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MEAP results please educators



MEAP scores have improved in the Plymouth-Canton schools. Officials say the better numbers are a result of students', parents' and teachers' hard work. Parents can expect to receive a copy of their child's results by Jan. 20.

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Parents can expect results of a state-mandated test taken by Plymouth-Canton students in their mailboxes between Jan. 9 and 20.

Building-by-building results will be available Jan. 19, said Sheila Alles, curriculum coordinator.

Fourth-, seventh-, and 10th-graders took the Michigan Educational Assessment Program math and reading tests. Fifth-, eighth- and 11th-graders took the MEAP science test.

This year's numbers look good, said Alles. "I think our district did very well. We had steady improvement across the board in math, sci-

ence and reading," she said.

Thomas Tattan, executive director for instruction, said "This year's results are a tribute to the students, their parents and the dedicated group of teachers and administrators in Plymouth-Canton who work daily to help each student reach full potential in these foundation areas which are so vital to a successful life. We'll continue to use these results to confirm individual student performance and to help us to work further with each student and the student's parents. We'll also continue to align our curriculum and instruction to meet the core curriculum expectations of the

state of Michigan.

Scores in math and reading are divided into three categories: low, moderate and satisfactory. Science scores are grouped into four numbered categories.

"Status and change" in each grade and each subject also are assessed.

In math, the district's fourth-graders are improving and have "moderate" needs. In reading, fourth-graders are "stable" with high needs.

Plymouth-Canton fifth-graders are improving and have low needs in science.

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Lowe prepares for judicial duties

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Ron Lowe is winding down his law practice, and studying up for the job of district judge.

Lowe is to be sworn in Jan. 5 at the 35th District Court, which serves Plymouth and Canton, and will replace retiring Judge James Garber, who didn't seek re-election.

"I'll strive to do the job as well as he did, but I can't fill his shoes," said Lowe, who narrowly defeated Plymouth attorney Stephen Boak in the November election to win a four-year term.

Lowe said that as an attorney, he had the luxury of taking time to mull things over.

"The single greatest challenge that faces me is when people come in the court, they are looking for a decision, and they're looking for it relatively quickly," Lowe said.

He has served as Plymouth city attorney since 1985, and has maintained a private practice. "What I'll miss most about being an attorney is I've always taken a great pleasure in helping people. That includes having the city as a client.

"I'll miss the people who work for the city. Plymouth has been real fortunate in having the type of people they have working for them," Lowe said.

"As a judge I have to hang up that advocacy hat. Some judges tell me that's one of the hardest things to do."

On the night of his election victory, Lowe said it hadn't quite sunk in yet that he'd actually attained the

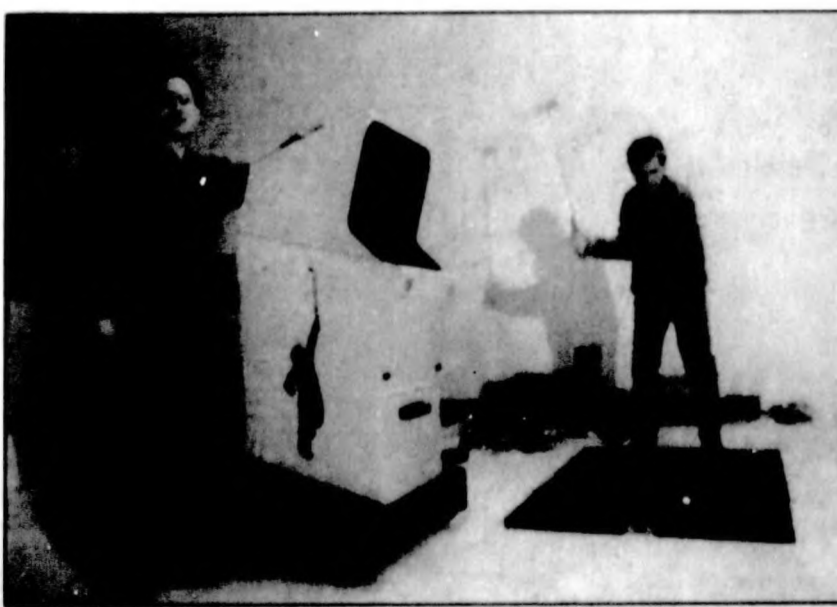
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BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

New judge: Ron Lowe is winding down his law practice as he'll be sworn in as 35th District judge Jan. 5.

Golf swing device developed in Plymouth



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Teaching tool: Vivid Visions Inc. of Plymouth president Chris Hart swings while firm vice president Dave Donoghue stands near the Jack Nicklaus Coaching Studio they helped develop.

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Their Jack Nicklaus Coaching Studio, a digital video system used to teach a proper golf swing, was developed in Plymouth.

The device, which looks like an arcade video game, sells for \$25,000. Golf clubs in Florida, California and even Japan are buying the teaching devices — and a nationwide chain of Nicklaus-owned golf centers will stock the studios.

"About three and a half years ago, we got the contract from (Nicklaus-owned) Golden Bear International to build a swing analysis system," said Vivid Visions Inc. vice president Dave Donoghue.

Company president Chris Hart was with a firm that had the original concept for the swing analysis system. When development of the device stalled, a new firm was created to complete it. "We thought it could be commercially viable. To finish it we had to get all the bugs out of it," Donoghue said.

The first systems sold to golf courses for around \$100,000. But they've worked to make the product more compact, less expensive and therefore more marketable. "The hardware cost has come down," Donoghue said, adding, "We'd like to get it down to \$15,000."

A main value of the device as a teaching tool is it allows a golf pro to show details of a golf swing that can't be described verbally easily. The teaching device tapes the golfer swinging the club. On playback, one can slow the swing, stop it, and one can draw on the screen to demonstrate good or bad points.

Donoghue said the value for a touring professional is he can record several swings while at the top of his game, then go back and view the swings again if he hits a slump — to find out how to do it right. "You can archive a swing for future use," Donoghue said.

The device films a golfer swinging

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Speech contest

Plymouth Township's Beasley-Zalensky Post 112 of the American Legion will host the American Legion's National Oratorical Contest local competition at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Oddfellows Hall, 344 Elizabeth in Plymouth.

High school students will prepare two separate orations — a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. Both will focus on constitutional issues.

All local competitors receive a certificate of participation and the winner of the post competition receives the Gold Oratory Medal and advances to the district level competition.

Students who win the district and some competitors advance to the state competition Feb. 26 in Lansing. The state winner receives \$1,000, and the

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second-place winner \$800. There are also cash awards of \$600 for the next three highest finishers. The National Oratorical Finals competition is April 7 in Harrisburg, Pa. The first four place winners get cash awards ranging from \$12,000 to \$18,000.

High school students interested in competing should contact their high school counselors or the post at 451-3574. Students must register no later than Dec. 20.

Toy collection

Toys are being collected through Monday for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program, by American Legion Post 112 of Plymouth Township.

People or firms wanting to make donations of new unwrapped toys should call Post 112 Adjutant Jim Maas at 451-3574 or American Legion Post 147 in Northville at 810-349-1060.

The collected toys will be delivered to the Marine Corps Broadhead Armory in Detroit for distribution to needy children throughout southeast Michigan. "Each and every year there is a need for this program, and each year the need increases," Maas said.

Holiday concert at Plymouth church to benefit needy

The Living Tree at Plymouth Church of the Nazarene might well be called the Giving Tree.

As part of the congregation's celebration of Christmas, 60 scarlet-robed choir members mount tier after tier of the spectacular 25-foot structure in the church sanctuary.

After their entrance, the choir performs a selection of traditional hymns and carols, accompanied by the 18-piece ensemble The Plymouth Players.

Two performances took place last weekend, and two are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. this Friday and Saturday. The performances are free and the public is invited to attend.

"This is our gift to the Plymouth community. It's our way of saying thank you," said music director Jim Talbott.

Selections vary, from renditions of "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and Handel's Chorus to hymns like "O Holy Night" and "The

First Noel."

"It's really pulled in from a potpourri of sources," said Talbott, who starts planning the yearly performances as early as July.

Choir members attend as many as 20 rehearsals just for these performances.

Each concert lasts about an hour and a half, with a brief intermission in which a voluntary collection is taken.

"I want to stress that the money collected during the offering is

not used for the expenses of the performances," said Talbott.

Instead, the \$1,000 collected is presented to a less fortunate family from another Church of Nazarene ministry. This year's recipients, Ron and Ramona Chappell of the Flint Grace Church of Nazarene, will be guests at Friday's performance.

Additional donations are added to the church's general compassionate fund, which assists others in need year-round, both within

and outside the church's congregation.

The Living Christmas Tree presentations are popular not only for the musical appeal, but because the giant tree structure is such a novelty. Custom-made in Texas of structural steel, the towering tree is over 20 feet in diameter. It's illuminated with more than 5,000 lights, which, controlled by a computer board, provide different special effects for each song.

"It takes us two days to put it up, and two days to decorate it," Talbott said. "At least 150 people participate in the Living Christmas Tree, including those who handle parking, the programs, and many other things. It's a full church effort."

Although the performances drew more than 2,000 people last year, the Rev. Mark Barnes, the pastor, said he hopes to exceed that number and welcomes everyone to attend. "We'll make room," he said.

Cheer Club donors keep on giving

You Plymouth and Canton folks have done one heck of a job donating toys and food to our Plymouth and Canton Observer Christmas Cheer Club drive.

At 3 p.m. today, we were scheduled to load up the Plymouth Salvation Army truck with your kind donations, which we've collected at our office since the day after Thanksgiving.

As of 3 p.m. Tuesday, the list of donors had grown to more than 163. Cheer Club donors in

the last few days were Shirley Keil of Plymouth Township; Nancy Riemerschneider of Plymouth Township; Doyal and Bea Gray of Plymouth; Beth and Carol Curd of Plymouth Township; two anonymous donors; Kimberly, Tom and Kevin Hickey of Plymouth; Ron Edwards of Plymouth Township; D. Rambo of Canton; and members of the America's Most Wanted car club of Plymouth and Canton: Joe and Laura Gigolotti, Nancy and Gary Plummerfelt, Sheri and Mark

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At the Salvation Army Plymouth distribution center, needy families from Plymouth and

Canton who qualify to receive food and toys, by Salvation Army guidelines, will be invited to take your donated gifts.

Our Cheer Club drive is over for this year. If you'd still like to donate something to the needy this Christmas, call the Plymouth Salvation Army at 453-5464.

In Monday's paper, we'll list donors who came in between deadline time Tuesday and pickup time Thursday. Thanks again!

Tax bills in the mail

Plymouth Township residents wondering where their tax bills are should know they will be mailed today.

"They should be getting them on Friday or Saturday," said Mary Brooks, township treasurer.

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Theft of Christmas lights averted

The theft of some Christmas lights was foiled late Monday when an employee of Robin Products, 9260 General Drive, looked out a window during a lunch break and spotted a man holding

lights that had been strung on a tree.

According to the report filed with Plymouth Township police, at 11:55 p.m. the man first noticed the lights moving, then

going off. On moving closer to the window, he saw a man holding a string of lights in the driveway, near a pickup truck.

The thief called to the driver, "Oh no," the report continued. He

then got in the truck and the pair drove away, leaving strings of lights in the driveway.

The license number of the pickup truck showed it was registered to a Garden City man.

New restaurant to sponsor event Dec. 17

Damon's, a sports-oriented restaurant specializing in ribs, will host a VIP event at its new Canton location on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Guests who pay a \$10 cover fee will be entitled to taste items from the menu. The proceeds will be contributed to United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit.

"I've been blessed in this community and feel it is time to give something back," says David Khoury, owner/franchisee of

Damon's. Khoury has been a member of the Canton business community for over 20 years and is looking forward to bringing Damon's ribs to the metropolitan Detroit area.

Damon's is a place for sports fans. They have a multi-functional media room which includes five 10-foot and 12 27-inch television screens with the satellite capability to broadcast several sporting events at once. They also have 20

to 30 units of Playmaker, a tabletop trivia game.

United Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Detroit is an advocacy agency serving to advance the independence of people with cerebral palsy and other disabilities. For more information on UCP, call (810) 557-5070.

Damon's has 70 franchises between Michigan and Florida, as well as one location in London, England. Damon's newest store is at 43750 Ford Road in Canton. They will be open to the public beginning Monday, Dec. 19. For more information call Damon's at 207-RIBS.

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Yule sales reports up and down

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Christmas business downtown has been good for some and fair for others.

"Business is varying from business to business, frankly," said Steve Guile, downtown development authority director.

"I've heard from some businesses it's down slightly, some are way up," he said.

Some shop owners were enthusiastic about business so far this Christmas season. "It's been super," said Sharon Pugh of Sideways on Forest Avenue, who said her sales were up 22 percent in November. "We've been very pleased."

"We had a lot of customers shopping very, very early, we had to re-order some things we ran out of."

"I think a lot of the stores have become very professional," Pugh said, adding the Plymouth Pre-

ferred Customer program — which seeks to reach Plymouth shoppers by direct mail — has helped, as has her own direct mail program.

"It's clicking, it's hot," said Country Charm co-owner Larry Bird, of holiday season business.

"The first part of November it may have been a little slow, but since the day before Thanksgiving it's been busting loose, traffic is real strong," he said.

"There's lots of people walking around downtown, we've had a lot of people comment that it's easy to get into Plymouth to shop. And since we're 99 percent filled (in storefront occupancy downtown), it's a big plus. For December we're probably running about a 15 percent increase."

"The snow helps, people definitely get into the spirit once it snows," Bird said.

Chuck Eveleth of the Animation Station in the Forest Place

Mall said that since it's his first Christmas, he has nothing to compare business to.

"So far it has been a decent Christmas season. I think it will pick up," he said.

Hilda Bokos of Unique Accessories Boutique said, "We've had some big days and some really quiet days." So far, she said, business has been down.

"We're doing very well," said Scott Smith of the Penniman Showcase gallery.

"It was the best Thanksgiving I've had in six years. Plymouth is becoming more of a destination point for people. There are some wonderful shops here. It's a nice day trip."

Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, said business owners she's talked to "say their numbers are up from last year. I've been hearing good reports."

"Patriot's Index" grows



BILL BRESLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library gets list: Ardis McLeod, librarian of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and chapter regent Rosita Smith present to Plymouth Library adult services librarian Kathy Petlewski the new "Patriot's Index" in memory of Gladys Chapman Deyo, a fervent supporter of both the library and the DAR. The index is the most recent updating of American revolutionary patriots, listed alphabetically by surname. It will be available to library patrons for research.

Plymouth-Canton teachers ratify new contract

BY M.B. DILLON
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton teachers ratified overwhelmingly a contract agreement with the school district in voting Friday and Monday.

Thirty-nine of the district's 744 teachers voted against the package. The vote was closer among members of the Board of Education, which narrowly passed the agreement, 4-3.

Teachers negotiated wage re-openers for this year and next. Their contract expires in 1996.

Teachers will receive a 2-percent raise effective in January 1995; a 2-percent raise in August 1995; and a 1-percent increase in January 1996. Their prescription co-pay will go from \$2 to \$5.

Cost to the district should be a little over \$2 million; about \$494,000 this year and \$1.7 million next year if 60 teachers take advantage of the district's severance package, said Ray Hoedel, associate superintendent for business.

Trustees approving the agreement were David Artley, Roland Thomas, Jack Farrow and Barbara Graham. Dissenting were Sue Feiten, Mark Horvath and Sue Davis.

Thomas said declining health care costs and teachers' acceptance of the severance arrangement will enable the district to pay for the increases. "The staff will ferret out additional funds," Thomas said.

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Davis said that in her view, the district doesn't have the money to finance the increases.

The district can't always balance the budget on the backs of employees, said Farrow.

Feiten said that while teachers do a tremendous job, the district

Public Acts 335 and 337 are going to be costly, she said.

Horvath also voted no, saying the district can't afford the increases.

Graham said, "I couldn't do it to kids, (fuel a potential strike) just because someone in the community said, 'hang tough.'" The future will take care of itself, she said.

Artley, school board president, said the negotiations were "a growing process for us and the teacher team. Two or three years down the road, we will be in a different mode. A message was sent and received on election day. Everyone struggled, and did the best they could."

The board praised Tom Cotner,

the teachers' chief negotiator, and teachers' union president Chuck Portelli for their leadership.

Cotner called the agreement a "good compromise." Making raises effective mid-year "allows them to drop the cost dramatically," he said. "We were a little disappointed, because we kind of wanted a three-year deal. But you have to compromise to get the job done."

The district's 120 maintenance workers ratified a contract over the weekend. It was ratified 7-0 with little discussion.

Still unsettled are employee groups including food service and transportation workers, paraprofessionals and the affiliated administrators.

Child visitation dispute lands local woman in jail

BY MELISSA PREDDY
SPECIAL WRITER

A Plymouth woman expects to be reunited with her two young daughters today after spending most of the week in a Wayne County jail.

Lisa Chiado, 30, was found in contempt of court on Monday for allegedly not allowing her ex-husband to see the couple's children.

She was sentenced to four days. Chiado was in Wayne County Circuit Court that day, along with her lawyer, for a show-cause hearing that charged her ex-husband with being more than \$4,000 behind on child support payments.

A show-cause hearing is one in which people explain to a judge why they are ignoring the requirements of a court order.

Presiding Judge James Chylinski learned that there was also a show-cause hearing pending against Lisa Chiado. Her ex-husband, Chris Chiado, 34, charged that she was violating his court-ordered visitation rights.

Chylinski suggested resolving both matters Monday, he said, to spare both parties another trip to court and the resulting legal fees. After hearing testimony from each side, he decided that Lisa Chiado had unduly prevented her ex-husband from visiting the children

and ordered her to jail. She was taken immediately from the courtroom to a lock-up and later transferred to the Sgt. William Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck.

Chris Chiado was also found in contempt after his back payments due were reduced to \$2,900. He received a six-day jail sentence, but also the option to avoid serving it by paying \$900. He paid the money and was released Monday afternoon.

Lisa Chiado's attorney, Dennis Cleary, said the judge's actions were unfair.

"The judge heard Mr. Chiado tell him he had been denied visitation. She said he hasn't been interested or asked to see the children. We were not permitted to bring in evidence or other witnesses to rebut his testimony. And based on that, he sent her to jail for four days."

Furthermore, the lawyer said, Lisa Chiado had not even been formally served with the show-cause order, only verbally notified that it was pending. Neither she nor her lawyer expected the matter to come up in court on Monday. They consented to be cooperative.

"There's an element of pressure

there," Cleary said. "I certainly would never have allowed there to have been a hearing if I had known there would be such harsh penalties."

Chylinski said he offered to handle both hearings Monday in order to get the visitation rights straightened out before Christmas. He was satisfied with Chris Chiado's testimony that he hadn't been permitted to see the two girls, age 3 and 4, since September.

"These kids have two parents and I'm trying to do what's best for them. To make sure the father pays the child support and that they get to see him."

"I guess most people think she should have a second chance, and that's what they're upset about. But it was three months of withholding visitation versus four days in jail."

Cleary said that, according to Lisa Chiado, her ex-husband showed no interest in visiting with the children even when she tried to reach him.

"She'd page him and he'd never return the call," Cleary said. He also noted that the judge Monday reduced Chris Chiado's support payments from over \$200 a week to \$94 a week.

is the financial prisoner of the state.

She said the district needs to invest in kids, and that 30 in a kindergarten and other high class sizes pervasive throughout the district aren't acceptable. PTOs are still being asked for money and the forthcoming mandates in



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Post sponsors oratorical contest

On Sunday, Jan. 8, Plymouth Township's Beasley-Zalensky Post 112 of the American Legion will host a local/post-level competition of the American Legion's National Oratorical Contest, immediately following its regular business meeting.

High school students competing in the contest will address those in attendance and a panel of three judges through two separate orations. The first will be a prepared speech and the second will be a short, impromptu speech. Both speeches will focus on constitutional issues and/or an individual article of the Bill of Rights.

All local-level competitors will receive a Certificate of Participa-

tion, and the winner of the post competition receives the American Legion Gold Oratory Medal and advances to the district-level competition.

Students who successfully compete in the district and some competitions advance to the state of Michigan competition, which will be held in Lansing on February 26. The winner of the state competition receives a cash prize of \$1,000 and the second-place winner receives \$800. There are also \$800 cash awards for the two first-place runners-up and one second-place runner-up.

The winner of the state level competition then moves on to compete in the National Region-

al, Sectional and Finals competition. The National Oratorical Finals competition for 1995 will be held April 7 in Harrisburg, Penn., with the first four place winners receiving cash awards ranging from \$18,000 to \$12,000.

Area high school students interested in competing in the local/post level competition should contact their high school counselors or Beasley-Zalensky Post 112 of the American Legion (451-3574) for additional information.

Although there is no fee charged to the students to compete in the oratorical contest, students must register for the competition no later than Dec. 20 to be eligible.

Eatery offers Polish fare

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Brothers Family Restaurant, specializing in Polish American cooking, opened its doors in Plymouth Township recently to a full house.

By noon, the parking lot was jammed and empty tables were at a premium. A dozen waitresses dashed out bowls of chicken dumpling soup and plates of pierogis and stuffed cabbage.

Owners Chris and Debbie Necovski of Canton were pleased. "We haven't advertised. Just word of mouth," said Debbie.

The restaurant, in the building formerly occupied by the Plymouth Rock Saloon, is the second for the couple. They operate Three Brothers Restaurant on Warren Road near the Southfield Freeway in Detroit. It's a popular eating spot for Ford Motor Co. employees from Dearborn.

The couple purchased the new location two years ago and renovated the building.

"The inside was totally, totally redone," Debbie said. "We gutted the entire walls. Also, two and a half walls on the outside were knocked down. We put that addi-

tion on and all those window. I'm a light person."

The location was selected, Chris said, because "I live in Canton. I know this area well. Most of my customers in Detroit, the Ford people, live in the Plymouth-Canton area."

Two days before they opened to the general public, the couple held a two-day VIP celebration for area business people and public officials. However, their guests of honor were their loyal Detroit customers.

"We said 'thank you' to all our old customers. This place was packed from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday," Chris said.

Larry King of Canton works at Ford Motor's power train operations in Dearborn. His loyalty to Brothers began a few years ago when he ordered a plate of potato pancakes.

"Each one was bigger than a dinner plate," he said.

He attended the VIP party and returned on opening day with his son, Ryan, 18. They were celebrating the younger King's recent graduation from Marine boot camp by dining on bowls of homemade soup, which they both

agreed were excellent.

However, Ryan King paid the restaurant the supreme compliment when he said he'd take a date there.

His reason? "They're reasonable, especially if you don't want to spend a lot."

Plymouth Township's police chief, Carl Berry, also was dining at Brothers for the second time. He was a VIP guest a few days before. He recited a list of reasons for returning.

"First of all, the service was good. It's clean. The waitstaff is pleasant. Good variety of food. I don't say this about every restaurant."

Chris and Debbie Necovski hope the combination of good home cooking, a friendly staff and affordable prices will make Brothers Family Restaurant in Plymouth as successful as Brothers in Detroit.

Berry believes it will. "I think this restaurant is going to be a pleasant addition to our community," he said.

Brothers Family Restaurant (416-3393) is on Joy Road between Lilley and Haggerty roads.

Lowe from page 1A

job he'd sought ever since his school days clerking for Judge Dunbar Davis. But it did sink in, he said, the night of Judge Garber's retirement party a few days later.

"I was in a room with a lot of people from the Plymouth, Canton and Northville community — I was introduced as the person that's going to try and fill his shoes," Lowe said.

To prepare for the job, Lowe attended day-long sessions for new judges Dec. 9 and 10 in Lansing at the Michigan Judicial Institute. He'll attend a week-long session in mid-January.

"They talked about swearing in, what you do with your personnel when you come on the bench. The theme was, don't make rash and quick decisions about personnel and policy; try to grow into it. They give you a foundation to get you over the new-job jitters," he said.

A judge must also develop checklists for proper procedure

during felony arraignments and other functions. "There was an extensive session on rules of evidence," Lowe said, which guides how attorneys who'll appear before him can present their cases.

John MacDonald, the other elected 35th District judge, took Lowe to a luncheon put on by the Wayne County Judge's Association. They said a new judge who is not sure how to proceed during a court case should take a moment to recess, and call another judge for advice.

He's also seeking to either wrap up or turn over cases he's working on to law partners Jim Lewandowski and younger brother Chuck Lowe. Both will by ethics be prohibited from practicing in front of the new judge.

"We're in the process of sending letters to all my clients telling them their files will be made available to them if they want to go to another office," Lowe said.

Lowe said the jump in his income will be significant, as a dis-

trict judge earns around \$100,000 annually.

"I have a car that nearly died during the campaign," he said, adding a replacement is in order.

Some community activities he's done routinely will be prohibited by ethics guidelines — such as selling newspapers for the Goodfellows. He's also performed around town as a storyteller, and will seek an opinion on how that might continue.

Because a judge has a certain position of respect in the community, "I'm not as likely when I'm working around the house in my grubbier T-shirt and jeans to run down to the store to get something," Lowe said.

On a lighter side, Lowe said, he's had a chance to leaf through a catalog from a supplier of judicial robes, to order his own. "You have this one with the poofy arms, or this one with straight arms," he said, laughing.

"I said, 'What do the judges now have? I'll order that.'"

Plymouth-Canton MEAP

The MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) figures below show the percentage of students who scored satisfactorily on the test. These are district-wide results.

Grade 4 reading essential skills				Grade 4 math essential skills				Grade 5 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
47.1	45.2	48.8	47.7	38.3	51.2	54.7	65.3	79.4	76.8	83.8	85.8

Grade 7 reading essential skills				Grade 7 math essential skills				Grade 8 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
47.2	50.2	56.5	52.3	58.5	58.7	65.5	71.8	66.7	74.8	77.2	76.9

Grade 10 reading essential skills				Grade 10 math essential skills				Grade 11 science			
1989	1992	1993	1994	1991	1992	1993	1994	1989	1992	1993	1994
40.7	48.8	50.9	55.9	25.8	38.8	33.5	50.2	46.5	54.1	62.4	58.2

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MEAP from page 1A

Seventh-graders in math are stable with moderate needs.

In reading, seventh-graders are stable with moderate needs.

Eighth-graders in science are stable with low needs.

In math, 10th-graders are improving but have high needs. In reading, 10th-graders are improving and have moderate needs.

Pat Barry, a member of the

high schools' improvement team, says the state-mandated proficiency tests high school juniors will take in a few years "will make the MEAP look like the good old days. It's a little frightening."

Tattan said while MEAP scores are encouraging, "our district needs to be compared nationally and internationally, not with Wayne-Westland, Northville and

Livonia," if Plymouth-Canton students are going to be competitive.

Trustee Barbara Graham said while an initial look indicates "we're doing better, I'm not sure if we break it down finer that we are where we want to be. I do agree with them when they say we have to continue striving to improve."

Golf from page 1A

from both the front and side. By using a split-screen technique, the golfer's swing can be shown alongside pros like Fred Couples, to demonstrate what's right and what's wrong.

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So Donoghue and Hart, and partners Bruce Alatalo and Pat Kehoe, are avid golfers, right?

"No, we don't golf, actually," said Donoghue. That's something a visitor could deduce, after he takes a couple of golf swings to demonstrate how the device works.

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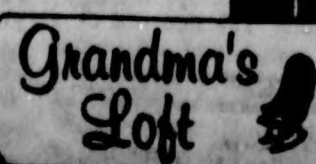
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Angela Hospice of Livonia and Community Hospice Services of Westland and Plymouth have expanded upon their longstanding history of mutual respect.

The president of Angela Hospice, Sister Mary Giovanni, and the executive director of Community Hospice Services, Maureen Butrico, have joined together to start a teen volunteer program.

"Working together with Angela Hospice is an exciting prospect," said Butrico. "We share the same mission and philosophy in the care of the incurably ill. Now we can begin to share precious resources as well."

"I see this as a program which will enhance the services of both hospices. The focus of the '90s seems to be a move away from the 'what's in it for me?' attitude towards an attitude of 'what can I do to better the community where I live?'"

"We felt that this program was the perfect opportunity for teens to begin serving their community while helping our patients and families as they face one of the most difficult times of their lives."

In a spirit that will continue beyond the holidays, many local teens will come together to bring support and cheer to hospice patients. The joint teen volunteer

program has attracted the attention of many local businesses for what is turning into a Holiday Gala Week for Angela Hospice and Community Hospice Services.

"We knew that we were two programs committed to providing quality and compassionate care to our hospice patients," said Giovanni. "We realized that if we pooled some of our resources, such as with the teen volunteer program, that we could reach out to better serve a larger number of people during the most delicate time in life."

Doreen Vivyan, volunteer coordinator for Community Hospice Services, added: "We learned that our youth want to become more involved and they simply did not know where to go. This project has generated much enthusiasm amongst our teens, teen leaders, and the community; the great part is that the results will benefit our hospice patients and their families."

Today, tomorrow and Saturday, teen volunteers will be involved in the first of many projects to enhance the quality of life of Angela and Community Hospice patients.

With the support of many local businesses such as ACS Limousine of Dearborn, D. Den-

nison's of Livonia, Great Harvest Bread Company of Northville, Italian Botega of Livonia, the Kmart Corporation, Livonia Garden Club, Pizza Hut of Livonia, Schulz' Cap N' Cork of Plymouth, and the Ziomek Funeral Home of Livonia, hospice patients and their families will be treated to many holiday activities.

ACS Limousine, along with Wayne County Parks and Recreation, teamed up on Tuesday and Wednesday to offer a luxurious way to view one of the season's beautiful light displays, the Festival of Lights on Hines Drive.

Today and tomorrow will bring festive holiday caroling to patients of Angela Hospice. Saturday will cap off the week with the teen volunteers in full action.

Saturday morning, teens will put together flower arrangements with the help of the Livonia Garden Club. Later, teens will break into groups along with adult volunteers to go to Westland Shopping Center and Kmart to do holiday shopping for patients and families who are not able to leave home.

Those interested in joining the program should call Angela Hospice at (313) 464-7810 or Community Hospice Services at (313) 522-4244.

CHARLES KENNETH TREECE

A memorial service for Charles Kenneth "Kenny" Treece, 48, of Franklin, Tenn., formerly of Plymouth, will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Agape Christian Center in Plymouth with the Rev. Mark Moore officiating. A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at White-Ranson Funeral Home in Union City, Tenn. Burial was in Cobbs Chapel Cemetery near Hornsbeck, Tenn.

He was born Jan. 4, 1946, in Obion County, Tenn., and died Sunday, Dec. 4, of an apparent heart attack at the Williamson Medical Center in Franklin, Tenn.

He is survived by his wife, Linda McQueen Treece; one son, Chad Kenneth Treece of Franklin, Tenn.; mother, Violet Treece of Hendersonville, Tenn.; one sister, Tammy T. Jones of Hendersonville, Tenn.; two brothers, Gary Lynn Treece of Springville, Tenn., and Glen Dale Treece of Troy, Tenn.; mother-in-law, Jean McQueen of Plymouth; several nieces and nephews including a nephew that he reared, Todd McQueen of Plymouth; several aunts and uncles. He is preceded in death by one sister, Cecelia Treece.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers any memorial donations be sent to Mr. Treece's son,

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Chad, or to the Agape Christian Center in Plymouth.

JUSTIN W. KINGERY

Services for Justin W. Kingery, 13, of Belleville were held Saturday, Dec. 10, at Lutheran Church of the Risen Christ in Plymouth. The Rev. Klaus M. Mehri officiated. Interment was in United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

He was born April 6, 1981, in Trenton and died Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Children's Hospital in Detroit. He loved school, bowling, Cub Scouts and Little League.

He is survived by his parents, Ricky and Kimberly Kingery; brother and sister, Josh A. and Jamie C. Kingery; grandparents, Howard and Carole Yeakle of Canton, and Ernest and JoAnn Kingery of Jackson; several aunts, uncles, cousins, many friends, his special friend, Steve Clark, and his pets, Otis and Sam. He is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Fred and Mina Hollister and Ernest and Evelyn Kingery, Grandma Bobbi Kingery and his uncle, Dennis Kingery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

IOMA M. BASSETT

Services for Ioma M. Bassett, 76, of Livonia were held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Roy G. Forsyth officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

She was born Jan. 2, 1918, in Ypsilanti and died Monday, Dec. 5, in Livonia. She was a homemaker. She came to the Livonia

community six years ago from Gladwin. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Mayflower-L. Gamble V.F.W.

She is survived by her sons, Robert E. of Canton and Evan C. of East Jordan, Mich.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Clifford Wilkin of Westland; and sister, Viola Duthoo of Westland.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

STEVEN FRANK FAPKA JR.

Services for Steven Frank Fapka Jr., 73, of Canton were held Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Leonard A. Turowski Funeral Home, with the Rev. Colum Morgan officiating. He was born Aug. 27, 1921, in Detroit and died Thursday, Dec. 1, in Livonia. He was a lathe machinist for a tool and die company.

