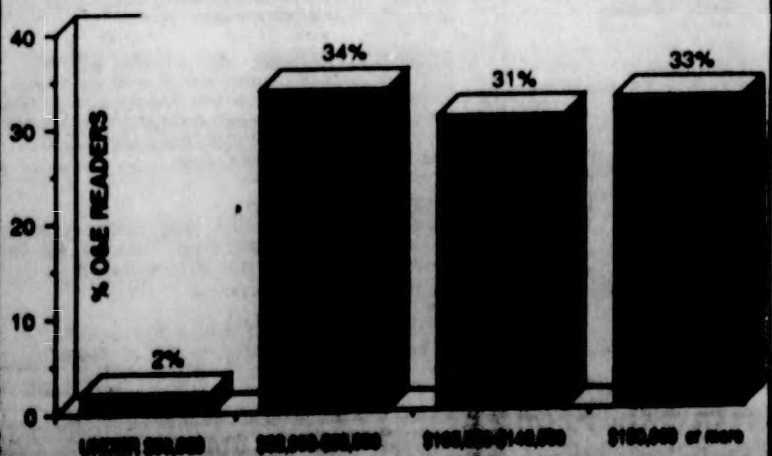


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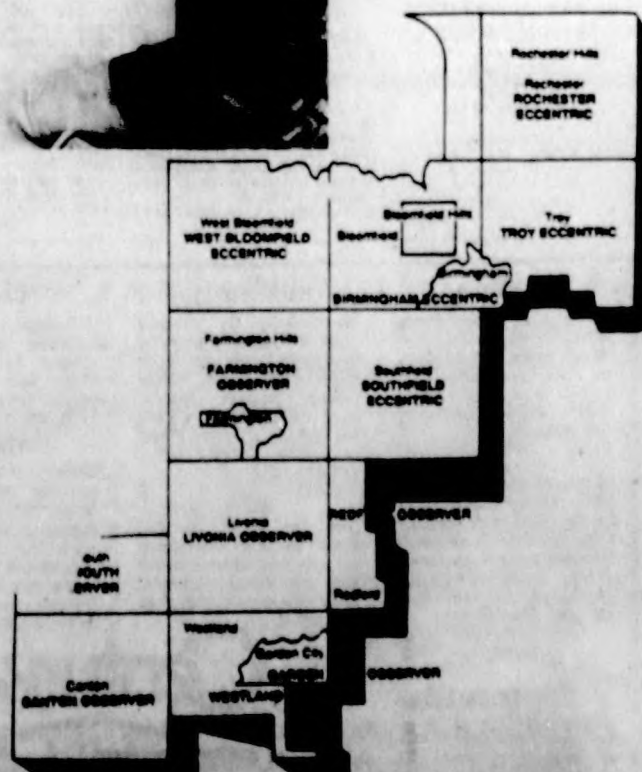
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Bill Bony of Century 21 East in Rochester was named Rochester Area Association of Realtors 1994 Realtor Associate of the Year.

Fox, Rzeppa and Bony were honored at the Michigan Association of Realtors annual convention held during the second weekend in October.

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—Compiled by Becky Burns

Informed real estate clients study up

BY JANICE TIGAR-KRAMER SPECIAL WRITER

Consumers don't have to look far for up-to-date information about buying or selling real estate. In fact, some of the best researched material, geared for first-time or seasoned home buyers and sellers, is available free from real estate brokers in Observer & Eccentric communities.

In the first of a two-part series, here's a sampling of the literature available to real estate clients:

ERA Real Estate's comprehensive consumer guide, "Answers," is worth keeping after the transaction. The 75-page reference answers the 91 most frequently asked questions about buying or selling real estate, among them: What's a fair asking price; how to find a mortgage lender; how much house can you afford; is an older home as good a value as a new one, and do you need a Multiple Listing Service. It has easy to understand chapters on buying, selling, financing and general home maintenance.

The financing section alone is worth a look. It includes a mortgage chart with a range of interest rates; definitions and the pros and cons of six different mortgages; a rundown of

typical closing fees, and a housing cost worksheet.

The glossary defines the most commonly used real estate terms. Each chapter is sprinkled with interesting buying and selling tips: before listing, give the house a gas-powered pressure wash; if commute time is important, test drive to work from the home you're considering; sellers tend to be more flexible the longer a house is on the market, so check the original listing date; appliances listed "as is" probably are on their last legs. There's a home features worksheet, an inspection checklist, refinancing guidelines and maintenance tips to help add to a home's value at resale time.

ERA, which has offices in almost every Observer & Eccentric community, said it developed the guide to make the purchase or sale of a home less stressful.

"Home buying and selling is the most stressful event in a person's life — besides death — and it's probably the largest expenditure most of us will make in our lifetime," said broker-owner Kevin Berry of ERA Quality Realty in Redford.

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Prudential Great Lakes Realty, headquartered in Birmingham, has a slew of consumer handouts: an estimated payment chart based on a 30-year fixed loan; home shopping checklist; buyer's financial worksheet; moving checklist; glossary of real estate terms, and tips for first-time buyers. "Here's How to Save the Real Estate Commission" is a mind-boggling, 20-step guide for selling your own home. Even if you wind up listing with an agent, the guide shows what your real estate sales commission pays for.

Prudential agents will customize an information packet for potential clients who want to begin some fact-finding.

Associate broker Jim Surret, manager of Prudential Great Lakes in Rochester Hills, says make sure the consumer information you read reflects

the latest changes in real estate law, such as the Seller's Disclosure Act, Agency Disclosure Act and Home-vested Exemption Act.

RE/MAX in the hills, Bloomfield Hills, will assemble a relocation package if you're moving from Wayne to Oakland counties or across the country. They also supply potential buyers and sellers with a checklist that includes each step in the sale or purchase of a home.

Only 30 percent of RE/MAX in the hills' clients are first-time buyers, but broker-owner Joan Downing says it's important for every buyer to understand what happens during a real estate transaction.

"Informing and educating buyers and sellers is an important job. Most of our clients have purchased before, but they still want to know what will hit them," she said.

Board backs people's interests; sellers have obligations



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Q. Certain members of our association are concerned about a restaurant that plans to open in a commercial strip that abuts our condominium association.

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However, the association must ensure the position it takes is reasonable and is supported by the majority of the condominium association members.

Q. Is there anything I can do as a seller under the law in providing

the purchaser with a seller's disclosure statement?

A. Yes, in lieu of providing the seller's disclosure statement, the seller can provide a prospective purchaser with a report prepared by a licensed contractor, if the report is provided upon the request of a prospective purchaser.

However, this exemption will not help the seller if the seller had knowledge of a known defect or condition that contradicts the report provided by the licensed expert.

In other words, if your inspector misses a leaking roof and the seller is aware of the problem from inhabiting the property, the seller would still be required to disclose the problem to the prospective purchaser.

Moreover, the seller's disclosure statement must be provided to a prospective purchaser before the seller accepts an offer made by the prospective purchaser.

If the seller's disclosure statement is not provided to the prospective purchaser until after a purchase agreement has been signed by the seller, then upon receipt of the seller's disclosure statement, the purchaser is provided 72 hours in the case of personal delivery, and 120 hours in the case of delivery by registered mail, to recind the transaction.

Robert M. Meisner is a Birmingham-area attorney concentrating his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate and corporate law.

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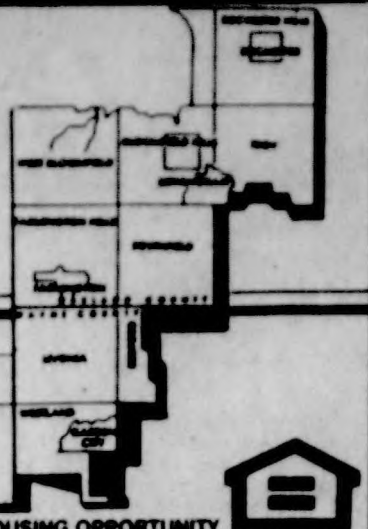
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BUILDING & BUSINESS OBSERVER STARS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves within the suburban business community. Send a brief biographical summary - including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired - to: Stars, Building & Business, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (313) 591-7279.

Richard P. Haslinger of Birmingham was named first vice president and director of the Metro West region of the bank's southern metropolitan regional banking division. He began his banking career at NBD in 1979. He had been vice president and director of the bank's metro south region.



