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Observer marks 25th anniversary

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With this issue, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers celebrates its 25th anniversary.

The company's modern era began Dec. 30, 1965, when Philip H. Power, a 27-year-old University of Michigan graduate, bought the Observer Newspapers, a six-paper chain primarily based in western Wayne County.

At the time, the chain included editions in Livonia, begun in 1940, Redford, added in 1955, Plymouth, begun in 1961 and Farmington, added one year later, as well as two new editions in Garden City and Westland.

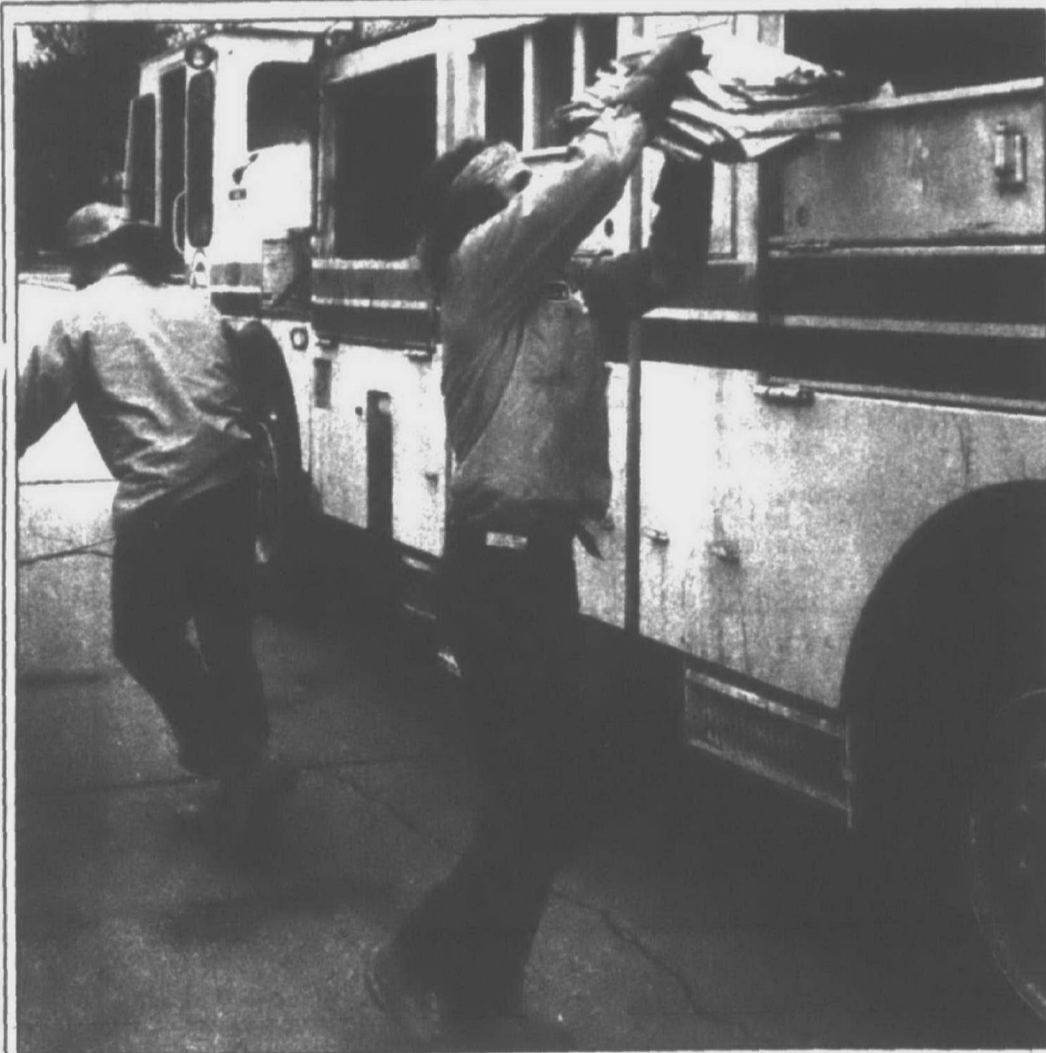
In Plymouth the Observer established a tradition of tough minded journalism tempered by an understanding of the community. The people that did that are still legends in the community.

One was Eddie Edgar, a former Detroit Free Press sports editor, came to Plymouth early in the paper's history, bringing with him a folksy style of reporting. In his regular column, called "The Stroller," he reported on the people and events that make Plymouth what it is.

And then there was Ellie Graham. She epitomized the caring community journalist and played a key role in tempering attitudes.

Another was Fred DeLano, who served in various jobs at the Observer papers, had his roots in Plymouth. He was the editor of the Plymouth Observer and a reporter for the Farmington Observer.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Keith Cole and Chris Bobe load recyclables in a truck in Plymouth Township where some residents have been buying

garbage bags that are needed in the city of Plymouth.

Trash plan brings mix-up to township

By Kevin Brown staff writer

You don't have to buy city of Plymouth \$1 garbage bags and tags if you live in Plymouth Township.

Still "Substantial numbers of Plymouth Township citizens are purchasing the bags and placing them at curb side," said James Anulewicz, township public services director.

"WE'RE GETTING a lot of calls," Anulewicz said, from township residents who aren't sure if they should be buying the city of Plymouth bags and tags.

"No. One, they're asking how can they get their money refunded, I say they're going to have to speak with the city," Anulewicz said.

Others ask, "Do they have to participate in the bag-tag program or not? We tell them it is a city of Plymouth program."

Anulewicz said township garbage pickup crews have picked up

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— James Anulewicz township public services director

several city of Plymouth bags set at the curb, and said most residents of one township subdivision were using the bags.

Beginning Dec. 10, the city of Plymouth required citizens to pay \$1 each for bags and tags, to meet rising trash dumping costs. But that program is only for city residents — Plymouth Township does not have a bag-tag program.

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Family hit by fire keeps dream alive

By Diane Gale staff writer

Debbie Dell'Orco wants to keep alive a dream her husband, Martin, had to build a home for their nine children in Canton despite the deaths of Martin and six of the couple's children in a fire last week.

"They had plans to build a home north of Ford Road," said John Dell'Orco, Martin Dell'Orco's brother. "That was Marty's dream. He used to go

out on the property and walk around."

The fire, sparked by a light bulb on a dry Christmas tree, killed Martin Dell'Orco, 38, a self-employed carpenter, Bonnie, 11, a fifth grader at Hoben Elementary School; Sara, 9, a third grader at Hoben; Megan and Michael, 5-year-old twin kindergartners at Mildred Field Elementary School and Robert, 4, who was in nursery school at the Burger Center in Garden City.

The couple's two oldest children, Kelly, 14, and Jimmy, 16, attend Canton High School, and were

visiting friends when the fire spread through the family's Proctor Road house at about 11 p.m. on Dec. 22. Adam, a 6-year-old Hoben student, escaped from the fire.

Adam doesn't understand what happened the night of the fire.

"They (the Dell'Orco family) had to have Christmas for him," said Maria Willard, a secretary at the Carpenter's Local 998, which Martin Dell'Orco belonged.

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Joe and Debbie Chisholm recount the horrible memory of finding their daughter lying in the street after she was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

Tree pickup

City crews will pick up discarded Christmas trees at the curb this season — and no garbage tags are needed.

Also, large cardboard boxes with no trash inside will be collected throughout December. Beginning Jan. 1, those boxes will require a \$1 tag for collection.

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Officials, commissioners praise work of city manager

By Kevin Brown staff writer

Gordon Jaeger is doing a great job as Plymouth city manager, say several city commissioners and administrators.