He is survived by his daughter, Denise; son, Steven; four grandchildren; and his sister, Margaret Tucker.

RAYMOND ROY LANDAU

Services for Raymond Roy Landau, 65, of Westland were held recently at Leonard A. Turowski and Son Funeral Home, with the Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating.

He was born Feb. 8, 1929, in Plymouth and died Monday, Dec. 5, at St. Mary Hospital. He was a payroll foreman at Ford.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Waldron of Garden City and Lynn Landau of Westland; son, Clifford of Livonia; two grandchildren; and sisters, Marion Eichstadt and Norma Ranzazzo.

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Engler sends Mervenne to area office

More Capitol capsules:

After many years in Lansing, Anne Mervenne is returning to southeastern Michigan. The Birmingham-raised political pro will become director of Gov. John Engler's Detroit office, maintaining contact with regional and local agencies from the state office building on Sixth Street.

Like her predecessor, Susy Heintz, Mervenne has been an elected county commissioner, in Ingham County. She worked for state Sen. Doug Cruce of Troy until Engler took office in 1991, then jumped to the governor's staff.

For three years she was in charge of screening candidates for hundreds of gubernatorial appointments to everything from the Apple Commission to the Water Well Drillers Advisory Board.

In the last year Mervenne has headed the staff of the Women's Commission, a strong advocate of spouse-abuse legislation.

Heintz, a former Wayne County commissioner from Northville, has Engler's backing to become Republican Party chair at the February state convention.

For those who keep count, Engler has one of the most female-laced administrations in Michigan history: Lt. Gov. Connie Binsfeld, new chief of staff Sharon Rothwell, Mervenne in Detroit, LeAnne Redick in Washington, and Lucille Taylor of Southfield as legal counsel.

2 new judges

The state Court of Appeals now has 10 judges who got there by appointment versus 14 who got there by election.

Engler appointed Henry W. Saad, of Birmingham, to replace John H. Shepherd, 60, of Southfield, who resigned. A partner in the Bloomfield Hills office of the Dickinson-Wright firm, Saad also has taught at the University of Detroit and Wayne State University law schools. Engler noted that Saad had been tapped in 1992 by then-President George Bush for a federal judgeship, but the appointment died for lack of Senate confirmation.

Engler also tapped former U.S. district attorney Stephen J. Markman for the state's second highest court. He will replace Elizabeth Weaver, of Glen Arbor, whom voters on Nov. 8 elevated to the state Supreme Court. Markman is of counsel to the firm of Miller Canfield. Although previously a metro Detroit resident, Markman will represent a northern Michigan district.

Both appointments are good until 1996, when the appellate judges must stand for election to serve the remainder of Shepherd's and Weaver's terms.

Pop quiz: Michigan, on paper, elects its judges, but how many of the seven Supreme Court justices originally got their jobs by appointment? **Answer:** Four — James Brickley, Patricia Boyle, Dorothy Riley (who was appointed, disqualified, then elected) and Conrad Mallett Jr. (who went on to win the last two years of a term and this year won a full eight-year term).

Larsen is back

Whatever happened to Mel Larsen, the rising legislative star in

the 1970s and state GOP chair under Gov. William G. Milliken?

He's back in public service on the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board. His job is to "assist Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine in providing the highest quality education to its students," according to an announcement from Engler's office.

Larsen, now of Birmingham, is senior vice president of Club Cars, Inc., a former chair of the Samaritan Center Hospital Divisional Board and former vice chair at Mercy Hospital Health Services of Detroit.

He started his working life as a teacher in Pontiac and represented a northern Oakland County state House district for several terms. Once the GOP nominee for secretary of state, he was mowed down by the now-departing Richard Austin.

The Engler announcement made no mention of the fact that Larsen led the state GOP. In those days, Engler was a maverick state representative who frequently was at odds with the Milliken moderates.

Plastics, anyone?

The State Department of Natural Resources is inviting public comment on a proposed consent order for Libralter Plastics, Inc., of Walled Lake. The order would govern control of volatile organic compound emissions from the au-



New boss: Anne Mervenne has been named director of Gov. John Engler's Detroit office. Mervenne replaces Susan Heintz, who is expected to be the next state Republican party chairwoman.

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by Jennifer Laing, M.D.

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On the other hand, it's not realistic to expect you won't partake in more food (and more fattening foods) during the holidays. The key to enjoying the season's festivities and foods — and not being sorry later — is moderation.

Have a little, not a lot

Don't try to deny yourself holiday goodies. If you try to avoid them completely, you'll just crave them all the more. Instead, allow yourself a small sample of the foods that tempt you.

Portion control is important at holiday dinners as well as at parties. Take a little of everything, but go easy on the gravy, dessert and other high-calorie, high-fat parts of the meal.

Enjoy the people at the party

You can have a great time at parties and not overeat if you remember that the best part of the gathering is the people, not the food. Don't go to a party hungry; if you're feeling "starved," you'll probably lose your self-control.

And don't start with an alcoholic drink, because alcohol on an empty stomach will make you feel even hungrier.

Make it a point to move away from the table and talk to the other guests. Steer the conversation away from food — there are lots of more interesting topics.

Make exercise part of the holiday routine

Regular aerobic exercise will help burn up some of the extra calories you are bound to consume during the holidays. It will also help you handle the stress that's inevitable during this very busy season.

Exercise at least three times a week. Make a walk a part of your lunch break, or walk briskly around the mall before you begin your shopping.

Enjoy the holidays and remember, you can have your cake and eat it, too — as long as you just take a small bite.

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the last four years. Many of the youngsters are from families of non-native English speakers — Arabic, Hispanic and Romanian, said Sister Martinez, who heads the Madonna University's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

"Many don't speak English at home so what they get at school and through the tutoring program is especially important," Sister

Martinez said.

Holmes principal Gerald Ernatt said the tutoring sessions have had a "significant impact on the achievement, attitudes and self-esteem" of students.

Ernatt and Sister Martinez are seeking to expand the program to 50 tutors this year.

"This is our eighth year (for The Tutoring Team program),"

she said. "Last year, we had 37 tutors, but Mr. Ernatt said many more students are interested in the program this year."

The school has 600 students, more than 300 of whom come from bilingual homes. About 20 percent are African Americans.

The Tutoring Team works Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 14 to April 1. The orientation is at 10

a.m. Jan. 7 at the school, 4833 Ogden, south of Michigan Avenue. To become a tutor, call Martinez at (313) 591-5170.

The goal of the program is to match a tutor with the same student for four months.

"The children look upon you as teachers, and they are so happy to have a teacher all to themselves," Sister Martinez said. It's more important that would-be tutors be willing to give time to kids than that they have above-average lan-

guage or math skills, she said.

Tutors are high school and college students, business and industry professionals and retirees. Several have been with the program for five years or more.

Thelma McNichol of the Detroit Public Schools is the education coordinator and Alicia Juarez is the tutoring coordinator.

The program was recognized as a "Daily Point of Light" in 1992 by President George Bush.

State government subsidizing arts

Gov. John Engler has announced \$17.5 million in Michigan Equity Grants for area arts and cultural institutions, part of a \$25.5 million statewide program designed to support regional cultural activities.

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Some Republicans fear new voter law

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

Democrats may benefit — but how much? — from federally ordered changes in Michigan's voter registration laws.

The Michigan Legislature in the last week put the finishing touches on laws to bring the state into compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

"It's a very partisan bill," said state Rep. Greg Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, who was on the short end of an 85-14 vote on final passage.

"I don't think it should be easier for welfare recipients to register to vote than anyone else. Those are traditional Democratic constituencies. It's another mandate from Washington without the money to pay for it."

Kaza voiced the same objection

CC students collect food

Detroit Catholic Central students raised more than one ton of food for needy families in northwest Detroit during the school's fifth annual Thanksgiving canned food drive.

Organizing the drive were two Livonia students Mike Topolenski, a senior, and Phil Osaer, a freshman. The drive included a dance where students brought cans, and homeroom and class competitions. Sophomores won the class contest.

The food was delivered to the Rev. Don Archambault at the St. Vincent De Paul food department of St. Gerard's parish in Detroit.

as many congressional Republicans when Democrats passed the federal act in 1993. NVRA, also known as the "motor voter" act, requires the states to offer welfare recipients, unemployment-compensation applicants, and other social-services clients a chance to register when they file for benefits.

NVRA also requires states to offer voter registration when people get driver's licenses and buy new plates, but Michigan already has had such a system since the 1970s. Michigan also provides voter registration service for high school students turning age 18.

President George Bush vetoed the first NVRA attempt in 1992, but congressional Democrats quickly re-passed it once Bill Clinton was in the White House. Advocates say its purpose is to increase the proportion of American adults registered to vote from 75 to 90 percent.

In the Michigan House, all 14 no votes came from Republicans — including Kaza, John Jamian of Bloomfield Township, Jerry Vorva of Plymouth and Deborah Whyman of Canton Township. All other Observer & Eccentric area representatives voted yes.

Others voting yes included Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford; Dan Gustafson, R-Williamston; Susan Munsell, R-Howell; Tom Middleton, R-Ortonville; Kirk Profit, D-

Ypsilanti; and Frank Fitzgerald, R-Grand Lodge. Alan Cropsey, R-DeWitt, voted no.

But one key Republican stalwart is convinced lawmakers blunted many of the possible bad effects. He is Robert LaBrant, general counsel for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and a member of the transition team of Candice Miller, the incoming GOP secretary of state.

"The U.S. Department of Justice can sue Michigan," said LaBrant. "If we were sued for non-compliance, we face the potential, under Sec. 5, that all state voting law changes would have to be cleared with the Department of Justice."

"Michigan is the largest industrial state that hasn't enacted compliance legislation. Michigan might move to the top of the (bad) list very quickly. And the NVRA opens us to citizen lawsuits," he added.

(Commented Kaza: "That's a heckuva way to make law — pass something because of our fear of Washington.")

"The Michigan law gives great discretion to the governor," LaBrant said, noting John Engler can set up voter registration in other offices but can't eliminate it from welfare and human-services offices.

LaBrant cited two good features, from a Republican point of

view, in the new law:

■ There will be a statewide, computer-accessible list of registered voters as of Jan. 1, 1997. Currently, 1,700 city and township clerks maintain separate lists.

Under the new law, when a person re-registers (say) at a new address, his or her old registration is canceled. "That will end fraud and tie drivers' license and state identification cards into the system," he said.

■ The federal law requires a system of registration by postcard, which LaBrant sees as inviting fraud. So the Michigan law will require that a person voting for the first time after registering by postcard must appear in person at the polls.

The state Senate repaired what LaBrant and Republicans saw as pro-Democratic defects in the original House Bill 5531. The differences were settled in a conference committee.

Although voter registration files are public records, some data will be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Closed will be any record that a person declined to register to vote; the office that received his or her application; the voter's driver's license number (or state ID number); and the month and day of birth.

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KAREN MEIER

Remembering another Dec. 15

Today is Thursday, Dec. 15. The little details of the day probably won't much be remembered in years to come. Today's minutiae? Pfffft, gone. Just like that.

But there was a Dec. 15, a Sunday about which I remember a whole bunch of minutiae. And all Moms, I know, will understand this. They understand this business of remembering itty bitty details. That's because everything, itty bitty included, seems magnified, seems so BIG, on the day you give birth.

First of all, you're big. The distance between your house and the hospital is big, time is big, and the gown you're issued is big and too flappy. And that's not for your comfort, of course; it's for the strangers. Boy, do you ever meet a lot of them that day. And they don't have much use for who you are, just what you happen to be doing at the time and at what speed you're doing it. It's a day when dignity and daintiness get shoved in a closet along with your clothing. And all in that one day you experience the most outrageous pain and the most exalted joy. And that day you never ever forget. Not even the minutiae.

Today happens to be my Joey's third birthday. He was born a little early; he was supposed to be a New Year's Eve baby. My husband was very nervous about that. You know, potential tax deduction problems - the day late and dollar short sort of problems. But good ole' Joe, in time for Christmas and 1991's 1040.

That Sunday I awoke with no stabbing pain under my shoulder blade. The pain had been there for months and caused me to fold in half

See FAMILY ROOM, 14A

Acts of caring brighten holidays

■ It goes without saying that the holidays are very different following the loss of a loved one, but a 10-year tradition of Arbor Hospice of of serving a Swedish Christmas dinner is helping families survive.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER



Mary Lindquist held a Swedish Christmas dinner for families and friends Tuesday night at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

A winter storm warning predicted treacherous road conditions, but it didn't seem to matter to the staff, volunteers and families of Arbor Hospice assembled there.

Most of the 250 guests had lost a spouse to death within the past 10 years. Joan Healy's husband died last month. For the Plymouth widow, the occasion held special significance. It was the first time Healy would see the nurses and support staff that assisted her family through the final months of her husband's life.

"They became like family; hospice made everything peaceful, beautiful. It's just the most wonderful experience," she said.

Healy's daughter, Vicki Thomas, traveled from Clinton Township to attend the dinner. "I came to meet with other people in the same situation," said Thomas while holding her young daughter in her arms, "and to support my mother."

Lindquist, a registered nurse, began the tradition 10 years ago of inviting the families of patients who have died in the past year to a Christmas dinner, since surviving the first holidays after the death of a loved one are especially difficult.

The first few were held in



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Hot pot: Mary Lindquist checks her pot of porridge, while nurse Nora Creighton (photo below, left) renews her friendship with Joan Healy of Plymouth at Arbor Hospice's Swedish Christmas dinner.

Lindquist's Ann Arbor home, but the gathering soon outgrew the space and moved to a church in Ann Arbor - then to First United Methodist in Plymouth when that one became too small.

The main course of Swedish meatballs and porridge was prepared by Lindquist, whose husband is Swedish. Apples on each of the tables held candles that were later lighted for a special moment in remembrance of loved ones.

Start of Christmas

"I kept thinking we have to do something for the young people and

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while doing the dishes each night. And it caused me to ball up my fist and crook my arm in half and dig the fist into my back whenever I sat down. And it nearly provoked me into buying a belly bra. (Ask your obstetrician about that one.)

But that morning, voila, the pain was gone. I decided that I could be pregnant forever and it wouldn't be a problem. I'd always glow, get help carrying in the groceries and have an excuse to eat gobs of food. On second thought, that gobs of food business is, as any Mom knows, just a mean myth. You eat just a little bit and then you're stuffed. Your stomach is so squished by all that pregnant jazz in there that a cracker seems like a turkey with all the fixings.

Anyway, feeling no pain, I got ready for church. Carmen, then 4, was going to be singing with other 4- and 5-year-olds in church that morning. Grandpa was able to join us. We all bundled off to church a little early, became completely boxed in in the parking lot, and sat near the front of the church. I sat fourth from the end of our pew. My father-in-law sat next to me on one side and Mr. X on the other.

Mass began and not too far into it the children made their procession up the middle aisle. They all were sweeter than angels. And the song they sang for everyone was straight from heaven. I cried. Then went into labor.

I dismissed it and figured the taco supper from the night before was to blame. But then I started to sweat. And I couldn't get up to sing the next hymn. I felt very rude. It's important to stand when you sing hymns. Slouching

or slumping is just plain disrespectful. And I could feel Mr. X agreeing with me. When everyone stood to say a prayer, I made a gallant effort but could only scootch forward a little on the pew. At least I looked like I was trying.

That trying was hard work. I started waving a church bulletin I'd found stuck in the hymnal. The movement caught my father-in-law's eye. I noticed he was bundled up in his winter coat and not sweating at all. If I had said, "It's so hot in here," he wouldn't have believed me. So I settled for the truth. "I think I'm gonna have the baby now."

He tried not to show it, but he panicked. We were, after all, completely penned in in the parking lot. I was sweating profusely. And this was church. And I was a daughter-in-law, only a relative by law. And he's the one, I'm told, who fainted when his real daughter had her tonsils out when she was just a little girl. I could see deep furrows carve themselves in his forehead as the congregation prayed together. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

All the while I was willing it not to be done, at least not in church.

Everything worked out. Mr. X was never the wiser. My father-in-law didn't become a midwife. And Joseph Thomas Meier got his very own line on the 1991 1040 form.

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the children. If we can help them, then they can go through life not handicapped by dealing with grief," said Lindquist. "The beauty of the Swedish dinner is we invite all of our families. They come depressed and dreading it because Christmas will be so different this year, then they see the staff they've known and you see the mood lift. For me, this is the beginning of Christmas."

Jon Bauer came to the dinner in search of compassion, as did Linda Goraj.

"Your best friends drop you," said Bauer, an Ann Arbor widower. "So many other Christmas gatherings we go to, people don't bring up that subject. They don't understand what you go through."

"It's not difficult coming here because everyone's understanding and cares," added Goraj of South Lyon, who lost her husband Dec. 27, 1993, after four years of suffering with brain and liver cancer. "It's a comfort zone."

Arbor Hospice/Personalized Nursing Service, a not-for-profit, nondenominational organization with offices in Ann Arbor and Allen Park, provides a way for terminally ill patients to die with grace and dignity in the comfort of their own homes. The family receives support during this time as well as for a 13-month period following the death of their loved one.

Arbor has one of the most extensive bereavement programs in the Midwest. The teams are comprised of staff people who have all experienced the death of a spouse. An initial six-week recovery program deals with the grieving process, offering families an opportunity to share their feelings with others that they might not

have otherwise.

"We believe that when the patient dies, our work is only half done," said bereavement coordinator Marcia Kenely of Plymouth. Kenely's husband died 10 years ago. He had suffered with brain cancer for two years. Kenely, at the age of 34, was left with three daughters, ages 9, 7 and 4.

"My daughters helped me get through it. They gave me a reason to get up in the morning," said Kenely. "We got a lot of support from Arbor Hospice. They helped my kids deal with it all, getting them involved with my husband's care while he was still alive. After, they saw a social worker once a month for a year and attended grief support groups."

Three age-specific support groups offer ongoing help for survivors. Starting Over, for widows and widowers 45 years old and younger, meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth. Under the direction of Cathy Clough, bereavement director for Arbor Hospice, the younger widowed person learns to deal openly with grief, single parenting and taking the first steps toward forming a new self-identity.

Bereavement services are open to all, whether or not Arbor Hospice provided care for the loved one.

Giving back

Jeanne Wheeler is one of 85 bereavement volunteers. The Plymouth resident lost her husband three years ago to recurring lung cancer. Seven years earlier, part of his lung was surgically removed.

"Because of hospice, he was home with me six weeks. Now it's my time to give back through hospice, but really you help yourself as much as you help others," said Wheeler.

Leora Hargrove, a volunteer from Plymouth who lost her husband five years ago to a form of leukemia, agrees with Wheeler.

"I'm befriending others now; we help each other," she said. "I didn't come the first Christmas. It's difficult the first Christmas, but everybody is in the same boat as you are. Because of all the suffering and death, your life will never be the same."

"It's difficult to get yourself to do things," added Marj Harrison of Livonia, who lost her husband in January after a two-year illness.

It took Lucille Quinlan more than a year before attending the dinner or bereavement support groups.

"It's different for everybody," said Quinlan, formerly of Livonia. "Getting through those first holidays and year, it's hard, emotional work."

Jackie Wambaugh, a widow from Northville, finds solace in making ornaments for the Tree of Remembrance. Christmas trees on display at Southland Mall and Ann Arbor's Kerrytown are decorated with handmade, strip quilted heart-shaped ornaments made by volunteers.

For a contribution to Arbor Hospice, each is tagged and hung until Christmas Day in memory of someone who has died then mailed back to the donor or to the person the donor indicates in January. Proceeds benefit bereavement programs as well as plans to

open a 30-bed hospice facility with groundbreaking tentatively scheduled for next spring.

"They've taught us to quilt, and we make the Christmas ornaments," Wambaugh said. "We meet once a month to work on the hearts. It's very therapeutic, besides being a nice way to remember a loved one during the holidays."

If this is your first Christmas alone, Lindquist has some advice for surviving it, but her words of wisdom gained through experience apply to anyone who has lost a loved one to death, whether it was this year or several years ago.

"It's difficult to find their way through Christmases because they'll be different from now on. Christmas is the time you think of family," she said. "First of all, to heal, it hurts. You have to walk in the valley before you reach the hills. You have to talk about the grief, and I really urge people to contact us. Some people get busy with work, but someday you have to deal with it, but it takes a lot of guts."

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Mangani-Goby

Becca Mangani of Howell and Alexander Mangani of Troy announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to Brian Goby, the son of Dale Goby of Canton and Marilyn O'Mel of Brighton.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Brighton High School and is employed as the office manager at ETD, a video distributor in Novi.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Howell High School and is employed with the Plymouth Canton Schools.

A September 1995 wedding in Livingston County is planned.



Morelli-Taylor

Diane Morelli of Northville and Joseph Morelli of Jonesboro, Ga., announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to Daniel James Taylor Jr., the son of Daniel and Kathryn Taylor of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Michigan State University, is employed at Advanced Information Consultants in Canton.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Madonna University and is employed by the City of Livonia.

A March wedding is planned at First Baptist Church in Plymouth.



Sulick-McDougall

Edward and Mary Ann Sulick of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn, to Douglas McDougall, son of Larimore and Marilyn McDougall of Taylor.

The bride-to-be is employed by Garden City Hospital as a registered occupational therapist. Her fiancé is employed as a machinist.

An August wedding is planned in Dearborn Free Methodist Church.



Rizer-Hlavati

Lee and Judy Rizer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lee, to Richard David Hlavati II, son of Richard and Brenda Hlavati of Warren.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Stevenson High School and is a senior at Madonna University.

Her fiancé is a graduate of East Detroit High School and is a senior at Wayne State University. He is employed by Ameritech.

A summer wedding is planned in Parkside Church of Christ in Dearborn Heights.



Nazelli-March

Joseph A. and Carol M. Nazelli of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Marie, to Jeff Daniel March, the son of Jerry and Cheryl March of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Her fiancé is attending Plymouth Canton High School and will graduate in June.

No wedding date has been set.



Tetzlaff-Wade

Nancy and Tom Tetzlaff of Warren announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Marie, to David Alden Wade, son of Joyce Wade of Livonia and Donald and Becky Wade of Commerce.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are graduates of Michigan State University. She is employed as a teacher and he is employed by Dard Inc.

A spring wedding is planned in First United Methodist Church of Warren.



Whelton-White

Robert and Katherine Whelton of Bay City announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Marie,

to Mark Edward White, son of Celeste and Charles White of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a bachelor of science degree

in computer information systems. She is employed by Electronic Data Systems in Bridgeport.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in com-

puter science. He is also employed by Electronic Data Systems in Bridgeport.

A November wedding is planned in Visitation Catholic Church, Bay City.

Hall-Monroe

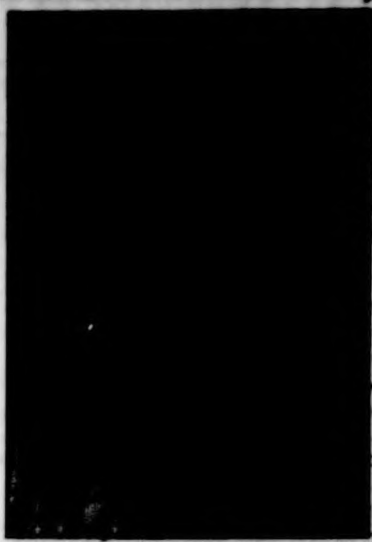
Elizabeth Laura Monroe and Kevin Michael Hall were married Sept. 10 in St. Genevieve Church by the Most Rev. Kenneth Untener, Bishop of Saginaw. She is the daughter of Charles and Mary Monroe of Livonia and he is the son of Barbara Hall of Livonia and the late Don Hall.

The bride is a graduate of Churchill High School and the University of Michigan. She is a fourth-year medical student at Wayne State University.

The groom is a graduate of Franklin High School and is employed by J and J Services. During the winter, he referees hockey at the collegiate and minor pro levels.

Jennifer Deacon served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Melissa Donahue, Colleen Hall, Laura Monroe, Dianne Monroe and Mara Simich.

Tim Hall served as his brother's best man with groomsmen Roger Graff, Chris Monroe,



Doug Monroe, Bill Murray and Bob Picano.

Ian Monroe served as ringbearer and Brittany Grassi served as flower girl.

The couple received guests at the Fairlane Club before leaving on a trip to Jamaica. They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

Neault-Fowler

Jennifer Fowler and Michael Neault were married Aug. 20 in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. She is the daughter of John and Patricia Fowler of Garden City and he is the son of John and Elizabeth Neault of Plymouth.

Mary Schipps served as maid of honor with bridesmaids Denise Myers, Heather Morrisett and Ann Neault.

Peter Schaldenbrand served as best man with groomsmen Jeff Barraco, John Fowler III and Dan Neault.

Joe Phillips II served as usher.

The couple received guests at St. Edith's in Livonia. They are making their home in Okemos while the groom finishes studying



to be a veterinarian and the bride works in Lansing. Both are graduates of the University of Michigan-Deerborn.

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DSO teams up with Red Cross on holiday blood drive

The treatment of many serious injuries and illnesses is impossible without blood given by voluntary donors. However, during the holiday season, patients who need blood are often in danger of not receiving it.

In recognition of the critical need for blood following the Christmas holiday, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Red Cross will present a special holiday blood drive Monday, Dec. 26.

The drive will be 9 a.m. to 3

p.m. at three sites in western Wayne County, including Red Cross donor centers in Dearborn, Livonia and Canton. Other donor centers are in Roseville, Bloomfield Hills, Ann Arbor, Oak Park and the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

As a special thank you, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will present the first 500 people who attempt to donate blood with a pair of vouchers for select DSO

performances during February, March, April, May or June. Performance selections include classical or pops concerts plus jazz, featuring Milt Jackson and Paquito D'Rivera.

Those donating blood at the Oak Park Donor Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. will enjoy a performance by the "I Sassofoinisti Virtuosi," a saxophone quartet made up of members from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Each week, the Red Cross needs to recruit 5,500 blood donors to meet the needs of patients at 55 hospitals throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties. During the holidays, donations average between 3,000 and 4,000 a week.

To make up for the shortfall, Red Cross imports 25 percent of its blood from other Red Cross regions. However, declining collec-

tions nationwide mean that many times blood is not available.

In an effort to prevent a national blood shortage this holiday season, the National Red Cross has selected the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region to participate in a special program. The region, along with others in the north central United States, will be attempting to increase donations by 15 percent through special programs and expanded hours.

"On a typical Monday, Red Cross usually recruits between 700-800 donors and has as many as 13 bloodmobiles scheduled," said Dr. Dan A. Waxman, principal officer for the Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "On Dec. 26, there is only one bloodmobile scheduled, so we are

depending on donors at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra blood drive sites.

"Without an adequate blood supply, hospitals may be forced to postpone or cancel some treatments and elective surgeries until blood becomes available."

The western Wayne County Red Cross donation centers are: Westgate Plaza, 6700 Canton Center Road, between Ford and Warren roads, Canton; Bell Creek Office Plaza, 29691 W. Six Mile Road, west of Middlebelt Road, Suite 100C, Livonia; and 25001 Michigan Ave., between Telegraph and Gully roads, Dearborn.

To schedule an appointment for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra blood drive, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or (800) 582-4383.

NEW VOICES

RICHARD and DEBBIE MIKULA of Falls Church, Va., announce the birth of **TIMOTHY DRAYTON** Sept. 25 at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md. He has two sisters, Katie, 4, and Elly, 3. Grandparents are Ted Mikula of Manistee and Joyce Drayton of Livonia.

JEFFREY and ERIN LEWAN announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER VINCENT** Oct. 20 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Tom and Pat O'Connor of Livonia, Jacque Swanson of Westland and Catherine Lewan of Westland. Great-grandparents are Ann O'Connor of Farmington, Gorson and Nancee Hay of Indialantic, Fla., and Chuck and Jeanette Buchholz of Pine, Ariz.

DAVE and WENDY FOSDICK of Plymouth announce the birth of **TYLER DANIEL** Oct. 24 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has two brothers, Andy and Jon.

JOHN and KAREN FIORINI announce the birth of **ANTHONY MICHAEL** Oct. 7 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. Grandparents are Julianne Foster of Garden City and the late Daniel B. Foster and John and Carol Fiorini of Dearborn. Great-grandparents are John and Stella Buczynski of Dearborn Heights, Beulah Foster of Whitmore Lake and Elena Fiorini of Dearborn Heights.

KENNETH CZARNOMSKI and LINDA SITES of Redford announce the birth of **SARAH ROSE** Aug. 8 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She has a sister, Marie, 3. Grandparents are Marie Sites and Jean Czarnomski.

PAUL WENSON and KRISTI ALLEN-WENSON of Redford announce the birth of **BRAIDY ALLEN** Sept. 11 at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Grandparents are Ronald and Mary Wenson of Livonia and Larry and

Bonnie Allen of Livonia. Great-grandparents are Wanda Vanderhoff of Berkley, Robert and Rosemary Allen of Royal Oak and Margurite Diamond of Livonia.

MARK EICHOLTZ and MICHELLE McKIMMY of Redford announce the birth of **AUSTYN BRIAN** Oct. 22 at Annapolis Hospital, Wayne. Grandparents are Larry McKimmy of Lake Orion, Margret Flynn of Westland and Joan Eicholtz of Dearborn Heights.

BOB and ROBIN MITCHELL of Plymouth announce the birth of **HANNA MARY** Oct. 27 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

BRIAN and CHRISTINA KINSEY announce the birth of **CHRISTOPHER BRIAN** Oct. 25 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

THE REV. DANIEL and SHERRY PERRY of Garden

City announce the birth of **ZACHARY JOHN** Nov. 22. He has a brother, Lesley, and a sister, Misty. His father is an associate pastor at United Baptist Church.

ROBERT and ROBIN POTTER of Plymouth announce the birth of **KATIE LYNN** Oct. 26 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Bob and Kay Potter and Bill and Jan McDonald.

KEVIN and DONNA KERT of Novi announce the birth of **DYLAN MICHAEL** Oct. 28. Grandparents are Bob and Donna Ellis of Farmington Hills and Harry and Corrine Kert of Livonia.

DAN and KAREN KACZMAREK of Livonia announce the birth of **SEAN WILLIAM** Oct. 22. Grandparents are Bill and Linda Rice of Livonia and Richard and Mary Grace Kaczmarek of Allen Park.

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Writer has need to please and be accepted by others



LORENE GREEN

Dear Ms. Green,
I have always been interested in the study of handwriting and find your work very fascinating. I would love to know what my handwriting expresses of my personality.

At times I find myself writing larger like this and I am not sure why. I am 32 years old, happily married and a mother of two teen-aged children. I am right handed and a former medical assistant.

I am very anxious to know your opinion of my handwriting.

Thank you.

C.Z.
Livonia

Today's handwriting is small and legible. I would like to quote from "Advanced Graphology" by the late Betty Link regarding this size: "Small writing is characteristic of those who have the ability to concentrate, pay attention to details, and exercise a keenness of mentality. They may also be somewhat inhibited, try to remain unnoticed, or be modest about calling attention to themselves. Scientists, bookkeepers and research workers are among those whose writings usually are small."

But, as I have often said and repeat now, no trait stands alone. Each one must be considered

within the framework of the entire specimen.

Among other things, today's writer has a strong need to please others and to be acceptable to them. She is kind and giving in her interactions with people. She lives by a code of behavior that is proper and she dislikes rudeness in others.

By nature she is a modest person. She does not require the limelight to be happy.

This young woman is inclined to be discouraged at this time. She is also self-critical. She is a good worker, always putting forth her best effort. However, she seems to consider anything short of perfection unacceptable. Ostensibly, she does not realize there is a tremendous difference between high standards and perfection. I wish she could see that perfection

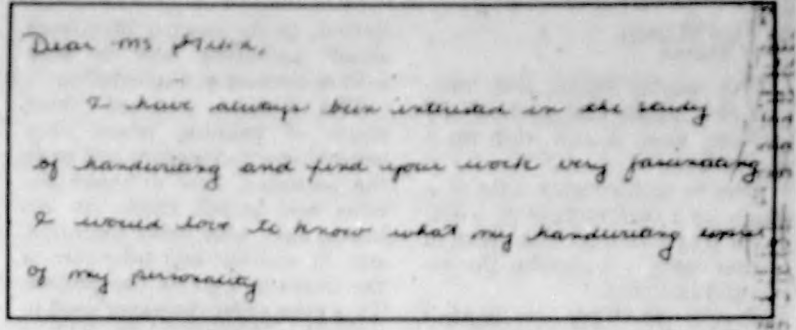
is like the impossible dream and can never be achieved.

She has a need to escape from looking back, but is also cautious about the future. It seems quite possible she may have had a traumatic experience at one time and has not been able to totally resolve it.

Our writer is cautious never to reveal too much. Rarely does she share personal information. Others rarely know when she is hurting or how to be helpful to her.

Some temper is noted here. While it is usually controlled, it can be activated without too much provocation. This seems like a contradiction to her kind nature and it may cause her to be indecisive at times.