Haslinger

Al Fisher received the first-ever Allard Award during the October meeting of the Detroit chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth. Fisher is president and chief executive officer of Livonia-based Computer Carrier Corp.



Fisher

Jean Umholtz of Bloomfield Hills joined D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills as vice president, direct marketing strategic manager. Before joining the company, Umholtz had been vice president, account supervisor at Wunderman Cato Johnson/Young & Rubicam.



Umholtz

John Heike has been promoted to parts manager for Fox Toyota in Rochester Hills. Heike has 10 years of automotive background. He joined the Fox organization in 1993 as assistant parts manager.



Heike

Builder enters Hall of Fame



The Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan is one of the largest professional associations in the nation, with some 2,000 members. Several individuals receive special recognition every year for service to the organization and the building industry.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A young Dick Roeser, discharged from the Army with a degree from General Motors Institute in sales management, had an interview scheduled with GM in what turned out to be a pivotal career day in 1959.

"I sat in the lobby and waited and waited," Roeser recalled. "I've always been a high-energy person. Another thing with energy is impatience. I didn't like waiting."

Roeser had the interview and eventually was offered a job. No thanks, he said.

Later, acting on advice from a friend of his father and some personal research, Roeser got involved in selling prefabricated houses and development tracts.

He was on his way. Now, 35 later, Roeser has been selected for induction into the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan Hall of Fame. That's the highest award the professional

association can bestow on its members.

He and his partner, James C. Beachum, have built, own and manage 17 office buildings in southeastern Michigan with an aggregate size of 500,000 square feet worth more than \$50 million.

Roeser is a past BASM president, and a former director of the National Association of Home Builders and the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

"The builder's association has promoted better housing, higher standards over the years," he said. "It helps the industry fight some of the anti-growth legislation and problems facing all builders."

"Networking and communication of ideas between builders is very important," Roeser said. "We have common goals, and we can all learn from one another."



BILL BREWSTER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hall of Famer: Dick Roeser, who constructs and manages office buildings, will receive the highest honor the builder's association can bestow upon members.

"The local, state and national

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Meet the Builder of the Year

Fred I. Capaldi, son of a builder, always figured he'd end up in the construction business, even while studying economics at the University of Detroit.

"Since I was 12 years old, I wanted a job in summer," he said. "I started on job sites in miscellaneous labor, sweeping out houses. When I got my driver's license, I became a go-fer."

"I guess when I was in college, I ran some jobs myself," Capaldi continued. "My dad sent me out to meet with carpenters."

However, Capaldi's mother, Louise, attempted to steer him in other directions.

"She tried to discourage me," he said. "She would say, 'Look at all the aggravation your father has.' There is aggravation in this business. There's aggravation in every business."

Capaldi, a residential custom

builder/remodeler in Rochester Hills, has been selected Builder of the Year by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan. This is his 29th year in the business.

"I was surprised and shocked when told that I'd been nominated," he said. "I told myself I know a lot of builders who could be builder of the year."

"Buzz Silverman won last year," Capaldi said. "He's someone well respected in the business. The name goes back many years. My name next to it - I can't believe it."

Capaldi, who now runs the family business, builds about 10 new houses a year, most starting at \$200,000. About half of his overall volume is major renovation projects.

"I think the biggest satisfaction is being able to create something," he said.

"When you sit down with someone who has dreams of a house

they want built but they're not focused in - to sit down and take their dreams and put them down on paper then build them - I think that's my biggest satisfaction."

Capaldi, a past BASM president, has channeled his construction efforts in Oakland County - Rochester Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Oakland Township.

"First of all, you've really got to have a dedication to the business and really have to have an understanding family," he said of his success. "In fact, my wife, Barbara, works in the business with us. She's office manager."

"I think you have to have a good sensitivity to the people you're working for," Capaldi continued. "Word spreads that Fred will go out of his way to accommodate you."

"My superintendent, Jim Bish

See BUILDER, 2F

Developer wins honors

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Donald Van Every, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has enjoyed a long, varied and successful involvement with real estate.

He's sold houses, built houses and condominiums, and developed raw land into buildable lots.

This year, Van Every was selected Developer of the Year by BASM. He previously had been inducted into the association's hall of fame.

His company, Streamwood Development, is currently active in Paint Creek Ridge, Silver Bell Village and White Oak subdivisions in Orion Township. Willow Pond is on the drawing board for White Lake Township.

"There really isn't land all over the place," Van Every said. "You have to know the marketplace, have a feeling where development is going. As each (site) fills up, you keep moving out. That's what it's all about."

Van Every, 71, decided to concentrate on developing - preparing site plans and placing roads, water lines and sewers - rather than building about six years ago.

"I've got a place in Naples, Fla.," he said. "My plan now is to spend half of each month in Naples. You can't run a building operation that way. You can be in land development."

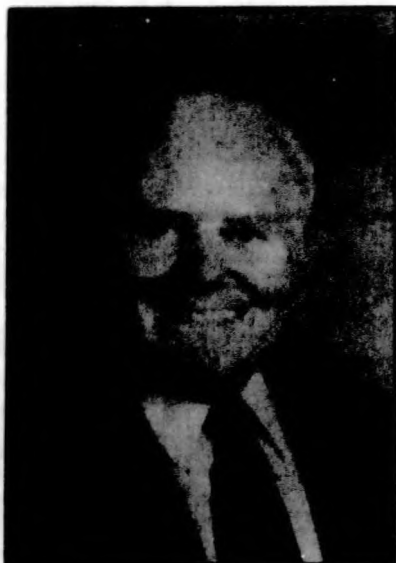
For 30 years, he and partner William Allen, doing business as Van Allen Builders, built houses and condominiums in Livonia, Southfield and Troy.

Van Every figured that real estate would surge as he prepared to leave the service after World War II.

"I was married. It was very evident a lot of housing was going to be needed with all of us guys coming back together at the same time," he said.

The first consideration in selecting land for development is to find a parcel in the general direction of population movement, Van Every said.

"Number two, is the ground usable?" he said. "You



Donald Van Every
developer of the year

try to find a piece that's easily workable. A lot of land left today you have heavy woods or water. That's why it's been by-passed before."

Availability of water and sewers and the relative cost to connect are major pieces of the puzzle, Van Every added.

He's bothered by anti-growth sentiments sometimes expressed at public hearings that get-rich-quick developers don't even live where they plan to develop.

"It's hard for them to understand that we live in a community, that we're part of a community," Van Every said. "I've lived in communities I've developed in. It isn't possible to live in every community."

Profit is a two-way street, he added.

"You can make it or lose it, too," Van Every said. "The market turns. You're paying interest, carrying charges and can't sell a lot for what it's worth."

Van Every doesn't blame himself or other developers for urban sprawl.

"We don't force people to live or buy in an area," he said. "People buy the type of housing and size lot they want. We just try to re-

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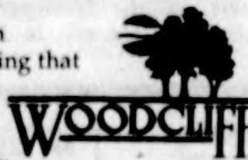
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Here's how to subscribe to Internet listservers



EMORY DANIELS
O&E ONLINE

Last week's column was a general overview of LISTSERV as a discussion forum. This week let's attack the keyboard.

A quick review. To access a LISTSERV discussion forum, we send the request to a specific e-mail address using the C for Compose command in Pine. We fill in the e-mail address of the Listserv administrator on the "To:" line and leave all other portions of the header blank. In the message area we type the command line (subscribe or unsubscribe) and then type **Control X** to send.

When we receive the subscription confirmation message, we write down in a notebook the one-line command instructions on how to cancel our subscription. Here are some Listserv sites, one of which you may wish to try:

■ Ballet-Modern-Dance is a LISTSERV access to the USENET alt.arts.ballet forum for those users without USENET access. To subscribe:

— send e-mail message to listserv@netcom.com

— In body of e-mail message, type subscribe ballet-modern-dance;

■ Star Wars Rile Playing Discussion is a game of adventure and interaction set in the Star Wars universe. The list is manually maintained so it will take awhile for new subscribers to be added to list:

— jae\$w-rpg-request@dry-cas.club.cc.cmu.edu

— SUBSCRIBE (your e-mail address) (your first and last name);

■ PUBLABOR is devoted to discussion of unions and unionism in public sector employment, including federal, state, county and municipal levels. Topics include but not limited to local union business, legislation, contracts. Anyone welcome to subscribe, including unionists and managers:

— LISTSERV@RELAY.ADP.WISC.EDU

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■ Netsurfer is a discussion forum on the Internet in general:

— nsdigest-request@netsurf.com

— subscribe nsdigest-text (for ASCII version)

— subscribe nsdigest-html (for hypertext version);

■ Party of Five is a list for discussing the Fox network television series "Party of Five." To

subscribe write a request with conversational sentences in the message area and address to salingers-request@www.com.