Since he assumed the city hall post May 1, Jaeger has won high marks from officials for his handling of the city's budget problems, and for demonstrating a professional approach to the job.

"HE CAME IN in a very difficult time for the city of Plymouth — that was one of the reasons we were seeking somebody with a lot of experience," said Mayor Dennis Bila.

"It would always be easier for a city manager to come in during a growth period. My overall impression is he's done an excellent job in helping us get control of the budget deficit."

Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph (Jack) Kenyon said he rates Jaeger "very high," adding that's the impression of commissioners and "people who work and associate with him around town."

"I had high expectations," Kenyon

added, as Jaeger had served 12 years as Battle Creek city manager.

Kenyon is heading a committee of city commissioners preparing a review of Jaeger's job performance, to be completed next month.

"I rate him as excellent," said City Commissioner Ron Loiselle. "Whenever we have any request for information we get full and complete information. He doesn't try to influence our vote — He lets us make our own decisions."

ASKED IF THERE were areas in which Jaeger could improve, one commissioner said, "The comments I've had is he could be out participating in more of the city events, but that will probably come with time."

Another city official agreed, saying that if some residents knew more about Jaeger, they'd have more confidence in their city government.

While another said Jaeger "is not a very gregarious, outgoing kind of individual," he added, "He doesn't take a lot of crap — either you do your job or you hit the road."

"I think he's yet to be evaluated in terms of his vision of the future, things he would like to do in the



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Gordon Jaeger, who took the Plymouth city manager job May 1, is doing an excellent job, say several city officials.

years ahead," Bila said. "I think what he has to do now is present us with his work plan for the future, where he thinks the city is going."

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Family grieves over unsolved hit-and-run

By Diane Gale staff writer

"In a matter of a minute or less a guy ran in and said there was a bad accident at the corner. I knew they were involved."

Debbie Chisholm sat next to her husband, Joe, in the Canton police station as she recalled the painful memory of 9:45 p.m. May 14 when their daughter Melissa, 14, was struck and killed by a hit and run driver on Ford and Lilley roads.

THAT NIGHT they were sitting in

Johnson's restaurant and their daughters ran across the street to Richardson's to buy folders for school.

An eyeblink later Melissa was dead.

"As we ran across the parking lot, I could see her jacket," Debbie Chisholm said. "I could see her laying in the street."

"We ran over to her and her face was down toward the street. There was a lot of blood there and I knew she was gone."

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'Senseless tragedy' of drunk driving spurs action

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By Joe Bauman staff writer

Maureen McDonald knows what it is like to lose a friend or loved one to a drunk driver.

As the grief counselor for MADD's Wayne County chapter, the Livonia resident has dealt with more than 60 families who have lost a person to what she calls "the most senseless tragedy."

"Losing someone to a drunk driver is espe-

cially difficult to accept because it didn't have to happen. Adding to the tragedy is that most people killed by drinking drivers are young, the loss is a complete shock and the court system often turns the families into victims."

McDonald has spent more than a dozen years working as a paraprofessional counselor for a number of organizations, while making her living as an independent human resources consultant.

"I decided to volunteer at MADD three years ago after two of my friends lost children to drunk drivers," she said. "I saw the complete devastation the loss has on the survivors,

and felt the group could benefit from a trained grief counselor."

McDONALD CONDUCTS two regular meetings a month for Wayne County MADD members, and also is available for individual counseling whenever the need arises.

Her goal, she said, is to get the survivors of the victim to cope with the loss so they will be able to continue with their own lives.

"Generally, the first emotion that family and friends feel is complete and utter shock. The loss is so sudden and almost always the person is completely healthy and young that his or her death is incomprehensible.

"After the shock there generally is a period of great anger and frustration, frustration with the court system in dealing with the drunk driver, and frustration trying to find a reason for the senseless loss.

"Finally, oftentimes parents experience a feeling of guilt. They ask themselves why they let the child take the car that night, or why they let the person go to that party."

McDONALD SAID the grief experienced from the loss of a child, especially when it is sudden and unexpected, can be totally devastating to those left behind.

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I am proud to be working with the entire staff at The Plymouth Observer. And especially I am grateful to the thousands of readers whose loyalty has enabled The Observer to serve Plymouth for many years.
All of us look forward to many more years of continued service to you.

Sincerely,



Philip H. Power
Chairman,
Suburban Communications Corporation

O&E newspapers mark 25th year

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"He was a good writer, an advocate for the community and spewed forth prose while the rest of us mortals merely generate words," said Emory Daniels, a former Plymouth Observer editor and now editor of the Livonia Observer.

From the start, the chain dedicated itself to community journalism, as defined by Power in an early editorial.

"We will try to bring to these newspapers an informed and probing curiosity about everything of local interest, from sewage to high school football, from racial discrimination to good recipes, from local politics to neighborhood goings on," he wrote.

The chain also became dedicated to expansion. The Farmington Enterprise and Plymouth Mail were bought in 1966 and merged with Observer papers in those communities. A Southfield paper was begun in 1970. A Livonia headquarters building, including a new offset press, was completed in 1971.

The company merged with the Birmingham-based Eccentric Newspapers chain in 1973. The new, 11-paper Observer & Eccentric chain included the Birmingham Eccentric, begun in 1878, as well as companion

editions begun in Troy, 1968, Southfield and West Bloomfield, both 1970, and Rochester, 1972. The two Southfield papers joined forces with the merger.

By 1979, the chain had expanded again with addition of a Canton Township edition. A West Bloomfield Lakes edition was added in 1989.

By the 1990s both the company and the communities it serves had undergone dramatic change. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers had become part of Suburban Communications Corp., a parent company headed by Power. At the same time, many western Wayne and Oakland county communities experienced a new burst of residential and commercial development.

In a new statement of purpose drafted last year, however, Power re-touched upon the newspapers' original commitment to the communities.

"We regard ourselves both as accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we work. It's often hard to have both feelings at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved."

Hit-and-run victim's family grieves

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Joe Chisholm added: "I put my hand on her and it sounded like she said: 'Oh, daddy.'"

The couple was visibly shaken as they recounted the story seven months later, during the holiday season and a month before what would have been their daughter's 15th birthday. They have one thing on their minds — the same thing they've been dwelling on since May. Who was driving the car that ended their daughter's life and shattered the family?

"We won't give up no matter how long this takes," said Debbie Chisholm. Her eyes welled with tears and her voice cracked. "It won't bring her back, but it will put one part of this to rest."

THERE'S JUST too many unanswered questions, she said. Why was she hit? Why didn't the driver stop?

"We want to know so we can rest," Joe Chisholm said. "I stop for ducks and they don't stop for human beings."

Canton police suspect there are people who know who the driver is and are afraid to call. Police received between 35 and 40 tips, but have no leads.

The family is offering a \$3,000 reward to anyone who provides information leading to the arrest and conviction of the driver of the car. Also, donations are being solicited with hopes to make the reward \$5,000.

"We're not going to give up," Debbie Chisholm said. "They might as well come forward. Some way. Some how. I want them to know that no

matter what I have to do I will keep it going and if nothing more they will be haunted by it.

"She's the first thing I think about in the morning and the last thing at night," she added.

WITNESS ACCOUNTS vary, police said, however, they believe the automobile was dark grey metallic colored, small to mid-size 1988-1990 Ford or Mercury-Lincoln product. The car likely had damage to the headlight area, broken windshield or rear window and possible damage to the hood or trunk.