Here is a woman of strong convictions and she seems to be satisfied with them. She is not too open to new ideas in this area. In fact, she is quite loyal to the beliefs she holds.



Reasoning is done with logic, and she needs common-sense solutions. It would be rather unusual for her to place trust in any intuitive flashes she gets. She moves along steadily with emphasis on control. She does not like to be rushed. Her nature is more serious than fun-loving. And she needs system and order in her daily life. Her concentration is well-developed. She likes to focus her undivided attention on one thing at a time. Interruptions and distractions can be upsetting. I think she would prefer to work in small areas.

People needed to Adopt-a-Family

If you're looking to do something special this Christmas season, the staff at Volunteers of America-Southeast Michigan Inc. have an idea — "Adopt-a-Family."

The local nonprofit human services agency is coordinating its third annual program that matches needy families with sponsors who "adopt the family for Christmas, providing them with food, clothing and toys."

Sponsors agree to buy a minimum of one new toy and one new outfit per child and to provide a grocery store gift certificate for the family's Christmas dinner.

"We've had an overwhelming amount of applications from needy families this year," said Robbin Monahan, director of development. "We are now desperately seeking sponsors to adopt all of these families."

Last year VOA was able to ar-

range for the "adoption" of 82 families. Monahan supplies the sponsor with background information and detailed wish lists of the adopted family.

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Girl Scouts wrap up holiday spirit for shoppers

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

With nimble fingers, they measure the length and girth of the package, wrap it and whip up a perfect bow.

They've tackled such gifts as a pump for a swimming pool, a diamond ring and their fair share of leather coats — a popular Christmas gift last year.

They're as busy as Santa's elves when it comes Christmas Eve, but you won't find them at the North Pole. They're a little closer to home — Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Northville and Livonia... mostly Livonia.

These amateur gift wrappers are Girl Scouts, ages 12-18, who raise money for their activities by working a gift-wrapping booth at Wonderland Mall in Livonia.

"This is great for the girls," said Jackie Comiskey whose Troop 107 is one of 11 troops providing manpower for the booth. "Where are you going to let a 12-year-old work? The opportunity is not out there for them other than a place like this. Here they learn at an early age to manage money."

Forty-three Scouts have set up shop in a vacant storefront at the west end of the mall, and with the help of 32 adults, have been working three-hour shifts during mall hours since Nov. 25. And they'll be wrapping right up to the time the stores close on Christmas Eve.

The idea behind the project is to help the Scouts raise money, none of which goes to the Girl Scout Council, for their Scout ac-

tivities. In the process they learn about marketing, how to work with customers and scheduling.

The Scouts received three hours of training where they learned how to measure and wrap the packages, how to make the bows and attach them. At the booth, they wear their uniforms, sign in and out and take care of the business part of the project. They even order the paper used to make the gift tags.

"The girls do have to sell cookies and calendars to do this and sign a release that the money will be used for Girl Scout activities," Comiskey said. "It's a great way for the girls to make money, especially when they're no longer cute little Brownies selling cookies, calendars and nuts."

Since the booth is in operation daily during mall hours, parents fill in while the girls are in school. Some Scouts may work 10 shifts, some may work three or four depending on their schedules. But in the end, the money is divided up based on the number of girls participating, Comiskey said.

This is the third year they have wrapped gifts — birthday, anniversary and other special occasions included — and the money raised has been used to pay for trips to Gatlinburg, Tenn., Toronto, Chicago, Traverse City and one-week working trips to Mackinac Island.

One Scout, who used last year's money to pay for a trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala., plans on spending this year's earnings



JIM JAGFIELD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Santa's helpers: Demetria Bassett and her family wait as Scouts Shauna Jones (Troop 2267) and Charlotte Kolbicz (Troop 2553), both of Livonia, wrap the family's Christmas presents.

on a trip to either California or Alaska.

The project started out at Westland Center, and the booth was set up outside the Kohl's store last year, proving to be a bountiful location. The Scouts

raised more than \$20,000. Comiskey's troop, No. 107, earned \$3,000 that went for the Tennessee trip.

The move to Wonderland Mall provided for a "better than last year" day after Thanksgiving, but

foot traffic now is slower than in past years, Comiskey said.

Wrapping isn't limited to gifts purchased at the mall. Purchases can be brought in. In fact, the Sports Authority on Plymouth Road across from the mall has a sign promoting the Scouts' wrapping booth.

The cost is by the inch, based on the size of the package and determined by measuring the length and girth. On the average, charges are \$1.75 to \$6 per package.

"One man had his mother-in-law shop for him for his wife and brought in the gifts to be rewrapped so she wouldn't know,

so we had to unwrap and rewrap everything," Comiskey said.

While the Scouts are busy wrapping, Comiskey is busy offering kudos for the mall management.

"We've had wonderful cooperation with Wonderland," she said. "They've gone out of their way to help us. They've been very cooperative."

So if you'd like to earn a few kudos and avoid a close encounter with a tape dispenser, visit the Scouts' wrapping center. It's at the west end of Wonderland Mall's main court at the hallway leading to the Target store.

NOTICE
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You are hereby reminded to be aware of CITY ORDINANCE NO. 91-3, "EX-PENSE OF CLEARING", that became operative and effective on the 22nd day of March, 1991.

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LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
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TERESA CISCHKE,
Treasurer

Published December 13 and December 19, 1994

WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITIES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SYNOPSIS
4:30 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 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.
A verbal pump update was heard.
The agenda was adopted.
The minutes of the October 24, 1994 meeting were approved, as amended.
Resolution No. 143, Resolution No. 144 and Operational Expenses totalling \$505,336.54 were approved.
Engineering update was given as a verbal report.
The Operation and Maintenance Report for the month of October, 1994 was reviewed and filed.
The incident/claim report for the month of October, 1994 was received and filed.
The Automation Committee's Recommendations were approved.
The Resolution concerning Northville Township's sale of 50,000 gpd to Salem Township was adopted.
The OMI Contract Amendment was approved.
The meeting adjourned at 5:48 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 48107.

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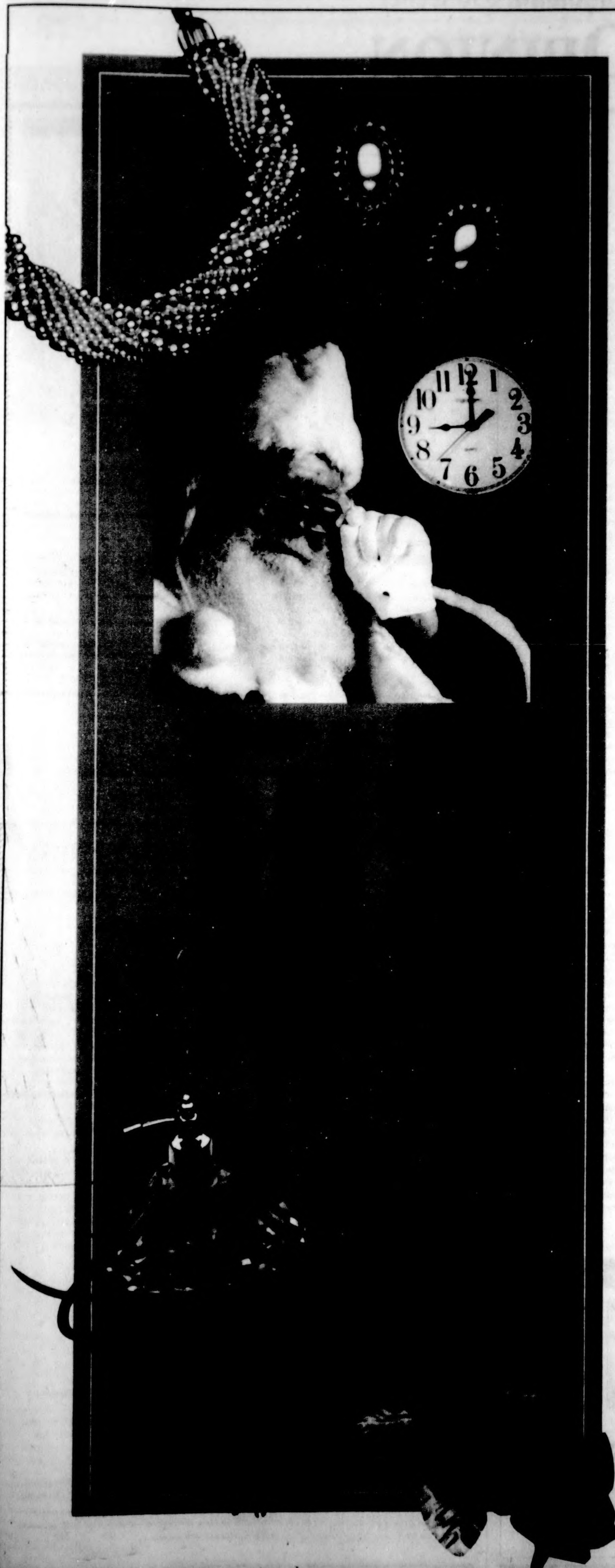
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Downhill

Sledding hills needed by kids

The quintessential image of winter is a red-faced child bundled up in warm clothing and pulling a sled.

However, the reality in the 1990s is that kid has few places to go with that Christmas sled in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The culprits are the trial lawyers, dressed in blue suits, with torts in tow instead of a sled. Public officials and bureaucrats who seem unable to just say no to any question of legal liability also contribute to the problem.

It's a sad state of affairs when sledding is either banned or discouraged because of fear of litigation resulting from sledding accidents. But that's exactly what's happening, most recently in Plymouth Township.

There have been some minor injuries in recent years and potential lawsuits. That has prompted officials to ban sledding at the Plymouth Township Park this winter.

Officials say they will review the terrain and look at making some changes in an effort to bring back sledding next year. It sounds like the kiss of death to us.

Once a group of bureaucrats gets its hands on something like sledding, members will produce a hill of paper work and little else. Sledding in the area will become another victim of bureaucratic overkill.

Parents and children in Plymouth and Canton should take their public officials to task on this one.

There are hills in Hines Park where kids have gone to sled, but Wayne County Sheriff's Department deputies have been known to chase kids off certain hills.

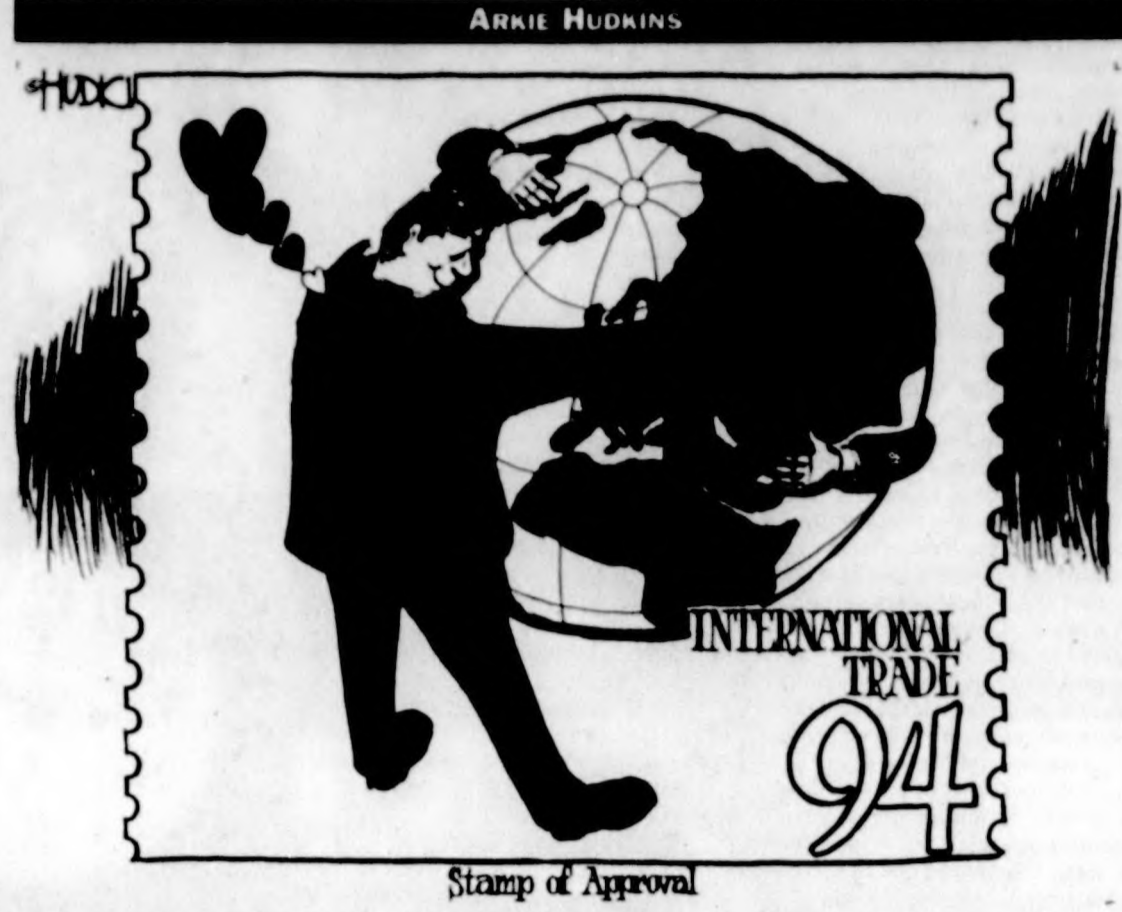
A county parks department official said, "We do not have any organized sledding activities in the parks." She did not rule out sledding in Hines Park, but added, "We don't promote sledding."

Canton Township with its large amount of open land near the township hall has a wonderful opportunity to develop sledding hills that are safe for children. Some thought should be given to building them. When compared to other types of recreation, sledding is inexpensive.

It must be acknowledged that there is some danger involved in sledding, just as there is with any winter sport, however, when compared to the dangers of drug use, alcohol and driving cars too fast, sledding is much safer.

Young people in Plymouth and Canton need activities in which to engage. Sledding is one that should be encouraged instead of discouraged.

It's the least we can do for our children.



LETTERS

Local talent

Plymouth has many talented artists who contribute to the cultural fabric of our community. One outstanding example is the bass-baritone who was the soloist in "The Messiah" at Orchestra Hall this past Saturday night. The rich, resonant and robust voice came from Plymouth native Michael Kavalhuna.

This 24-year-old man is a graduate of the Plymouth-Canton Public Schools (Class of '88), Temple University in Philadelphia, and the University of Cincinnati Graduate School. This past summer, Michael was the winner of the Concerto Competition at the Aspen Music Festival in Colorado and is currently being scouted by the New York Metropolitan Opera.

The newly appointed president of the Interlochen Arts Academy, Allen Odell, has said, "The arts are the foundation of education." Locally, vocal music is a very important part of our cultural infrastructure, i.e. Plymouth Community Chorus, Plymouth Oratorio Society and the many excellent school and church choirs.

So let's positively support good music as a significant part of the culture in the Plymouth community. I'm sure the Plymouth-Canton school system and the Plymouth Symphony are proud of the professional artistic excellence as exemplified in the voice of Michael Kavalhuna. He has now established himself as one of our country's rising young bass-baritones.

John C. Stewart, Plymouth

and volunteers to touch the hearts of the thousands of children admitted to Mott each year. Your readers may have gotten the impression that the puppets were to be given to individual children personally.

Again, interested readers can contact me at 459-9780.

Kathy Mount,
Brandy Memorial Fund-raiser

A thanks

Thank you for printing the article about me and the Plymouth Salem Environmental Open Bowling Tournament which took place on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Superbowl in Canton. We were able to raise more than \$500 and will be purchasing 10 historical trees. They will be planted on the grounds of Plymouth Salem High School in the spring. The balance of the money will be used toward other environmental projects at school.

Jason Pino, Canton

Word concern

I cannot believe your paper would devote the entire front page and the large size picture on Monday, Dec. 5, to a story about something so trivial as the "F" word in a song! Has she nothing better to do than to listen to the entire song - then write down the words - so she could complain to the manager of Target? Shame on her - she should get a life!!

Mary Jo Raack, Canton

Coverage

I wish to thank you for Dec. 5 coverage of "Sponsor a Critter for Mott," one of our latest fund-raising drives for Mott Children's Hospital. This effort seeks to provide two more "collections" of huge puppets for two additional floors at Mott. One collection was provided to a third floor earlier this year and was a great hit. There are so many "secrets" a child will tell a puppet that he or she will not tell anyone else, especially when they are hurting and lonely.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify for your readers that the huge puppets being requested will be permanent gifts to be used over and over again by child life therapists

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County must face key issues

No longer is western Wayne County "the burbs" - places where people own nice homes and drive to jobs in Detroit, Dearborn or Ann Arbor. The dairy farms of 50 years ago have given way to malls, auto plants, high-tech industries and hotels as well as big-lot residences.

So our thinking, as we plan ahead to 1995 and the turn of the century, must be about saving the quality of life in a balanced series of communities with their own identities.

Here are some of the more immediate challenges on the horizon:

TRADEPORT - The Legislature has enacted the bill allowing Willow Run Airport, on the Wayne-Washtenaw boundary, to be redeveloped as an international tradeport. PA 325 sets up an authority that can "capture" local tax revenue, accumulate land and fund infrastructure. It's the first of its kind in Michigan.

The goal is a set of manufacturing firms, many with scientific products, whose shipping needs would be expedited by next-door access to a 10,300-foot runway. So far, Wayne and Washtenaw counties have been successful in obtaining the legal tools to make this tradeport possible. Now they must use the tools to make business and jobs a reality.

HORSE RACING - We can shed a tear for the good of days, but horse racing is in what pilots call "a graveyard spin" and is unlikely to pull out, even if we were unwise enough to allow Ladbroke DRC to move full-scale into gambling. If Ladbroke closes up shop at Schoolcraft and Middlebelt, as threatened, let us consider it an opportunity to redevelop the land.

COURTS - Many communities are crying for more judges. But officials in the 35th District Court (Canton-Plymouth-Northville) failed last year, despite their excellent presentation, to persuade the state to add another judge for their burgeoning caseload. Gov. John Engler insisted

we can't keep adding, adding, adding judges.

There's a larger problem. Michigan's trial courts are rigidly structured - stratified horizontally into circuit, recorder's, probate and district courts; split vertically along community boundaries. There is much thinking in State Bar circles that we need to restructure the trial courts: one or two types of courts and somewhat larger election districts. If reform occurs, judges would hear more kinds of cases, and assigning them where needed would be simpler. The change will come, and western Wayne leaders should lead the reform, not resist.

ROADS - We know: The County Roads Association is dreaming when it advocates a 12-cents-a-gallon hike in the current 15-cents fuel tax. Yet every driver knows we're in danger of getting so accustomed to bad roads that we shrug and accept them. Canton Center Road, Joy and Seven Mile are particularly in need of repair and capacity improvement. Another exit from I-275 is needed in Canton Township.

County Executive Ed McNamara's administration has done a laudable job putting asphalt on many miles of western Wayne roads and installing left-turn signals to facilitate drivers coming off the freeways. Yet much more needs to be done. Some sort of fuel tax increase should be supported by county officials and advocated by our legislators.

PUBLIC TRANSIT - In Dennis Archer, Detroit at last has a mayor the suburbs can deal with. The suburbs have an aggressive, deal-making transit leader in Michael Dugan. It's time to deal on the bus system - combine Detroit's DOT and SMART, then extend bus service to jobs west of Middlebelt Road. Many service jobs are going begging.

For thousands of years, communities have been born, grown, waned and died. But the waning and dying phases can be delayed for many centuries if leaders make sound decisions.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION:

How have the recent changes among local TV stations affected you?



"It's a pain in the neck."
Anthony Island
Plymouth



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Gene Williams
Plymouth



"Basically none."
Donelle Plimoth
Northville



"It doesn't really bother me. I can figure it out."
Philip Power
Plymouth Township

We asked this question at the Plymouth post office.

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POINTS OF VIEW

Legislators off-base in state support of stadium

The Republicans in Washington, D.C., have a "Contract With America" that is supposed to spell out their legislative agenda for the first 100 days of the 104th Congress when it convenes in January.

The agenda includes such conservative issues as shrinking the size of government, cutting welfare and social spending, crime prevention, tax credits and tax cuts.

The Republicans in Lansing, who recently took control of both houses of the state Legislature (as well as the reelection of Gov. John Engler), have a similar legislative agenda. The agenda includes such conservative issues as shrinking the size of government, cutting welfare and social spending, crime prevention, tax credits and tax cuts and a new Tiger Stadium. Huh?

When did providing infrastructure for baseball stadiums become a part of the Republican agenda? I thought that the Republicans were the party that was supposed to put a stop to errant government spending on special interests; something they have been accusing the Democrats of for years.

I am a business owner in the Tiger Stadium area. Obviously my immediate concern with the state's intervention is that I will be put out of business if the stadium moves. My feeling is that if Mike Ilitch wants a new stadium, then he, and only he, should pay for it. I feel that it is grossly inap-

propriate that my family and I be asked to pay a tax that will, in fact, be subsidizing our own demise. However, my concerns go even deeper than that.

I am also a member of the Republican Party and consider myself to be a part of the rising tide of concerned voters who were responsible for the sweeping changes that occurred in the November election. I feel very strongly about free enterprise and competition in the marketplace. My opinion on stadium subsidies is based on my philosophical beliefs about the proper role of government, the best interest of consumers and the general public.

Here are the five most prevalent points concerning the issue:

1. Baseball is a monopoly. When have government subsidies for monopolies ever benefited consumers or the general public? They haven't. What will happen, however, is that the prices the monopoly charges will go up.

Does anyone honestly believe that if the Detroit Tigers get a new stadium, ticket prices (and other prices of products that the team sells) will go down? Why, then, should the general public be asked to pay a portion of the cost to build a new stadium? They shouldn't.

Subsidizing monopolies is clearly not the proper role of government.

There are even government agencies such as the Federal Trade Commission (not to say that they work) that were established to break up monopolies,

QUEST COLUMN

promote competition and protect the consumer. Antitrust legislation was passed to protect the consumer, not business.

2. The state and its taxpayers are not responsible for the internal problems of Major League Baseball. Although many of us have sentimental feelings about baseball and, in particular, about the Detroit Tigers, the taxpayers did not cause baseball to be in the mess that it is in. It is not the taxpayer's duty to provide owners and players with subsidies so that they can continue to reap unparalleled benefits. It is also not the responsibility of taxpayers to put a winning team on the field.

3. It is bad public policy to revitalize one section of a city at the expense of another part of the same city. What will the net gain be from a new stadium being built? What about the negative aspects of such a move? What happens to the area where the stadium is now? Is it the proper role of the state to pick and choose which businesses will prosper, and which businesses will fail? I feel that such decisions should be left to consumers.

4. Stadium subsidies are yet another example of the redistribution of wealth. How would economist Milton Friedman feel about government giving

money to subsidize a private business? Do such actions promote individual freedoms? Hardly. It is simply a classic example of government taking from some and giving to others. This example being of the worst kind: the population of an entire state being coerced into giving money to one private individual who has a net worth exceeding \$900 million.

5. In a free society, the proper means of state action are free discussion and voluntary cooperation. Any form of coercion should be considered inappropriate.

There is no voter mandate to subsidize a new baseball stadium. The issue was never really mentioned during the entire campaign. However, it is no secret that Mike Ilitch has had two of the state's most powerful and influential lobbying firms working in Lansing for over a year, trying to push through legislation that would include the state and its resources in a stadium project. Why all the secrecy?

If the taxpayers are being asked to put up any portion of the cost for a new stadium, there should be free and open debate on the subject. Any other method gives the appearance of impropriety on the part of our representatives. The issue should be put on a statewide ballot.

Michigan voters are well aware that the Republicans now control both Houses of the state Legislature, as well

as the governorship. The Republicans are in a position similar to the one that the Democrats in Washington, D.C., found themselves in just two short years ago. The burden of governing now falls heavily on their shoulders. The people of the state of Michigan who voted them into power will be watching closely to see if the Republicans really represent change, or if "politics as usual" will be the order of the day.

Rejecting stadium subsidies would be a great way for the Republicans in Lansing to send a message back to the voters who elected them that real change is taking place in our state's government. By defining the proper role of state government, and denying a special interest a government subsidy, the Republicans would clearly illustrate to the voters that they are keeping their word. This opportunity should serve as a defining moment for the party as a whole, and should act as a catalytic event that leads the national trend.

Guest columnist Steven T. Khalil of Redford is co-owner of The Designated Hatter, Ltd., a sports shop near Tiger Stadium. Khalil has an economics and management degree from Albion College. He also worked in Washington, D.C., at the Federal Trade Commission and for Republican Senator Pete Domenici, ranking Republican member on the Senate Budget Committee.

There are better ways than the MEAP to test school quality

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) test results have recently been released. That means that the debates about what the scores mean, how they are used, and whether they should be compared are about to begin — again.

For this year, I'd like to propose a cease-fire. Whether the students in your school scored well or poorly, whether the numbers are greater or smaller than last year — or greater or smaller than your neighbors — I'd like to spend less energy this year on the rhetoric about what the scores really mean.

Basing student progress on the results of one test is like basing the diag-

nosis of a serious illness solely on body temperature. Suffice it to say, low scores indicate that there are educational needs.

If that seems too obvious to be worthy of note, let me propose still another obvious fact: Before the advent of MEAP, it was possible to determine how well or poorly a school was serving students.

Parents will tell you that they place more weight on the daily, weekly and monthly assessments of progress done in the classroom by the teacher than they do on any one standardized test. And any teacher will tell you that MEAP is only one of many standardized tests used regularly in classrooms to measure students' academic growth.

QUEST COLUMNIST



MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN

Michael P. Flanagan is superintendent for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

If you really want to know what's going on in the schools in your community, ask about those things that we know result in student growth.

For example, if you want a genuine indicator of student success, look for the amount of parent involvement.

Find out if the principal and teachers in your school have high expectations of students. It's as true in the classroom as it is in the workplace: people produce what we expect them to.

If you need numbers to tell you about student progress, ask how many are taking the tough academic subjects, how many are in advanced placement classes and how many participate in

extracurricular activities. Do students in your school district gain practical work experience in cooperative education programs? Are there opportunities for job shadowing, mentoring and career exploration?

The MEAP test battery is an important assessment tool for parents, teachers and the general public; however, in 1994, it is essential that we all acknowledge that it is only one measure of progress. Those who are truly interested in whether our schools are changing to meet the changing needs of our students will take the time to look at more than one indicator before making judgments about the value of what is happening in our classrooms.

Leaders of corporate America work toward employee uprising

I smell a revolt. It will be a revolt like the labor movement of the 1930s, though this revolt may not manifest itself in unionization. Nor am I sure exactly when it will come — maybe next year, maybe 2005.

Item: Many fellow members of professional groups agree that it's tougher and tougher to get volunteers. We can't even get people to meetings where they don't have to do anything.

Their work hours seem longer. They go home more tired. In particular, their psychic energy seems used up. When I talk to those who are afflicted, they are still warmly interested in the ethics of the profession. They're just too pooped to participate. And the phenomenon seems to have spread to many groups.

Item: Ann Landers writes that "I don't know when I've read such depressing mail . . . the responses blew me out of the water." The topic was work in Corporate America. A Miami correspondent summed it up:

"You're out of the loop if you don't know it's a buyer's job market. Any employed person who is unwilling to do the work of two people and sacrifice all hope of a home life should be aware that there are five others who will jump at the chance. My husband and I . . . come home every night totally wiped out. There is no time or energy to work on our home. The place is falling apart. It's not just us. Everyone we know is overworked, overstressed, overextended and undercompensated."

Item: Doug Ross, the former state senator from Southfield and former state commerce director, is quoted: "As we're seeing, a growing economy doesn't automatically translate into a rising sense of individual security or a rising standard of living for a lot of Americans." He calls this group of Americans "the anxious class" because economic restructuring has made them feel perpetually vulnerable to economic trends.

Item: In President Bush's last year, nearly all economic statistics were looking good: the stock market was confident, price levels were steady, interest rates were low, business investment was rising. The exception was consumer confidence, which plummeted. That is what sank Bush and elected Clinton.

Item: Kmart Corp. is downsizing. The gang on Big Beaver Road in Troy is trying to carve \$200 million or so out of an \$8.5 billion budget.



TIM RICHARD

It's planning to close 110 stores (out of more than 2,000), eliminate at least 6,000 jobs (out of 250,000) and throw 1,650 store-level managers onto the scrap heap — this in a firm that is already infamous for a 20-40-60 policy: Any male with 20 years seniority, age 40 or older, making \$60,000 or more is a target for demotion.

The irony is that in a newspaper survey taken at about the time of its annual meeting, Kmart shoppers were saying 100 percent the opposite: There were too few workers to help them locate things, too few checkout lanes, too many delays at checkout because the too few employees hadn't price-stamped too many goods.

They were results absolutely in line with my friends' and my own experiences. If there is one executive in America who should be grabbed by the lapels and shaken until his teeth rattle in his obtuse head, it's Kmart's Joe Antonini.

Item: A Louisville printer shoots a bunch of people in a press room; a Royal Oak postal worker runs amok in a killing spree; a Dearborn postal worker does the same . . .

The standard management responses are: Work smarter. Compete against those Asians. Do more with less. Compete against those Mexicans. Use technology. Compete against those Bangladeshis. Work smarter. Do more with less. Compete, compete, compete.

One of these days, American workers will use their fabied Yankee ingenuity to revolt.

Killing a supervisor is no answer, at least for 99 percent of the work force, although rage in the workplace clearly is a trend that must be reckoned with. But forcing workers to do 70 hours of work in a 55-hour week isn't the answer, either.

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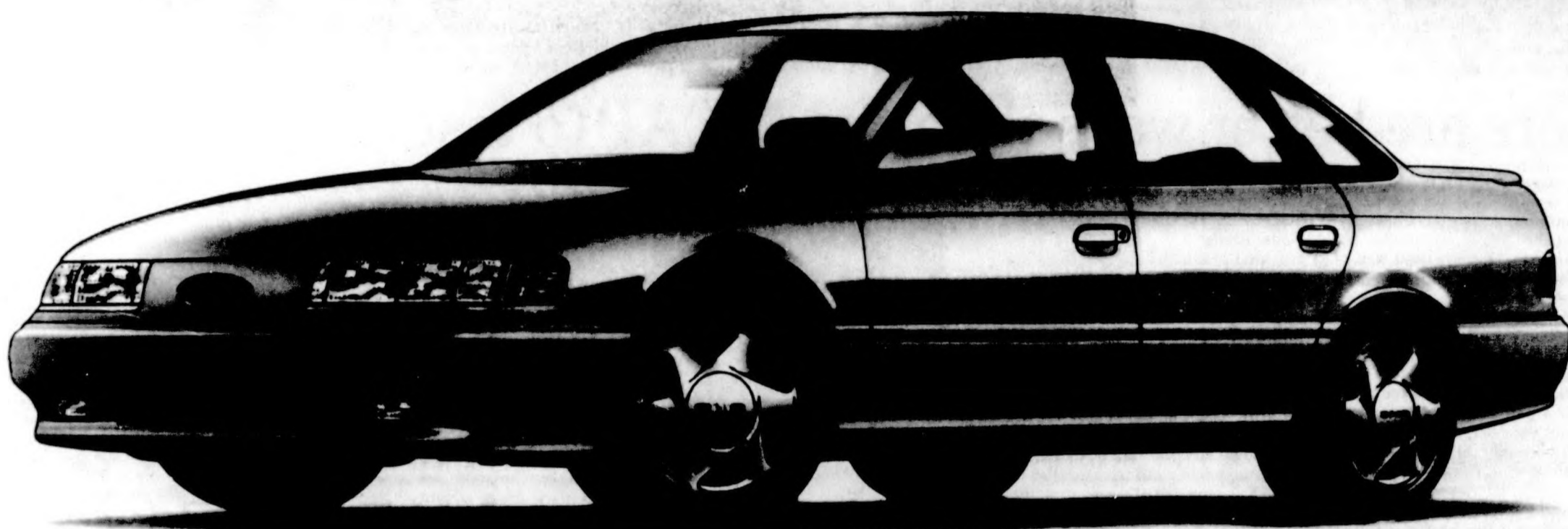
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994

ON THE MARQUEE



KEELY WYGONIK

'White Christmas' to be shown at library

Take a break from the Christmas rush and attend the showing of "White Christmas," 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. Dr. Frank Ross will lead a discussion about the movie starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. Admission to the series is \$5 — the cost of a current membership to the Friends of the Livonia Libraries. Memberships will be available at the door.

■ Even a huge undertaking like presenting the "Nutcracker" ballet is possible when parents and teachers work together. Here are two local groups who are presenting the "Nutcracker" for the first time.

■ Artistry in Motion Dance School of Southfield and Ferndale is presenting an all African American production of the "Nutcracker" ballet 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17 in the auditorium of Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Call (810) 557-9520.