■ ADLAW is a moderated list for those interested in discussions and updates about advertising law:

— adlaw-request@webcom.com

— Subscribe

Adlaw apparently is the only discussion list generated from this host, which is why you don't need to list the topic. If it bounces back, though, I'd resend with "Subscribe Adlaw" command.

■ INCLASS is about using the Internet in the classroom under sponsorship of Canada's SchoolNet. INCLASS promotes the use of the Internet as a means to keep students interested in life-long learning, focusing on adapting successfully and creatively to change, concentrating on aiming for personal excellence:

— listproc@schoolnet.carleton.ca

— subscribe (your first and last name);

■ Undercover, the Rolling Stones digest. This list has changed locations and can now be joined by sending a message to a real human with a short written conversational request. Send request to undercover-request@tempest.cis.uoguelph.ca.

Before going further, an important distinction must be learned by those users who want to avoid embarrassment. Commands are sent to the List Administrator, messages to the List itself. If the discussion list name is "MacAttack," and the host of the List is McDonald University, you would send commands to LISTSERV@McDonaldU.com (a fictitious site) but you would reply to MacAttack@McDonaldU.com. Otherwise your commands end up on the forum for all to read and laugh at. So write down this reminder: Send your LETTERS to the List Address; send your COMMANDS to the LISTSERV address.

Some other commands that might be useful are:

GET (specific List topic name) FMAIL (returns a specific file to you);

SET (listname) DIGEST (sends messages in one listing, daily or weekly);

SET (listname) MAIL (receive messages individually);

SET (listname) NOMAIL (to suspend getting messages while on vacation or for other reasons);

REVIEW (listname) FMAIL (to get a list of subscribers to List);

INDEX (listname) (to get an archive of

postings).

You can try the GET command to obtain by e-mail from the University of North Carolina a copy of Barbara Semonche's updated syllabus and reading list for her database journalism class at UNC:

— LISTSERV@ULKYVM.LOUISVILLE.EDU

— GET DBJOURN UNCSYL FMAIL

— GET DBJOURN UNCREAD FMAIL.

In the above example, note that "DBJOURN" is the file type (database journalism) and "UNCSYL" is the file name (University of North Carolina Syllabus). The FMAIL command tells the Listserv administrator to send the syllabus to you using e-mail.

Like other Internet tools, LISTSERV has more advanced functions that readers can learn on their own.

You can direct questions to Emory Daniels by e-mail with emory@oconline.com, at voice mail at 903-2047 then dial 1910; or fax number 591-7279.

Developer

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spond to their needs and desires."

Van Every and wife, Jean, are parents to Donna Jean and Sandra Lee and grandparents to four. He enjoys golf and playing the organ.

"My biggest kick in developing — going back through the subdivisions a few years later. Usually you're thrilled to see what's happened. You literally have an effect on the future."

Profit, not altruism, is what keeps him in business, Van Every added.

Gerald Kosmenschky, a builder and property manager, is a long time friend of Van Every.

"He's a super nice guy, the epitome of a gentleman," Kosmenschky said. "He's been very successful. He's been a very fair shooter, the kind of guy if you make a deal and shake hands, that's the deal."

"He's extremely competent," said Robert Brody, a Bloomfield Hills developer/builder.

"He has experience, lots of experience."

"He's a very honorable individual," Brody said. "He lives up to his word. It's a pleasure to do business with him."

Builder

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op, he's a real key to our business," Capaldi said. "I still seek the counsel and advice of my father, Fred. You can't beat experience."

Capaldi, 51, enjoys golf, tennis and travel. He's father to Tim, a student at Lawrence Tech who probably will become a third generation Capaldi builder; Marisa, Angela and Cristie.

Capaldi believes that the successful builder today needs both formal education and hands-on work in the trades. "You need a business background and practical experience background," he said.

Mark Guidobono, a Northville residential builder, described Capaldi as one of the most honorable builders in the business.

Hall of fame

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associations provide first-class seminars for learning and advancing yourselves."

Roeser and Beachum started building houses and condominiums together in Rochester, Canton and Livonia in 1974.

"We made the decision in '78 to diversify our product line," Roeser said. "As a recession in the late '70s and early '80s took force, we found more demand for office than housing. It became a natural evolution. We never looked back, I guess."

The years have been kind to the partners, who attended camp together as kids and worked together in real estate development before joining forces.

"You know what our biggest problem is now — we don't have any space," Roeser said. "We're probably 99 percent leased."

Beachum/Roeser office properties carry a distinctive colonial Williamsburg architectural look. "It's a classic style that reflects tradition and timelessness," Roeser said.

Also honored:

Several other members will be honored by the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan next week at its annual banquet.

Dominic J. Mocerri, partner in Mocerri Development of Grand Blanc, is Young Builder of the Year.

Alan Aulgur, president of Alan R. Aulgur Residential Builder in Clarkston, is Remodeler of the Year.

Lynne Pratt, office manager of Wake-Pratt Construction, Troy, receives the Women's Forum Leadership Award.

William Steele, builder/developer liaison for Detroit Edison in Detroit, is Associate Member of the Year.