After leaving the scene the car drove east on Ford Road, police said. "One of the hardest thing a person

can do is find out a relative or friend is involved in something like this and they don't want to turn them in," said police Det. Rick Pomorski.

The girls were almost across the street when the traffic light turned green. Canton police said they were unsure what, if any charges, the Wayne County Prosecutor's office would file against the driver.

"There's someone who knows about (who did this)," said Canton police officer Rocky Sidor, the officer in charge of the case.

"Melissa will still be dead," Sidor said. "I can't change that. But there's more than Melissa hurt here. Her family is here and they're hurt. And it just doesn't go away."

Melissa is mourned by friends, too. Friends made a cross and a placard with her name and erected it on a pole at the intersection where she died. During the summer those friends kept up a vigil of placing fresh flowers at the scene and now have replaced those with plastic flowers.

If the driver isn't found the money collected for the reward will go to St. John Neumann and the United Assembly of God youth group, of which Melissa was a member.

Contributions to the fund can be made by mailing your check or money order to the Melissa Chisholm Reward Fund, P.O. Box 87652, Canton, MI 48187-0652.

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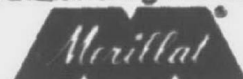


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Drunk driver shatters family's dreams, life

By Marie Chestney
staff writer

For one Westland family, a lifetime of pain, anger and sorrow began with a phone call in the middle of the night.

Before the phone call, the family of Darlene and Robert Hodges was like the "Brady Bunch" — two children from one family living with two children from another family, all under the same roof.

It was a good, solid second marriage for both.

The heart of the family was Craig Allard, Darlene's 18-year-old son by a former marriage, a young man who possessed a *joie de vivre* for everyone and everything.

CRAIG WAS the type of guy who was sensitive enough to kiss his stepdad goodby when he left the house and tough enough to co-captain Livonia Franklin High's football team and be its star quarterback.

All looked rosy for the Franklin senior that March day in 1989 when he left with three Franklin friends on a spring-break vacation in the Florida sun.

Graduation was three months away and he had just been offered a four-year football scholarship to Hillsdale College.

Then, from Florida, came the phone call at 3 a.m. on the Friday before Easter.

Craig and his friend, Franklin senior John Shea, 17, had just been struck by a car and killed while crossing a street in Orlando.

Like a never-ending nightmare, the facts of the two deaths emerged slowly throughout the Easter weekend.

The car was traveling nearly 70 mph when it struck both teens, tossing them in the air.

The driver did not stop. He was arrested several hours later at a nearby hotel. Police found blood and human tissue on his car, as well as on his shirt.

Tests showed the driver's blood alcohol level to be 0.21 percent, more than twice Michigan's legal limit.

A police check of the driver showed that, five years before, he had run a stop sign in New York City, crashed into a car and killed two men.

'The only presents we can bring (my son) now are grave blankets. The only thing we can do for him now is tie red ribbons on cars.'

— Darlene Hodges

For those two deaths in New York, he had been sentenced to 3-to-9 years in prison. In 1987, he had been paroled after serving 2½ years.

ON THAT March day in 1989, the two teens became two more victims of a drunken driver. And so did their families.

"Our lives will never be the same again," said Dawn Hodges, Craig's sister. "There's a cloud over everything. You might see us laughing but our heart has been ripped out. Craig was the center of all of us, and we can't get away from what happened."

"If someone gets involved with this family, they see the cloud over it. The four people you see here today are not the same people who were here two years ago. Part of our family is destroyed but we have to go on."

There are numerous ironies to the two teens' death. While at Franklin, both had been members of Students Against Driving Drunk. Darlene Hodges was a longtime member of Mothers' Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Three months before Craig's death, his cousin had also been killed by a drunk driver. The family had attended the funeral.

And shortly before his death, Craig had read a news story about someone killed by a drunk driver. He had commented to his parents about the "injustice of it all."

While not drinkers themselves, the Hodges' family was not anti-drinking. But they were against drinking and driving, even before their son's death.

"Drinking and driving brings death — the three D's," said Robert Hodges. "They all go together, hand in hand. It's not just a night in jail. It brings death."

TWENTY-ONE MONTHS have passed since Craig was killed. Yet the shock of his sudden, unexpected, violent death still is so fresh in their minds that each day, when they get up, they remember Craig and rebury him.

"Every morning we get up to start a new day, all ready to take on that day, and then we remember Craig," Robert Hodges said. "Each day we start out by reburying him, and then go about our business."

For a multitude of reasons, the family simmers with anger.

Perhaps they're most angry that a human being could drunkenly kill two people in New York and then turn around two years later and drunkenly kill two more people in another state. They might have been less angry if it hadn't happened twice to the same driver.

"We got angrier as time went on and we found out he had done this before, that he had no license and no insurance, that he violated his parole, and that he had been found sleeping in bed with my son's flesh and blood on him," said Robert Hodges.

For the two teens' deaths, the Florida driver was convicted of two counts of manslaughter and, as a habitual offender, was sentenced to 70 years in prison. The Florida Supreme Court recently turned down his appeal of the sentence.

The family is angry they were cheated of spending the final, "most important" moments of their son's life with him.

"All my life I had taken care of him, yet for the most important moment of his life I wasn't there to help him," said Darlene Hodges. "I visualize what it was like for him, lying there alone on the street. To this day, I still don't know if he said anything before he died."

THE FAMILY is angry at the "businesslike" legal system which told them not to talk to witnesses before the trial. That meant not even being able to talk about the deaths to the two Franklin youth who were crossing the road with Craig and John and saw them die.

"We're angry at the legal system that sets up legal roadblocks to families trying to get details of the

deaths," said Dawn Hodges. "We couldn't even say 'thank-you' to those people who helped him that night. And we're angry at a system which allows this type of person to drive."

The family is angry that their son's death was so violent, their two bodies so mutilated from the car's impact that it was impossible at first to tell who was whom.

"A death by a drunken driver is a violent, senseless death," said Darlene Hodges.

The family is angry because their

son was robbed of his future.

"The only presents we can bring him now are grave blankets," Darlene Hodges said. "The only thing we can do for him now is tie red ribbons on cars."

FOR THE HODGES, fighting drunken driving has become a family affair. Darlene, Dawn and Craig's younger brother, Ryan, all belong to MADD.

Often, they encounter people who don't believe in the organization's mission.

"That's because they haven't gotten the telephone call, or they haven't looked at pictures of a family member who's been killed by a drunk driver," Dawn said.

Darlene Hodges' biggest hope is that some day there won't be the need for an organization such as MADD.

"I don't want to have to belong to this organization all my life and I don't want this tragedy to happen to any other family."

"One night of partying is not worth a life."



ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

Not a day goes by that Darlene and Robert Hodges and their children, Dawn and Ryan, don't remember Craig Allard, the son and brother they lost to a drunken driver in 1989. The family has one overriding message for this holiday season: Don't drink and drive.

Awareness, understanding follow anguish over death

By Janice Brunson
staff writer

In October 1984, a mere two months after a drunk driver killed her husband, Michele Kubicz of Redford Township reached a turning point in the numbing grief caused by his sudden and premature death at age 29.

"I was interviewed by The Observer. I hardly remember it. But reading the story afterwards opened up a door of emotions. It was like there was a little light in the window," said Kubicz, now 35 and a single parent the past six years to Nick and Jennifer, both pre-schoolers when their father died.

"I decided this is not going to have me. I'm not going to sit in a corner with a blanket over my head."

SINCE THAT fateful August day when Steven Kubicz was hit head-on by a drunk 19-year-old woman on his way home from work on a motorcycle, Michele Kubicz has traveled a personal path of deepening awareness and expanded understanding.