This production features a cast of 220 children ranging in age from 3 to 18. Guest dancers are Debra Miller and Tyrone Talley of the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. "We wanted to do this. It's a large project. The parents helped and were very supportive," said Gwendolyn Smith of Birmingham, show producer and executive director of the dance school. Crystall White is the artistic director.

■ The Farmington Dance Theatre, resident dance company of the Barbara Hatch School of Dance, is presenting "Nutcracker" 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at Farmington High School. Tickets \$8 available at the door, senior citizen discount available. Call

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Now showing

Dining



When it comes to creative seafood dishes, John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth is a water wonderland.

Theater



Find out what's on stage in your community.

Movies



"Dumb and Dumber" featuring Jeff Daniels and Jim Carrey enjoys smart premiere at Fox Theatre.

Travel



Holiday magic sparkles through the streets at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad.

Music



Brother and sister help local musician reissue his 1991 recording, "An Intimate Christmas."

Looking ahead

▶ Looking ahead
Ski contest winners.

▶ Julie Foster creates a believable "Nell".



DAVID JAMES

"Speechless:" Michael Keaton and Geena Davis star in MGM's new comedy.

Chances are you've received at least one Christmas gift that left you, well, "Speechless." Maybe it was a Day-Glo green necktie or a gift certificate for six sumo wrestling lessons. One reader recalled getting a can of sardines.

We asked readers to write and tell us about gifts that left them speechless to celebrate the opening of the movie "Speechless," which opens Friday at area theaters.

It's a romantic comedy starring Geena Davis and Michael Keaton as a pair of political speech writers who meet in a convenience store and begin a relationship of romance and rivalry.

No one likes to look a gift horse in the mouth, of course, but sometimes there's just no other place to look. Try to be grateful, try to be polite but some gifts leave us speechless.

Of course, some gifts are so wonderful and generous — like childbirth — that they leave us speechless with joy.

Sandra Ingesoulian of Redford, who found out she was pregnant last December, presented her husband, George, with a toy rabbit with a noose around its neck. He opened it and looked confused.

"He didn't catch it at first," she said.

"Honey, don't you get it? The rabbit died," she said, referring to the old method of testing for pregnancy. He eventually caught on. The couple named their son Ryan.

Winners received a "Speechless" sweat shirt and tickets to the Dec. 13 screening of the film at the Star John R Theater in Madison Heights.

Here are excerpts of reader letters:
■ "The gift that left me speechless happened in 1973. My husband for

our anniversary bought me the car of my dreams, a green Ford Thunderbird. Everytime I would get in that car I would feel so excited because it was the car of my dreams." — Wendy Weingarden, Westland

■ "We had been looking for lake property for several years, and my husband found and bought a piece as a gift to me. My name is Diane, and the lake is Lake Diane." — Diane Karr, Livonia.

■ "A holiday gift that left me speechless was a can of sardines. Yes, a can of sardines. My boss vacationed in Florida, and a friend gave him a case of sardines. He detested seafood." — Nell Boyer, Sterling Heights

■ "It was Friday, Dec. 22 1989 and I was awakened from a nap on the couch by my wife who said she had a surprise for me. Still half asleep, I opened my gift, a book entitled 'The Complete Book of Pregnancy and Childbirth.' My wife and I had been trying for three years to conceive.

She said we were going to have a baby, but it didn't register. I said, 'Yes, we will someday.' Then my wife reached into her pocket and showed me the pregnancy test indicator with the positive sign. It finally sunk in, I was not dreaming. We really were going to have a baby.

Needless to say, I was speechless." — Steven Coloske, Redford

■ "My father, Tom, and I have hunted together for 15 years. He has bagged six deer and I have been shut out all those years. He always teases me about it. I was totally speechless when I saw a huge box wrapped and opened it to find a deer head with 10-point antlers. He said he felt sorry that I was 0-for-15 so he gave

Hilarious & thoughtful gifts leave readers SPEECHLESS



DAVID JAMES

Together: Michael Keaton and Geena Davis star as complete opposites who can't fight the laws of magnetic attraction in "Speechless."

See GIFTS, 2B

Festive events perfect way to wrap up holidays



Skater: Olympic champion Oksana Baiul performs in "Nutcracker on Ice."

Attending a holiday concert, dance performance or event is a wonderful family tradition, and a great way to introduce youngsters to classical music and ballet. Here are some holiday happenings your family is sure to enjoy.

■ "Nutcracker on Ice" — a holiday classic, adapted for ice features three gold-medal winning skaters. It's coming to Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22.

"Nutcracker on Ice" features former Olympians Brian Boitano, Oksana Baiul and Viktor Petrenko. Also featured will be U.S. Open Pro Champion Rory Flack Burghart.

The show is based on "Nutcracker Suite," by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. It's about a young girl who receives a Nutcracker Doll for Christmas from her godfather. With a little magic, the doll comes to life in Clara's dreams.

The show will feature elaborate sets and costumes and the Tchaikovsky score.

Ukraine natives Baiul and Petrenko won gold medals in 1994 and 1992, respectively; she will play Clara and he will play the Nutcracker.

Boitano is a 1988 Olympic gold medalist who will make a special appearance as the Sugar Plum Fairy.

The tour is playing major arenas in the United States and Canada during the month of December. It is scheduled to air on NBC television 4-8 p.m. Dec. 31.

Tickets are \$26 and \$40. For more information, call Ticket master, (810) 645-6686 or (313) 998-7800.

■ Cool Yule will be presented by Farmington

Community Chorus 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17, at Harrison High School, 12 Mile Road, between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

Tickets \$6, senior citizens and students \$5, children 10 and under \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door on an availability basis. Call (810) 474-4516.

■ Julie Rose of Redford is one of the singers performing Handel's "Messiah," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 at St. Clement Roman Catholic Church, 5275 Kenilworth, Dearborn, (one block south of Ford Road, two streets east of Chase). The performance will feature the 35-voice DeHaven Chorale and Chamber Orchestra. Tickets are \$7 each, \$5 for children 12 or younger, available in advance or at the door. Call (313) 551-7495 for information.

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

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

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Gifts from page 1B

me one of his excess heads and antlers." — Jeff Craig, Livonia.
 ■ "The holiday gift that left me mostly speechless was the year my husband gave me a set of tools for Christmas. I do most of the household chores around the house so when I opened my gift there was a ratchet set." — Peggy Jenkins, Bloomfield Hills.
 ■ "Two years ago, my husband had a large wicker basket under the tree with lots of little items wrapped in it. Slowly, he gave me one gift at a time: aloe vera gel, cocoa butter, sunburn spray and a beach towel. There were two gifts left. I opened a colorful travel bro-

chure. My husband had cut out our pictures and placed us on the beach. The last gift was a tour book on our destination, Ixtapa, Mexico. — Jan Malboit, Canton.
 ■ "My husband and I had been dating for over three years. My present was a gorgeous gold watch that left me absolutely "Speechless." I had expected to receive an engagement ring. We've been married 28 years now, and I did receive the ring one year later. Every time I look at my beautiful watch, I am reminded of my quick thinking to cover my obvious disappointment." — Harriet Jacobson, Bloomfield Hills.

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■ Detroit Symphony Orchestra with Dance Detroit Detroit will present "Nutcracker" Dec. 15-18; 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.
 ■ Oakland Festival Ballet Company is staging six performances Dec. 16-18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Guest artists Karen

Denise Gabay and Raymond Rodriguez, principal dancers with the Cleveland-San Jose Ballet Company. Curtain times are 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. All seats for the morning performance on Friday, Dec. 16 are \$10 each; for Saturday and Sunday performances the prices are \$14 children and senior citizens and \$16 adults. Call (810) 546-7610 or Ticketmaster for tickets.

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(810) 476-7074.
 ■ A special thank-you to the Cauley family of Livonia — Gerry, Linda, Stacey, and Brittany who shared information and a photo of their holiday weekend getaway to the Festival of Lights in Battle Creek. Remember to take your hometown Observer along on vacation this winter, and send us a photo of your family holding the paper in a scenic spot. We're looking for reader suggestions for great winter getaways in warm and cold places.
 ■ Getaway from it all without leaving town. Schoolcraft College is hosting its "Winter Getaway," night which features a seven-course gourmet dinner and dancing to the Johnny Trudell Orchestra 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$37.50 per person; ta-

bles seat eight. Call (313) 462-4417 for reservations.
 ■ There's still time to reserve tickets for a benefit dinner for the 1995 United States World Pastry Cup Team, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at Schoolcraft College. The gourmet dinner will be prepared by E. David Auers, Milos Cibelka, Kevin Gawronski, Jeffrey Gabriel, Daniel Hugelier, Ed Janos, Brian Polcyn, Leopold Schaefer, and Jeff Smith. Tickets are \$75 per person. Call (313) 462-4417.
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Concerts feature Irish tenor

Celebrate Christmas with Irish tenor Mark Forrest at benefit holiday concerts for Bosnian relief. He will be performing 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 at St. Beatrice Catholic Church, 17235 Mt. Vernon, Southfield, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18 at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia.
 No tickets necessary, free-will

offering will be taken. Forrest has sung for television, radio, stage and performed with many stars including Maureen O'Hara, Shirley Bassey and Charlton Heston. During his concerts, he usually shares his experiences from his trips to Medjugorje. He has built an international following for his singing for Marian conferences and church-sponsored programs.

Nutcracker sponsor




Generous gift: Herb Vanderploeg, (center) representative of the Target store at Haggerty and 8 Mile in Livonia, presents a check to Ken Kelsey, president of the Livonia Symphony. Target sponsored two performances of the "Nutcracker" ballet presented the Livonia Symphony Orchestra with Rose Marie Floyd's Contemporary Civic Ballet Company, Dec. 2 and 3 at the James P. Carli Auditorium in Churchill High School, Livonia. Target receives five percent of their pretax profits to the communities they serve.

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Southfield High School, 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17. Tickets \$15 adults, \$12.50 children. (810) 474-3174.
 - ROSE MARIE FLOYD'S CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET COMPANY**
Berkley High School, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. (810) 546-7484.
 - DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WITH Dance Detroit**
Dec. 14-18; 20-23, Fox Theatre. (810) 645-6666.
 - Holiday concerts**
 - SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY**
Music on Sundays, Rodney Reeves, jazz pianist, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, main level of Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield. (810) 948-0460.
 - DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Christmas pops, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, Ring in the new year with Viennese waltzes and ballroom dancing, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 833-3700.
 - CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK**
"Gloria of Christmas" with full orchestra.

- Christ Church Choir, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Christmas from the Carillon, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. (810) 644-5210.
- SOUTHFIELD SYMPHONY**
Holiday concert, "An Afternoon in Vienna," 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Southfield Civic Center Pavilion. (810) 354-4717.
- ROCHESTER SYMPHONY**
Sounds of Christmas, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, St. Andrew Church, Rochester. (810) 651-4181.
- DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS**
"Holiday Brass," 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Christ Church Cranbrook. (810) 362-2622.
- CANTATA ACADEMY**
Concert of Gian Carlo Menotti's 1951 opera (in English), "Amahl and the Night Visitors" and other songs of the holiday season, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opydyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Tickets \$15. (810) 546-0420.
- Auditions**
- POPCORN PLAYERS**
Youth ages eight to 19 for "Aladdin" 7 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 17-18. Auditionees will be required to read a one-minute monologue or poem and song. Call Community House for appointment time. (810) 644-5832.
- PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS**
"Rip Van Winkle" 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, Player's Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit. All auditionees ages 8 to 18 should be prepared to sing. Readings

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"A Christmas Carol" continues at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, through Dec. 29. (810) 377-3300.
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- NANCY GURWIN**
"The Music Man," opens 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and runs weekends to Jan. 29. (810) 352-3729.
- ROOSEDALE PLAYERS**
Noel Coward's "I'll Leave It To You," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 6 to Jan. 21 at Upstage, 21728 Grand River, 1/2 block east of Lahser. Tickets \$8 with discounts for seniors, students and groups. (313) 532-4010.
- SPIRITUAL FABLE**
"The Lotus and the Dawn: A Pilgrimage into the Light," a multi-cultural holiday extravaganza, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, Southfield High School auditorium, 24675 Lahser Road, Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. (810) 569-3868.

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Eatery reels in customers with creative seafood dishes

BY RENEE SROGLUND
SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to creative seafood dishes, John Cleveland's Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth Township, is a water wonderland.

Char-grilled trout, honey ginger sea scallops, oven-roasted cedar-planked golden trout, and horseradish and potato encrusted whitefish — the kitchen's signature dish — are a few of the tantalizing menu items.

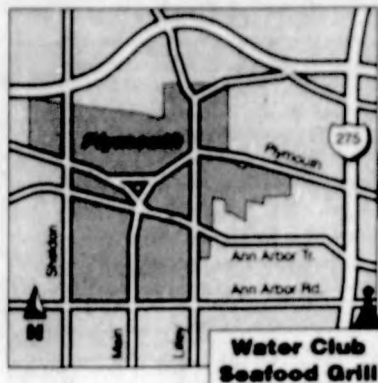
And, if you're a crab cake lover like I am, forget the East Coast — the best Maryland crab cakes are right here in Plymouth.

"We get more compliments on our crab cakes than any other seafood dish on the menu," said owner and manager John Cleveland. "We get customers from Boston, who, after finishing the crab cakes, say they're better than in Boston."

Cleveland, who honed his skills at Ann Arbor's Gandy Dancer and Northville Charlies, describes the Water Club Seafood Grill cuisine as "traditional food served with contemporary presentations."

That's an understatement, considering appetizers such as Smoked Whitefish Pate, garnished with a baby crawfish; or Maryland crab cake served with black bean salsa and a dollop of red pepper mayonnaise.

If seafood isn't your thing, the Water Club Sea Food Grill is



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meat and vegetarian friendly. There are dishes like sliced herb encrusted beef tenderloin and a vegetarian "pleated" pizza made without dairy products.

Executive chef Tommy Kishishian is responsible for many of the popular vegetarian items and promises to introduce a vegetarian burrito this winter.

On a recent day, Frank Meyer, a retired Detroit Public Schools employee from Canton, consulted his dining companions, both retired university professors, for the right word to describe the potatoes that accompanied his chicken entree.

"The scalloped sweet potatoes were unusually flavorful," he finally said, stressing the adjectives. All three agreed that the house salad, a generous mix of bib lettuce and apple cider-citrus dressing, was "excellent."

Besides good food, service is the other key ingredient in helping to

create repeat customers. So what's good service, Water Club Seafood Grill style?

"The number one goal is to make our guests feel special and important while they dine with us," Cleveland said. "We do that so we'll never have to worry about the dining room being empty."

Cleveland's restaurant opened six months ago (in the former Italian Cucina) and already has found its niche in the area.

"It's starting to happen here. On weekend nights, when there's a wait for dinner, you'll see friends coming in and they'll say, 'Hey there's Bob and Sue or there's the Jones.' It's becoming a community-based restaurant and that's my goal," said Cleveland.

There's much to catch the eye in the this restaurant besides attractive entrees and pleasing blue, green and salmon-colored decor. "Big Eddie" the northern pike (hand carved by fish-decoy car-



Fish on the grill: John Cleveland, owner and manager of the Water Club Seafood Grill in Plymouth, with some of the house specialties. Cleveland said his restaurant, which opened six months ago, is becoming a popular neighborhood spot. The restaurant's chef is Tommy Keshishian, a former Washtenaw County Sheriff's detective.

ving champion Tom Wolf) hang from the walls, and every booth has a shadow box of interesting lures, some antique.

However, a special painting hangs behind the bar in the restaurant's Johnny Harpoon Saloon. It's a still life of two large salmon, painted in 1896 by John's grandfather, Xeniphen Cleveland. Seems like love of good fish runs in the family.

Henry Ford Estate offers holiday events

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

"Santa's Workshop" will be offered 5-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 and

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17. Children follow lighted path to Santa's workshop, visit Santa, and receive a gift and cup of hot oyster soup. The workshop begins at the Visitor Center. Admission is \$5.

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

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

■ 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 for reservations.
 ■ The Lark, Old English Holiday Feast, 7 p.m. Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 19-21. Holiday feast accompanied by live music, including madrigals and carols. The main dish is roast fresh goose with port wine sauce. Cost is \$75 per person and does not include beverages or gratuity. The Lark is at 6430 Farmington Road, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 661-4466

for reservations.

■ Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall restaurant in downtown Northville is celebrating the holidays with two special events — lunch with Santa and a kid's Christmas show, and "Christmas Capers," a dinner theater presentation, 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday, Dec. 17-18. Call (810) 349-0552 for reservations and information.

■ Genitti's Dinner theater is presenting the hilarious show "Christmas Capers," through Dec. 31. The cost for dinner and show is \$37.10 per person, (includes tax and tip).

■ Norman's Eton Street Station in Birmingham is offering a special New Year's Eve menu, prepared by new chef Mike Boyce which includes appetizers and entrees such as filet mignon, stuffed jumbo shrimp and whitefish.



Restaurant Specials

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Special events

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LET'S GO! MOVIES

Dumb and Dumber' enjoys smart premiere at Fox



JOHN MONAGHAN

TICKETS PLEASE
So what did you expect from a movie called "Dumb and Dumber?" The jokes are moronic, the plot is almost nonexistent, and the acting makes Jerry Lewis look almost subtle.

In short, it was a pretty good time.

Of course, an enthusiastic audience helps. A near-capacity crowd paid \$15 to \$125 on Monday to see the movie in a Fox Theatre benefit for Chelsea's Purple Rose Theatre. After Michigan-based star Jeff Daniels showed up in a dog costume, this group was ready to laugh.

Daniels co-stars with current comedy sensation Jim Carrey as a pair of nitwits who can't hold a

job. When a beautiful woman (Lauren Holly) leaves a briefcase behind at the airport, the buddies drive cross country to give it back to her.

Their vehicle of choice is Daniels' dog grooming van, outfitted in bumper-to-bumper shag carpeting complete with floppy ears, nose, and tail. It made its own cameo appearance in front of the Fox on Monday.

"Dumb and Dumber" follows the same route as most other road movies. The boys get in trouble with police, insult rednecks in a roadside diner, and, of course, there are gangsters after the briefcase, which is full of ransom money.

REVIEW

chili pepper or expressing his love for a beautiful woman.

The movie's real surprise is Daniels. Normally, he plays more reserved comic characters, most effectively in "Something Wild" and "The Purple Rose of Cairo." Here he not only keeps up with the scene-stealing Carrey; he actually holds his own.

They so enjoy outdoing each other in outrageous bits that the dopiness in "Dumb and Dumber" is often contagious. The low-budget comedy, chock full of improvisation, looks like an old Martin-and-Lewis vehicle, but with two Jerrys.

Some of the gags work better than others, depending on your

sense of humor. The movie relies strongly on bathroom humor — farts, burps, and an extended scene with a laxative where Daniels can't flush the toilet — but it remains for the most part good-natured fun.

Will audiences go for "Dumb and Dumber?" You bet. "This might be the number one movie around here for a while," Daniels noted in his opening comments at The Fox.

With the disappointing lineup of Christmas releases, he may be right.

If you have a comment for John Monaghan, call him at 963-2047, mailbox 1866, on a Touch-Tone phone, or write to him care of Street Scene, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.



MARK PELLMAN

Comedy: Lloyd Christmas (Jim Carrey, left) and Harry Dunn (Jeff Daniels) arrive in glamorous Aspen on a mini-bike in New Line Cinema's comedy, "Dumb and Dumber."

Tell us about your fashion blunders

Everyone's done it — made a fashion faux pas, a blunder that they're embarrassed to admit. Send us a picture of your worst fashion faux pas, or just write about it, to win a prize in our giveaway for "Ready to Wear (Pret-A-Porter)," a new fashion comedy opening at metro Detroit movie theaters on Dec. 25.

The grand prize winner will receive a gift certificate for a pair of fashion boots from Lam-

mercaux. Three runners-up will receive a one year subscription to "Elle" magazine.

Get out your photo albums, and start looking for those pictures. The first 25 readers to respond to our contest will receive a pass for two to the opening premiere of "Ready to Wear" 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20 at AMC Old Orchard. If you would like your photo returned to you please send along a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

We've extended the deadline to Friday, Dec. 16 because we've only received a few entries.

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.

Every year in Paris, the fashion industry's top designers and supermodels stage the world's most

exciting fashion show. It's called the "Pret-A-Porter," and it means "Ready to Wear." This holiday season, Robert Altman invites movie lovers and fashion groupies everywhere to join the party along with an all-star cast including, Sophia Loren, Marcello Mastroianni, Julia Roberts, Tim Robbins, Kim Basinger, Lauren Bacall, Lyle Lovett, Tracey Ullman, Stephen Rea and Forest Whitaker.

Comic book classic comes to life in film

Macaulay Culkin stars in "Richie Rich" opening Dec. 21 at metro Detroit movie theaters. Based on the classic Harvey Comics character of the same name, "Richie Rich" is a comedy that follows the adventures of the richest boy in the world.

As sole heir to the \$70 billion Rich fortune, Master Richie (Macaulay Culkin) was born into a world of unimaginable luxury. He has everything a boy could want, everything that money can buy. He has his own roller coaster; his personal baseball coach is Reggie Jackson, and if he's had his fill of pate and caviar, he heads upstairs

to his very own McDonald's.

Richie's riches compound daily under the attention of his benevolent father, Richard (Edward Herrmann), his doting mother, Regina (Christine Ebersole), a personal valet, Cadbury (Jonathan Hyde), and his faithful dog, Dollar.

His charmed life is not without risk. Bent on stealing the entire Rich fortune, Lawrence Van Dough (John Larroquette), a scheming executive at Rich Industries, devises a plan to eliminate the Rich family — a hostile takeover to say the least.

But the plan misfires, and



JANE BOVINGDON

Rich boy: Richie Rich, the richest kid in the world (Macaulay Culkin) and Cadbury, his loyal butler (Jonathan Hyde).

though the senior Riches are temporarily lost at sea, young Richie has remained on land. There, he discovers Van Dough's plot and picks up the reins of his family's corporate interests with the help of Cadbury, Professor Keenbean (Michael McShane) and his first-ever group of ordinary friends his own age — a ragtag bunch whose amazement over Richie's riches turns to loyal solidarity when they find their new buddy in trou-

ble. In the process, Richie discovers that the true value of friendship far outweighs one's personal net worth.

Produced by Joel Silver ("Lethal Weapon" 1, 2, and 3) and John Davis ("Grumpy Old Men"), the film is directed by Donald Petrie ("Grumpy Old Men"), from a script by Tom S. Parker and Jim Jennewein ("The Flintstones").

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Screen Scene

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

MAGIC BAG THEATRE
22918 Woodward, Ferndale. Call 810-544-3030 for information. (\$5)

Three Stooges Festival. 10:30 p.m. Dec. 16-17. Larry, Moe, and Curly in five more slapstick shorts.

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, then hides out in a Smalltown, USA.

"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)

"Pulp Fiction" (USA — 1994). Quentin Tarantino's violent and hilarious tale of Los Angeles gangsterism looks better after each viewing.

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

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

MICHIGAN THEATRE

603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. Call 313-668-8397 for information. (\$5; \$4 students/seniors)

"Heavenly Creatures" (New Zealand — 1994). Starts Dec. 23. The tale, based on a true story about two imaginative girls who find themselves involved in something they can't control. An acclaimed new movie from Peter Jackson, the director of "Dead Alive."

REDFORD THEATRE
17360 Lahser, Detroit. Call 313-537-2560. (\$2.50)

"The Great Race" (USA — 1965). 8 p.m. Dec. 16; 2, 8 p.m. Dec. 17 (organ overture begins a half hour before showtime). Blake Edwards' big-budget nostalgic farce pits Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood against Jack Lemmon and Peter Falk.



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

Opening Friday, Dec. 21
"Mixed Nuts" — A Christmas comedy for the '90s about a group of people at a suicide hotline on Christmas Eve, dealing with love, birth, death and fruitcakes. Stars Steve Martin and Madeline Kahn.

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

"Heavenly Creatures" — Exclusively at the Main Art Theatre. Based on a true story, the extraordinary tale of a friendship between two young women who in the course of their intense association find themselves on dangerous ground.

Opening Sunday, Dec. 25
"Ready-to-Wear" — Director Robert Altman shows a world of intrigue, romance, comedy and suspense against the Paris fashion industry. With a large cast of stars.



Singles Mingle

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Dance parties

WESTSIDE SINGLES
Westside Singles will hold a dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Roma's of Garden City, Cherry Hill east of Venoy, Garden City. Admission before 8:30, \$2, 21 and older, dressy attire. (313) 981-9181.

HOLIDAY MINGLE

The Farmington Single Professionals along with the Metropolitan Single Professionals will host the Single Mingle Dance at the Clarion Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23. Admission is \$6 for non-members. Attire is dressy, men must wear a coat and tie. (810) 478-9181.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold a Christmas Dance on Friday, Dec. 23, at Burton Manor on Schoolcraft Road, west of Inkster Road. The dance is open for adults 21 and older, \$2 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 981-0926.

NEW YEARS DANCE

Moondusters New Years Party will be Saturday, Dec. 31, at Bobby's Country House, 35780 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$37.50/person or \$75/couple Family style dinner, live band, Mike Wolverton, open bar. Singles tables available for men and women. (313) 422-3298 or (810) 347-1749.

WEDNESDAY DANCE

Wednesday Suburban Singles will hold a dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Wednesdays in December in Burton Manor, 1-96 and Inkster, East 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 Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill. Dress is sharp, age 21 and over. Admission is \$3. (313) 292-0766 or (313) 425-1430.

Ballroom dancing

STABLETTERS
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.

Single groups

U.S. SINGLETONS

The U.S. Singletons (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Ernesto's Hillside Inn, 41961 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cocktails will begin at 2 p.m., with dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Singles ages 45 and older wishing further information may write to: U.S. Singletons, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48123.

BETHANY FARMINGTON

A holiday get-together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 23615 Power Road, Farmington, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$3. 422-7841.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS

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

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. On Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the "History of Automobile Industry" at \$3.50 per person.

NEWBURG SINGLES

Newburg Singles ministries meets 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in

Guthrie Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburg, 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 Washburn 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.

METRO SINGLES

The Metro Singlers, 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.

POP/LIVONIA-BOWLING

The Livonia-Redford Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Cadillac Cafe, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1969.

POP WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Meridian, 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.

TALK IT OVER

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents Talk It Over every second and fourth Friday monthly at 7:30 at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Speakers and panels will discuss single issues. Free event. 422-1854.

Sports/Recreation

BOWLING

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit is sponsoring a bowling night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Thunderbird Lanes, located on Maple Road west of Livernois in Troy. The cost is \$8. (810) 682-1807.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Birney Middle School in Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and 11 Mile. The cost is \$3 for members, \$5 non-members. (810) 682-1807.

BOWLING

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

BOWLING

The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. (810) 624-7777.

BOWLING

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.

WALLEYBALL

Farmington Single Professionals play walleymail 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.

BURGERS/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

FARMINGTON SINGLES ACTIVITIES
Farmington Singles Professionals is a non-profit social group for people ages 25-40 who share common interests and form new friends. (810) 478-9181.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Farmington Singles will volunteer from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, during the 18th Annual "Christmas is for Kids" fund raiser at Laurel Park Mall. The fund raiser provides money for the Apnea Clinic at Children's Hospital of Michigan for research in the area of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Volunteers are needed for all shifts of two hours. Vipers Hockey.

VIPER HOCKEY TICKETS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED

in section 126, rows H,P,Q at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the night of Saturday, Dec. 17. Tickets must be bought at \$18 each through the mall by sending a check to: FSP, 30730 Silverstone, Apt. 38, Farmington, 48338. Carpooling is available. (810) 624-7777.

Henry Ford Estate Tour
Farmington Singles members will tour the Henry Ford Estate-Fastans, located at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen, on Sunday, Dec. 18. Tickets are \$7 each for the one hour tour. Carpooling is available.

HYPNOSIS BALLETT

Seats are available for the holiday classic "The Nutcracker Ballet" at the Fox Theater in Detroit through Farmington Singles for the Sunday, Dec. 18 performance. Tickets are \$25 each and must be obtained by sending a check to: FSP, 30730 Silverstone, Apt. 38, Farmington, 48338. Carpooling is available. Burger and Movie Night.

FARMINGTON SINGLES MEMBERS WILL MEET

at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, for burgers at Mr. Jose, 28077 W. 13 Mile Road, Southfield. After dinner the group will venture to either the Old Orchard or Assisian Street Theaters.

Christmas Eve Dinner

All are welcome to join a Christmas Eve dinner at Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills, at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24. Open to all who have returned to the area for the weekend or those who have relocated to the area and are unable to make it home.

In Search Of

The Activities Group in Search Of club members will be meeting periodically searching to find the best of what the area has to offer in restaurants, foods and novel decor. Suggestions and samples will be discussed at various Saturday meetings. The Activities Group is composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities.

Dining/Theatre Club Meeting

The Gourmet Dining and Theatre Clubs Meeting of The Activities Group, a singles group composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities, will meet before the "Miss Saigon" performance at Moviel, 30100 Telegraph Road. Dinner and theater tickets package price is \$120; non-members add \$5. RSVP is required. (810) 624-7777.

Euchre

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

Ski trips both near and far

Farmington Single Professionals are planning some ski trips this winter for singles ages 25-40. All events are open to non-members. For more information, call (810) 478-9181.

■ Cross Country Ski Weekend for skiers and non-skiers — Jan. 14-15, at the Holiday Inn East Tawas on the shores of Lake Huron. The cost is \$140 for members, \$150 for non-members (double occupancy). Includes two nights and three days lodging, two dinners, two breakfasts, and get-together party. Hotel has an indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and entertainment. Ski rental is avail-

able in downtown Tawas.

■ Ski-the-Soo Trip, Canada — Feb. 17-20, enjoy downhill and/or cross country skiing. Package includes 3 nights at the Water Tower Inn, two people per room (4-star accommodation) and use of the Club Cabana recreational area which includes indoor heated pool, sauna, whirlpool, breakfast buffet each morning, buffed dinner and "Iced" party. Cost is \$180 for members, \$190 for non-members. Ski passes not included with price. Beginners welcome.

■ Colorado, downhill ski trip — March 10-13, weekend skiing at Winter Park. Three adjacent

mountains — Mary Jane, Vasquez Ridge and Winter Park. Package includes round-trip air fair from Detroit to Denver, round-trip airport transfers, three nights accommodations at Twin Rivers (3-bedroom condos), two day lift tickets, Barbecue with Smokin' Joe and cancellation insurance for \$669 per person. Call Grace (810) 474-6397 for information.

■ Schoolcraft College Ski Club is planning trips to Steamboat Springs, Colo., (Jan. 1-9), Blue Mountain, Canada, (Feb. 17-19), Crazy Daze at Boyne Mountain, (March 17-19). (313) 462-4422

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LET'S GO! **TRAVEL**

Village sparkles with magic of a 19th century holiday

BY MARY QUINLEY
SPECIAL WRITER



The magic of a 19th century holiday sparkles through the streets and structures at Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad.

Slip away from the Christmas frenzy and head to Flint. Musical groups, horsedrawn wagon rides, costumed craftpeople and more than 300,000 glittering lights create a dramatic winter-wonderland. The village is located just north of Flint off I-475 at Exit 13. A stroll through Crossroads begins on Main Street, where several restored 1800s-era buildings stand. Step inside the General

Store to browse. The shelves are crammed with jams, jellies, spices, scented soaps and replicas of children's antique books and toys.

Next door, the musical revue "A Country Christmas" is performed several times each evening at the Colwell Opera House.

Last minute Christmas shoppers should visit the Village Christmas Shop across the street for holiday decorations, ornaments, gifts and collectibles.