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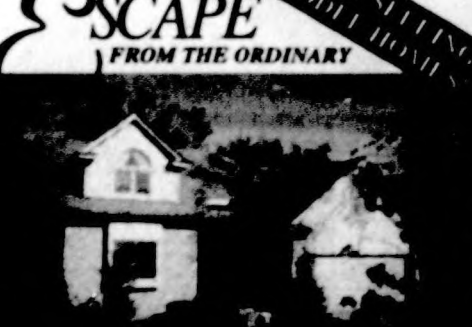
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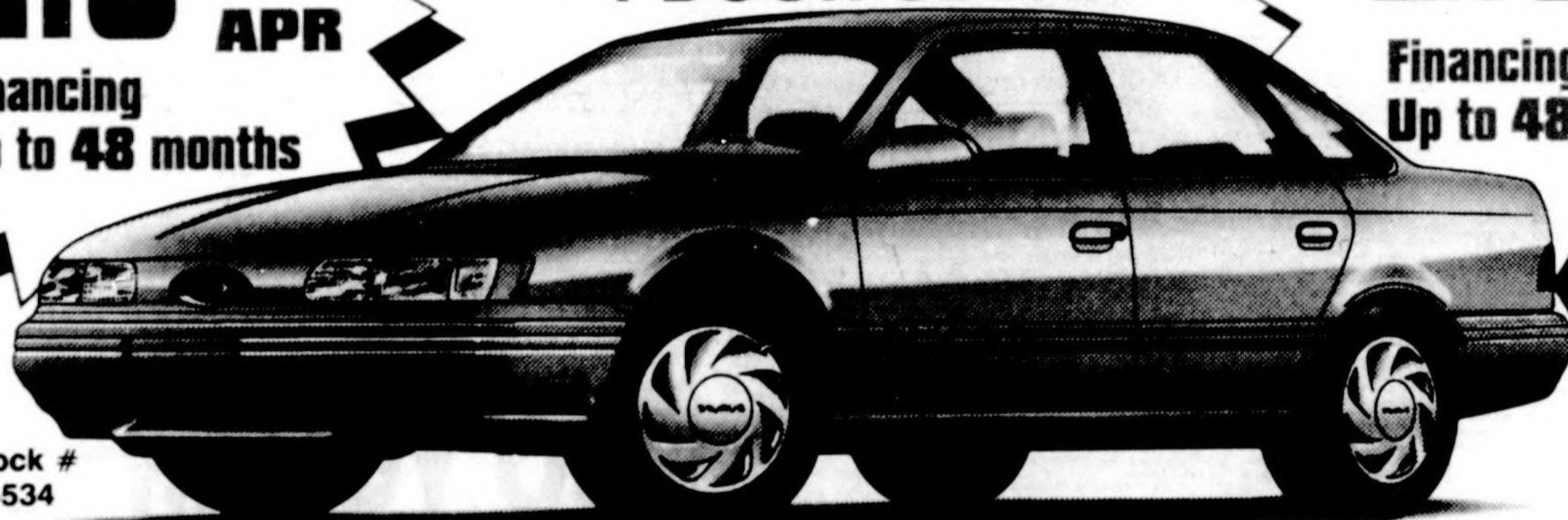
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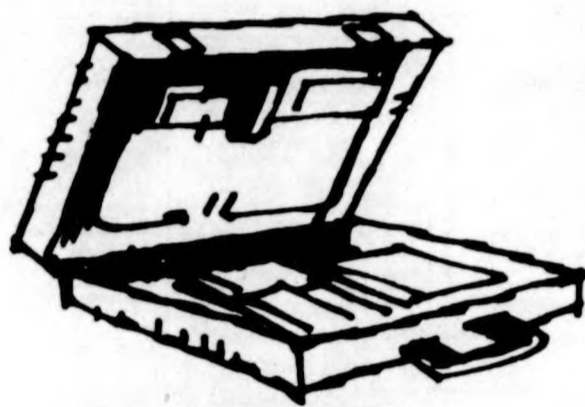
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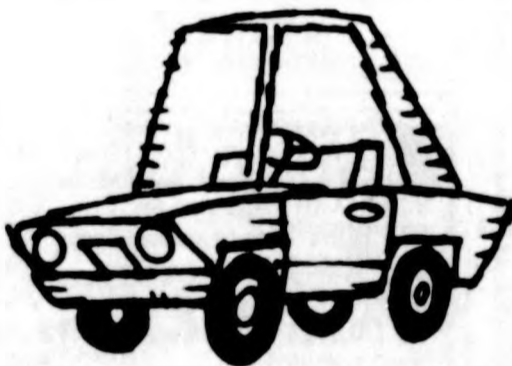
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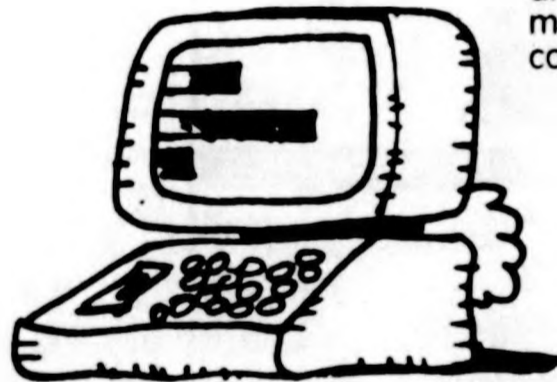
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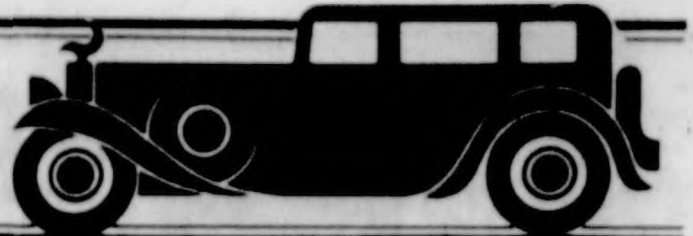
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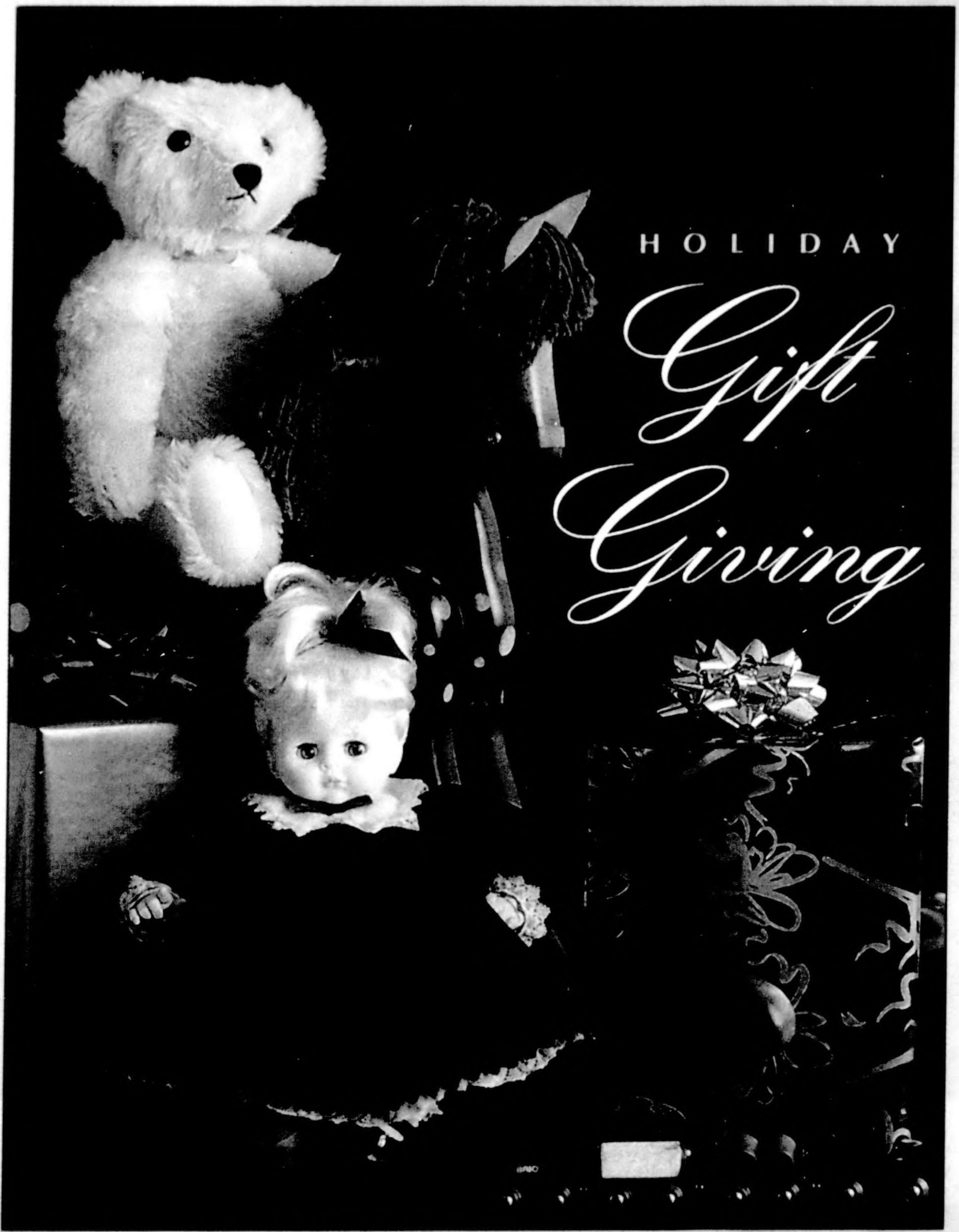
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however, take some time to pour over our holiday gift guide supplement. We hope it will inspire you with unique gift ideas for everyone on your list. You'll find everything you need from gifts, to home-decorating items, to crafts at local specialty shops, department stores and shopping malls. Here's a round-up of the best-of-the-best.

The staff of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers offers you and your family the warmest wishes this holiday season.

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Step off beaten path to find toys that last

By BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Many grandparents have been caught pulling their hair out trying to find the perfect gift for their grandchildren thus turning a jolly Christmas into a grumpy one overnight.

They are frustrated by the notion of finding the perfect gift that is just the thing the child always wanted.

Too often, however, it seems they fall back on clothing or fad toys that are not necessarily pleasing to them nor do they prompt an overwhelming response from the recipient.

Some retailers suggest that these harried shoppers relax and try out some smaller specialty toy stores, teacher's stores and even hobby shops to find a gift that will satisfy them and their grandchildren.

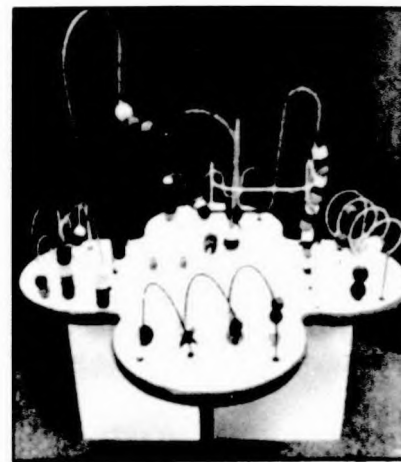
Educators agree that books make wonderful gifts for children and grandparents might make it a tradition to expand their grandchildren's library every holiday season. Hardcover books at the appropriate age level are a gift that keeps giving all year long.

Grandparents might also consider buying museum-quality books — available at educational stores, museums and through mail order — of animal life or the solar system or prehistoric times. For school-age children these books might spark some interest and influence them to read more on the subject.