"How could someone kill someone else and not show remorse? I decided, I've got to learn about this."

In anguish over the loss of a husband who had been her high school sweetheart at Bishop Borgess High in Redford, Kubicz turned to the Wayne County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

"MADD is a safe place to vent grief and get information. They put their arms around me mentally and physically."

Kubicz, a teacher at St. Agatha Child Development Center in Redford, served as president of the Wayne County group in 1985-86.

She also attended meetings for relatives sponsored by Alcoholics Anonymous, not because "I have a drinking problem in my home but to learn about alcoholism. I've learned a lot about dysfunctional families. I'm still learning."

IN TIME, she came to understand the lack of remorse by the young woman who drove a car across the center line of a two-lane road and smashed into Steven Kubicz.

"There is no remorse because she does not remember the accident," she did not forget the incident. She simply has no recall. An alcoholic, she was driving while mentally blacked out, according to Kubicz.

Sentenced to six months probation for drunk driving, the 19-year-old was convicted of the same charge in a second incident one year later (Today, drunk driving involving a death carries a mandatory sentence of 5-15 years in Michigan.)

"I don't know where she is or what she's doing today. I tend to think she's still drinking and driving. She was pretty self-destructive."

In recent years, Kubicz has addressed many substance abuse groups sponsored by such facilities as West Bloomfield's Maple Grove.

"I used my heartache to help others. One thing that happens is it goes away. So many victims get caught in anger. You can get stuck there."

KUBICZ'S EFFORTS, and those of others involved in the ongoing campaign against drinking and driving are realizing success, based on figures maintained by Michigan State Police.

Sentencing, the fines, restricted licenses and jail time for impaired and drunk driving, is steadily increasing statewide. In addition, the incidence of drunk driving is down. Legislation pending before the state Senate would eliminate plea bargaining.

"Last year, we saved 50 to 75 people (based on numbers who died in previous years). That's wonderful. Personal awareness is up. Drunk driving is less socially accepted. People are being more careful. There are designated drivers."

"Public awareness is also growing. That's good because drunk driving is a crime that doesn't need to be."

"Maybe if someone had been able to extend a more loving hand to my defendant," the woman who killed Kubicz's husband, he might be alive today.

And what of repeat offenders, like the young woman who killed Steven Kubicz, who repeatedly drinks and drives?

"I don't know the total answer. But to turn things around, we have to keep plugging away at the problem. It takes a conscious personal responsibility."

Michele Kubicz's final thought this holiday season: Be responsible and don't drink and drive!



Michele Kubicz of Redford, shown here with daughter Jennifer, 10, and son Nick, 8, has turned her life around since crisis hit in October 1984 with the death of her husband.

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Begins Wednesday, Jan. 9 — Canton Parks and Recreation Services is sponsoring a 16-week league for men of all ability levels. League meets at Rose Shores of Canton on Wednesdays, court times at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Price is \$100 per person. Call 397-5116.

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Jan. 9, 1991, 8 p.m. — The Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth will present a travelogue on the Austro-Hungarian Empire ("Shadow and Splendor") on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Salem High School Auditorium on Joy Road. Price is \$4. For transportation information call Jim Vermeulen at 459-2276.

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Register Jan. 2-31 — The City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation will hold registration for boys and girls between the ages of 5-18. League play begins in April. Price is \$34. New participants must bring a birth certificate. Evening registration will be until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 30; regular registration, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 455-6620 for further information.

TEEN SKI TRIP

Friday, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. — Canton Parks and Recreation is offering the first of its teen ski trips to Alpine Valley Ski Area. Price is \$14; \$20, if equipment is rented. Call 397-5110.

PLYMOUTH YMCA CLASSES

Register now — Classes offered for youths are: Driver's Education, Rhythm and Games, First Aid for Little People. Call 453-2904.

Leniency urged for ex-teacher

By Derroll Clem
staff writer

Friends, family, doctors and clergy are pleading for leniency for James L. Spinelle, the former West Bloomfield High School teacher who admitted guilt in a marijuana-growing scheme.

Federal prosecutors want him jailed for four to five years.

Court records reveal starkly contrasting portraits of the 48-year-old Plymouth man who, with help from two friends, devised an elaborate marijuana lab in a Southfield basement.

Prosecutors portray Spinelle as the mastermind of a drug-selling plan that he thought would earn him \$30,000 a year and supplement his teacher retirement income.

FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY he even told a government informant that, he, alone, deserved the profits from the first marijuana crop because he had invested so much of his own money in the operation.

To his admirers he's simply "Doc," an easy-going man whose smile was contagious in the teachers' lounge, whose classroom expertise made him extremely popular among students, parents and colleagues, whose zest for adventure took him to South America, among other places.

To his family he's a loving husband who brought his Brazilian wife,

Anna, to America, a caring son who often helps his frequently ill mother, Dorothy, and a brother who's highly respected by his two sisters.

To doctors he's a troubled patient who sank into a long-term, deep depression after his father died of cancer in 1984 — a depression blamed for what doctors described as his addiction to marijuana.

Spinelle's supporters say he was devastated after he was arrested March 15 for growing marijuana with two friends, Richard K. Barth and Elmer H. Drouillard, in the basement of Barth's Southfield home. Federal and state authorities seized 378 plants being grown under special lights and in a special water and mineral solution that results in high potency.

Spinelle never taught again after his arrest. Under pressure from school officials who had begun proceedings to fire him, he quit his job.

The three men have pleaded guilty. A sentencing date before U.S. District Judge John Feikens hasn't been set.

In the meantime, documents in Detroit federal court indicate Spinelle's supporters are scrambling to convince Feikens to be merciful, while federal officials, including Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Stern, are urging a steep sentence.

SINCE HIS ARREST, Spinelle has received both in-patient and out-pa-

tient treatment for chemical dependency, as well as psychological counseling. He also has enrolled in substance abuse counseling studies at Wayne State University, and he hopes to get a job warning others against drugs.

Dr. Lyle Danuloff, a Livonia clinical psychologist, wrote that incarceration "would be a detriment" to Spinelle's recovery from his addiction and his depression.

On a more emotional level, Spinelle's 76-year-old mother has pleaded with Feikens to be lenient with the son that she said she depends on to help her during times of illness.

Paul Huff, a West Bloomfield High School math teacher who used to ride to work with Spinelle, wrote to Feikens that he believes Spinelle's regrets "go far beyond the act of being caught and actually rest in the crime itself."

Spinelle is remorseful about "letting down" his former students and feels "a tremendous sorrow" for putting his family through the ordeal, wrote Huff, who urged Feikens to consider Spinelle's reputation as a popular and respected educator, his deep concern for his wife and family, and his very sincere regret for his actions.

Janet Wilson, a high school French teacher, indicated that students would want leniency for Spinelle, saying that when Spinelle was arrested the youngsters "wept openly

as they were afraid as to what would happen to a man that they loved as much."

And a plea from West Bloomfield residents Howard and Lili Ann Camden, whose two high school graduates were taught by Spinelle, states that, "In our judgment, Dr. Spinelle was the best teacher our boys had. He encouraged their creativity, imagination and innovation. These teaching qualities are rarely found in today's school system."

Numerous other letters of support, are recorded in court documents, including one from Thomas Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of Detroit, who has known Spinelle for 33 years. Gumbleton wrote that Spinelle's wife, who still struggles with the English language, and mother need him.