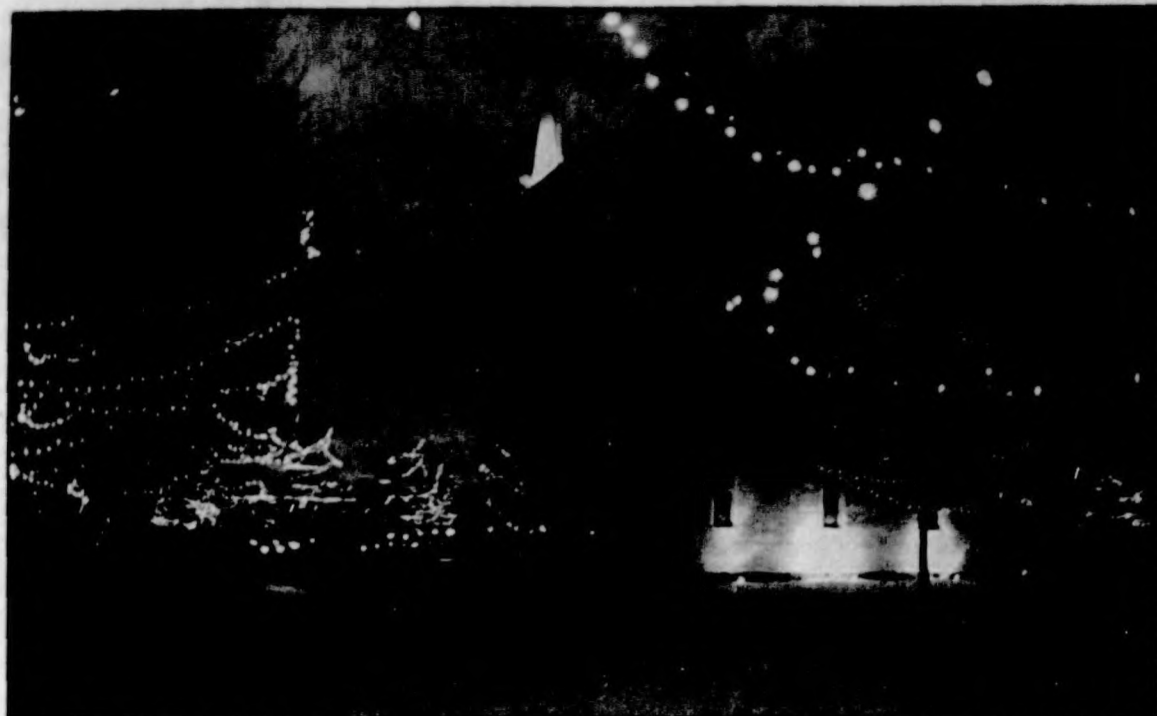
Tell the kids to be on the lookout for Frosty the Snowman as he walks the village paths greeting visitors. Of course, Santa's at the township hall to listen to your wish list.

Throughout the village costumed interpreters demonstrate their weaving, woodworking and broom making skills. Take a walk down Park Street; you'll probably find a blacksmith working in his 1800s-era shop.

Children are invited to join the ornament-making party at the one-room Stanley School. Ask the grade schoolers in the group how they would feel if their teacher lived with their family — not unusual in the 1800s.

"I wouldn't like it at all," eight-year-old Jason said. Excuses for incomplete homework might be difficult to explain.

Early medical instruments and medicinal herbs highlight the office of Dr. J.E. Barbour, a 1800s-



CROSSROADS VILLAGE

Holiday sparkle: Lights decorate trees in front of the Coldwater Road Chapel at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad in Flint.

era Indiana physician. Help the kids compare some of the medical advancements of the last 100 years.

Pet the sheep and cows at Calkins Barn. Or check out the Fowler Barber Shop. For twenty-

five cents customers could get a trim.

An original 1878 vault sits in the corner of the T. N. North & Sons Bank. Prosperous lumber and fur industry patrons kept bank tellers busy.

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"Careful management of your money before and during a trip can mean a safer, more relaxing experience," said Rudy Maxa, a travel writer and consultant.

Maxa offers his top 10 trips to

guide travelers through some of the new and age-old problems of money management on the road, especially overseas:

- Consider land and air packages that can offer savings on lodging and transportation.
- Bargain for deals on taxis, souvenirs, hotel rooms and meals. Bartering is a common practice, not in America, but elsewhere in the world.

■ Make transportation reservations early. It's basic, but many people forget how prices increase as the travel date approaches.

- Set limits on kids' spending.
- Know the limit on your credit card before the trip.
- Plan for daily expenses. Set a budget and stick to it.
- Be careful when carrying cash.

Men should keep their wallets in a buttoned pocket on the inside of sports coats, and women should carry purses carefully.

- Buy a guide book. Knowing the must-see sites before you leave will help you develop an itinerary and budget.
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LET'S GO! STREET SCENE

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STREET BEATS

Karmic Debt — Glazed Baby



Precise, blasting, ultra-heavy, "Karmic Debt" (Red Decibel) is everything one would expect from a band called Glazed Baby. The Rhode Island trio pits squealing, Primus-like noise guitar vs. a bloated, constipated bass that must be tuned so low you'll swear you can actually hear the low E string flapping.

But a goofy press photo and the right punk rock credentials (previously produced by Steve Albini) belie the dread rock thud of Glazed Baby's first full-length album, "Anais Anais," which features the disturbingly distorted voice of singer/bassist Andy Newman shrieking ominous lyrics over a drunken Soundgarden magma flow. Newman's all-encompassing bass also manages to turn a cover of John Lee Hooker's "Mad Man Blues" into a jerking, uncomfortable low-end blast.

Interesting tape loops and weird instrumental passages make it hard to tell where one song (for example, "That Much Closer to Hell") ends and another (oh, say, "Michael Meyers") begins.

At its best, "Karmic Debt" resembles early, early Nirvana, like "Aero Zeppelin" played on a Walkman with nearly dead batteries: kind of cool if you're in the mood, grating otherwise. At worst, which is about two-thirds of the album, it lapses into stereotypical death rock, mostly a tortoise speed.

It's notable for one of the more interesting bass sounds of the decade, but otherwise not recommended.

— Todd Wicks

A Rochester Hills resident, Todd Wicks is a student at Michigan State University.

Back in the Day: The Best of Bootsy — Bootsy Collins



Bootsy Collins is the American legend that few people know. He has been involved in writing some of the most recognizable (and sampled) riffs in music as a member of the Parliament Funkadelic, but he is still not known as such.

Warner Bros. Archives hopes to change that with "Back in the Day: The Best of Bootsy." It carries on the P-Funk tradition with the funky grooves and crazy lyrics that have influenced thousands of bands and albums the world over, and it shows why Bootsy is considered "the clown prince of funk."

"Back in the Day" is an essential collection for someone fresh to the funk. It gives an overview of Bootsy's early solo material, containing some gems, such as "The Pinocchio Theory," "Bootszilla," and a live version of the previously unreleased song "Psychoticbumpschool."

The music is so much fun that you do not even realize how great the musicians are who are laying down the grooves, from the horns of Fred Wesley and Maceo Parker to the keyboards of Bernie Worrell, not to mention the amazing bass work by Bootsy himself.

"Back in the Day" is also an incredible party soundtrack guaranteed to make booties of all ages shake vigorously. Put it on at Christmas time and watch Grandma get down like never before.

— Eric Darling

A freelance reporter from Vassar, Eric Darling is the former music director at WUDM at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Gringo Honeymoon — Robert Earl Keen

Robert Earl Keen is a member of that rarified company of Texas singer/songwriters that includes Jerry Jeff Walker, Townes Van Zandt, Guy Clark and Joe Ely. On most days, he stands at the head of the class.

The opening cut on "Gringo Honeymoon" (Sugar Hill), "Think It Over One More Time" became one of my favorite songs of the year the first time I heard it. "Dreadful Selfish Crime," the closer, is almost as stunning. The good news is that everything in the middle is of equal caliber.

Living life on life's terms is the constant theme at work throughout Keen's songbook. Life might be nuts at times, he tells us, but we're nuts not to enjoy it as often as possible. His insights into love, sought, love gained and love lost are of the smiling variety more often than not. With a poet's soul and a grizzled sealer's running commentary, Keen gives the impression that he's been around the proverbial block more times than most, but has come to grips with the long road.

"It's a long stretch of highway at midnight in New Mexico/It's a small colored light that shines from your car radio/It's the old metal cover who sleeps on a cot/And gives you the very last cup from his pot/It's a lonely feeling it's what you've got," he sings. It's an amazing album in what it is, I say.

— Mark E. Gault

Mark E. Gault is a freelance critic from Farmington Hills.

Duo helps market 'Christmas'

■ A brother and sister have teamed up to form their own music distribution business that is helping a Grammy-nominated musician from Rochester reissue his 1991 recording, "An Intimate Christmas."

BY KYLE GREEN
SPECIAL WRITER



The mailbox has become a vital vehicle for the retail industry over the last few years, counting for billions of dollars

worth of sales. The simple housing object allows people to shop in the comfort of their own surroundings by a catalog and telephone, while postal employees do all the leg work.

With that thought, a brother/sister team hope to make the gift giving season more musically appealing, even if postal carriers have to work a little harder.

Derek and Debbie Hood, formerly Farmington Hills residents, are marketing a local jazz musician's holiday music release which the two hope will launch their independent business, To Daze Music, into other musical angles.

Now two weeks before the gift giving day, the two have sold more than 1,500 cassettes and compact discs of "An Intimate Christmas" by Jim Bajor, a Rochester resident and a former Grammy Award nominee. The releases will appear in stockings in the Detroit area, throughout the state, across North America and even in independent music retail outlets in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City.

"We are coast-to-coast now. (Debbie and I) are worried, to be honest, that we will run out of material, but we are not to that point yet," said Derek, a 1983 North Farmington High School graduate who started the distributing company from his Royal Oak apartment about six months ago.

The distribution radius is not a surprise to Derek, who used a 600-name mailing list to issue order forms through the postal system for the release, originally issued in 1991 with solid music reviews and equally matching buyer appeal.

The release now sells for \$7.99 for cassette and \$11.99 for compact disc through a mail order. Shipping and handling costs are included and the release can be order gift wrapped at no extra cost.

Reaching out

"We are not a big corporation; we are local and we are reaching out to people who might not have heard of (Bajor's music) before," said Debbie, a 1976 North Farmington High School graduate.

"An Intimate Christmas,"



BILL HANSEN

Wrapping away: Debbie Hood and her brother Derek, formerly of Farmington Hills, wrap tapes in his Royal Oak apartment for their company, To Daze Music, which sells Grammy nominee and Rochester resident Jim Bajor's jazz cassettes and CDs of Christmas music, entitled "An Intimate Christmas."

which contains 12 holiday songs with Bajor playing solo piano as well as accompanied by a jazz ensemble, was originally issued under Bajor's own Rochester-based recording label, JBX Records. The company folded a few years ago, leaving Bajor at odds with his then two business partners.

In order to avoid a court-staged legal battle, the trio settled out of court, leaving him with a back log of releases, including the third pressing to the 1991 holiday music release.

Earlier this year Bajor was signed to a seven-year contract with the instrumental-based Sugo Music recording label. Previous JBX releases were picked up and included in Sugo's library.

"An Intimate Christmas" was not.

Derek, an inspiring musician himself, recently joined forces with Bajor, who has received notoriety from being featured on local radio personality Alan Almond's "Pillow Talk" program and received a Grammy nomination for his 1986 release "Awakening." Derek decided the mailing list would provide the opportune avenue for reissuing the release.

Bajor needed little convincing, knowing his assistant possessed the solid business and marketing techniques he lacks.

'Great idea'

"I thought it was a great idea. A lot of the time I don't put the pieces of the puzzle together because I tend to focus on (the creative) end and Derek set me down and explained that this was a solid move," he said. "With Derek involved I knew it would fly."

Marketing this release does not interfere with his current recording contract, Bajor said.

To Daze Music actually began with a slight push from Derek who convinced his older sister Debbie, a medical assistant, to collaborate on the business venture. To Daze Music began in the middle of the summer with the two compiling names and addresses, drafting fliers and order forms and acquiring a post office box and voice mail space.

Debbie, who confesses to having no marketing or selling experience, is finding the venture educational.

"I've learned a lot," Debbie said. "It is really interesting to see how much creativity can go into the project. I guess I have learned that a dream begins with small thought. Before (Derek) wanted me to get out into the spotlight. He thinks I can sing and dance or act or manage... but I just haven't been trained for it and my heart skips when I think of it."

In the near future the sibling

team hopes to expand To Daze Music's catalog to carry other independent local musicians and works from artists. Currently, "An Intimate Christmas" is a good launching point for the company.

"It is unique in the sense that we are representing one musician, but we have to keep in our heads that this is a side line business and that we have to treat it as such, and we will be selling other people's music, especially when some record stores won't take on local artists unless they are on labels from New York or L.A.," Derek said. "So we are really doing some thing of a favor."

Bajor knows he is not taking a hand-out, instead he is just happy to be sharing more holiday cheer, a second time around.

"I have been collecting Christmas music for years now and everyone has an album out now... everyone except Madonna has one," said Bajor, who also has his own Sugo holiday music release, "Christmas Memories," as well as appearing on other holiday music compilations.

"It seems as if people always want Christmas music even though they know the songs; it sounds different when performed by others," he said.

To hear a sample of "An Intimate Christmas," call (810) 901-5643.

1-2 punch sends Veruca Salt to top



BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
STAFF WRITER

Chicago alternapopsters Veruca Salt show no mercy. Musically, they quietly alight along until exploding into a wail of guitars, high-pitched harmonies and seductive melodies.

Nina Gordon and Louise Post's one-two vocal punch on the single "Seether" captivated radio programmers earlier this summer. When Chicago's Minty Fresh label sent Veruca Salt's full-length debut album "American Thighs" to stores, the fledgling band's popularity exploded.

Record companies took out the heavy artillery to fight for Veruca Salt. The winner: David Geffen's DGC records, but not after a round of teasing by Veruca Salt.

Sitting in a circa-1970s chair in the Burns Room at St. Andrew's Hall, Gordon is tucked tight inside her leather coat save for a rail-thin leg along over the chair's arm. Gordon is trying to talk over Madder Rose's soundcheck about how the Veruca Salt buzz began at the South by Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas. At that time, teaming up with a major label wasn't high on their agenda.

"We wanted to work on becoming a better band before making any decisions," said the sharp-featured Gordon with her little-girl voice. "When 'Seether' took off, they became even more hot and bothered."

Realizing her band's position, Gordon sent out a good-mannered warning to the drooling DGC.

"We're not signed just yet. If they don't behave, they're out of there," she said with a giggle. "They must have behaved because DGC is now poised to completely take over distribution of 'American Thighs.'"

This isn't your everyday pop album. In "Spiderman '78," Post, a dual-stage for TV's Kalle Blainie, desperately pinpoints her love for the comic-book

hero. ("You're so nice you tie me up in a web and cradle me 'til dawn. You're so deadly that I can see your breath beneath me when you're gone. You're so windy I'd like to pin you down and tack you to the wall.")

"Seether" tells of an indescribable pent-up anger that Gordon sometimes can't keep inside. ("I try to rock her in my cradle. I try to knock her out. I try to cram her back in my mouth. Can't fight the seether. Can't fight the seether. Can't fight the seether. I

can't see her 'til it's foaming at the mouth.") The song went on to be wildly successful in Detroit and MTV threw the video, directed by Red Red Meat singer Tim Rutilli, into the coveted Buzz Bin. Not bad for a song that Gordon thought might not have been Veruca Salt material.

"I brought it into the band apprehensively because it was so peppy," Gordon said, only to be interrupted by bassist Steve Losh.

"I hated it the first time I heard it. I thought it was the most annoying thing," Losh said.

That's news to Gordon, who lets out a squeal.

On stage, Veruca Salt's playfulness is just as apparent. A sweet Post sings while belting mercilessly on her guitar. Her vocalist/guitarist partner Gordon stands cool and collective behind her mids. The energy is nonstop as Gordon's brother Jim Shapiro falls his arms within his drum set, and bassist Losh thrums around the stage.

The stage is where Gordon is able to come to grips with her career choice.

"When we play a really good show, which is rare, we feel really good," she said.

"This whole radio thing is cool, but it's kind of abstract. When I hear (Veruca Salt) on the radio, I always think it's someone joking around with me, guessing they'll be on my tape playlist."

In Concert

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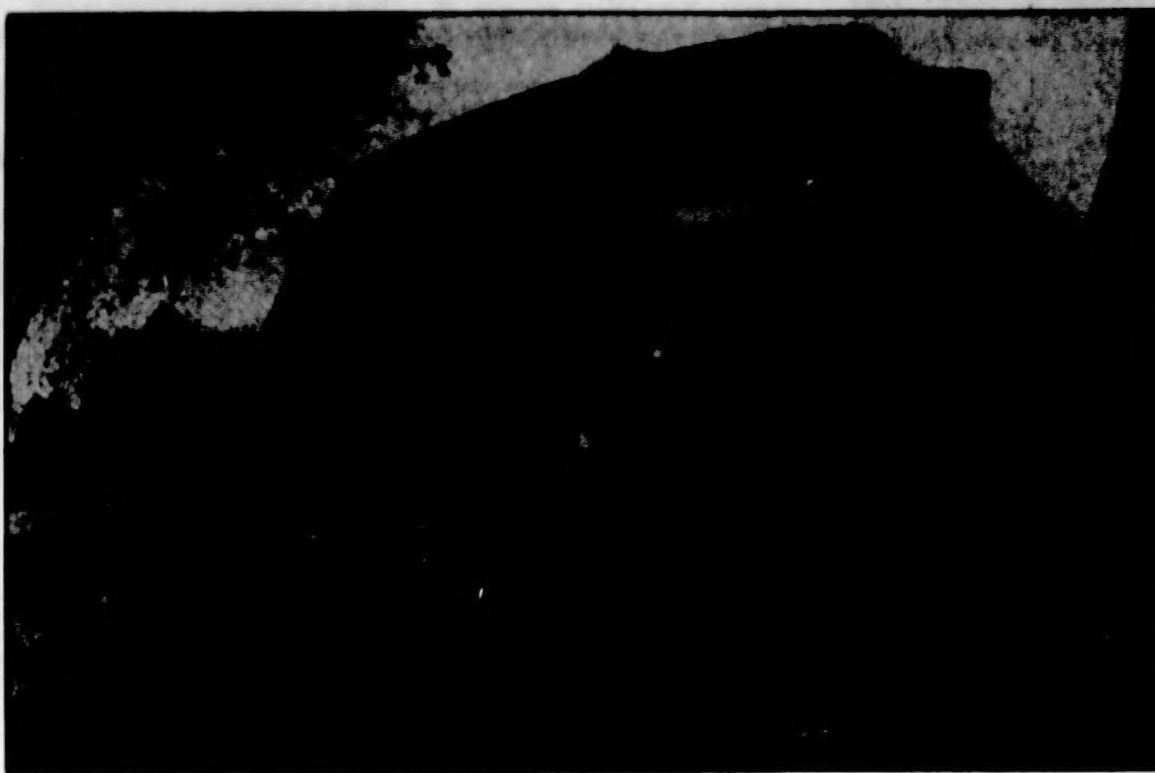
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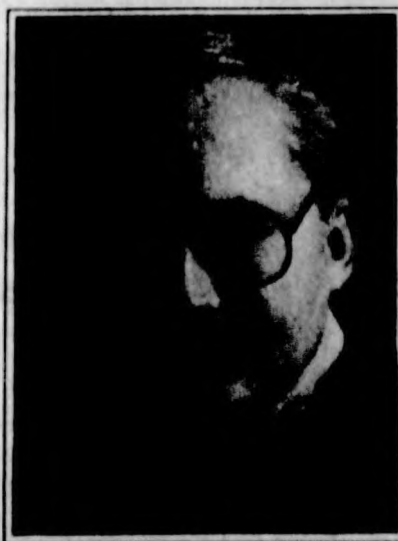
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PREVIEW

New York's Prince Street Players have taken Carlo Collodi's little wooden puppet, who desperately wishes to become "a real boy," and heightened his magical adventures with original music, lyrics, costumes and sets — in-

cluding the interior of the whale. Despite the best efforts of Gepetto and the Blue Fairy, Pinocchio lurches from one piece of mischief to another but he learns from his mistakes and becomes "real," by the final curtain.

"Pinocchio" is a Youtheatre "Wiggle Club" presentation, recommended for youngsters three years and older (no children under three are admitted).



Musical: Prince Street Players in a scene from "Pinocchio" to be presented at the Youtheatre, Dec. 17-18.

Comedy is spoof of classic tale

PREVIEW

The Attic Theatre is presenting "Inspecting Carol," at the New Center Theatre in Detroit through Jan. 8. Call (313) 875-8284 for tickets and show times.

There will be a "Toys-for-Tots" benefit 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Admission is one new, unwrapped toy.

"Inspecting Carol," created by Daniel Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory, Co., is a satire about a small Midwest theater company trying to get through its annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Already struggling to make ends meet, they find out that their grant from the National Endowment for the Arts has been "tabled" until an inspector can determine the artistic integrity of the company.

Joe Bailey directs a talented cast in this holiday comedy. Harry Wetzel plays Larry who plays Scrooge. Susan Arnold portrays MJ, the stage manager. Oakland University's Karen Sheridan plays the business manager and Sandra Birch, recently introduced to Attic audiences in "the Kathy and Mo Show" stars as Artistic Director, Zorah Block. Martin Buffalini plays Jacob Marley and the NEA inspector is portrayed by Cassandra McCarthy.

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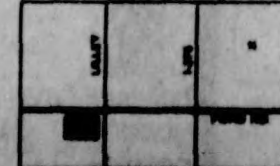
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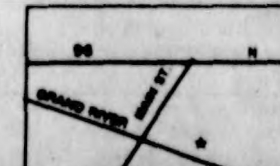
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PLYMOUTH SPORTS SCENE

Pengelly soars

Scott Pengelly, a junior at Plymouth Salem, turned in an outstanding performance Saturday at the U.S. Track and Field Association's Cross Country Championships, finishing 10th overall in the 17-18 year-old division to earn All-American status.



Scott Pengelly

"He ran real tough," said Salem cross country coach Geoff Baker, who accompanied Pengelly to the race at Wild Creek Golf Course in Reno, Nev. "And he ran a smart race. The first mile was all uphill, so he didn't try to lead from the start, like he usually does. "The course was a killer. You had to survive — that's what it's all about, survive and get what you can get."

Baker wanted Pengelly to stay with the front-runners for the first mile, but have something left for the last half-mile, which was downhill. "You have to maintain control for that," said Baker. Pengelly finished in 17:39 — not a particularly fast time for a 5-kilometer race, but good for this course. The top 25 in the 250-person race earned All-American status.

Baker was one of six others, including Scott's parents, to accompany him to Reno. Much of the trip was financed through donations, which both Baker and Pengelly were thankful for — particularly those who contributed depositable bottles and cans during early morning weekend sweeps.

Agape wins 2

Plymouth Christian Agape's volleyball team bounced back from a season-opening defeat to post a pair of victories in the last week.

Agape topped Warren Zee Christian 15-8, 15-11 Monday at Zee, thanks to Gretchen Baisch's nine kills. The win allowed Agape to open its Michigan Christian Conference season with a victory.

Last Friday in Howell, Agape edged Livingston Christian 15-6, 12-15, 15-5. Caley Mullen had five kills for the winners, now 2-1 overall.

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Braves' press isn't enough to stop Salem

Size versus speed. Pressure versus poise. That's what Tuesday's game featuring Plymouth Salem against Ypsilanti shaped up as. But in the final analysis, makes-versus-misses — at the free throw line — proved pivotal, too.

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER



What Ypsilanti threatened with was a pressure defense that would rattle any backcourt. It was just the kind of test Plymouth Salem basketball coach Bob Brodie figured his team would need to face if it were to succeed in the weeks ahead.

Give the Rocks a passing grade on this exam. Using its superior size to great advantage, Salem handled the Braves' pressure well enough to score more easy baskets against it than it gave up. The end result was a 66-48 triumph, raising the Rocks' record to 2-1. Ypsi is 0-3.

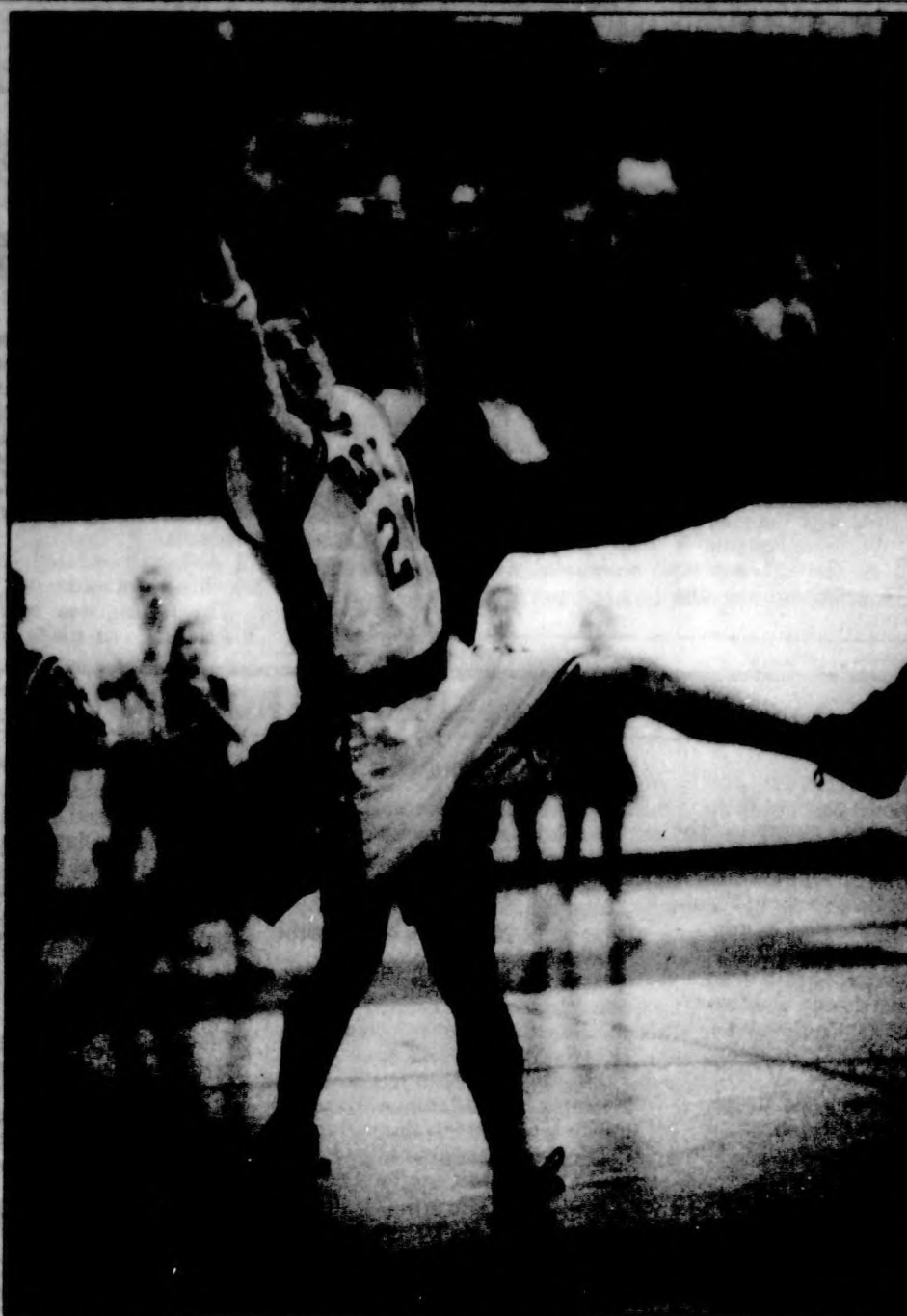
"We took advantage of finding the open player," said Brodie. "We knew Ypsi would come with a lot of pressure, but we did a nice job against it."

Salem took control from the start, thanks to its quick ball movement. The Rocks were 9-of-14 from the floor in the opening quarter (64 percent), with Dan McKian finishing several quick strikes to the basket with a layup. McKian scored eight of his 17 points in the opening quarter, leading Salem to an 18-9 advantage.

The Braves, meanwhile, were getting very few easy shots. Salem baffled them with a variety of zone defenses aimed at keeping them outside. Which it did: Ypsi was just 3-of-12 from the field in the first quarter (25 percent) and 7-of-24 for the half (29 percent).

That wasn't the only area the Braves were lacking in. "Our rebounding stats at halftime showed (Salem) up 19-7," said Ypsi coach Rex Stanczak. "I was really disappointed. I thought we took a step backwards both offensively and defensively."

See ROCKS, 2C



BILL ENGBLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Denied: Salem's Jason Marcis takes a detour on this trip to the basket, thanks to a hard foul by Ypsilanti's Shawn Baylis.

Chiefs hold on to claim 1st win

Points were at a premium Tuesday at Adrian, and Plymouth Canton came away with more of them in posting its first boys basketball win of the season, 44-38.

The victory was also the first at Canton for new coach Dan Young after two disappointing setbacks.

"We limited our turnovers down the stretch, unlike our first two games where we led and didn't take care of the ball," said Young. "It feels good. The guys feel good about themselves. Now we're looking for our first win at home."

The Chiefs, playing their second-straight road game, carried a 34-27 lead into the fourth quarter, but Adrian (1-2) scored five-straight points to trim it to 34-32

BASKETBALL

with two minutes left. But Canton stuck with it and managed to get a few easy baskets against the Maples' half-court press.

Ron Hunter and Ted Docks combined to account for 33 of the Chiefs' 44 points. Hunter netted 20; Docks had 13. Adrian got 13 points from Derrick McKulvey and 10 from Mike Reilly.

Agape 91, Support Life 74: Paul Salah poured in a career-high 37 points to lead Plymouth Agape Christian to a one-sided win over Port Huron Support Life Monday at Agape.

The victory upped Agape's record to 5-2; Support Life is 0-1.

Agape extended its 39-32 lead to 65-47 after three quarters. Cory Mullen added 14 points and Josh Thompson had 13 with nine rebounds.

Support Life got 24 points and 15 boards from Byron Ross.

Redford CC 52, Gabriel Richard 50 (OT): Mike Ridley scored 15 points, including the game-winning basket late in overtime, carrying Redford Catholic Central (3-0) to victory Tuesday at River-view Gabriel Richard (0-2).

Mike McDonald added 13 points for the Shamrocks.

Tony Sawicki tallied a game-high 16 points for the Pioneers.

SWIMMING

Rocks remain title favorite

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

Lose a state champion and 10 other seniors, and even considering a run at a league championship three-peat would seem ridiculous.

But Plymouth Salem's boys swim team should be in that position throughout the season. The Rocks have lost a lot, but the program remains solid.

The reason for optimism is versatility. All teams have a couple of swimmers capable of competing in a variety of

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events; the Rocks, however, can boast a bunch.

The team's tri-captains are seniors Joe Ervin, Rodolfo Palma and Andy Dettling. Asked to describe what events each would swim, Salem coach Chuck Olson supplied the same answer for all: "I can't think of too many events he won't swim for us."

Two other seniors with plenty of experience will help, too:

Eric Seidelman and Dave Bracht. Seidelman, Bracht and Ervin were part of the 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relay teams at state meet last year; the 200 team won the state title. Seidelman is capable in everything but the breaststroke, according to Olson; Bracht is best in the sprint free.

"Those five are probably the nucleus of the team," Olson said. "It's a good five, though."

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New Chief coach sets goals

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

The task facing first-year Plymouth Canton boys swim coach Clint Smiley is imposing, and he is well-aware of it:

"I want to get Canton from underneath Salem's shadow," Smiley said, acknowledging that the Chiefs have beaten the Rocks just once in a dual meet.

That alone is a difficult challenge, considering Salem has won the last two Western Lakes Activities Association championships and will be considered one of the favorites again this

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season.

Smiley, however, is hardly a stranger to the situation. He served as an assistant to Hooker Wellman a year ago. When Wellman resigned, however, Smiley wasn't sure he could move into the head spot.

His credentials were solid enough: A Dearborn Edsel Ford (1986) and University of Michigan-Dearborn ('89) graduate, the 27-year-old Smiley served as an assistant coach at Dear-

Ford for five years before joining the Chiefs. But he teaches the Close-Up government class at Canton, which requires him to take three spring trips with students to Washington, D.C.

"When the job was first posted, I didn't even apply because I thought the class would interfere with the coaching," Smiley said. He's also working on his Master's Degree at Wayne State.

Smiley would have preferred to be an assistant coach again.

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And it showed. The Braves trailed 31-18 at the break and never got closer than 10 in the second half.

Although winless in two games prior to Salem, Ypsi had played a pair of strong opponents very tough, losing by three to Westland John Glenn and by four to Redford Catholic Central.

But against Salem, the Braves never displayed any offensive rhythm, and their free throw shooting continued to haunt them. Ypsi was a meager 5-of-18 from the line (28.2 percent); Salem converted 18-of-24 (75 percent).

"We're a horrendous free throw shooting team," admitted Stanczak, noting his team's 42 percent average prior to the Salem game.

Combined with its poor rebounding and ineffective trap defense, Ypsi was doomed to failure. "We were getting a good trap on the ball, but we weren't covering up on the

backside (at the baseline)," said Stanczak. "Our defense broke down when they passed the ball five-six-seven times and kept reversing it."

Joining McKian, who also had a team-high 13 rebounds, in double figures in scoring for Salem were David Bol with 12 and James McDonald with 10. Justin Marcis and Kirk Criggs added eight apiece.

Ypsi got 21 points from Eugene Brooks, including four three-pointers.

"We played real smart tonight, getting through that (pressure)," said Brodie. The Braves did force 23 turnovers, but that didn't bother Brodie too much: "Ypsi comes at you with that kind of pressure, you're going to have some turnovers," he said.

Besides, in just about every other aspect of the game — including floor shooting (23-of-50, 46 percent) — the Rocks were solid. And that's a step in the proper direction.

Salem swim from page 1C

There's a lot to replace. Gone are Fred Locke (now at Michigan State), state champ in the 50 free and third in the 100 free, Aaron Berlin (also swimming at MSU), Tom Satwicz, Woody Thomas and Ryan Petroskey.