By avoiding the mega-giant toy stores, grandparents might find toy stores where they receive more specialized attention and are even able to play with the toys before making their choices.

Toy shoppers can solve their woes and regain some seasonal cheer by visiting a specialty toy store or even a teacher's supply store, says Peter Reynolds, president of BRIO Corp., a toy company based in Milwaukee. The specialty stores emphasize toys that encourage creative play and usually aren't available in the mass market.

"Shoppers can turn to specialty toy



Wave table: A favorite to children in libraries and waiting rooms, this imaginative toy can also be found in teachers' supply stores.

retailers for personal service in selecting good toys that fit their particular children's interests and developmental needs," Reynolds said. "These retailers understand toys and play and can be good resources."

The importance of play and good toys is a message more adults are taking to heart, especially after they've been disappointed with some commercially promoted toys.

Christmas, however, can be a particularly emotional time for making toy purchasing decisions. There's a tendency for grandparents and other relatives to have a specific list from the child, and they feel under great pressure to fill it.

If consumers want to give toys that children will enjoy long after the holidays, however, they need to evaluate the toys and make informed decisions. Franklin and Reynolds emphasize. Specialty toy retailers, who know their products and are willing to work one-on-one with a customer, can help

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Pamper your partner

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Finding just the right gift for that favorite person in your life who is always rushed and harried and seldom takes time out for themselves may seem complicated, but it shouldn't be.

Simply give them the gift they would never give themselves. A day in a spa or salon, a weekend trip to a luxurious hotel, a custom-made shirt or suit, or how about maid service for a month.

If you're tired of buying a sweater or book for that favorite someone, try a gift certificate for pampering.

Charisma, a full-service salon in Laurel Park Place Mall, pampers many pooped moms and dads. Salon coordinator Judy Briney said they are still honoring gift certificates from last Christmas that people decided to hold onto until they were in desperate need for a "pick-me-up."

Charisma's Day of Beauty package for women includes a massage, facial, manicure, pedicure, make-up application, hair cut and a catered lunch for \$175. A similar package for men includes a haircut, shave, show shine and massage for \$68.

Gift certificates can be purchased for individual services at about \$40 each.

The Total You, on Grand River in Farmington, offers a pamper package for \$145 that includes 30 minutes in a sauna or steam room, 30-minute massage, facial, manicure and paraffin dip for your hands, a pedicure and a

catered lunch.

Owner Nanci Mantiri said the package has been a very popular gift for the holidays because women need real pampering especially during the cold, long months of January and February.

Tamara Institut De Beaute on Northwestern Highway in Farmington, also offers packages that will leave your haggard partner with an added skip in his or her step. Salon manager Barb Whisnant said their luxury packages are very popular holidays and are enjoyed all year long.

For women, the full package includes a skin consultation, European facial and neck-firming treatment, one-hour therapeutic massage with sauna, hot oil manicure with liquid nail wrap, pedicure with foot treatment, eyebrow arch, make-up application, scalp treatment, finished hairstyle and champagne lunch.

For him, Tamara offers a jacuzzi, a one-hour therapeutic massage, hot oil manicure and champagne.

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Holiday crafts limited only by imagination

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

The creativity bug has bitten most everyone these days. Painting, sewing, flower arranging and just about any other kind of craft can be converted into a holiday gift or a decoration for the home.

The craft is better still when children can become involved in the project. "The kids love doing the crafts," said Mary Locke, craft consultant for Frank's SuperCrafts store in Westland. "We have them in for parties and demonstrations and there are so many things they can make that make really nice gifts."

Most local craft stores already have a large supply of Christmas merchandise designed to spark the imagination and get the creative juices flowing. A walk down the aisles will result in a plethora of projects to entice you, but Locke warns not to get too far ahead of yourself.

"Sometimes people buy supplies for too many projects that they will never be able to finish in time for Christmas," she said. "It's best to have realistic expectations so you can spend some time and do a good job with each project. If time allows, you can always

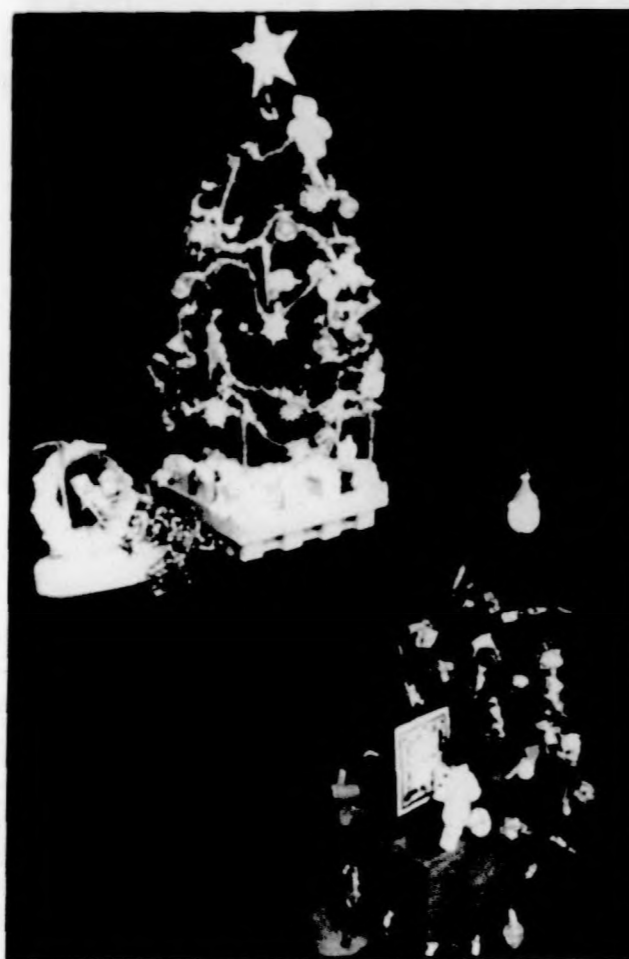
go back and get things for another project."

Kits for needlework like counted cross stitch, crewel and embroidery can be very time-consuming especially when making a tablecloth, Christmas tree skirt or stocking. Locke suggests these projects be started far in advance unless you have a lot of time on your hands to work on the project. Many craft enthusiasts buy these kits after the holiday season, and work on them all year long.

Some less complicated ideas for holiday gifts follow.

■ An item that first became popular with crafters last holiday season are glass and acrylic ornaments for the Christmas tree that can be decorated in almost any fashion. The glass ornaments can be painted with acrylic paints in several fashions to achieve a beautiful effect. Pictures and designs can be painted onto the outside of the ornament or paint can be poured inside the glass ball, swirled around and allowed to dry and drain in an egg carton. Locke said as one color paint dries, another can be added to make an abstract design that is simple and yet quite ele-

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Crafts: Hand-made holiday gifts and decorations are as varied as the people who make them. These miniature fir trees are about \$1 and can be decorated with a variety of miniature items. Placed in the wooden wagon, the tree takes on a whole new look and makes a fun centerpiece or mantle decoration for the holidays.

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shoppers make good toy purchases based on the age and interests of the child.

Locally, shoppers can find this type of individual attention at several specialty stores.

Science and Things of Livonia, in Wonderland Mall, will bring back a lot of happy childhood memories for adults and provides an interesting selection of toys that kids love, but don't always ask for until they see it.

"To see all this stuff together is pretty neat," said manager Steve Worley. "There are things that kids don't realize they would like until they see it and when they're in here they go nuts."

Science and Things carries telescopes, microscopes, kits for doing experiments, test tubes, anatomic models, magic kits, model rocket kits and much more.

"We see a lot of grandparents in here looking for an alternative to the 'normal' toys like power rangers and GI Joes," Worley said.

Construction sets like Erector and K'Nex are very popular during the holiday season and aren't necessarily found everywhere. Rock tumbler and sand art kits are also popular.

The Teacher's Store in Livonia, on Middlebelt, is not a spot many parents would think of going to buy holiday gifts, but manager Cindy Kelly said the few who do are pleased with the choices available.

A wave table is a popular addition to a child's playroom, but they are usually only found through expensive catalogs. The Teacher's Store carries it for about \$89. A puppet theater and puppets are also great imagination builders for children, Kelly said.

They also carry award-winning floor puzzles that measure 2-by-3-feet and are durable enough to stand up to classroom use. The Create A Creature puzzle won top honors last year in Parents magazine.