Prosecutors, however, say that Spinelle admitted that he was responsible for the marijuana operation, including bringing the equipment to Barth's house and setting it up. They say Spinelle stopped by the house every day to check on the plants.

As to claims by all three defendants that they were "mentally incapacitated" when they grew the marijuana, prosecutor Stern responded: "The claim that a group of mentally incompetent defendants were able to structure a manufacturing operation of this detail and magnitude... is to ignore fact and logic."

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Ed McNamara talks about the county and his future

Is he or isn't he? That's the question buzzing around Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara these days. Is the Livonia Democrat going to be a 1994 candidate for governor or not?

For his part, McNamara doesn't sound like a candidate — at least not all the time.

"There's so much ahead of us that our feeling is — if you can do something about crime and do something about education — why do you need to be governor anyway?" said McNamara, who will be sworn in for a second four-year term as county executive Jan. 1.

While rumors persist as to his future ambition, McNamara seems firmly focused on county issues as his new term begins.

And there are plenty of issues to keep him busy. With the largest number of unemployed — and underemployed — people of any county in Michigan, Wayne County is bracing for cuts in the state social service budget. But there's also an airport to expand, roads to repair and a ball club to keep.

Then there's McNamara's own commitment to make life better for county residents without raising property taxes — to "show how it can be done and done better," as he puts it.

At the same time, there is an apparent rift between the executive and the United Autoworkers Union, a rift some see as indicative of a battle for the heart and future direction of the state Democratic Party.

Whether he succeeds, and whatever his future ambition, McNamara is sure to be one of the Michigan's most-watched politicians in the coming years.

McNamara recently sat down with Observer reporter Wayne Peal, who has covered his administration since he first took office, for an overview of the future — both his and the county's.

What follows are highlights of that conversation:

Observer: You've said that taking over General Assistance (welfare) payments from the state is one of your goals. Why does the county want general assistance?

McNamara: The strong feeling with the state is that nobody can do it better than they can. At the same time, you've got some people saying abolish it altogether. Our interest is

because of the nature of Wayne County, there are a lot of unemployed and underemployed people, a lot more indigents. Our feeling is the state should not arbitrarily do anything about General Assistance.

Observer: You're also seeking to expand the county care health program (designed for unemployed, indigent county residents) to include the working poor. Isn't this too big a burden for the county?

McNamara: It's our feeling the purpose of county government is to provide services people can't provide for themselves. Plus, this isn't a billion dollar project. Employees can see the benefits. We see the signs in the windows of places like McDonald's all the time — they're now hiring people at more than minimum wage. But they often don't provide health insurance. What we're saying is, if you're going to hire this person and if you're going to train them, why risk losing them over health insurance. We have the providers now, hospitals that have empty beds.

At the same time, mental health is up in the air. It's run by a 12-person board, six from Detroit and six from the county. What we're looking for is a change to allow nine from the county.

We're also looking at care that includes treatment of violence — treating violent behavior similar to the way they treat alcoholism. We feel that's what it (violence) is — an illness. We want to take these people

and make them less violent. We're not looking at new money, we feel there's a lot that's being eaten up in administrative costs.

Observer: It sounds like you have a platform and you're been rumored as a candidate for governor. Can we expect an announcement any time soon?

McNamara: There's so much to be done in the county that being governor is not a factor. We want to see the Tigers build a new stadium in Detroit, there's the issue of developing the airport, there's the free trade agreement with Canada and, just to begin that, we need a new bridge to bring the people over here.

Observer: If you're not going to run for governor — or if you are — can we expect to see you take a leadership role in Democratic party politics, maybe helping shape a party agenda for 1992 and beyond?

McNamara: The way the system is, there's a lot you have to go through. There's the UAW which, in my opinion is not a very democratic institution. It seems they don't want to hear new ideas. I know there's the Jim Blanchard example — of being out there in front and waiting for the party to catch up.

Incidentally, if I decided to run for governor it wouldn't necessarily have to be as a Democrat. I'd never run as a Republican, but why not as an independent? Of course, I'm not saying I'd do that, either.

Observer: It seems as if your relations with the county commission are further apart that they were this



JIM JAGDFELD/staff photographer

Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, one of Michigan's most-watched politicians in the coming year, is relaxing in his Livonia home.

time last year. Is this an outgrowth of the situation with the UAW?

McNamara: I suppose it's true. I know they began to feel their oats with the Kay Beard race. (Veteran commissioner Beard, D-Inkster, was the winner in a Democratic primary seen by insiders as a showdown between the union and McNamara.)

We get along with everybody but the UAW and I'm not really sure why. Maybe it's because I don't call them every time I make a decision. But I've always returned their calls.

Observer: Safety at Metro Airport

has become a concern with this month's crash of two departing jets. What's being done to boost safety, especially with regard to ground radar?

McNamara: It's (ground radar) on track for the airport for the latter part of next year. Personally, I'm not convinced ground radar would have made a difference.

Observer: What about Tiger Stadium?

McNamara: I'm absolutely convinced Tiger management is going to have to have some kind of subsidy and I'm absolutely positive the

Tigers are not going to stay at the stadium they have now. Our position is, keep it in Detroit. We think we can do it. Back in '71 there was a stadium law that allows the county to levy a hotel and motel tax of five percent and we could use that. It's pre-Headlee and you could do it without a vote of the people.

Our position is if you want 300 acres, why not go for 600? Let's develop business and single family housing around the stadium. We want to play a role. We want to keep the Tigers in Wayne County with the first priority being Detroit.

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Family hit by fire dreams of building new home

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Family members are reminded by their loss when Adam asks questions about heaven and what his dad, brothers and sisters are doing there, according to Willard who said she spoke to a Dell'Orco relative earlier this week.

Debbie Dell'Orco has said she would like to live in Canton so that her three surviving children can remain in the schools they are attending.

THE FAMILY has received gifts from around the country and Canada.

"There's enough food and clothing to fill a warehouse," said Tom Keilman, police chaplain. He and police chaplain Wayne

Byrum are volunteering time with the Dell'Orco family. They also field calls from people wanting to donate money and gifts at the Canton police station.

Debbie Dell'Orco said what they're not able to use they will donate to charity, Keilman said.

A condominium was donated by a man moving out of Michigan. He invited the family to use it until it sells. Developers also have made offers for houses. As of Wednesday morning, specific offers were sketchy, Keilman said. The Salvation Army has promised to furnish the home. And more than \$50,000 has been donated to the Canton Township-Dell'Orco family fund. Police and firefighters have volunteered to

be pallbearers.

Meanwhile, family members have come to Debbie Dell'Orco's aid, Keilman said. "They've set up a fortress around her," Debbie Dell'Orco and her children have been staying with family members.

"We would like to thank everyone for all the love and generosity they have given," said John Martin Dell'Orco, Martin Dell'Orco's brother. "It's very comforting in a time like this to know there are people out there who really care."

"My brother was a devoted father. He loved his children very much," said John Dell'Orco. "Obviously, he gave his life for them. He was always very happy, always smiling. He was a good craftsman. He just

got done building a 1,300 foot addition my house."

Debbie Dell'Orco has concerns about information that the couple's youngest son caused the fire by knocking over the family's Christmas tree, said John Dell'Orco, a 43-year-old attorney from Farmington Hills.

"We feel there was no way he could have caused the fire," he said. "The tree was wired to the studs and ceiling and could not have fallen over. When Debbie walked into the room it was standing erect with flames at the top of the tree. There is no question it could have fallen."

Recently the couple bought new light bulbs, the old-fashioned type that are an

inch long and screw into sockets, John Dell'Orco said.