Certainly Locke will be nearly impossible to replace. "I don't know if we have somebody like Fred, who can step up," admitted Olson.

But there's a lot of depth. Among the juniors to watch are

Pat Morgan (freestyle), Mark Levitt (sprint free, breast), Justin Huelett (free, backstroke) and John McLenghan (everything).

And both the sophomore and freshman classes have swimmers who figure to contribute. Among the candidates: sophomores Mark Dettling (free, butterfly), Otto Geisman (diving), Kyle Petroskey (everything) and Josh Fillator (sprint free), and freshmen Brent Mellis (everything), Tim Buchanan (everything) and Jim

McLenghan (free).

The Rocks' versatility should make them very tough in a dual meet. "When we match up with somebody, we should be a pretty good dual meet team," Olson said. "We should be able to take advantage of another team's weaknesses."

The five seniors add experience, too — something that can't be underestimated, Olson said. "It's tough to discount how important that is," he said.

If there is a weakness, it's at diving — there are only two divers on the team.

Still, that obstacle can be overcome. The Rocks look formidable once again; come March, they should be a favorite to capture the Western Lakes Activities Association championship for a third-straight year.

"We have an experienced team," said Olson. "We should do OK." And probably a bit better.

Canton swim from page 1C

but when he was told whoever was hired as the head coach would make the decision regarding his assistants, Smiley started to examine his school schedule for the spring more closely. He discovered his trips would not interfere with his coaching; his mind was made up.

"I definitely wanted to stay in coaching," he said.

The feeling was mutual. And his taking over made the transi-

tion easier for the swimmers. "It's been a smooth transition," said Smiley. "The kids are real happy I'm taking the job."

It probably won't be an easy first year. The Chiefs have lost some big-time swimmers, notably Jeff Clark, third in the 50-yard freestyle at last season's state final and now a freshman at Southern Illinois, and Mike Orris, who scored in two events at the state

final and now is at Michigan State.

But there is some experience returning. Senior Jason Stirling and junior Jason McMann were both part of Canton's 200-yard and 400-yard freestyle relays that scored at state. And there are a pair of senior divers, Jason Fowler and Daryl Ballios, who are extremely formidable.

"In fact," said Smiley, "I would expect them to be one-two in every meet for us. They both have the potential to be in the top 12 in the state."

Fowler will share the captainship with Stirling. A fourth returning senior with experience is

another Jason — last name Naleta, a sprint freestyler.

The sprints and diving are where Smiley expects his team to be toughest. How strong the Chiefs are everywhere else could depend upon how quickly the freshmen and sophomores come along.

"We have 10 freshmen who are working their butts off," said Smiley. "They're absolutely doing a great job. And we have eight sophomores doing well."

But Smiley knows one can't depend too much on underclassmen. His primary goal — to overtake Salem — may have to wait, for a while anyway.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SILVER STICK

Plymouth resident K.C. Woody is a member of the Lakeland Hawks Midget A hockey team that will play in the Silver Stick International Finals Jan. 19-22 in Sarnia, Ontario.

Woody, who attends Redford Catholic Central High School, scored two goals and had two assists in four games Dec. 1-4 as the Hawks won the Michigan Regional Tournament.

Woody scored a goal in the championship game in which Lakeland defeated host St. Clair Shores 3-0.

The Hawks played with a 5-to-3 disadvantage twice without allowing a goal.

"K.C. had an excellent tournament," Hawks' coach Paul Safran said. "He stepped it up a level. He played extremely well."

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CMU cuts soccer; players scramble

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Chris Grodzicki, a freshman soccer player at Central Michigan University, noticed something peculiar one day last week while on his way to work out at the Student Activities Center.

"I was walking by the coach's office and I saw a lot of stuff sitting outside," said Grodzicki, a Livonia Stevenson graduate. "I thought maybe we've got a new coach, maybe our coach was moving to a new office. Something was definitely unusual."

Something unusual, all right. The next day, CMU athletic director Herb Deromedi held a players' meeting to announce the school is eliminating soccer as a varsity sport because of budget reasons, effective immediately.

Grodzicki and Victor Rodopoulos, another CMU freshman from Livonia Franklin, said the move was surprising because they didn't even hear rumors.

The two have partial soccer scholarships which the school said it would honor for four years, but each plans on

transferring. Grodzicki said he'll finish out the year at CMU, but Rodopoulos will spend Christmas break shopping for a new place right away.

"It was a total shock to everyone, as well as to our coach (Rick Trainor), who said he knew only 24 hours before the players did," said Grodzicki, who also has final exams on his mind this week. "The university handled it very poorly, as far as us being treated as adults. I don't think we were even being treated as people."

"I came in with six other guys who were highly recruited. We were definitely headed in the right direction — now we have to go our separate ways."

Soccer has been a varsity sport at CMU since 1978. Former Observerland stars like Ken McDonald and Jim Kimble from Stevenson, Walt Kliza and Marty Caves of Bentley and Joe Moreau of Redford Catholic Central were past standouts at CMU.

Deromedi, in Las Vegas this week to watch CMU's football team play in Thursday's Las Vegas Bowl, issued a statement

in a press release.

"We are disappointed that we had to go this route especially in light of the recent popularity the sport has enjoyed," Deromedi said. "In order to have fielded a truly competitive Division I program we would have had to invest a considerable amount of money in staff, scholarships and facilities. Unfortunately we're in the middle of university budget cuts."

Rae Goldsmith, CMU's director of public relations, said Monday the soccer team's budget is about \$55,000 per year. To be a competitive program, she said, the school would have to spend an extra \$65,000 per season and also improve facilities at the Rose Field.

CMU divides three soccer scholarships among the players, compared to other successful Mid-American Conference schools like Akron and Bowling Green, which have 11 and five, respectively.

Goldsmith said players were not warned about the possibility of the program being elimi-

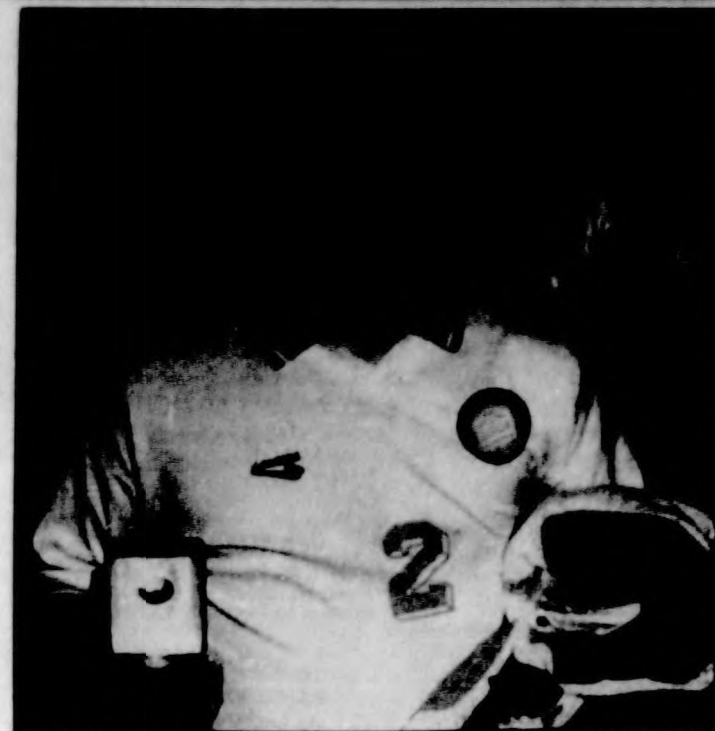
nated because the school was hoping to keep the program alive.

"While the decision is being discussed, is it productive to cause panic when we haven't reached a decision?" Goldsmith said. "(But) I can understand how the players feel."

Trainor, a part-time coach who said he earns \$8,200 a season, is getting documentation with proof that CMU's budget for soccer is less than \$55,000. He says he can prove the university's cost is less than \$20,000 and the rest of the money is made in fund-raisers.

"I felt blind sided and had no reason to expect this," said Trainor, who is 13-33-1 in three years as head coach. "They'd like us to believe the budget dictates this. Budgets don't make decisions, people do. My position is make me a full-time coach and they'll never hear a complaint from the soccer program about budgets or scholarships."

The Chippewas finished 5-12 last season and it was a trying time off the field as well.



A champion: Tom Baker, a sophomore at Virginia from Plymouth (Salem HS), shows off the gold watch he earned as a member of the Cavaliers' NCAA championship soccer team. Virginia claimed its fourth-consecutive title Sunday with a 1-0 triumph over Indiana.

Chips' decision could make Madonna a contender

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Madonna University men's soccer coach Pete Alexander isn't applauding Central Michigan University's decision to drop soccer as a varsity sport, but he knows it might benefit his program in the long haul.

The elimination of CMU's program means there could be 28 players on the Chippewas' roster, including 18 freshmen and sophomores, looking for a place to play.

The Madonna soccer team finished its first season as a varsity sport with an 8-7 record and Alexander, a Livonia Churchill and CMU graduate, is in the midst of recruiting season.

"With soccer starting to grow, it's a shame to see any school lose a program," Alexander said. "But I'd be crazy to say it doesn't hold possibilities for us because it does. What shocked me the most is (CMU coach) Rick (Trainor) did a great job

recruiting last year. He picked up some good players and they were going to be strong in the next couple years."

Along with recruiting high school talent, Alexander said he is interested in looking at players with junior college experience. With CMU dropping soccer, the pool of players to look at becomes even greater.

Of the 18 freshmen and sophomores on CMU's roster, 11 are from the tri-county area, in-

cluding Victor Rodopoulos from Livonia Franklin and Chris Grodzicki from Livonia Stevenson.

"I would like a chance to talk to them, see what their goals are, where they happen to be," Alexander said. "I believe strongly that a good team has to have a mix of young players and transfers. Even before CMU's decision I was looking at places like Schoolcraft College, to pull in older players with leadership skills."

Undersized Ocelots fall

Different game, same story. The weakness of Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team is visible to one and all: No size, which translates into a tough time rebounding and defending in the post.

That, however, was something the Ocelots knew they would have to deal with, and overcome, if they were to experience any success. And in Saturday's 97-71 thrashing absorbed at St. Clair CC, as well as in their 98-59 thumping at Grand Rapids Community College Tuesday, they did suffer on the boards.

But the real problem was they failed to take advantage of their strengths.

"We got pounded on the boards in the second half," said SC coach Dave Bogataj of Saturday's loss. "They just pounded us. In the second half, they went real big."

The Ocelots were within striking distance after one half, trail-

ing 44-36 at the break. But it went downhill from there, and not just because the Skippers were bigger.

SC shot a miserable 11-of-23 from the free-throw line (48 percent). St. Clair was 15-of-20 (75 percent), outscoring the Ocelots at the line despite fewer chances.

SC also committed 22 turnovers, far too many for a team that must rely on its quickness, ballhandling and perimeter shooting if it is to succeed.

Mark Cady topped the Ocelots with 17 points. Tony Maciejewski added 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Fadi Bazzi had seven assists.

St. Clair (3-5 overall, 1-0 in the Eastern Conference) had balanced scoring, all from its big people: 6-foot-7 Todd Williams, 18 points; 6-6 Tim Volker and 6-4 Ron Coby, 15 apiece; 6-5 Tim Howard, 13; and 6-5 Ronald Hill, 12.

It was more of the same against Grand Rapids (6-2).

Crusaders seek a reversal of fortunes

Madonna University's men's basketball team showed up at just the right moment at last weekend's appropriately named Cougar Classic. At least as far as its opponents were concerned.

Feeding time. Certainly the Fighting Crusaders filled that role, getting torn apart first by St. Francis College 106-74 Friday and then by Bluffton College 97-78 Saturday. St. Francis hosted the tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The losses left Madonna at 1-9. "We just played awful," coach Bill Sharpe said, obviously fed up after Friday's loss to the Cougars. "It's gotten to the point where I don't even know which team will show up."

He was talking about his own team's personality, which can (and often does) change dramatically during games. Against St. Francis, the Crusaders led by 10 points after three minutes, but then went seven minutes without scoring. They trailed 50-29 at the

half. Part of the problem is numbers. Madonna had just eight players available; top sub Mike Slone (from Plymouth Salem) is struggling academically and has been temporarily removed from the travel team.

Sharpe knows what to expect from opponents, once they see his depleted bench — a fast-paced game, aimed at wearing his team down. Which is what St. Francis did; 13 Cougars scored, nine getting seven points or more. They hit 43-of-84 floor shots (51.2 percent) to Madonna's 27-of-80 (33.8 percent) and outrebounded the Crusaders 58-46.

Brandon Slone (Salem) had a superb game for Madonna, scoring 34 points and grabbing 17 rebounds. Christian Emert netted 18 points, with three assists and three steals, and Brandon Lemley had six points and nine assists. But leading scorer Jay Dimes was limited to nine points on 4-of-16 shooting.

The Cougars were paced by Chuck Porter with 21 points. Ken Thompson had 14 and Richard Casey 13.

In Saturday's loss to Bluffton, it was more of the same. Madonna trailed 47-34 at the intermission and fell behind by 31 before rallying to cut the deficit to 13. And then . . .

"They decided to be sophomores and freshmen again," said Sharpe. "They couldn't stand prosperity. They made sure the guys who were doing well didn't get the ball."

Five Bluffton players reached double figures and a total of 12 scored. Jamie Yount's 20 points led the barrage; Greg Liebrecht had 18, Jeremy Best 15, and Scott Lind and Jonallion Kirkton got 10 apiece.

Madonna got a strong performance from Lemley: 30 points, three assists and three steals. Brandon Slone added 16 points and seven rebounds, Jay Dimes

scored 11 points and Emert totaled five points, eight assists and three steals.

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BOYS B LEAGUE			
American Division			
Hawks	2-0	Lakers	2-0
Lakers	2-0	Pistons	2-0
Nets	1-1	Celtics	1-1
Bucks	1-1	Bulls	1-1
Kings	1-1	Kings	0-2
Sonics	1-1	Rockets	0-2
Tigers	0-2		
Rockets	0-2		
National Division			
Celtics	2-0	Celtics	8-0
Pistons	2-0	Rockets	7-1
Jazz	2-0	Pistons	5-3
Pacers	1-1	Bulls	2-6
Spurs	1-1	Kings	1-7
Bulls	1-1	Lakers	1-7
Hornets	0-2		
Knicks	0-2		
RESULTS: Hawks 42, Nets 41, Lakers 38, Tigers 37, Celtics 34, Knicks 31, Pistons 42, Spurs 39, Sonics 30, Rockets 44, Bucks 62, Kings 42, Pacers 46, Bulls 38, Jazz 67, Hornets 36.			
PLYMOUTH PARKS AND REC BASKETBALL STANDINGS Through Dec. 1			
BOYS A LEAGUE			
American Division			
Rockets	7-1	Ludwig & Karas	1-0
Tigers	7-1	McAuley Pharmacy	1-0
Lakers	7-1	Midnight Manufacturers	1-0
Jazz	4-4	Midway Welding	1-0
Hornets	3-5	Johnson Controls	1-0
Nets	2-6	Dick Scott Dodge	1-0
Knicks	1-7	Lakers	0-1
Celtics	1-7	IHS Therapy	0-1
National Division			
Hawks	7-1	Z/F Lamfender	0-1
Pistons	7-1	Duracell	0-1
Pacers	5-3	Green Hornets	0-1
Kings	4-4	Yazaki Ed's	0-1
Bucks	3-5		
Sonics	3-5		
Bulls	2-6		
Spurs	1-7		
WOMEN'S DIVISION			
		Mr. B's	1-0
		T-Rex	1-0
		Birch Const.	1-0
		Seneca	0-1
		Tandem/Mr. B's/Side St.	0-1
		Senior Gym Rats	0-1

"Rookie" rolls perfect game

TEN-PIN ALLEY



AL HARRISON

For 21-year-old Jeremy Weiss of Farmington Hills, this season is his first taste of bowling in adult leagues. He had been a member of the Sunday Youth Classic Traveling League over the past five years. Now a member of the Suburban Proprietors Traveling league, Weiss has accomplished every bowler's goal, a perfect game.

It was just last week at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia, where he strung up a 12-bagger for his first 300 game, raising his average to 190. Weiss works at Country Lanes and it is the Country Lanes team that he bowls for in the travel league.

Nice things always happen to nice people, and Weiss is an example of that, as he twice won the Coaches Award in the SYC, an honor based on congeniality, and had also been elected president of the Classic I SYC Division. This young man can be proud of his accomplishments on the lanes as well as off the lanes.

While on the subject of youth bowlers, a news item came up from YABA that a young lady in WilliamSPORT Pa. set three all-time records for girls bowling in one day while in a Thanksgiving Day Tournament. Kelle Renninger, a 17-year old, rolled 838 on games of 300-300 and 238. She had 29 straight strikes, also a record.

The 838 broke a record of 825 set only last September in Oklahoma. OK now, YABA Bowlers, you have to raise your sights a little to get into the national record books. Kelle's back-to-back 300's is also tops in the records.

The Turbo Grips All-Star Traveling Classic came to Super Bowl in Canton, and some of our local bowlers came up with many big scores. Tim Saunders of Redford rolled a 279-203-256/338, Ray Krauter of Westland had a 248, Rick Eiermann of Garden City, 256.

Eiermann also won the Steve Cruchon 5th Annual Memorial tournament in doubles competition with his partner Rick Strobl of the Bowler's Digest. Eiermann's 739 and Strobl's 665, plus 33 pins added on for a 1,437 total and first prize.

As we get ready to close out this year, look for big happenings in bowling during 1995. It will be the 100th anniversary year for the ABC, and the U.S. Open in Troy will have the televised finals in Joe Louis Arena. There will be lot's of good things going on in '95, more about that later.

BOWLING HONOR ROLL

- Oak Lanes (Woodland):** Sunday Classic — Paul Bonares, 300; Frank Ashcraft, 289. Wednesday Nite Men's — Bruce Palmer, 246/226/645.
- Wednesday Night Pacesetters** — Patti Patterson, 200/527.
- Woodland Bowl:** St. Mel's Men — Scott Gyraszin, 299 (10-pin stood on last shot) 213-246-299/775.
- Tri-City Men's** — Bob Chuba, 290/815. Sunday Rollers — Rod Jenkins, 300/715. Ford Motor Thursday Night — Tony Bennett, 257; Chuck O'Rourke, 256; Larry Frank, 246.
- Cleveland (Livonia):** Bowlerettes — Rochelle Zaewski, 596; Dawn Carter, 246; Connie Lynn, 227.
- All-Star Bowlerettes** — Sandy Fuerst, 278-256-238/772; Renee Tesner, 278/739; Carolyn Finley, 278; Carmen Allen, 268; Jodi Monday, 259.
- Wonderland Lanes:** Motor City Men's Early — Bob Coppick Jr., 694; Jim Crawford, 693; Joe Calsade, 277; Bob Macek, 278; Mike Harris, 655.
- Wonderland Classic** — Earl Van Ness, 763; Mike Moyer, 279/760; Larry Franz, 278/755; Jay Septer, 278/738; Greg Brown, 278/732; Bob Forsythe, 268.
- Nite Owls** — Rob Smith, 288 (114 pins over average); Paul Weiss, 268 (106 pins over average); Cliff Hamm, 623; Doc Pepper, 232; Shawn Grandgood, 589 (series 154 pins over average).
- Suburban Proprietors Travel League** — Jeremy Weiss, 300.
- Woodland Lanes:** Woodland Rollers — Bonnie Gee, 258; Kathy Zarem, 600.
- L.N.O.** — Darlene Caldwell, 248; Mary Cutting, 624; Mickey Chambers, 601.
- Rosedale Gardens** — Bill Penn, 266.
- Senior House** — Bob Adamczyk, 280/756; Jim Johnson Sr., 256/703; Ken Kubit, 677; Jim Hejka, 681; Jason Morris, 690; Brian Ziemba, 259/710; Sunflowers Karen Valan, 572.
- Dukes of Dale** — Dennis Seeman, 289/774. Monday Specials — Bernie Hildebrandt, 247.
- Swinging Seniors** — Frank Dambrose, 267.
- Merril Bowl:** Men's Senior House — Bob Campbell, 279-268/725; John Watkins, 234-245-224/703; Jack Treolar, Sr., 267-261/719; Tim Panek, 221-256-234/711; Garrett Nage, 290.
- K of C Men's** — John Stephens, 278-245/714.
- Right on Time** — Grant Hamilton, 203-246-247/696.
- St. Gen's Men** — David Bushey, 225-279-226/730; Nate Moore, 279-202-211/692.
- Monday Longracks** — Steve Pauls, 277/670.
- DeKo Men** — John Wise, 248-220-254/722; Larry Cooper-Smith, 266-258/717.
- Bardon Lanes (Bardon City):** St. Linus Classic Men's — Tony Humphrey, 223-212-259/694; Dan Bottinger, 265-231-682; Frans Buijger, 217-275/581; Mike Buehler, 237-245/656; Joe Zupanski, 235-204-212/651; Ron Latimer, 242-223/650.
- Bilver Lanes:** Strike Force Match Play — Bill Herther, 280/682; Larry Walker, 270/711.
- Super Bowl (Canton):** Super Tuesday — Jeff Ellenwood, 300/763; Ed Mintz, 300.
- Double Nickel Plus (seniors)** — Charley Sorenson, 756.
- All-Star Traveling Classic** — Terry Rivkov, 300.
- Pizza Lanes (Plymouth):** Paza Men — Ray Griewek, 263/752; Eric Kuspa, 258/747; Karl Houquist, 256/722; Keith Fowler, 703; John Paz, 676.
- Business & Industrial** — Scott McGone, 259-687; Wayne Spence, 258/660; Mike Hoobler, 257; Greg Galanare, 254; Steve Richardson, 650.
- Waterford Men** — Dave Balaranta, 279/762; John Cox, 258/695; Bob Smith, 243/6 Joe Nicholas, 745/569; Ron Griffin, 235/649.
- Bull & Chain** — Gary Buson, 296.
- Western Wayne Youth Travel Classic** — Jason Kuehnel, 203-257-238/698; Rocky Bateman, 254/644; Keith Loveland, 242-232/621; Bill Vitale, 226/609; Bill Vitale, 226/609.
- Mayflower Lanes (Redford Township):** Wednesday Senior Classic — Gordie Hutchinson, 251/628; Tom Gochuk, 209-223-24-677; Jess Maccocco, 247; Lloyd Thompson, 248/619; Alvar Frieden, 220/642.
- Monday Seniors** — George Komptowicz, 198-236-256/690; Jack Darstrom, 246/640; Ray West, 234/639; Rob Butski, 222/626; Jim Preebe, 237/609.
- Friday Seniors** — Gerry Zaleski, 237-252-213/702; Jarv Woehnik, 257/672; Ed Stominski, 238/656; Fred Smith, 254; John Blunden, 236.
- Country Lanes (Farmington Hills):** Greenfield Mixed — Sherry McMahan, 243-233-202/678; Ron Blanchard, 198-266-261, 731; Debbie VanMeter, 211/601; Ken Smith, 249/664; Dan Wright, 269-215/674.
- Tuesday Mixed Trio** — Tim Smith, 288; Randy Dixon, 287/720; Lonnie Jones, 257, 207 Johnson, 256/618; Carleen Kapetanski, 237/596.
- Kendallwood Ladies** — Sharon Roberson, 245/554; Marion Tanton, 189.
- Friends & Neighbors** — Robert Shimko, 259/644; Gerry Kruse, 230/635; Kerwin Briggs, 204; Andrea Kozlars, 186.
- Monday Strikers** — Tayice Qashat, 217; Norma Sheena, 204/516.
- Tuesday Morning Ladies** — Jeanne LaMond, 201.
- Wednesday Knights** — Dave Green, 278/738; Gordy Gimes, 267/662; Jerry Witt, 259/671; Dave Richardson, 256; Pat Wilson, 257.
- Monday Midnight Men** — Rick Kalabat, 254/613; Sad Hamama, 249/672; Van Ankezi, 246; Mike Krasa, 243; Wil Nalou, 233.
- Advanced Youth (seniors)** — Rash Pearce, 224/607; Ray Nazari, 223/607.
- Sports Club** — Wally Sheena, 215/538; Harry DeWood, 203/536; Yeaman Kasseb, 199.
- Thousand Reglers** — Ron Blanchard, 278/741; Jeff Cummings, 256; Wayne Saunders, 256; Jim Rennolds, 255/641; Dennis Hems, 245/638.
- St. Paul's Men's** — Robert Gola, 254; Matt Claapes, 253/657; Ship Davey, 246/648; Kim Revert, 246; John Tsoukatas, 236; Floyd Duncan, 236/588.
- Inlet Lodge** — Andy Kaufman, 243/598; Jack Cole, 213/585; Sy Rebotnick, 213.
- Loon Lake Men's** — Tim Siren, 233/606; Carl Van Over, 231/615; Lee Siren, 223/586; Don Wagner, 222; Jim Salling, 221/588; Bill Sealey, 221.
- Spares and Strikes** — Judy Laskoski, 213; 553; Jane O'Leary, 201; Joann Kaminski, 194; 526; Laurie O'Neil, 192/506.
- B'Nai Brith Brotherhood/Eddie Jacobson** — Ricky Rasm, 233-223-208/664; Ted Godberg, 253/646; Larry Slutsky, 245/636; Greg Shuman, 243/630.
- Junior House Howe Garenraich** — 257-234-213/704; Mort Garenraich, 256; Howard Waxer, 207.
- Friday Nite House** — Howe Garenraich, 269-238-224/751.
- Farmington Schools** — Chris Bugman, 279/720; Adam Hall, 217/585; Andrew Mumford, 208/595; Lynette Zelesko, 170.
- American Legion** — Robert Esick, 269; Chuck Smith, 260/653; Billy Peairs, 246/629; Dennis Lundquist, 244/633; Gene Mabry, 237.
- Wednesday Nite Ladies** — Patti Ramirez, 237/602; Susan Burk, 208/532; Suzanne Boone, 204; Karen Milbauer, 204/586; Beth Leach, 200.
- B'Nai Brith Zeiger/Gross** — Burt Kideckel, 221; Mark Blalock, 214; Dave Levinson, 213; Seymour Burke, 207.
- Monday Night Live** — Mike Hampton, 201-210-264/675.
- Farmington Civic** — Mike Scheller, 232-248-207/686; Ross Frasure, 259/622; Mitch Wapup, 246; Joe Oddy, 223; Marco Spadoni, 222; Max Stewart, 212.
- Driveline Lanes:** Monday Youth Doubles — Jason Swartz, 279/733; Vernon Peterson, 258/670; Charlie Thompson, 259/651.
- Ansarais Big Boy Classic** — Barry Schussel, 267/756; John Maddison, 279/755; Tom Shavey, 269/740; Tom Leonard, 300/738; Tim Panek, 256/729.
- Merchant Men** — Ray Stretzel, 275/718; Bill Mueller, 706; Steve Klein, 266/688; Vitas Bagdonas, 279/686; Harry Allen, 683.
- Leadership Network Sunday Nite** — Jeff Cymant, 224-211/616; Nance Rakotz, 229; Judy Silbenstein, 199.
- B'Nai Brith Downtown/Fox** — Shel Rakotz, 279/636; Jeff Block, 224/622; Len Brogoli, 236/908; Jeff Sprague, 232; Neil Drlich, 221.
- Pleim Heilene Lanes (Bassettville):** B'Nai Brith Margenthauser L'Chayim — Joe Grossman, 240-214/657; Mike Berkowitz, 065/639; Bob Franklin, 222-211/635; Shel Elison, 222/601; Bill Zucker, 221.

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Borgess, Canton pace All-Observer team

BY C.J. RIBAK
STAFF WRITER

At the start, this girls basketball season seemed anything but special in Observerland.

The exception was Redford Bishop Borgess, a powerhouse primed to defend its Class C title. The other teams that had been so outstanding the previous year — notably Plymouth Canton and Livonia Ladywood — appeared to be in a rebuilding stage.

So much for first appearances. Canton quickly rebuilt, peaking in time to make a strong run in the state tournament, a run that wasn't derailed until the Chiefs reached the state semifinals against eventual Class A champ Flint Northern.

Farmington Harrison enjoyed its best season ever, going 17-5. Garden City made it to the state regional final before falling. Lutheran Westland won its conference championship with a dramatic road victory in its final game. Livonia Stevenson and Farmington Hills Mercy each won district titles.

And of course, Borgess roared to its second-straight Class C crown.

"A season that harvests so many unexpected successes is a tribute to strong coaching throughout the area. That made selecting the Observer's coach of the year a difficult task. The possible nominees were many: Borgess' Dave Mann, Garden City's Marshall Henry, Canton's Bob Blohm, Harrison's Pete Mantyla to name a few. The honor, however, goes to Lu-

theran Westland's Ron Getz, who guided the Warriors to a share of the Metro Conference championship and a 19-3 overall record, their best ever.

Getz spent his first three seasons at Lutheran Westland as a junior varsity coach. He is 57-28 overall in four years as the varsity coach; he was 43-10 as a JV coach.

Getz gave JV coach Jim Aumann and volunteer assistant Dennis Horton some of the credit. "I was blessed with 12 girls who played extremely hard for me and they always worked to get better," Getz said. "Our goals were to have fun, use our God-given talents to their fullest, be a good witness in our sportsmanship and to win the conference. The team was successful in their accomplishments."

Following is a look at each member of the first team:

Maxann Reese, junior guard, Redford Bishop Borgess: A three-time selection on the All-Observer team with one season of high school basketball to go. Reese led the Spartans to their second-straight Class C championship, averaging 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals per game.

She made 51 percent of her shots from the field and shot 68 percent at the free-throw line.

Adriane Bryant, junior guard, Redford Bishop Borgess: Like Reese, Bryant is a three-year starter. Bryant became both a passing and scoring threat in the transition game this season. She averaged 11 points per game, and came through when several of the Spartans were struggling with 18 points in a Catholic League playoff semifinal victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

1994 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM	
FIRST TEAM	
Maxann Reese, Jr.	Bishop Borgess
Adrian Bryant, Jr.	Bishop Borgess
Alisha Gordon, Sr.	N. Farmington
Sarah Warnke, Jr.	Ply. Canton
Amicie Crayton, Sr.	Ply. Canton
Krista Snow, Sr.	F.H. Harrison
Yvonne Malowski, Sr.	Red. Thurston
SECOND TEAM	
Marie DuBoise, Sr.	Bishop Borgess
Felicie Brooks, Sr.	F.H. Mercy
Shelley Sils, Jr.	Ply. Salem
Meissa Campeau, Sr.	Liv. Ladywood
Jill Van Tiem, Sr.	Liv. Stevenson
Heather Worfield, Jr.	Red. Thurston
Vonne Jenks, Sr.	Garden City
THIRD TEAM	
Tracy Rynkiewicz, Jr.	Liv. Franklin
Amanda Abraham, Jr.	Ply. Salem
Lauren Horton, Sr.	Luth. Westland
Julie Angell, Sr.	F.H. Mercy
Andrea Salyer, Sr.	Farmington
Jenny Markham, Sr.	Wayne
Anne Fogitts, Sr.	Liv. Ladywood
COACH OF THE YEAR	
Ron Getz	Luth. Westland

She averaged about six assists and four steals per game. Borgess coach Dave Mann discusses both of his All-Observer guards. "I feel I have the best backcourt in the state right now and if both improve, I think you've got to put them with any backcourt in the history of the state," he said. "Maxann is a flashy scorer and Adriane is a steady leader. They complement each other in their styles."

Alisha Gordon, senior forward, North Farmington: Coaches often ask players to make sacrifices for the good of the team, but what North coach Lance Davis asked Gordon to do was above and beyond the call. Gordon started in the post for the Red-

HONORABLE MENTION	
Redford Bishop Borgess:	Aysha Smith, LaZandra White; Plymouth Canton: Kristi Floren, Melissa Marzoff, Jackie Nicastro; Farmington Hills Mercy: Mitz Ruddock, Piper Metz, Camie Schwager; Livonia Ladywood: Becky Blidick, Kathy Danhart; Plymouth Salem: Kelly Lukasek, Liz Erickson, Karen Gundry; Farmington Hills Westland: Erin LaCrosse, Kelly LaCrosse, Monique Anderson, Erika Greene, Jenny Myslinski; Garden City: Jamie Faber, Christie Glover, Jennifer Audtish; Livonia Stevenson: AnneMarie Aquino; Redford Thurston: Jean Herron, Kristi Engel; North Farmington: Carrie May; Livonia Franklin: Jacyn Deane, Kellie Man; Livonia Churchill: Jamie Clark, Mary Daly, Patti Maldonado; Westland John Glenn: Jami Grigal, Rochelle Harris, Kelly Kiene; Farmington: Amanda Roca, Kim Washnock; Wayne Memorial: Rita Barge, Sandy Jackson; Lutheran High Westland: Amy Getz, Jenny Pruchnik, Jenny Twietmeyer; Kalamazoo: Redford Union: Lauren Wright, Theresa Walker; Redford St. Agathe: Kelly Vandermark; Susan Baxter; Livonia Clearwater: Wendy Roy, Pam Izzano; Westland Herra Valley Lutheran: Rachel Wichmann; Plymouth Christian Academy: Karin Reed, Lisa Erickson; Plymouth Agape Christian: Gretchen Basich.

ers as a junior. This season, Davis asked her to play point guard. The four-year starter responded by leading Oakland County in scoring this season, averaging 27 points per game. Gordon, who surpassed 1,000 points in her career, also grabbed seven rebounds

and had four assists per game as a senior. The 5-6 Gordon was a third-team Class A selection and also is an academic all-state performer with a 3.69 grade point average.