GeoSafari, a popular electronic game, is also available, Kelly said. The game helps build confidence by developing skills in geography, history, math and many other subjects.

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Adults can take lead in selecting tots' toys

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Choosing the right toy for a preschooler can be a real challenge to parents, not to mention for grandparents and childless aunts and uncles.

They are too young to really make out a list to Santa and, although they might see things that interest them in the mighty toy stores, they probably won't have their heart set on that item showing up under the tree.

This is the time in a child's life that adults can steer them the direction they want them to go in by selecting toys that will withstand the test of time and provide hours of entertainment to boot.

"Children this age tend to ask for a lot of things that they might see on television or passing through a store and many parents are willing to let them play with these things," said Debbie Cortellini, a sales director for Discovery Toys and a lecturer on the appropriateness of toys. "But as parents we still know what is best for our children and we need to put in their hands toys we think are appropriate for them."

Toys should fit into several of the categories of play for preschoolers: active and physical play, creative and constructive play, imitative play and social play. Of course they also need to be safe and should be considered an investment spanning 5 to 6 years of usefulness with the same child.

"Toys that encourage open-ended play are the best investment," Cortellini, a Plymouth resident, said. "That means every time the child plays with it, it's something different."

A simple pegboard makes a great preschool gift if pieces meet the appropriate age requirements. Children might start out sorting the colors of the pegs and just randomly placing them on the board, as they get older they might count the pegs and arrange them in geometric shapes on the board and finally they might enjoy stacking the pegs or stringing them on a piece of yarn.

Wooden beads, abacus boards and similar games fulfill the same functions for children and are often found at teacher supply stores and other educational toy locations.

Discovery Toys offers a new board game that even preschoolers can master. The game lets children test out funny facial expressions in a mirror as they try to imitate pictures on cards. They might just have fun making the faces to start, but then move on to playing the game with adults or other children. Teachers of the speech impaired have found the game valuable in showing students the various

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Debbie Cortellini
educational consultant

shapes they can make with their mouth.

"Play is a child's work and toys are the tools you give them to perform that task," Cortellini said. "Through play children learn about the world and their place in it."

Large, bulky Little Tykes toys are great for teaching gross motor skills, Cortellini said, but young children need little things too so they can learn to manipulate.

And even though computer software programs can be outstanding learning tools for the pre-kindergarten set, they should be offered in moderation.

"The hi-tech electronic games are great, but kids need crayons, markers and paper, too," Cortellini said. "And as they say you can't beat a cardboard box for teaching imaginative play."

Puzzles make wonderful introductions into math skills for preschoolers as do stackable cups. Discovery Toys makes a set of stacking cups in sizes that help teach math skills. The number three cup and number two cup can be filled and then poured into the number five cup filling in to the top.

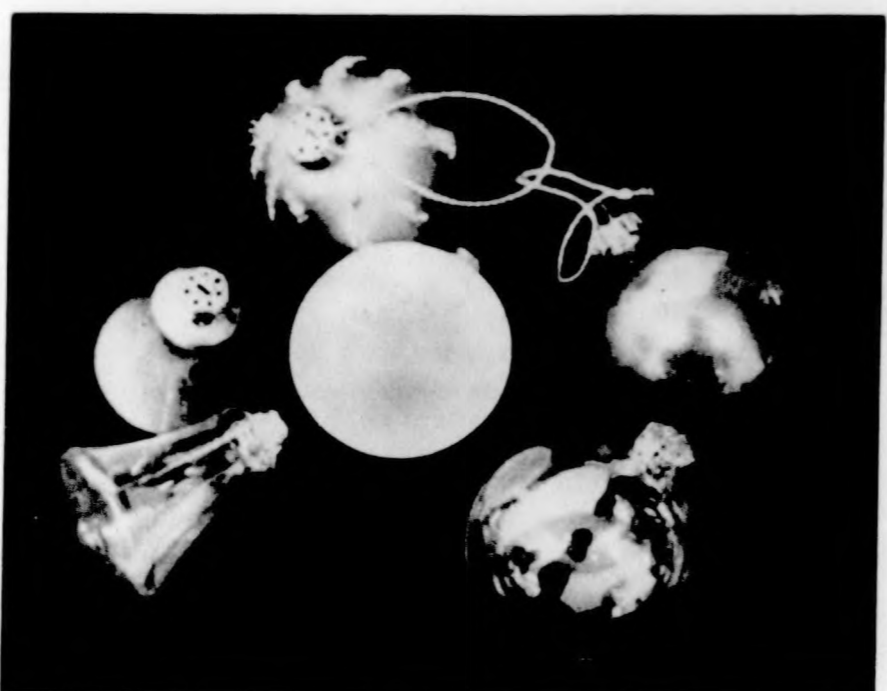
"Everyone shopping for children should remember that a book is always a perfect gift," Cortellini, a former teacher, said. "Nothing can be substituted for the time spent reading to your children or with them."

She also advises that parents not overwhelm small children with a huge toy box filled to the rafters with toys that outlive their usefulness in just a few months. It is better, she says, to purchase a few good toys with many uses and store them on shelves so they are in clear view and not so confusing.

Discovery Toys are sold through in-home demonstrations and through catalog sales. Christmas orders can be placed up until Dec. 16.

The Hide Inside fabric box by Discovery Toys was recently awarded a Parents Choice award and an Oppenheim Award for children from 12 months up and many of their toys are featured in parents magazines.

To find a consultant near you, check the telephone directory.



Deck the halls: Gifts and decorations made by hand always maintain their value. Simple ornaments (above) in glass and acrylic can be bought at most craft stores and can be decorated with paints or by filling them with unusual or commonplace items. They are great for kids to make as they anticipate the holiday season. Wooden bird houses (left) have become a popular home-decorating item. If you have a steady hand, try painting one on your own or choose from a wide assortment of stencils to get you started.

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gant with the right combinations of colors.

The acrylic ornaments can be opened and filled with miniature figures to create scenes or with a handful of potpourri, marbles, buttons or sequins. The ornaments are in two pieces so you can have easy access to the inside, but once they are filled Locke recommends sealing them with a hot glue gun and even decorating the seam with ribbon or snow paint which is available at most craft stores.

These ornaments make great gifts for teachers, babysitters and others be-

cause children can work on the project with minimal supervision. Paper mache boxes can be used to hide a gift, or they can be the gift themselves. Craft stores are now carrying a full line of boxes made from paper mache in all shapes and sizes — star-shaped, ovals, tissue boxes and moon-shaped are especially popular.

There is really no end to the potential of these boxes, Locke said. They can be decorated with regular acrylic paints and stencils can be incorporated for more intricate designs. Fabric appliques, ribbons and other items can also be used to decorate these treasure boxes that would please any grandparent.

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Books always have a place on Santa's sleigh

BY BARBARA WILSON
STAFF WRITER

Everyone on your holiday shopping list, no matter what age, gender or personality, can be satisfied with a new book. With the dreary winter months of January and February looming ahead, a good "read" is just the ticket for most people.

Booksellers agree the holidays are their busiest time, and they enjoy working to match up the person with a book they'll enjoy.

"Some people come in with a specific book in mind that the individual might have requested, but sometimes they come in with no ideas at all," said Mary Ann LaPointe, manager of Little Professor on the Park in downtown Plymouth. "Usually we can just ask questions about the person and find something that will meet their needs."

The angel craze continues in reading material, according to LaPointe. Books about angel healing and experiences with angels have prompted their own section in her store, and people contin-

ue to request more.

Coffee table books are good gifts for those who are not avid readers but enjoy specific subjects like gardening or cats or airplanes. These large, colorful books make wonderful gifts for the elderly who might not be able to read smaller type and who have become unaccustomed to reading. Tasha Tudor's "Garden Book" and Charles Wysocki's "Heartland" are good choices.

Books as gifts for children are especially popular with aunts, uncles and grandparents looking for something other than toys to put under the tree.

A gift of a classic children's book like "Heidi" or "Treasure Island" is available in hardcover at Books Abound in Farmington for just \$12.99, according to Skip Rosenthal.

The following is a list of Rosenthal's and LaPointe's picks for what are expected to be the big sellers for the holidays.

For children:

- "The Rough-Faced Girl" — a Native American version of the Cinderella sto-

ry with beautiful illustrations. Adults will enjoy reading it to their children.

- "The Crippled Lamb" — a beautiful Christmas story of a lamb that is forced to stay behind in the barn when his friends go out and the lamb sees first-hand the birth of Jesus.