They would get very hot, and they were concerned about it, but they never thought it would start a fire, he said. The hot bulb coupled with a dry live tree likely started the fire.

"It's very difficult for her (Debbie Dell'Orco), and she's very strong, and she wants to remain strong for her three remaining children."

Funeral visitation is 4-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday at Schrader Funeral Home, Plymouth. A funeral mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Thomas A'Becket Roman Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton Township.

Woman works to stop tragedy of drunk driving

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"I know this sounds harsh, but in a way the person who is killed has it much easier than the people left behind," she said. "The families and friends have to deal with the loss, which can take five, 10 or more years in some cases."

"There is a triple loss when a young person dies. There is the loss of the person itself, the parents' lost hopes and dreams for that person,

and the loss of part of yourself that made the child what he or she was.

"A parent never gets over the loss of a child because children are not supposed to die before their parents. The parent eventually may make some sense out of the loss, but acceptance of the fact is never there."

McDonald said the most difficult aspect of her job is learning what type of relationship existed between the victim and his or her family.

'I have dealt with some families for years after the loss of a loved one. Everyone is affected differently.'

— Maureen McDonald

"NOT EVERY family has perfect relationships, and the type of relationship often reflects on the kind of grief a person is going through," she

said. "If there was not a close relationship between parent and child, for instance, the loss may be complicated by a profound sense of guilt on the part of the parent."

On the other hand, the biggest reward of her difficult task, McDonald said, is seeing families successfully overcome such a tragedy.

"I have dealt with some families for years after the loss of a loved one. Everyone is affected different-

ly. Some people take six months to come to grips with the loss, while another person may take six years. To see a person turn the corner and feel good about themselves is all the payment I need."

Anyone wanting more information about Mothers Against Drunk Driving programs, or are interested in becoming a volunteer, can call the Wayne County chapter at 422-MADD (6233).

Township residents confused by 'bag-tag'

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Paul Sincok, assistant Plymouth city manager, said, "We've gotten a couple of calls" from township residents confused as to whether they must buy bags or tags.

"IF THEY'RE PAYING \$11 a month on their water bill for trash collection, they don't live in Plymouth," Sincok said.

"The bags and tags all say 'city of Plymouth,'" Sincok said, adding, "Mount Pleasant experienced the same thing," when that city established a bag-tag program.

Township residents who called the city to say they'd bought the bags have been told "to bring them back to Danny's and get your money

back," Sincok said.

The bags are sold at Danny's Market on Main Street in Plymouth and at three city facilities.

Anulewicz said he'll likely discuss the problem with trustees at the next township board meeting and ways to get the word out to township residents that they don't have to buy city of Plymouth garbage bags.

Joe Russell, city of Plymouth solid waste director, said township residents who have bought bags or tags at city facilities can return them for a refund.

Danny's will give refunds for unopened packages of city garbage bags and loose tags, a store employee said.

Jaeger earns high marks

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"I have found him to be a consummate professional. Nothing can arise here in Plymouth that he hasn't dealt with before," said Police Chief Richard Myers.

"He doesn't get rattled, he digs deep and looks at what the real prob-

lem is. I've found him to be very up front, he's not carrying a hidden agenda, he's extremely supportive of this department," Myers said.

"It still surprises me to this day that a city as small as Plymouth can get somebody with his background and caliber," he said.

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Red Cross in search of holiday blood donations

By Alice Collins
staff writer

"I was a little scared the first time I did this, but no problem this time." Kevin Edwards just finished giving a pint of his type O positive blood at a Red Cross blood drive session in a Southfield business office. "I feel OK," he said after munching cookies and sipping juice for a pickup. "I hope it will help somebody."

Nineteen employees of Paging Network of Michigan in the Raleigh Office Center signed up to donate during the morning session conducted by the American Red Cross.

The unit working at that office is one of 13 mobile units out each day in search of blood for Southeastern Michigan. The Red Cross also has nine regular centers it hopes will be flooded with donors during the holiday season.

Holidays always bring serious shortages in the blood supply. "It's because people are busy doing a million other things," said Red Cross spokeswoman Denise Morrow. "Blood donations are low on priority lists. Then, there are a lot of people who go on vacation."

THE SOUTHEASTERN Michigan chapter has already issued its emergency call for donors for this holiday season. "Right now we're looking at a serious deficit between Christmas and New Year's," Morrow continued.

"We need to collect at least 850 pints a day to meet the needs of the patients in the hospitals we serve."

One recent change in the eligibility rules for potential donors in Michigan is the elimination of the maximum age limit. That occurred earlier this year, according to Morrow. The limit used to be 65.

"We found there was a large number of regular donors over 65 who were going over the line to Ohio to

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— Denise Morrow
Red Cross spokeswoman

donate where it was permitted. That's when we decided to lift it."

A DONOR MUST be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. "We always do a mini-physical before," said Morrow. "We prick their ear to check their iron level, take their temperature and do a blood pressure check." A history of illness is also taken. Persons who are rejected are given a badge to wear that says, "I tried."

Generally, giving blood takes about an hour.

The drawing time is much less. "That part usually takes less than 10 minutes," Morrow said. "It actually depends on how fast you bleed. Some people bleed faster than others."

After the blood drawing is complete, the donor goes to a nearby table referred to as the canteen. It's where the donor can sit, drink some juice, eat cookies and stay until he or she feels ready to leave.

"We watch them to make sure they're not going to faint," said Ruth Alexander of Redford Township, a Red Cross volunteer manning the canteen table at Paging Network. "Sometimes they say they feel all right, but they really don't. We had a young man who fainted this morning. He said he felt all right but he just didn't look rosy cheeked."

When someone feels faint one of the registered nurses on duty is there to take care of him or her.

THE BLOOD IS carefully identified at the site, but it isn't checked for AIDS or other serious diseases until it reaches the Red Cross laboratory in Detroit. "If any of the tests come back positive, the donor is notified and the blood is destroyed," Morrow said.

All blood types are needed, she said, "but the one always in most demand is O negative." That blood type, which is relatively rare, is considered universal and compatible with other blood types. It can be transfused to almost any patient regardless of his or her blood type.

The most popular blood type is O positive. Thirty-six out of 100 persons have that type. Next is A positive, 32 out of 100; B positive, 11 out of 100; O negative and A negative, both seven out of 100; AB positive, four out of 100; B negative, 2 out of 100; and AB negative, just one out of 100.

THE RED CROSS has a new toll free number for persons with questions about donating blood: 1-800-582-4383.

In celebration of the spirit of giving, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will honor American Red Cross blood donors with a special concert at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 at Orchestra Hall.

Persons who donate blood between Dec. 26-31 at one of the nine donor centers will receive two complimentary tickets to the concert.



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Our beliefs Speaking out on 1990 issues

IT WAS supposed to be the year of the environment — and it was — but 1990 was a year of many, varied issues. Nationally, it was a year of unprecedented attacks on free speech and battles over the limits of police power. On the state level, the year brought bat-

ties over abortion rights, taxes and school financing. A host of regional issues, from controlling urban sprawl to picking the site for a new Tiger Stadium, also surfaced. Here's where the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers stood on the major issues of 1990:



FREE SPEECH

Despite the importance of other issues, intrusions on the right to free speech filled Observer & Eccentric editorial pages more than any other topic.

- We warned against the dangers of labeling record albums, as had occurred in Florida, and local leaders apparently heeded our warning. Record labeling has not occurred in Michigan by year's end and it's future here remains doubtful.

- In a related matter, Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson drew our praise for not prosecuting a suburban record store owner whose front window displayed a controversial but clearly non-obscene record album cover.