"She was the player who made us go," said Davis. "If she didn't have a good game, we were not successful. If she had a good game, we had a chance to win."

"She's very strong, very clever, especially underneath the basket. She's very creative."

Sarah Warnke, junior center, Plymouth Canton: Warnke was another of the Chiefs whose game blossomed as the season progressed. She led Canton in scoring (11.5 points) and rebounding (8.5), and was quick enough to average two steals per game.

"She's a very quick kid for her size and position," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "I think her game improved tremendously."

That became evident in the state tournament, when Warnke twice recorded career scoring highs. Blohm added that once she learns how to play facing the basket, instead of just posting up, she'll become an even more imposing offensive force.

Amicie Crayton, senior guard, Plymouth Canton: Crayton was put in a difficult position at the start of this season. She was the only returning full-time starter from a team that had excelled. Crayton responded by leading the Chiefs to the state semifinals and a 19-7 season. "As the year went on, her whole game

rounded out for her," Blohm said. "The one thing she did really well for us was she went to the basket. And she learned to use her speed better."

A defensive demon, Crayton averaged 10.5 points, seven rebounds, 2.6 assists and a team-best 3.3 steals per game.

Krista Snow, senior forward, Farmington Hills Harrison: In her four-year career as a Hawk, Snow proved she could do it all.

What she didn't do was get hurt. Snow missed just one game, starting 86. She finished with 880 career points. As a senior, she averaged 11.6 points, seven rebounds and three assists.

"She's a strong inside-outside threat," said Harrison coach Mantyla. "She's got a great work ethic, she plays hard and she understands the importance of every possession. It's going to be strange next year in the first game when she's not playing."

Yvonne Malowski, senior forward, Redford Thurston: The four-year letter-winner finished with 1,050 career points and led the Eagles to consecutive Mega Conference Blue Division championships in her last two seasons.

Malowski averaged 16 points, three steals and four assists per game while shooting 40 percent from the field and 80 percent at the free-throw line. She had a career-high 26 points in games against Livonia Stevenson and Westland John Glenn this season.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL Thursday, Dec. 15 A.A. Pioneer at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 St. Agatha at Det. Media Arts, 3:30 p.m. Garden City at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m. Red. Thurston at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m. Liv. Churchill at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m. Alumni Team at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m. Dearborn at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m. Lincoln Park at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m. A.A. Huron at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m. First Powers at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Phy. Christian at ND Prep, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 Rochester at F.H. Harrison, 2:30 p.m.	Mich. Christian at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Dec. 17 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 5:30 p.m.	
PREP HOCKEY Thursday, Dec. 15 Liv. Franklin vs. B.H. Lahser at Detroit Skating Club, 6:40 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16 Liv. Franklin vs. S'held-Lathrup, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Stevenson vs. Divine Child at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 4 & 6 p.m. Liv. Churchill vs. South Lyon at Howell's Grand Oaks Arena, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 Liv. Churchill vs. Ann Arbor Huron at A.A. Veterans Arena, 5 p.m. Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. South at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.	
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Friday, Dec. 16 Indiana Wesleyan at Madonna, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7:30 p.m.	

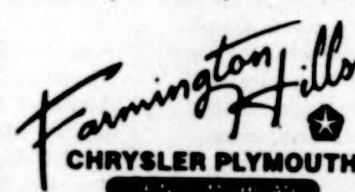
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100 individual medley: 1. Genuough (WM), 2:19.53; 2. Merandi (JG), 2:27.54; 3. Zoumbans (JG), 2:33.23.
800 freestyle: 1. Draper (JG), 24.09; 2. Ferguson (WM), 24.94; 3. Law (WM), 26.52.
400 freestyle relay: 1. John Glenn (Draper, Zoumbans, Merandi and Cummings), 1:43.26; 2. Wayne, 1:44.3.
100 backstroke: 1. Draper (JG), 1:03.99; 2. Hall (WM), 1:13.32; 3. Nemeth (WM), 1:15.02.
100 breaststroke: 1. Barber (WM), 1:12.49; 2. Law (WM), 1:18.19; 3. Zoumbans (JG), 1:22.83.
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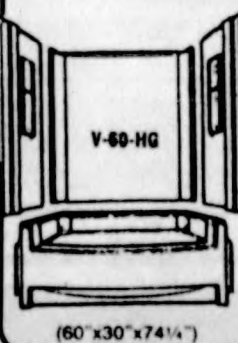
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LOCAL EVENTS

LUMINAIRIA KITS

Trailwood Garden Club and Plymouth Symphony League in a joint fund-raising project will be selling luminaria kits from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Westchester Mall; Kroger at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road; Kroger at Ford and Sheldon; and Danny's on Main Street in Plymouth. \$3.50 per set of 10 candles with white bags.

STORYTELLER

Pat Judd, storyteller-mime-puppeteer, will perform 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Register at the Plymouth District Library, by phone, 453-0750, or in person. This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and the City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The adult choir of United Assembly of God in Plymouth will be presenting a musical titled "The Canticle of Christmas" 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. The church is at 46500 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth, between Beck and Sheldon roads.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Superior Adventist Academy students will present a Christmas program at 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at The Plymouth Seventh-day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier Road in Plymouth. The program will include a Christmas play, carols by the school choir, handbells and much more. Information, 459-8222.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Coping with severe food allergies? Come and meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at Arbor Health Building, 990 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. This is an organizational meeting to discuss the formation of a food allergy support group and to determine the educational and emotional needs of members. For people with allergic reactions to foods ranging from hives to anaphylactic shock. Share tips and learn about the national Food Allergy Network. Anne F. Russell, R.N., B.S.N., 420-2806.

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 through Dec. 17.

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.

TOY DRIVE

The Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is hoping to gather more than 3,000 donated new toys for two agency programs. One is Holiday Gifts Delivery Program which provides toys to needy patients and their families. Toys are also needed for a year-round Clinic Toys Program. Donated toys are needed for all ages, infancy to adult. All must be new and not gift-wrapped. Ideal toys/gifts for both programs include books, arts and crafts items, hand-held video games, videos, Walkman tape player and cassette tapes, dolls, manicure kits, gift certificates, puzzles, stuffed animals, playing cards, and table games. (800) 825-2536.

NUT SALE

Community Hospice Services is holding the fifth annual holiday nut sale offering 16-ounce packages of cashews, deluxe mixed, and German roasted almonds, and 14-ounce packages of pistachios, at \$10 each. The nuts are available at the Community Hospice Services, 127 S. Main in Plymouth. All proceeds will assist incurably ill patients and their families in the communities they serve.

NATIVE WEST

Bill Rabbit, a self-taught artist of Cherokee ancestry, will appear at an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Native West, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. His acrylic paintings portraying Native Americans have won him awards. Information, 455-8838.

LIGHT DISPLAY

Visit the Christmas light display at Domino's Farms. See the live nativity scene 6-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday through Jan. 8. Information, 930-3123.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Child & Family Services, a United Way organization, needs donations for its fourth annual gift giving program called Adopt-A-Family; Adopt-A-Wish. They hope to make the holidays special for more than 400 needy children, families, disabled, and the elderly. To help, call Anne Keller at (313) 483-1418 or (800) 242-6120.

BASKETS OF LOVE

The Salvation Army is

Bell ringers



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Donations needed: Salvation Army bell ringers have spread out in the Plymouth-Canton community seeking donations to help the needy at Christmas.

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. 459-1250.

COED VOLLEYBALL

Plymouth Parks and Recreation coed volleyball registration is under way. Teams are allowed as many nonresidents 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Plymouth post office at 47526 Clipper (Beck Road) in Plymouth Township will sponsor a blood drive 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23. For an appointment, call 453-6110.

COUNTRY/WESTERN DANCE

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

'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-

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CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

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

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

JAYCEES OPEN HOUSE

The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees will be hosting a holiday open house 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Village Green Apartments Club House, Haggerty Road 1/2 mile south of Ford. If you are age 21-39, come and find out what your local Jaycees are doing around your community. The Plymouth/Canton Jaycees are Michigan's No. 1 parade of chapters. Information, 453-8407.

D.A.R.

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter D.A.R. will meet 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, for Christmas tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum, with speaker Beth Stewart talking about "The History of the Teddy Bear." Information, 455-9427 or 453-1774.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

General meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Livonia Public Library, on the south side of Five Mile, one block east of Farmington Road in Livonia. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Tom at 561-7564 or Carol at (810) 545-2593.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Local artist Sharon Lee Dillenbeck of D and M Studio will be exhibiting her award-winning oil painting "Forgotten

Friends" at the Plymouth Historical Museum's special exhibit at Christmas for children and children at heart. The painting will be displayed with the original cast of bears set in a Victorian setting. The exhibit will run until Jan. 31, at 155 S. Main in Plymouth. 455-8940.

OPEN SKATING

Open skate time for all those looking to kill a lunch hour or looking to get a little exercise. The ice arena has open skate at the following lunch hours: noon to 1:20 p.m. Monday; 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday; 11:20 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Wednesday; 1-2:40 p.m. Thursday; 11:50 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: \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$2, seniors.

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., 1-2:30 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 nonresidents — \$3.25, adults; \$2.50, children; \$2, seniors. Skate rental is \$1.25. Open Skate Line, 455-1782.

REHEARSANCE 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 singing devoted to the singure of four-part harmony, barbershop style meets year-round, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, I-96 and Inkster Road. Reading music is not a requirement. Jan, (313) 534-4468.

SMALL 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) 995-5439.

CALENDAR FORM

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.

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info:

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To submit your academic honor or graduation announcement to Campus Notes, send the material printed or typewritten to: Bridget Moran, Plymouth-Canton Observer, 744 Wing St., Plymouth, Mich. 48170.

HEATHERLY A. WALLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wallot of Plymouth, received her doctoral degree from Kansas State University on July 15. Her Ph.D. major field is family life education and consultation. She has accepted an associate professor position at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas and will teach there. She received her master's degree from Michigan State University in 1988, majoring in family studies, and her bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1985, majoring in psychology. She is a member of the following professional organizations: Psi Chi, national honor society for psychology; Kappa Omicron Phi, national honor society for home economics; the National Council on Family Relations,

and the American Association for Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists.

ANNE EL. SIBBLE, a junior at Kalamazoo College, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd J. Dibble of Canton, participated in the college's study abroad program in Aix-en-Provence, France. Kalamazoo College has the highest participation in study abroad of any college in the nation. Participants typically spend six months as juniors or three months as sophomores, becoming acquainted with different cultures and people while studying at selected colleges and universities. Students receive full academic credit for the successful completion of work overseas.

MARSHALL G. BARTON of Canton attended Bachelor in Engineering (BSE) at Michigan Technological University on a scholarship from

Ford Motor Co. The scholarship included all expenses except transportation and registration. The BSE program is designed to remove barriers to female students entering careers in science, math and engineering by providing information, stimulating interest, encouraging positive attitudes toward these subjects, and exposing them to extracurricular activities in these areas. The program's intensive week-long residential workshops utilize activity-based instruction, learning by discovering, and cooperative learning through team approaches to problem-solving. The program also provides students with exposure to successful role models, corporate speakers, field trips, and personal success experiences with science, math, and engineering. Bartons is the son of Susan and

Manoette Bartons of Canton. He attends Plymouth Salem High School and is involved with basketball.

FRED GIBBS, son of Fred and Helen Gibbs of Plymouth, entered Carleton College this fall. He is a graduate of Prior Lake (Minn.) High School.

WILLIAM RYAN of Canton was a scholarship recipient from the Washtenaw Community College Foundation for the 1994-95 academic year.

LARRY WOLODOTT of Plymouth was a scholarship recipient from the Washtenaw Community College Foundation for the 1994-95 academic year.

KARA EDLSON of Canton has been awarded the George De Decker Endowment Scholarship in the amount of \$425 for the 1994-95 academic year at Madonna University. She is a freshman in the sign language studies program and has a 3.73 grade point average.

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Mon. 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor Gregory Gibbons • 532-8655

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Worship 10:30 a.m.

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December 18th
10:30 a.m. Pastor Calvin Ratz
6:30 p.m. Pastors' Living Christmas Carol
7-8 p.m. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
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Livonia 422-1150

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December 18th
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Pastor Richard A. Peacock
Pastor Karen B. Peock
Rev. Robert Bough
Rev. William Fryer

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST
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Chuck Bonquist, Pastor

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38500 Ann Arbor Trail
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Worship Services & Sunday School
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December 18th
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Rev. Melanie L. Carey

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Adult Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Childrens Sunday School 11:00 A.M.
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December 18th
"From Frustration to Fulfillment"
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ery through junior departments of the Bible school will present "It's Christmas Time" at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 35474 Five Mile, Livonia. It will tell the Christmas story through music and recitations. Refreshments will follow.

SONG SERVICE
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church will present "Christmas — A Time of Joy," a pageant by school children about the coming of the Savior, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 17810 Farmington Road, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 261-1360.

'PROMISE FULLEST'
The cantata "The Promise Fullest" by Lani Smith will be presented at the 10 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. The church also has midweek services at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, in the chapel. For more information, call (313) 534-7730.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
The Day School Christmas program of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and School of Westland will be presented at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 5885 Venoy Road, Westland. The Sunday School program will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. For more information, call (313) 425-0260.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Internationally renowned Irish tenor Mark Forrest will be in concert following a 2:30 p.m. rosary Sunday, Dec. 18, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia, sponsored by the Medjugorje Peace Center of Detroit. The performance is one of three he will do in the Detroit area — 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at St. Rene Goupil

Church in Sterling Heights and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Beatrice Church in Southfield. No tickets are necessary, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Bosnian refugees. For more information, call (810) 559-4544.

CHRISTMAS 'GLORIA'
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church's Chancel Choir, accompanied by the Vanguard Brass and Percussion Ensemble, will present John

Rutter's "Gloria," a Christmas cantata, during the 11 a.m. worship service Sunday, Dec. 18. The church also has a new 7 p.m. Wednesday service open to all people, especially those who cannot attend regular Sunday worship services. For more information, call the church at (313) 422-1470.

LIVING NATIVITY
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran Church in Redford will present "The Liv-

ing Nativity" 3-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 9600 Levene, west of Beech Daly between West Chicago and Plymouth roads. There will be refreshments, choirs, farm animals and more. The public is invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Bethel Baptist Temple will have its annual children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at the church, 29475 W. Six Mile, Livonia. The public is invit-

ed to attend, and a box of candy will be given to each woman and child in attendance. For more information, call the Rev. H.L. Petty at (313) 525-3664 or (313) 261-9276.

NEW OFFICERS
Congregation Beit Kodsh will have its installation of officers at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the synagogue, 31840 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. A kiddush will follow. Elected officers are: Jeffrey

Kirsch, president; David Gross and Martin Diakin, vice presidents; Deborah Parks, treasurer; Lynn Calnek and Paula Kirsch, secretaries; and Elliott Gredsky and Lynn Wagner-Ditzhazy, trustees.

CHRISTMAS EVE
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Winning dolls: Here are the three winning dolls chosen by the Canton Goodfellows judges. The dolls were judged on their handmade clothes. Judges were (from left) Evelyn Aksamit and Winnie Young. Nancy Spencer (center) is Goodfellows president. Dollie Lieberman (right) was also a judge, as was Marilyn Runkle, who is not pictured.

**Goodfellows reach out
to assist needy children**

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Some lucky little girls out there will soon receive 75 dolls through the Canton Goodfellows' annual "No Child Without a Christmas" effort.

Toys and food baskets will be delivered to 61 needy Canton families this weekend. Toys, including the dolls, are for the kids, while families will receive a complete Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, as well as canned and boxed foods. Families also will receive gift certificates to Kmart, Kroger and Meijer, said Nancy Spencer, Goodfellows president.

The Goodfellows conducted their annual judging of the dolls' clothes. Some clothes are handmade; others are purchased at stores.

"The ones we judged were handmade," Spencer said. Judges were Evelyn Aksamit, Winnie Young, Dollie Lieberman and Marilyn Runkle.

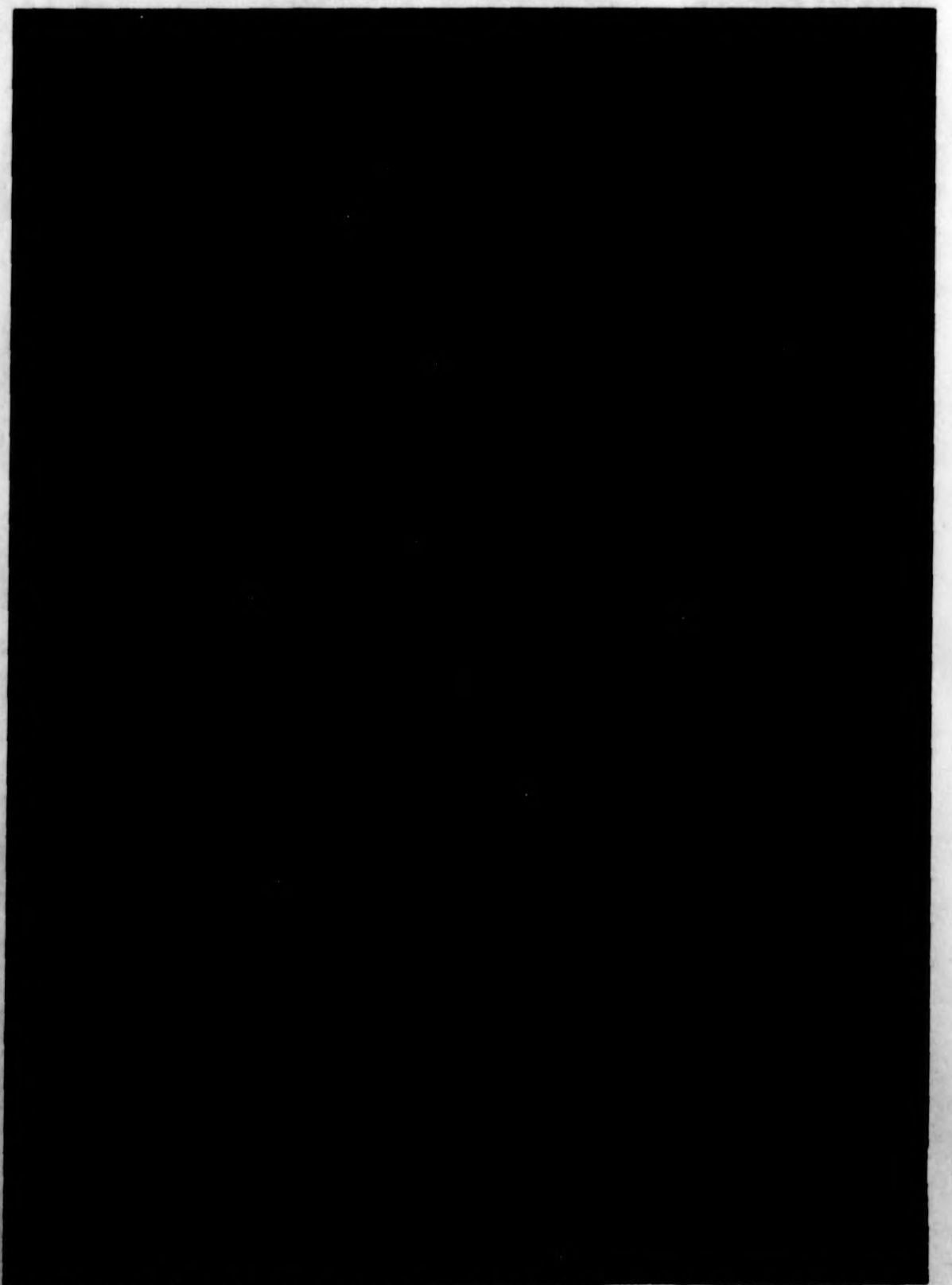
Spencer considers this year's Goodfellows effort a success. "This year there were more donations. More people came out to sell the papers. And donations were bigger," Spencer said, referring to the annual Goodfellows newspaper sale.

Helping the Goodfellows again

this year are students at East Middle School, who have collected food for the baskets, as well as Walker Elementary School students, who provided toys. The Crickets organization of preschool children also donated socks and mittens.

The largest individual contributor was Robert Potter, a chiropractor on Ford Road, who annually collects food and other items from his patients in exchange for free visits.

Spencer and other Goodfellows will spend the next few days sorting and wrapping gifts in time for delivery Saturday.



CREATIVE LIVING

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1994

BOOK BREAK



VICTORIA DIAZ

Books worth remembering

I read just under 100 books in 1994. It makes me feel warm all over to realize that nearly every single one left a good impression. Lest this prompt you to conclude that I have lost all sense of discernment, let me hasten to add that (1) most of the books I read were books I chose to read, rather than books I had to read, which probably skewed the odds, (2) I liked some of the books much better than others, (3) one novel disappointed me so much that reading it felt like swallowing a year's supply of bitter medicine all at once.

I don't expect to see the likes of 1994 again soon, of course. And so, as it draws to a close, here's a hearty toast to it, along with some thoughts on what, in my opinion, emerged as the cream of a bountiful crop. (I'd be greatly interested in knowing what books most impressed you in 1994, by the way. Let me know, and we'll include some recommended titles in future columns.)

"Last Train to Memphis," by Peter Guralnick. Though Guralnick's murky sentences sometimes mar this effort, Elvis lives and breathes (as does a motley supporting crew) in this comprehensive account of the pop star's early years.

This book is more than a close look at Elvis, however. In a sense, it's a lusciously-detailed volume of a piece of American history - especially the musical streets of Memphis in the fifties, the segregated neighborhoods of the South, the mom-and-pop recording studios, radio stations, and other tiny milieus that provided some of the first outlets for this revolutionary performer and a new sound in music.

"The Shipping News" by E. Annie Proulx. Yes, I know this book was originally published last year, but it received the 1994 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, debuted in paperback this year, and I didn't get around to reading it and falling in love with it until 1994. So on the list it goes.

Picture "The World According to Garp" meets "The Prince of Tides" and you'll have something of the flavor of this story about an American journalist (sort of) who moves to Newfoundland and finds not just himself, but love as well. You'll encounter practically a blizzard of something much like poetry on almost every page, at the same time that you're getting acquainted with Proulx's singular characters who, in turn, wrap you up in a touching story where tickled ribs and broken hearts often co-exist.

"Shot in the Heart" by Mikal Gilmore. Written by the brother of executed murderer, Gary Gilmore, this book is not so much a story about the killer as it is an up-close-and-personal look at the gritty background from which he

See DIAZ, 2D

LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for in Creative Living next week:

- Dulcimer clubs based in Canton Township and Garden City ring in new appreciation for the medieval stringed instrument.
- Award winning Livonia photographer, Jim Morpew donates mother and child portraits to St. Mary Hospital.
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STATE of the ARTS

Visual darkness: Using paints straight from the tube, Dana Schutz works the color onto the canvas with her finger



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Color, texture mark Stevenson teen's art

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Dana Schutz uses whatever surface is available to her for painting portraits of society's outcasts. Painting on objects such as old ceiling tiles, sink boards and cardboard, Schutz layers on the paint straight from the tube.

Influenced by the German Expressionists, the 18-year-old Livonia Stevenson High School senior paints from the imagination, creating artworks in the style of these masters.

Finger painting their unusual

features and characteristics, Schutz leads us into darkened places to reveal the down side of life, life's tragedies.

"What's interesting for me is there is always an emotional story there; always something behind the surface tells a very human story of where we are as people," said Connie Cronewett, art department chairperson at Stevenson High School.

Schutz started painting seriously two years ago. Last summer a series

See SCHUTZ, 3D



Prolific painter: Dana Schutz, 18, creates works of art after the style of the German Expressionists.



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Light, shape, shadow detail old buildings

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Plymouth photographer Kristin Cooper aims to save deserted buildings through the lens of her all-manual, Pentax K1000 camera.

The delicate looking photos appear as if they were shot with black and white infrared film then hand colored by the 24 year old. They were not. They were shot with 200 speed color film. Instead, they use line, form, balance and contrasting light, shadow and geometric shape to draw an individual into the striking

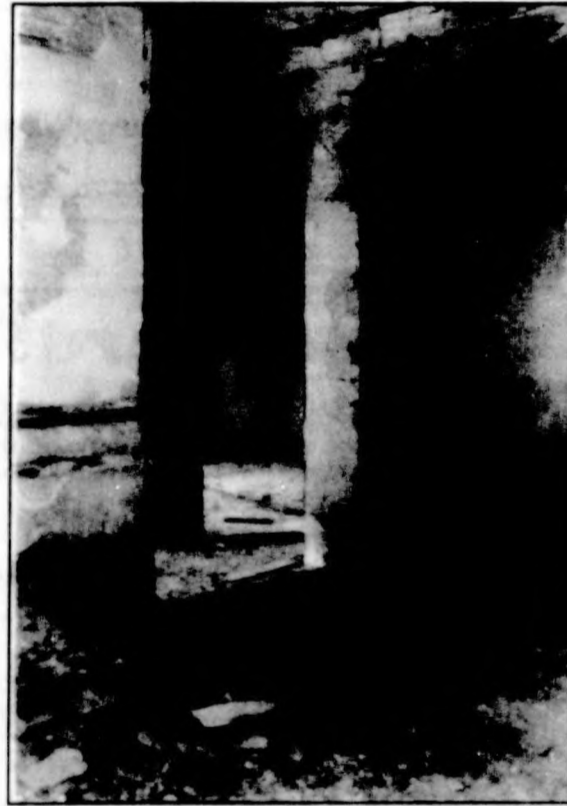
compositions.

Littered doorways and pane-less windows tell a story of structures long since abandoned. The peeling paint reveals layer after layer of colors counting the years of their existence. Stairways lead the eye upwards where shadows play upon shadows.

"I'm fascinated with architecture, especially detailed architecture," said Kristin Cooper.

"I use all natural lighting. I

See BUILDINGS, 3D



Going somewhere: Kristin Cooper captures the imagination with this color photograph of a doorway in an abandoned building.

School programs encourage study of arts

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
SPECIAL WRITER

Gov. John Engler's budget cutting axe has fallen heavily on the arts, especially art education. So, where are today's art educators to lead our children, if anywhere?

Will there be any future Renoir's, Bonnard's, or Toulouse-Lautrec's? When the institutions graduate them, will they be able to support

themselves?

Randolph Elementary

At Randolph Elementary School in Livonia art teacher, Sally Diskin introduces the visual arts to her first through sixth graders via the computer. For 45 minutes a week the children study art history using art reproductions learning technique, color theory, and how it was done by

the masters.

"We do the best possible with the time we have studying a wide range of experiences and techniques," said Diskin.

"The computer has me most excited. It's a new tool to create with. It greatly influences everything they do."

Plymouth Salem

At Plymouth Salem High School,

Kris Darby teaches a comprehensive program focusing on the visual arts. Students, who received one hour of art a week in elementary and middle school, may elect to take the year long, introduction to art studying the basic skills of drawing, color theory, lettering, and perspective. From there, it's on to Advanced Placement

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Artbeat feature various happenings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Creative Living Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or fax them to (313) 591-7279.

BUILDING DREAMS TOGETHER

New Morning School in Plymouth is searching for art to color the cover of its annual auction catalog. Deadline for submitting 35mm slides to the fine-art competition is Jan. 20, 1995. A non-refundable fee of \$10 per slide must accompany each entry.

The winning entry will be used as art for the catalog (with a minimum distribution of 1,500 copies) and on the auction invitations.

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A Juror's Choice Award of \$200 will be presented to the winner, as well as three \$50 Merit Awards. Jurors will select finalists from a review of the 35mm slides. Finalists must then submit the original works for jury selection to New Morning School.

All entries must be available for sale. The winning artwork will be sold at the April 1, 1995 no recourse auction. A 400/80 commis-

sion on the auction price will be charged.

"We are looking for original artwork by a local artist that exemplifies our school and our theme, Building Dreams Together. Subject matter is not restrictive with us," said Diane Harrison, who donated her painting, "A Fire Within," to last year's auction.

New Morning School is a nonprofit preschool to eighth grade parent cooperative in Plymouth. Founded in 1973, the school is state certified and serves students of all abilities from he learning disabled to the gifted.

For more information or to request an entry form send a SASE to New Morning School Auction Catalog Cover Competition, c Diane Harrison, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth 48170.

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of three scholarships led her to study figure drawing under Redford Township sculptor, Sergio De Giusti at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, acrylic painting at a camp in Colorado, and a variety of art exercises at Center for Creative Studies in Detroit.

"I've always been interested in people, painting what's there but in a different way. Try to capture the way they're thinking, the way they're moving, what their personalities must be like. I see them as fragile," said Schutz, winner of 18 Scholastic Art Awards.

"I use a palette of rich colors, darker colors. I don't particularly like pastels all that much."

Seated on the basement floor, Schutz applies the oil paint with her fingers building up layers of texture that catch and reflect the

light. She prefers to work on canvas, but when scarce, Schutz will use any flat surface.

"I love texture, and I love paint. Sometimes when it's done, I like to touch it," said Schutz, who plays first flute with the Stevenson High School symphonic band.

Many of the characters Schutz recorded in her mind from a brief stint working at a local restaurant. Their often sullen appearance tears at the heart while prodding the viewer into further gawking at these darkly colored characters.

To say she is prolific is an understatement. Dean and Georgia Schutz's Livonia home is filled to near capacity with the paintings of their daughter. Georgia provided fertile ground for the growing of a gifted young artist. An art teacher at Pioneer Middle School

in the Plymouth Canton district, Georgia Schutz made sure her daughter was supplied with pencils, paper and paints. She has saved some of Dana's drawings beginning from age one. There are no masterpieces here, but experiments of an artist-in-training.

"She really caught fire in the ninth grade," said Georgia Schutz, an art teacher for 25 years.

"I'm amazed with her ability and her talents. It's wonderful to see your own child surpass what you've done."

At Stevenson High School, Schutz is learning advanced art techniques. An independent study hour allows more time for painting. Reading art history books changed her technique of putting paint on canvas, as she works now towards improving her

composition. Schutz rarely signs her work. When she does eventually it is covered 'I'll with paint because it distracts from the picture."

Schutz plans to attend an art college after graduation, probably out-of-state but hasn't decided

where. Her goal is to eventually support herself with her painting.

An admirer of Chaim Soutine, Otto Dix and Edvard Munch, Schutz strives to follow their path in Expressionism.

"I really like Soutine. I like how his shapes are. The subject is part

of the environment with the shadows almost swallowing them and when he paints it so passionately, his impasto is lush and thick, and although the figure may have a deformity where one arm is longer than the other, it doesn't detract from the painting."

Buildings from page 1D

strive for strong verticals and strong diagonals, always some geometric shape."

Cooper's photographs target the Northville, Plymouth and Ann Arbor area. She photographed abandoned buildings located on the northwest corner of Five Mile and Sheldon while a senior at Grand Valley State University. The work was part of her thesis, "The Beauty of Light on a Not So Gilded Stage."

"People want to know where these were taken. They like the doorway and window because it leads somewhere," said Cooper, who grew up in Canton Township.

"I'm very, very attached to these buildings. I don't want to see it leveled."

Cooper, for the first time, recently exhibited the works at the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Artists and Craftsmen show held during Fall Festival, at a benefit fine crafts show for New Morning School in Plymouth, and at North Farmington High School.

Seven of the photographs from this series are currently on exhibit at Creative Framing and Fabric Accents, 853 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

"The way Kristin's captured

the buildings, people just love them. They think they're unique and because it's local around here, it also attracts you," said Pat Korona, who along with Chris Burke owns Creative Framing.

"It's a different type of artwork. She has taken something very ugly and in shambles, and turned it into something very beautiful."

Vintage arches shot in Grand Rapids also tell a story of desolation, where city streets have been abandoned for the newer, sleeker malls in the suburbs. But not all of Cooper's photographic experience has been in the area of fine art. Much of her job experience was earned during the two years she worked at a commercial photography studio, Image Concepts in Plymouth.

Studio lighting became second hand to her there, as did the ability to create and coordinate backdrops and props. She honed these techniques while photographing everything from real estate head shots to industrial tools, children's books for Border's catalogs, and products for Kmart sales brochures.

"I learned a lot shooting jewelry. Shooting jewelry can be very tedious. You can spend hours shooting one ring trying to get the

lighting right," said Cooper.