- "The Remarkable Christmas of the Cobbler's Sons" — another fun Christmas story.

- "Red Ranger Came Calling" — written and beautifully illustrated by Berkeley Breathed of Bloom County fame, this book will entertain children and grown-ups.

For adults:

- "Crossing the Threshold of Hope" by Pope John Paul II — Rosenthal and LaPointe agree that this will be a popular gift this holiday season.

- "The Hot Zone" by Richard Preston — This is a fiction book written like nonfiction which discusses deadly viruses being let loose on society.

- "Bridges of Madison County" — On the best seller list for nearly a year, booksellers agree this will still show on

many holiday shopping lists especially with new interest brought about by the movie being made.

- "The Love Cookbook" by noted relationship author Leo Buscaglia.

- "In the Kitchen with Rosie" — A low-fat cookbook by Oprah Winfrey's personal chef.

- "Insomnia" by Stephen King.

- "Death of Honor" by Tom Clancy.

- "Cat Stories" by James Herriott.

- "Men are from Mars."

- "Embraced by the Light."

Rosenthal also suggests the book "Gumpisms" as a great stocking stuffer. It features some of the sage advice of movie hero Forrest Gump.

Magic Eye books are also expected to be very popular. These books have unusual designs when studied carefully, other pictures can be seen within them.

Book stores are filled with potential gift items even if books were not on the list you're trying to fill. There is a book that everyone will find entertaining, so just browse a bit.

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The 'natural' trend translates for holiday

Here's the latest news in decorating, trends, facts, gift buying, etc. for this holiday season.

- Combine holly and ivy with evergreens, pine, eucalyptus and boxwood. The combination of natural greens will add originality to your holiday decorating and the room will smell fresh and festive.

- Hanging mistletoe is ever popular at Christmastime. Not only a festive decoration, but when the mistletoe is hung, it becomes an instrument of goodwill. Pass under it and exchange kisses of peace and love.

- According to the National Christmas Tree Association, some 72 million trees are sold at Christmastime (36 million each natural and artificial).

- Pointsettias are a timeless classic and make a perfect display for the home or office. Adorn your work area with several colored pointsettias: red, pink, white, orange and marbled leaves. Pointsettias are easy to care for and can be enjoyed year-round.

Shopping trends

At Christmastime this year, FTD estimates that more than 1.5 million flower-by-wire orders will be placed, generating approximately \$56 million in sales. In addition to floral gifts, other preferred gifts at Christmas time are clothes, toys/games, books, recorded music and jewelry. Here are some other trends.

- Women are more likely than men to finish their holiday shopping by mid-December. But Americans aged 60 or older are the most likely to finish their Christmas shopping early.

- Focusing on ethnic or geographical traditions during the holiday season can teach children the value of family; everyone will enjoy participating in games, meals and gift-giving rituals from the past.

- The '90s are synonymous with nature, and this holiday season reflects this trend. Natural designs made of wood and other materials derived from the Earth are very popular this year.

- Angels and cherubs are also a big influence. Appropriate year round, these items can be combined with any greenery to create beautiful holiday displays and decorations.

- Candles give a natural and spiritual feel to the holiday season. Candles with a pine or cinnamon-scent displayed in several rooms give the home a warm glow and a welcoming aroma.

- The traditional red and green colors of the holiday season are still a favorite. Add in tones of blues and natural browns to create an updated, stylish look.

- Garden centers sell \$3.1 billion annually in "trim-a-tree" goods, says Nursery Retailer.

- Gold is a key color in decorating this season. The gold is brushed rather than bright, and it combines beautifully with white as well as jewel-tone plums, reds and greens.

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That's why most jewelry stores experience a rush of last-minute male shoppers, as well as a few who plan ahead.

While jewelry always fits, it's may be a little more difficult to match a piece with a woman's personality, finding the item that she will be comfortable wearing and will enjoy for many years.

Bracelets, necklaces, rings, earrings and brooches are the basic options available, but choosing a stone and setting can be more complicated.

Mazzoni said he has several customers who work each year to put together a matched set for their partner, buying the necklace one year and a bracelet the next. Others are just interested in finding one stunning piece that will complicate their loved one.

"We always remind customers that it is the stone and not the setting that is most meaningful as an investment," Mazzoni said.

Jewelry stores should have a certified gemologist on hand to explain the finer points of gemstones and to help in selections.

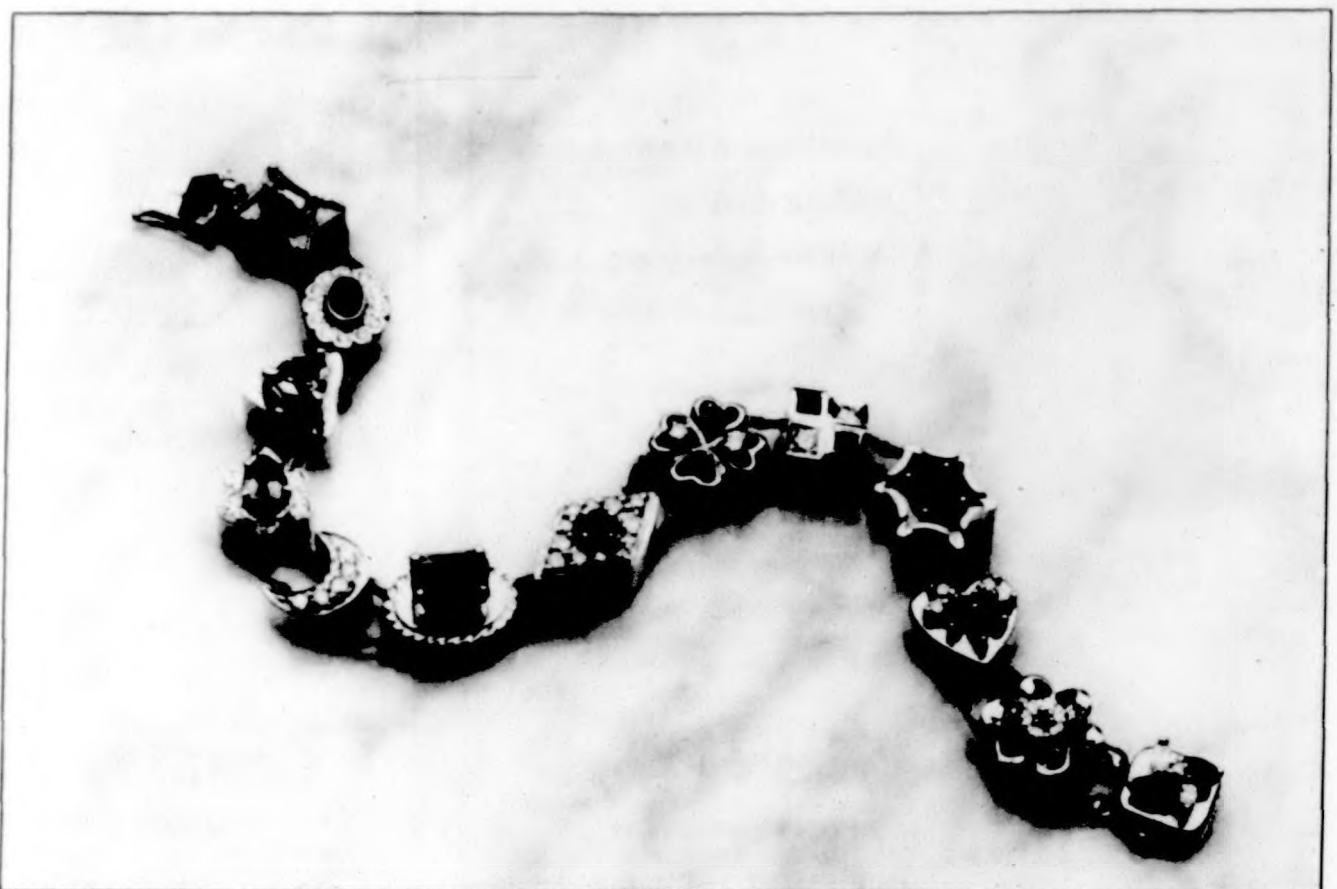
Mazzoni said diamonds continue to be the most popular gems because they go with everything and are appreciated overall by the recipient.

Rubies and emeralds are also popular, especially in combination with diamonds. Tanzanite, a bluish-purple stone, is also gaining popularity as a replacement for opals, according to Mazzoni.

Pearls are also a classic choice and suit most personalities well.