- When it came to other forms of expression, we encouraged school boards and parents to review classroom films — such as the one unfortunately linked to the possible suicide of an area boy.

- At the same time, we had no kind words for the new NC-17 rating system that would govern what students — and adults — could see at their local movie house. Movie ratings, we argued, are too restrictive and are driven by economics, not any concern for free thought and debate.

- Congress surprised and pleased us, however, by rejecting a Constitutional amendment that would have banned flag burning. Patriotism, we argued, cannot be legislated, while a true democracy clears the way even for unpopular forms of expression.

- Lest we be accused of leaning too far to the left, we also argued in favor of anti-abortion activists who picketed outside local doctor's homes. Streets and sidewalks are public property, we argued, in urging local communities to avoid drafting anti-picketing ordinances.



ENVIRONMENT

The 20th anniversary of Earth Day this spring provided the rallying cry for environmentalists throughout the nation and region. We're happy to report the Earth Day spirit carried well into the year.

- We encouraged local communities to begin recycling and many have already responded. Birmingham, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Plymouth and Southfield were but three of the area communities that began recycling programs in the past year.

- In addition, we encouraged the state Department of Natural Resources to stop delaying and approve county waste disposal master plans — in part to help speed up recycling efforts. Happily, they responded.

- At the same time, we hailed the East Michigan Environmental Action Council on its 20th anniversary. We praised the group, an outgrowth of the first Earth Day, for pressing environmental issues during the hostile climate for the 1980s.



CRIME & PUNISHMENT

The war on drugs brought a slew of proposals to increase police powers, most of them ill-advised. While we stood solidly behind such anti-substance abuse groups as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, we also stood up for civil liberties.

- Michigan's proposed "no knock" law, allowing police to enter homes, without warrant, on the mere suspicion drugs were present, was bad law, we argued, such a move would shred civil liberties. Then, as now, we don't want fewer rights and a drug free society; we want more rights and a drug free society. While anti-drug hysteria seems to have subsided, attacks on civil liberties continue.

- In a similar vein, we argued against driver check lanes. Despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in support of drunk driving check lanes, we argued the move not only intruded on drivers' civil liberties but was also a colossal waste of police time. We note few local police departments, if any, are using check lanes.

- One aspect of the drug war we support —

forfeiture of drug dealer assets — nonetheless needs tightening. We argued police departments should work more closely to assure each participating department received an equitable share of the confiscated assets. At the same time, we argued that proper care should be taken to assure assets of non-related parties — including relatives of the accused — were included in the haul.

- We used our Easter Week editorial to argue against restoring the death penalty in Michigan — the timing was not lost on perceptive readers.



HEALTH ISSUES

Abortion, the most controversial health issue, remained hot in 1990 and shows no signs of cooling off in the coming year.

- Michigan's new parental consent law drew our editorial fire. Even though 330,000 Michigan residents signed petitions making parental consent law, we believe that merely represents a small, narrow, viewpoint. Despite presence of a new, pro-life governor, we continue to urge pro-choice legislators to roll back abortion restrictions. At the same time, we also support increasing sex education programs as a method of curbing unwanted pregnancies.

- More education was also our strong recommendation on smoking, another major health care issue. Looking at the Michigan Tobacco Reduction Task Force's recent report, we concluded our schools should do more to educate youngsters on the dangers of smoking. At least one local community, however, took a more radical task force recommendation to heart. Rochester Hills is, at this moment, trying to ban cigarette vending machines in areas frequented by minors.



TAX & SPENDING ISSUES

Several tax-and-spend issues came our way in 1990. Some looked ineffectual, others too confusing. New Gov. John Engler is promising substantial property tax savings in 1991. We'll see.

- On school aid, we sharply criticized the rob-from-the-rich-give-to-the-poor approach, calling for more school spending all around. We blasted Gov. Blanchard's plan to take categorical state aid from wealthier districts and give them to poorer districts (and look what happened to him). By year's end, however, Lansing's Robin Hood was floating a new proposal, one that calls for a "sharing" of district tax bases. Again, we say down with it.

- We weren't too big on the state's major tax cut initiative, the so-called Patterson/Anderson proposal. We found it too complicated and confusing to make the ballot. Apparently, state voters agreed. Petition gatherers failed to gain enough signatures to force a vote on the issue.



AROUND OUR REGION

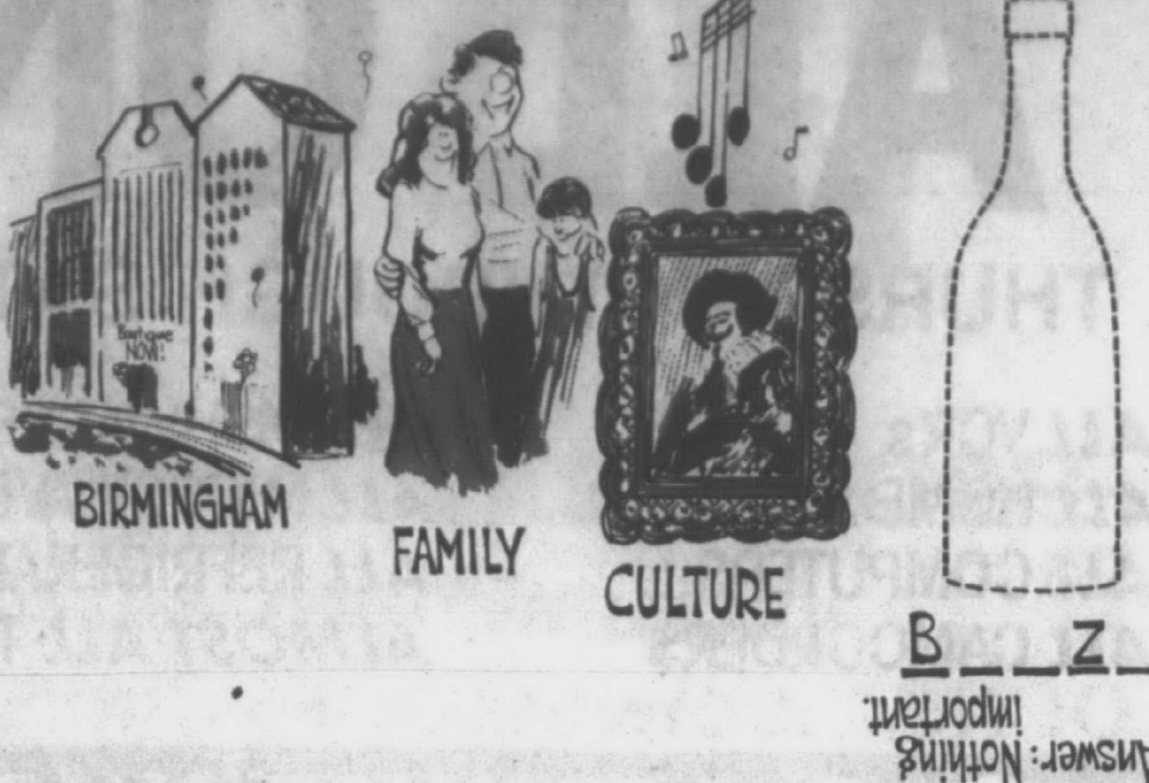
Development, whether of a new Tiger Stadium or a suburban "megamall," was still a hot issue this year. Whether it will remain so depends on whether we have a recession — as predicted — and how long it lasts. As for this year:

- As Cecil Fielder was just embarking on his home run binge, we called for a new Tiger Stadium to be built near the old. While Allen Park has emerged as a leading contender, with Plymouth Township a viable alternative, we continue to call for a centrally located ballpark, built with private — not public — money.