Her first camera, a gift from an aunt at age 10, became a vehicle of expression for Cooper.

"My dad was the photographer in the family, and it sparked my interest," she said.

"I liked art and art classes but was never good in it, but photography was something I could do and do well." Cooper took her first photography class in 10th grade at North Olmsted High School in Ohio. After graduation, Cooper attended Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

"I started to get into it at OCC because it was a more professional atmosphere. My parents were 200 percent supportive from the very first, so I never gave a thought if I could make a living at it."

Cooper is sending out resumes and knocking on doors of commercial studios specializing in product photography in the area. But they are few and far between, and most are one man operations. As a free lance photographer, she has shot professional portraits, art imagery, and pets of all kinds. Although she hasn't figured out where she wants to go from here, Cooper is certain about continuing her work as a fine art photographer.

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Creativity key in student art show

BY LINDA ANN CHOMEN
SPECIAL WRITER
Creativity was key to the as-

ignment calling for students in the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program at Churchill

High School to conjure up a different setting in its hallways. The results were exhibited in

mid-November at a 60-piece show by the 20 Livonia students. From Rob Carris' racing cars and Megan Robinson's dueling dinosaurs to Laura Hinojosals scene sporting an overflow of aquatic life, imaginations ran rampant. Senior, Sarah Majtyka envisioned a hallway full of stampeding bulls.

"I took a book on cows from the library to use as reference. We were supposed to do surrealism. That's what the hallways feel like," said Majtyka, a senior planning to attend the school of the Art Institute of Chicago after graduation.

Along the same lines of thinking as Majtyka's "Hall of Bulls" is Nic Wight's "Jungle Fever" in which he reveals his secret thoughts on the hallowed halls of Churchill. The color pencil work is inundated with what else, jungle animals.

"School is really crowded. It's really a jungle. You have to know how to move in it. You have to know how to live in it," said Wight, a sophomore.

Wight and Majtyka are among a handful of students whose art interests were first sparked by taking classes at David Messing's Art Store and More in Livonia. Both joined CAPA for the same reasons other students enrolled in the program did — to intensify studies in the visual arts.

"CAPA is more focused on your talent than in a regular art class. In CAPA, you get the projects that push us a little bit farther," said Majtyka.

Jessica Ristic agrees that CAPA keeps her on her toes.

"CAPA is more challenging. You have all different skill levels," said Ristic, a junior who entered the program in her sophomore year.

"It helps a lot if you know your work's going to be shown. We had to hang them ourselves, so we had to learn what colors go together, how to make the work flow together." To enter the CAPA program students must pass an audition which includes completing a self portrait, and still life featuring a pair of shoes. CAPA visual art teacher, Anita Lanour regularly scouts the junior high schools in Livonia for new recruits.

Once enrolled in the program, students attend Churchill High School even if at one point they were destined for Franklin or Ste-



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Cardinal: Churchill High School Junior Jennifer Ristic displays a bird in watercolor. The work is from a project on scientific illustration this semester.

venson. This is a change from one year ago when students were transported back and forth between schools daily.

"I look for motivation to see how motivated they are. I look at people who are going to work hard, and have the ability to perceive what they're going to draw realistically," said Lanour.

"I like seeing the shows be-

cause sometimes in a traditional art class you don't have a sense of finished. Here, the work looks professional. It looks polished."

Began nearly 10 years ago, the CAPA program as all other art education has undergone drastic budget cuts. In 1991, there were 42 students enrolled in the program. Today there are 20.



Churchill stampede: Senior Sarah Majtyka created this color pencil portrait which transposes the hallways of Churchill High School into a different setting.

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tion Catalog Cover Competition, c/o Diane Harrison, 14501 Haggerty Road, Plymouth 48170.

EXHIBITION IN FINAL DAYS

The Garden City Fine Arts Association continues its 1994 Holiday Exhibit and Sale through

Dec. 17 at Sheridan Square, 30116 Ford Road in Garden City.

More than 40 artworks ranging in a variety of mediums are on hand. The show was judged by Gary Wilson, associate professor of art at Monroe Community Col-

lege. Visitors will vote for the People's Choice to be awarded at the end of the show's run.

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LEASING CONTRACT

One of the nation's largest real estate management and services companies has been awarded the management and leasing contract for One Northwestern Plaza in Southfield.

Newport Beach, Calif.-based Koll is in the process of coming up with a plan for the building in order to meet the needs of the Southfield market.

"The addition of this premier office building to the Koll portfolio marks the firm's first venture into the Southfield market, and represents an outstanding opportunity for Koll," said Joe Gordon, vice president of the property division.

Gordon will oversee the venture from his office in Chicago.

One Northwestern Plaza, a 242,000-square-foot, 13-story multi-tenant office building, is 94 percent occupied. It's home to several triple A-rated insurance firms. It will be managed onsite by Koll property manager David Kramer.

PREPARING TO MERGE

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors, the Rochester Area Association of Realtors and the South Oakland County Board of Realtors have put together a six-member task force to work out details of the upcoming merger of the boards.

The merger of the three into one joint board, tentatively named the Metropolitan-Oakland Association of Realtors, is scheduled to be completed by May 1995.

The new board will service the three boards' 2,800 members.

Task force members are: Nita Anderson of Prudential Great Lakes (BBBR), Robert Taylor Jr. of Chamberlain Realtors (BBBR), Caroline McGuire of Re/Max Professional (RAAR), Carol Shelton of Real Estate One (RAAR), Bob Corbett of Century 21 Campbell Realty (SOBOR) and James Sands of Standard Federal Bank (SOBOR).

Direct queries about the three-board merger to Professional Association Services in Bloomfield Hills: (810) 646-2963.

—Compiled by Becky Burns

Realtors eye joining board of their choice

BY BECKY BURNS
SPECIAL WRITER

Personal relations are returning to the forefront of today's satellite and computer society in the real estate world's continuous effort to bring its members closer together.

Beginning Jan. 1, regional boundaries will lift, allowing principal brokers the opportunity to join any real estate board or association in the state, without regard to market area.

"I think it's a good idea — anything that gives you the freedom of choice," said Donna Alpert, Realtor at Cranbrook Associate Realtors, West Bloomfield.

Until now, Realtors have been limited to joining only the board or association in their offices' region.

"Sometimes, people, even though their office may not be in that area, may specialize in that area," said Al-

pert, a member of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors.

Wayne Drake, a Realtor at Real Estate One, Livonia, agreed with Alpert that the option to belong to a board in an area other than where the office is located makes sense for some Realtors.

"If you have a knowledge of an area, you're not doing a disservice to your customers," he said.

Not only will Realtors now be able to choose a primary board to join, they also will have the option to choose a secondary board. This will allow for access to even more information, something both Drake and Alpert stressed as important.

"I would like to see Board of Choice be a benefit to Realtors, and then obviously it will be a benefit to customers," Drake said.

Another benefit, he said, is the in-

crease in competition that's sure to arise between boards. He compared the current board setup to a monopoly and a bureaucracy, saying regional boards have too much power.

"I have a tendency to believe it's like large government," he said, adding that there's a lot of money involved. "I think they need to run a tighter ship on that."

Drake is among the thousands of members who belong to the Western Wayne South Oakland Board of Realtors. He feels if he were part of a smaller board, his voice and vote may count for more.

"I could join a board up in the Upper Peninsula that has maybe two members," he said.

Coinciding with Board of Choice, the National Association of Realtors has set up some new guidelines, requiring real estate boards to meet

minimum criteria. The state associations will certify the boards, which are encouraged to merge with other boards if they cannot meet the requirements.

These requirements include: by-laws, elections, membership meetings, dues collection and financial functions, staff services, legal counsel, executive officer, newsletter, orientation, educational programs and enforcement of the code of ethics.

Mergers can benefit boards by decreasing operation costs, increasing political influence at the state and national levels, offering more educational opportunities and providing assurance that the NAR's minimum board services standards will be met.

BBBR, the Rochester Area Association of Realtors and the South Oakland County Board of Realtors have set a merger date for May 1995.

You can limit blackballing ruses, fireworks use

CONDO QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

Q: The board of our cooperative has a management company we have asked to supply us with names of CPAs for an audit. The management company has given us several names, but indicated that in the case of at least one, while the CPA is nationally known as an expert, he is "too expensive."

I find that somewhat unusual for a management firm to tell us, since we have advised the management firm that we want a competent and capable CPA help for our cooperative.

I am also learning from experience that the other CPA recommended by the management company is someone with whom the management company works in many projects and may have done some accounting work for the principal of the management company.

How do I bring this to the attention of the board so that they can see what they are dealing with?

A: Many times, management companies will be asked to recommend professionals. They can, by either the inflection of their voice in verbalizing that recommendation, or by uttering certain words, namely "you cannot afford him/her," effectively blackball that particular professional.

This may be a ruse on the part of the management company to keep out of the professional involved, simply for selfish, self-serving purposes, or it may be based upon experience obtained by the management company in other dealings with the professional involved.

To the extent that the management company has an ongoing relationship as you have depicted with the other CPA, I would question the objectivity of the management company in terms of making that recommendation and, for that matter, determine whether the management company and the CPA involved are in a potential or actual conflict of interest.

A truly good management company will suggest to the association that they get the very best professional it can possibly afford and determine a way that the best CPA can be hired.

Q: We have a recreational condominium project and on almost every holiday, there are an extraordinary number of fireworks that are set off on the condominium premises.

While we appreciate the need for the members to enjoy themselves, can we restrict the use of fireworks at the condominium project and, as a practical matter, how can we enforce it?

A: Under most condominium documents, there is a prohibition against obnoxious and/or offensive activities, excessively noisy activities and the maintenance of firearms or other projectiles that could be dangerous.

It would appear that the use of fireworks can be dangerous to the residents of the condominium in a number of respects and if your bylaws do not specifically prohibit the use and/

or detonation of fireworks, perhaps a rule and/or amendment to the condominium documents is necessary.

As with any other rule, the association should have a multitude of remedies available to enforce the rules, including, if necessary, ultimate resort to court to seek injunctive relief.

The association should embark upon a uniform and rigorous bylaw enforcement policy relating to all of its restrictions, including the use of fireworks, if that is the desire of the organization.

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Ray E. Landberg Jr. was elected an associate of Ellis/Naeyaert/Genheimer Associates Inc. in Troy. Landberg, who has 22 years of mechanical engineering experience, will be responsible for quality management and design services as related to HVAC and fire protection.



Landberg

Charlotte "Charlie" Mahoney of Livonia was named regional manager in Wayne County with Detroit Edison. Mahoney serves several Downriver communities. Mahoney became a staff assistant in systems engineering when she joined Detroit Edison in 1977.



Mahoney

Jeffrey A. Schultz of Farmington Hills was promoted to senior account executive for Marx Layne & Co. in Farmington Hills. Schultz joined the public relations firm as an account executive in March 1994. He had been an account supervisor for PR Associates in Detroit.



Schultz

Bruce Sanders of Livonia was appointed a vice president in the commercial insurance division of Cambridge Underwriters Ltd. in Livonia. Before joining Cambridge Underwriters in 1990 as an account executive, he was affiliated with Baker-Hopp & Associates.



Sanders

Good times

Builders bedeviled



Builders here generally have enjoyed good economic times the past couple of years. Good times, however, have potentially bad consequences for some builders and their customers.

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

A sustained residential construction boom in southeastern Michigan has come around to bite some builders on the bottom in the form of labor shortages.

Roughing carpenters, who frame structural skeletons over foundations and basements, are especially in short supply, several builders report.

The consequences aren't pleasant for builders or their customers.

"In terms of construction financing, if it takes longer to build, overhead and cost for supervision increases," said Gerry Brody, president of Brody & Halan, residential builders in Bloomfield Hills.

"Very succinctly, (for consumers) it means higher prices to pay for a home, longer delivery time to get a home and being very selective in choosing a builder to get quality product and value for money," Brody added.

Fred I. Capaldi, a custom builder/remodeler in Rochester Hills, said he's turned down jobs rather than risk stringing prospective clients along with delays.

"If you can find me carpenters, I have 20 basements sitting now," said Scott Jacobson, president of S.R. Jacobson Development in Bingham Farms.

"We use four or five crews at a time. We could use a couple more," said Mark Frick, vice president of operations for the Herman Frankel Organization in West Bloomfield.

The builders concede that they've been hurt to some degree by their own success.

"There's been a tremendous upsurge in residential construction," Brody said. "There's not enough manpower."

Housing starts increased by 31 percent in Oakland County through October of this year - 5,866 units compared to 4,473 during the first 10 months of 1993.

The Michigan Association of Home Builders also reports that some 2,460 housing units were started in Wayne County and 3,800 in Macomb through September.

"Everybody is in demand. It's not any one particular trade but all trades," said Deen Hyde, marketing director for Pulte Homes of Michigan.

"I wouldn't say we're experiencing shortages so much as keeping people all lined up to meet goals," she said. "We build throughout the year so we like to retain a lot of our subcontractors."

Pulte, the volume leader in Michigan, expects to erect some 400 houses this year, Hyde said.

Other builders have their eyes on Pulte's crews, she said. "They're getting more offers, but we're retaining them because we offer 12 months of employment."

Jacobson and Frick offered another reason for the labor shortage from the supply side of the equation.

"With the strength of the auto business, a lot of trades are going back and working in the shop. It's probably a more secure situation," Jacobson said.

"With every downturn, I think people get out of the business," said Frick. "People leave the state



Going up: Some builders here report shortages in the construction trades, especially roughing carpenters. The bottom line for buyers could be higher prices.

or get out of the trade.

"I don't think people are picking up the trades for a career," he added. "Why? I don't know. It's something we as an industry need to take a look at."

"I think what has to be done is more promotion through unions or trade associations to try to sell professional carpentry," Jacobson said. "It is a good business, it is enjoyable."

Carpenters can make \$18 to \$25 per hour in wages and benefits, Jacobson said.

Quality of work is a major concern, too, especially for high-end, luxury builders.

Family-friendly helps everyone

BY MARY RODRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

By the year 2000, as many as 80 percent of school-aged children and 70 percent of preschoolers will have mothers in the work force, according to one study.

At Plante & Moran, the Southfield-based public accounting and management consulting firm, commitment to family issues is a long standing tradition.

Four of five accountants recently elevated to the level of partner there are women, including Linda Hubbard and Susan Perlin, both mothers of young children.

Hubbard, mother of Matthew, 21/2, specializes in construction and real estate management and has been with the firm 12 years.

She lives and works in Bloomfield Hills and was one of the founding members of Plante & Moran's parenting tightrope action (PTA) committee, founded in 1986.

Perlin, whose Southfield office practice includes school districts, manufacturing and not-for-profit clients, has two daughters, Lauren, 61/2 and Allison, 31/2. She lives in Novi and has worked for Plante & Moran 13 years. Currently she is co-chair of the PTA committee.

Both women are graduates of Michigan State University.

Recently the two talked of how their firm - which has 650 employees in 12 offices - has maintained its commitment to family issues.

What does your PTA committee mean to working parents?

"Over the past four or five years, we've been successful overall in retaining a higher percentage of staff," Hubbard said. "Our family leave act preceded the leave act in Congress by two years."

"We survey our staff to see what issues are important to them. We thought (the PTA) would be an ad hoc committee disbanded in a year or two but it's still going strong. There are always lots of topics to discuss."

"It's not a women-only group," Perlin added. "We're made up of men and women, married and single, parents and non parents."

Elder care for sick parents is becoming a big issue. The family leave act applies to a child or a parent.

How big an issue is this in the workplace?

"It's a huge issue," Perlin said. "Accounting and business in general have been addressing it the last six or seven years. Half or more of the accounting graduates are women. To grow as a firm and retain the best is important."

"It's not just a women's issue," Perlin said. "Many

See FAMILY, 2F



Trailblazers: Sue Perlin (left) and Linda Hubbard, partners in a certified public accounting firm, have been instrumental in forging family-friendly policies for the firm.

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stitute a BACK slash for the \).

The additional charge for SLIP is a bargain — a one-time \$40 payment. Software will be made available to download from O&E On-line, but we recommend buying an Internet in a Box kit from computer stores. The advantage of buying the kit is that manuals will be furnished for each tool. O&E On-line is providing the SLIP connection but cannot provide support for the software interface tools such as Eudora or Mosaic.

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How is your firm family friendly?

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"The sessions are well attended by men and women," added Perlin.

Hubbard said there are a lot of social activities as well.

"We have an annual picnic at Upland Hills, which the kids enjoy with all the animals. There are basketball games between staff with an appearance by Barney (the purple dinosaur)."

Plante & Moran offers on-site day care Saturdays during tax season, from January through April 15. Do you use it?

"It's a big deal for my kids," said Perlin. "Around Christmas, they start asking when they can come to work with me."

It's free for employees and open to children age six months to 12 years.

"There are single parents who use it," Hubbard said. "Also, some men who have wives at home use the Saturday day care to give their

wives a break because of the long hours they work during the week."

How busy are you two as partners?

"The goal is to balance work and home responsibilities," Perlin said. "Becoming partner was something we worked up to, gradually increasing the load. Plante & Moran always had flex time.

"It's not a 9 to 5 job. Hours aren't the same daily. We can be real busy at times, but when my child was in the Halloween parade at school, I was there. I work some week nights but try to take Friday off to be with them."

"Flex time is the biggest boon to us," Hubbard said. "We could work at midnight or 6 a.m. Or work at home if needed using a computer and voice mail."

Both have a client base centered in metro Detroit so out of town traveling is minimal.

"Typically there is more than one person working on an account," Hubbard said. "When you take time off, there is always someone a client can talk to. Everyone pitches in."

"Last April 14, an accountant was working on a very large personal tax return when she got a call from her child's provider that he was sick and needed to see a doctor. Four of us got

together and each took a section of the return so she could go home and take care of her son."

What are some things a company can do that are family friendly but don't cost too much to implement?

"Flex time is the biggest thing," said Hubbard. "Basic trust in your company is important. We have that at Plante & Moran. Our company provides a flexible benefits program under which child care costs can be paid with pre-tax income. That is helpful and not costly."

Perlin holds a copy of a comprehensive handbook (compiled by the PTA committee) given to pregnant employees, outlining all the information that worker will need.

"We have an informal buddy plan. Before the employee goes on leave, a buddy who has been through it is available and continues being accessible during and after the leave," she said.

Both Perlin and Hubbard took a full six months leave after the births of their children and returned to their same jobs.

"After a couple of weeks back, it feels like we were never gone," said Hubbard.

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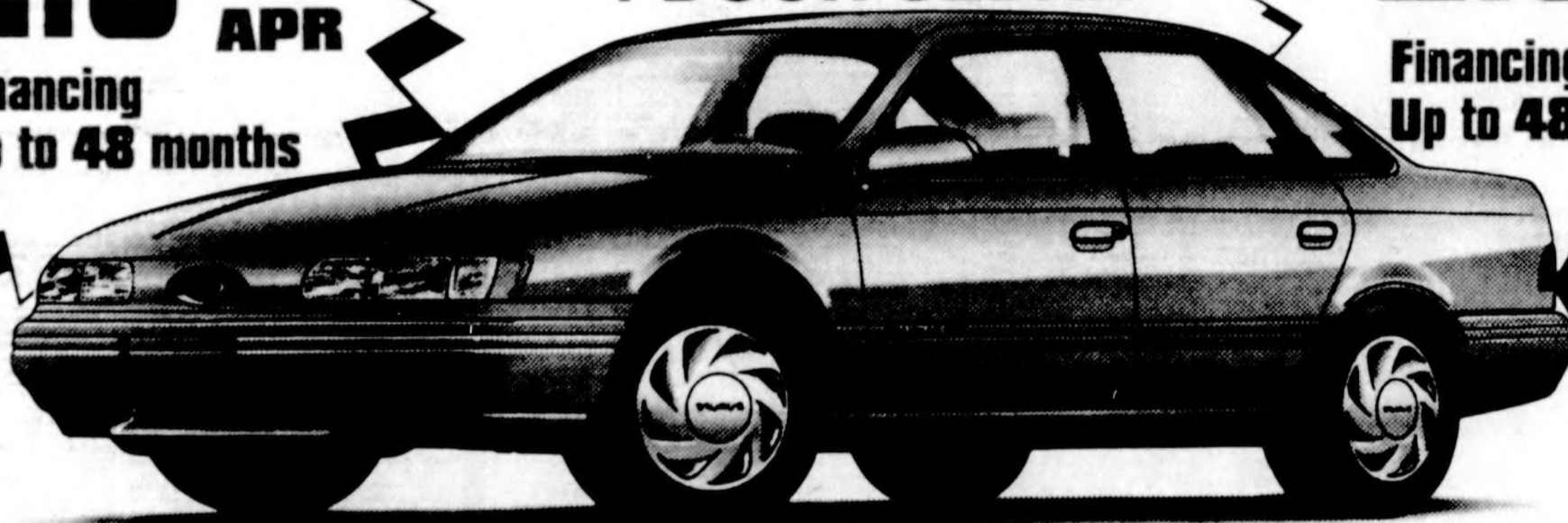
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SM 39, I'm into astrology, bingo, social groups. I'm looking for a man 40-50 with good values & decent morals. With the old coming holidays I would be nice to have someone special to enjoy them with & a good relationship as being friends. Call Ext. 31500

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SM 19, 57, with light blonde hair & blue eyes. I enjoy music, reading, the holidays & Brady Bunch reruns. I'm a Catholic & attending college. I would like to meet someone 19-22, who is positive about his life & active in college. Call Ext. 32109

COMMITTED CHRISTIAN

DMF 60's, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys dining out, movies, Bible study, prayer groups, long walks, t.v. & quiet time at home. I'm looking for the same qualities in a friend. I am looking for a Black Christian male in his 50's who is also committed to the church. Call Ext. 31878

SEEKING SINGLE MALE

DF 41, I have 2 children. I'm looking for someone single around the same age. Call Ext. 31870

OLD FASHIONED HOMOBIOD

WWF 50, 52, 57, Catholic. I like bowling & occasional movies. Seeking a single White male for companionship or a relationship. Must love animals. Looks are nice. Call Ext. 31808

LOVE ANIMALS & KIDS

SMW 21, 56, I am looking for a single White male who is kind, caring & has a really good sense of humor. Call Ext. 31808

SINGLE CHRISTIAN MALE WANTED

DMF 57, I'm looking for someone with similar likes to grow old with. I enjoy walking, dancing, going to the movies & taking long drives. I'm a Christian White male between the ages of late 50's or early 60's please reply. Call Ext. 32074

NON ATTENDING CHRISTIAN

SMW 24, 5'8, light figured, long blonde hair. I enjoy theater, movies, music, reading, a lot of other things. I am a teacher & single but don't have any. I am looking for a love male, 23-29, non-smoker, light to non-drinker & no drugs. Someone who is interested in friendship possibly leading to more. Call Ext. 32046

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

SMW 19, 55, 110 lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, very attractive, slim, old fashioned. I like to cook, healthy, exercise & read the Bible. I don't drink or smoke. Call Ext. 32044

SEEKING SINGLE MALE

SMF Single 40's or under, 50, non-smoker, white male, loving, likes movies, music and some good food. Call Ext. 32041

ARE YOU MR. RIGHT?

WF 53, corporate sales director, non-smoker, light complexion with a body that's in proportion. I am outgoing & very much a people person. I love to laugh & share good times with my family. The only thing that has been missing is a companion. I am interested in a gentleman that is a non-smoker, is loving, tender & kind. Must love children. Call Ext. 32033

SUBST ENJOY LIFE

SMW 49, non-smoker, nondrinker, 5'10, I am looking for a single White male, at least 6', is humorous, knows how to set & keep goals. A man who is family, community, church oriented. Call Ext. 32007

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SMW Never been married, have no children, employed, non-smoker. I enjoy reading, dancing, soft rock music & my birds. I would like to attend church with someone of like interests. Call Ext. 31808

SEEKING HONEST & COMPASSIONATE MAN

SMW 50, 56, 124 lbs, auburn hair, green eyes. I am searching for a Christian soul mate who is a non-smoker & non-drinker, who loves watching sports, knows what's going on in the world & has a sense of humor. Call Ext. 31808

CONSIDERED ATTRACTIVE

DMF 43 years young, 5'3, weight in proportion to height, dark auburn hair, brown eyes. Catholic, I enjoy camping, bowling, going out to eat, shows, staying home & I'm family oriented. I want to meet someone 38-45 with the same likes to hopefully start a relationship that can be based on honesty & trust. Call Ext. 31864

LIKE MAKING APPLE PIES

SMW Christian, 28, 53, 110 lbs, employed, non-smoker, have never been married, I'm a good person. I enjoy dining out, cooking and making apple pies. Call Ext. 31827

SEEKING SINGLE MALE

SMF 53, physically fit, 5'10, long blonde hair, brown hair & eyes, non-smoker, nondrinker. I enjoy traveling, skiing, movies & most everything. I would just like to meet an attractive professional who has a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 31825

At all, mid life, single White male who is willing to take a chance on commitment again. He should have a good sense of self, be reasonably intelligent, compassionate, financially secure & missing only one ingredient to make his life complete. He should be a tall, blonde, intelligent, independently, professionally employed, divorced White male. Call Ext. 31822

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SMF 27, 54, average weight, blonde hair, non-smoker. I am looking for someone who loves the Lord & is involved in church activities. I enjoy people, laughing & just communicating. I have a great personality & a beautiful smile. I've been told. Call Ext. 31819

HOME BOD

DMF 33, Catholic, mother of 2, go to church regularly. I enjoy playing board games, cooking. I love to play sports, taking long walks & anything outdoors. I am looking for a single White male, 30-40, who loves kids & for companionship. Call Ext. 31873

LOOKING FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL

SMW 18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'10, Pentecostal. I enjoy scenic drives, bowling, movie, skating, shopping, pool & anything that I can do with a friend. I have been married 19-25 who has similar interests & who can make me laugh. Call Ext. 31814

FRIENDSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT

DMF 42, 5'9, medium build, blonde hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker. I am seeking a tall man, employed, financially secure, born again Christian of Baptist faith. I love music, singing in the choir. I am looking for someone who has a good sense of humor & a heart. Call Ext. 31899

CHRISTIAN MALE

SMW 44, 5'4, I enjoy dancing, plays, concerts & sporting events. I am seeking single White males, 35-50 in the Downriver area with similar interests & enjoy staying home. Call Ext. 31873

MIDWINTER WALKS

SMW 41, look 34, 5'8, attractive, natural blonde, intelligent, secure, have a great personality. Catholic, I have never been married & have no children. I enjoy walks, movies, some travel, sight seeing & other varied interests. I am seeking a White male up to 47, over 5'9, preferably never married & with children. Someone who is a non-smoker, is honest, sincere & fun. Call Ext. 31853

LET'S MEET FOR COFFEE

SMW 68, I am looking for a gentleman partner who would like to learn ballroom dancing & line dancing, go to church, read, listen to music, travel, shopping & family gatherings. Call Ext. 31829

ALWAYS ON THE GO

SMW 18, 53, considered attractive. Looking for a male 18-24 who is of Catholic religion as I am. Must like sports & long walks. Looking for a friendship to develop into a possible relationship. Call Ext. 31815

BLESSED IN MONROE

SMW 20, 5'4, brown hair, blue eyes, and am physically fit. I have a lot of fun looking for the almost perfect guy. Fun loving, romantic & humorous a must. I am looking for companionship. Ages 20-30. Call Ext. 31779

HAVE MANY INTERESTS

SMW 30, 5'4, attractive. I am an old fashioned girl & I'm seeking a single White male who is a Christian & a non-smoker. It's also important that he have a good sense of humor. I would like to have an old fashioned courtship that begins with friendship & possibly leads to more. Call Ext. 31768

GOOD BASIC CHRISTIAN VALUES

SMW 30, 5'8, educator. I am interested in movies, plays, travel, music, nature walks, reading, home life & the simple pleasures. I am looking for a man 6' or taller, college educated, non-smoker, nondrinker, non-substance abuser, financially secure. Call Ext. 31798

DETROIT AREA

SMF 38, employed, I enjoy reading, watching a good movie, laughing & making people happy. I attend church on a regular basis. I am interested in a gentleman who loves the Lord, is fun loving & kind. Call Ext. 31784

GAINFULLY EMPLOYED

SMF 42, 5'4, African American. My interests include going to plays, the theater, opera & reading. I am involved in church. I would like to meet a God fearing man who loves the Lord & his word. Around age 37-50. Call Ext. 31749

WOULD LIKE TO REMARRY

SMF 55, hazel eyes, auburn hair, retired. I would like to meet a Christian gentleman. Call Ext. 31747

HIGH SCHOOL VALUERS

SMW 42, employed, 5'8, long blonde hair, blue eyes, 2 adult children, honest, caring. I like country music & dancing, cross country skiing, fishing, movies, gardening, and playing cards. I am looking for someone who is sweet loving & caring, for a special relationship. Call Ext. 31869

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SMF Mother of one. I'm 35 years of age, 5' & my weight proportioned to height. I enjoy long walks, ponds, plays, movies, jazz & gospel music. I'm looking for a Black African American, born again Christian, 30-45 & who is good natured. Call Ext. 31700

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SMF 40, have 2 children, 5'6, 120 lbs, black hair, brown eyes. I enjoy dining, theater, plays, museums, exercising & reading. I am looking for a single White male, between the ages of 40-50, educated, professional for companionship & to share the joys of life. Call Ext. 32015

NEW IN TOWN

SMF 34, 5'5, 121 lbs, college educated. Interested in meeting someone who has or is developing a relationship with God. I enjoy all sorts of sporting activities, music, theater & literature. I would like to meet someone with the same interests. Call Ext. 31950

CATHOLIC

DMF 41, blue eyed blonde. Looking for a born again Catholic who loves the Lord & is looking for companionship & fun times. I enjoy eating out, theater, movies, traveling. Call Ext. 31844

SERIOUS COMMITMENT WANTED

SMF Single mom, 26, blue eyes. I am looking for a single or divorced White male, 26-32 for a serious commitment. Call Ext. 31822

SINGLE MOM OF 1

SMW Catholic, 22, 5'8, medium build, green eyes, long blonde hair. I am a social drinker & a smoker. I am looking for a single White male 21-28 for meaningful & serious relationship. Call Ext. 31909

SHARE LIFE

SMF 26, blue eyes, 5'6, I am looking for someone around age 26-32 for a relationship & someone to share my life with. Call Ext. 31824

NON-SMOKER, OCCASIONAL DRINKER

DMF Blonde, blue eyes, light attendant, have 1 child in college. I enjoy entertaining, gardening, movies, travel & working out. I love animals. Call Ext. 31842

ART TEACHER

SMF 32, Lutheran. I am seeking a single White male, 30-35 to share long walks together. My interests include bowling, long walks, movies, romantic dinners, and spending time with family. I am a smoker & a must. Must love children. Call Ext. 31825

SOMEONE TO SHARE LIFE WITH

WWF 50ish, 5'7, medium to full figured, very neat & attractive, non-smoking red head. I always dress very attractively. I'm a Christian, artistic, caring & loving. I am employed full time, am Catholic & I do attend Mass. I prefer someone medium tall to tall, big to extra large. Can be 55-65. Call Ext. 31819

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SMF 34, 5'4, I have never been married. I enjoy art, music, traveling and seeing movies. Looking for a thoughtful, sincere professional to develop a relationship. Call Ext. 31810

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SMF Sweet, slim, beautiful blonde who's seeking her equal in a handsome, fit, refined gentleman. A friend who is like myself is desired & is a world traveler also views the finer things in life. Call Ext. 31793

DO YOU HAVE SIMILAR INTERESTS?

SMF 38, mother of 2. My interests include fine markets, evening strolls, movies, country music & much more. I am looking for someone with similar interests & a good sense of humor. Call Ext. 31822

PRIORITY: PLEASING GOD

DMF 48, non-smoker, born again Christian, employed. I enjoy golf, bowling & dancing. I am looking for someone who is a Christian & whose first priority is also pleasing God. Call Ext. 31781

TIRED OF MIND GAMES

DMF 29, 5'6, medium build, blonde hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, 3 boys, my interests include bowling, movies, quiet evenings at home & an occasional night out on the town. I am looking for someone to spend time with & get to know better. Call Ext. 31754

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SMF Mid-40's, 5'7, with medium brown hair. I'm intelligent, caring & honest. I'm looking for someone to walk through the holiday season in the snow, hand in hand with. Someone to share times with. I'm looking for a good Christian man who likes the simple things in life. Call Ext. 31866

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VARIETY OF INTERESTS

SMF I'm a Christian, attractive, 26 years of age & 5'3, with brown hair & brown eyes. I love to go dancing, skating, bowling, to theaters, movies & hiking. Call Ext. 31874

SOCIAL DRINKER

SMW 58, 138 lbs. & 38 years of age. I would like to meet a very special honest, sincere, caring friend. I like to walk, travel, listening to music & dancing. I think that I'm fun to be with. I don't smoke. Call Ext. 31848

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