Gold continues to be the most popular metal used in jewelry, but Mazzoni said they are also selling a lot of gold in combination with platinum for a two-tone effect.

Most jewelry stores offer a varied collection of settings for stones, but many also have designers on hand to create something more personal. At Orin Jewelers most selections are made directly from the cases. There are some customers who come in and want to rework a design from a piece of heir-



One of a kind: A slider bracelet allows the gift-giver to select from a variety of "fobs" to create a bracelet that will suit his mate. The Diamond Boutique in Farmington has specialized in these bracelets for 35 years.

loom jewelry.

"They might have a pendant or something that was handed down through the family, and the woman never cared for the setting," Mazzoni said. "Sometimes a man will come in wanting to put the stones into a new setting."

Diane Rose of Diane Rose Jewelers in Garden City has just a few pieces on display in her shop, but is well-versed in designing pieces for her customers.

"They can come in and get anything they want," Rose said.

She sketches ideas for her customers and does a cast to show them what the completed project will look like.

"It's really an opportunity to use your imagination and make your own

style jewelry," Rose said. A certain amount of pre-planning is required when giving custom jewelry, of course.

Rose said mother's rings and grandmother's rings are very popular with her customers.

The Diamond Boutique of Farmington is offering another type of opportunity for gift-givers to use their imagination in a gift of jewelry. They are well known for slide bracelets that allow the customer to select from a wide range of stones and settings to be strung onto a bracelet. The idea for slide bracelets originated from antique watch fobs and most have an antique look about them. They are a great conversation piece and start at just \$80.

The holidays continue to be a popular time for marriage proposals and Mazzoni said they sell quite a few engagement rings. Usually the men come in on their own when the ring is going to be given as a holiday gift, he said. At other times of the year, the couple usually makes the decision together.

Men's jewelry has not caught up with women's in popularity, but Mazzoni said women seem to enjoy selecting jewelry for their mates.

"Women, in general, come in earlier to do their shopping," Mazzoni said. "Men seem to have a need to wait until the excitement builds and run in at the last minute. We always have things on hand for these last-minute shoppers. We know who they are."

Ford Museum decks halls with history in mind

Deck the halls with ... flags and feathers?

The tinsel and twinkle lights that have become the standard for American Christmas decorations were unknown a century ago, but our forebears still found ways to brighten their holidays. Flags, feathers, and even bits of fancy paper are among the innovative items that have adorned American Christmas trees since their popularity first took root in the 1840s.

During the holiday season at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village

(Nov. 25 through Jan. 1), visitors will find these and other ingenious decorations amid the inventions, homes and workplaces of innovators including Thomas Edison and the Wright brothers.

Visitors to the Village's 1880s Firestone Farm (birthplace of tire magnate Harvey Firestone) will find costumed interpreters busily making gifts that are suitable for hanging.

While Greenfield Village displays historic trees of different sizes, adjacent Henry Ford Museum shows visi-

tors one of the largest indoor trees they'll ever see.

Among the challenges for tree decorator Gina Tomaszewski is finding ornaments big enough to suit the three-story high conifer. Instead of ornaments that resemble toys, Tomaszewski hangs actual toys that reflect Museum artifacts. The Museum has cars, so the tree features toy cars. The Museum also has airplanes, furniture and trains, which Tomaszewski seeks out in kid-sized versions. She also prospects for gold and silver globes "about the size of beach balls"

to hang alongside ornaments and garlands.

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Hudson's sets holiday stage

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Many area stores have already put on their best holiday attire and are wrapping up their celebration plans.

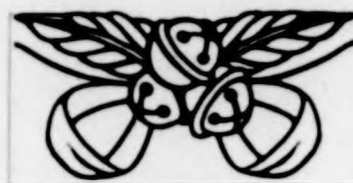
Hudson's, a landmark in Detroit, has set their stage. The holiday season is kicked off with the Michigan Thanksgiving Parade Nov. 24. Hudson's will debut a 30-foot-long "Beauty and the Beast" float for the 68th annual event.

A holiday "Beauty and the Beast" animatronic display will be featured at the Summit

Place store through Dec. 31.

Locally, a holiday wardrobing seminar will be offered at the Westland Center store at 7 p.m. Dec. 1. The event will feature M.J. Burns, Hudson's own fashion expert.

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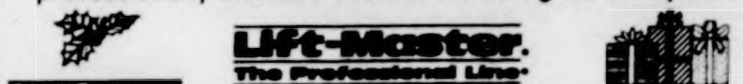
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Special needs kids benefit from special toys

Easy-to-grasp handles, chunky shapes, rounded corners and bright colors — trademarks of preschool toy manufacturer Little Tikes' playthings — are characteristics all children like.

They also make Little Tikes' products well-suited for children with disabilities. That's why the company received two national awards this year. Little Tikes was commended by the National Easter Seals Society and by the organizers of National Rehabilitation Week for its efforts to design toys that special needs kids can use easily and for including these children in its catalogs and ads.

Just in time for the holidays, the following toys make it easier for children with disabilities to learn and have fun just like everyone else.

■ Play About Walker is a sturdy help

to children who have difficulty walking. A wide leg base and large handle make this toy a very stable support. Clicking wheels provide sound stimulation and the legs fold for convenient storage. An activity panel with fun sights and sounds adds to the value. Ages: 9-24 months. Suggested retail price: \$30-35.

■ Go fish! That's just what a child in a wheelchair can do with the Catch 'n Count Fishing Set. Ten colorful fish turn their tails upward so little fishermen can reach down and catch them with the fishing pole and hook. The fish and pole can be stored in the see-through tackle box. Ages: 2-5. Suggested retail price: \$15-20.

■ Musical toys are great therapy and all children find the Maracas and Tambourine easy and fun to play. Colorful beads swirl inside the clear mara-

cas, making a wonderfully loud shaking noise. The tambourine is easy to hold and produces a high quality cymbal sound. Ages: 2-6 years. Suggested retail price: \$18-20.

■ "Wheelchair, Ramp and Friend" takes the lead in offering a toy that features a child with a disability. Used with Little Tikes Place doll house or on its own, the toy introduces the idea of disabilities to young children and serves as a model to those with special needs. Ages: 3 & up. Retail price: \$9-12.

These toys might be available through a traditional toy store, or similar ones might be found by Susan Fitzmaurice, owner of Curious Child in Plymouth's Old Village. The Curious Child has interesting things for all children and Fitzmaurice emphasizes that even toys designed for handicapped children could be purchased to

make other children more tolerant.

"I consider myself an expert at finding gifts for the developmentally disabled adult and child, but I don't limit my store to those things that only that group would find interesting," Fitzmaurice said.

She carries a line of locally made dolls with beautiful detail. Some of the dolls wear glasses, some of braces on their legs or other disability. They sell for about \$40.

Miniature wheelchairs occupied by cheery bears and dolls might make a good gift for the sibling of a handicapped child, Fitzmaurice suggests.

The Curious Child also offers a full line of sensitive books to help answer those difficult questions about puberty, going to the hospital, knowing someone who dies or is terminally ill.

Send greetings, help charities with 1 stamp

Thanksgiving is here. Time to shift gears and get ready for the biggest family time of the year.

And as you begin to deck the halls and shop the malls, remember to take the time and send your season's best wishes with cards that benefit a variety of local charities.

By buying the cards, you can make life a little brighter for youngsters cared for by agencies like the Christ

Child Society, Methodist Children's Home Society and Angel Place to name a few, organizations that help animals like the Michigan Humane Society and Michigan Animal Rescue League and groups that train canines to help the blind — Leader Dogs for the Blind — and the physically challenged — Paws with a Cause.

The cards cover a variety of styles from traditional religious depictions to

stylized drawings and caricatures, depicting the Christmas season, and several groups like the Alzheimer's Association also have a selection of cards for Hanukkah.

Offering holiday card displays are several area libraries — Canton Public Library, 1200 Canton Center Road; Farmington Community Library branches at 23500 Liberty St., Farmington, and 32737 W. 12 Mile Road,

Farmington Hills; and Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.

As in previous years, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have books, containing samples of participating charities' available holiday cards, in its five offices. The books can be perused during business hours at our offices at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia; 33411 Grand River, Farmington; and 744 Wing St., Plymouth.

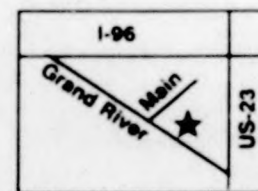
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