- With development sprawling throughout our region, we called for stricter controls on growth. We argued for a regional planning authority to prevent unnecessary development. We still think it's a good idea regardless of whether recession makes development a moot issue in 1991.

- Stating our long-held belief that Detroit's revitalization is key to our area as a whole, we praised Detroiters who patrolled their streets on Devil's Night — and called on suburbanites to help them next year.

STUDKINS Question: What is missing in this "First Night" picture? (answer below)



Community still is main focus of this newspaper

EXACTLY 25 years ago this week I bought the six Observer Newspapers.

A lot has happened since then:

- The company has grown considerably. It now publishes 53 community newspapers, including this one.

- Our company name is now Suburban Communications Corp., reflecting our interest in providing news and information of all sorts to a wide variety of markets.

- Our technology — modern, computerized data bases and laser typesetters — is light years away from the clanking Linotype machine on which I used to set this column.

But looking back over 25 years in the newspaper business, what strikes me is how closely we have clung to our fundamental focus of publishing community newspapers.

THE FIRST front page editorial I wrote as publisher tried to set out what we were about. Among other things, it said:

"We will try to bring to these newspapers an informed and probing curiosity about everything of local interest, from sewage to high school football, from racial discrimination to good recipes, from local politics to neighborhood goings on.

"To those who write them (and, hopefully, to some of those who read them), newspapers are alive,

I believe that good communities and good newspapers go hand in hand, the success of one contributing to the other.



Phillip Power

motivated by a spirit and a commitment, a posture in the world and an ethic. Without these, a newspaper is just another dead piece of paper with print on it.

"It is only in this spirit which permits a newspaper to play its true role: A public conscience."

LAST YEAR, after numerous false starts, I succeeded in getting our company philosophy down on paper for all our staffers to read:

"All journalists share the same obligation to truth, accuracy and fairness. But because we publish community newspapers, we think about community journalism in a fundamentally different way than our bigger competition.

"They consider themselves to be independent from the stories and the communities they cover, swooping in to write of the unusual or sensational and then dashing off to cover something else.

"We regard ourselves as both accurate journalists and as caring citizens of the communities where we both work and live. It's often hard to have both feelings at once, but in the end it makes for fairer and more accurate journalism because it considers the consequences of a news story to the community and to the people involved."

I AM VERY proud of the ways this newspaper and its staffers have contributed to the success of this community. I believe that good communities and good newspapers go hand in hand, the success of one contributing to the other.

And as the New Year comes to mark my 25th anniversary in this business, I look forward with very great excitement and ferocious curiosity to the next 25 years.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His award-winning column will appear periodically.

from our readers

Hold schools accountable on MEAP drop

To the editor:

Seven out of nine MEAP indicators dropped in this year's Plymouth-Canton results (O&E, Dec. 10) and the superintendent calls this "relatively steady" while the curriculum coordinator is not overly concerned and says, "We know they're not going to do well and hope people understand."

Well, if my son brought home grades that reflected 7 of 9 lower than last marking period, I would be quite concerned.

I suggest that these results are not "relatively steady" and I don't think that the customers of this school system should understand. Let's stop making excuses. Instead let's hear something about a plan to achieve higher scores not lower.

Some would say that the school system is not a profit motivated organization. However, what better performance indicator is there than evaluating the product of our system — the educational results of our students after years of instruction and learning.

If we were to suppose that the Plymouth/Canton school system was a profit making organization, then could we justify an employee salary increase when 7 of 9 profit indicators are worse than last year. Nevertheless, we have rewarded this level of performance with a 20 percent in-

crease in salaries over the current three-year teachers' contract. This may make sense to the school board and the teachers who received the increase. But it doesn't make sense to me.

I don't accept this performance. The job market won't accept this performance when these young people look for work in the next few years and our National Educational Performance just doesn't compete with the rest of the world. As taxpayers and voters we only have one option to exercise in order to show our dissatisfaction. So when the next millage or school board vote is requested, let's all remember what we received for the last millage increase and the significant tax dollars we pay year after year.

Perhaps spending more money on the administration building addition, enlargement of the parking lot and building up of the administration ranks will somehow improve our MEAP scores.

Dan Holton,
Plymouth Township

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Pen pals

Friendship: It's the best gift of all

By Julie Brown
staff writer

It's possible that Julie Jun and Marilyn Pilotto may remain friends for 50 or 60 years or longer.

Both girls are 11 and live in Canton. Julie's a sixth grader at West Middle School and Marilyn's a sixth grader at Pioneer Middle School. They're among some 250 students from the two Plymouth schools

who've become pen pals in recent months.

The friends met face-to-face at a Wednesday, Dec. 19, get-together at Pioneer. Julie and Marilyn had met each other not too long ago during a gymnastics class at Plymouth Canton High School.

"We didn't know each other before that," Marilyn said. "We didn't know each other and then we got to know each other."

The girls have exchanged letters throughout the fall and winter, writing about their schools, families and activities.

"I think it's kind of cool," Julie said of the pen pal program. "It's cool to meet them too."

PEN PALS Bill Bowman and Kevin Guse, both 11, met for the first time last week at Pioneer.

"I think it's pretty cool because

you can talk together and stuff," Kevin said. He's a sixth grader at West and Bill's a sixth grader at Pioneer. The boys, who live in Canton, have written letters about their Thanksgiving and Christmas plans and other topics.

Kevin liked visiting another middle school.

"I think the library is pretty cool and the gym's pretty big," he said.

Nine teachers, four from Pioneer and five from West, are involved in the project. Pen pals have been matched with a student of the same gender at the other school, and letters are sent through inter-school mail.

"We began the program in the fall," said Carole Brooks, a sixth grade teacher at Pioneer. "It's really nice because they get to know people outside the walls of their own building. It's been a real good experience."

Most of the students met their pen pals for the first time last week, although a few had met before through soccer, Scouts or other activities.

"They may not know their pen pal, but they know someone from the other building," she said. The project pairs "The Grizzly Bears" from West and the "Jammin' Jaguars" from Pioneer.

Students from Pioneer hope to visit their friends at West later in the school year. A spring picnic at Plymouth Township Park is also in the works.

WRITING LETTERS helps students with their writing and communication skills, said Brooks, a Plymouth Township resident. Many students have exchanged photos, drawings and craft items.

"They have been writing for quite a while." Students have written about their hobbies, family activities and holiday plans.

Staff photos
by Bill Bresler



Students Todd Morrow of Pioneer (left) and Sebastian Smith of West work on a craft project.

Brooks has taught elementary or middle school for about 11 years in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. She's had her students exchange letters with youngsters at other district schools in previous years.

"We always have competition between schools. Competition's terrific and the kids love it." It's also important to have projects involving cooperation, she said.

Many students in sixth grade like to write notes to friends, and teachers involved in the pen pal project encourage those efforts rather than scolding.

"We're telling them it's OK and they love it," Brooks said. "It's been great."

Things were a bit hectic the Wednesday morning the students met face-to-face. Ron Hembree, a sixth grade teacher at Pioneer, noticed students were apprehensive when they first met. As the morning progressed, the pen pals got to know each other and the comfort level rose.

"They've done well," said Hembree, a Milford resident. He was pleased the two schools started the project.

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—Carole Brooks
Pioneer teacher

"I think No. 1, it's the ability to relate to someone they've not met before," he said. The project helps make students aware of the world beyond their own school.

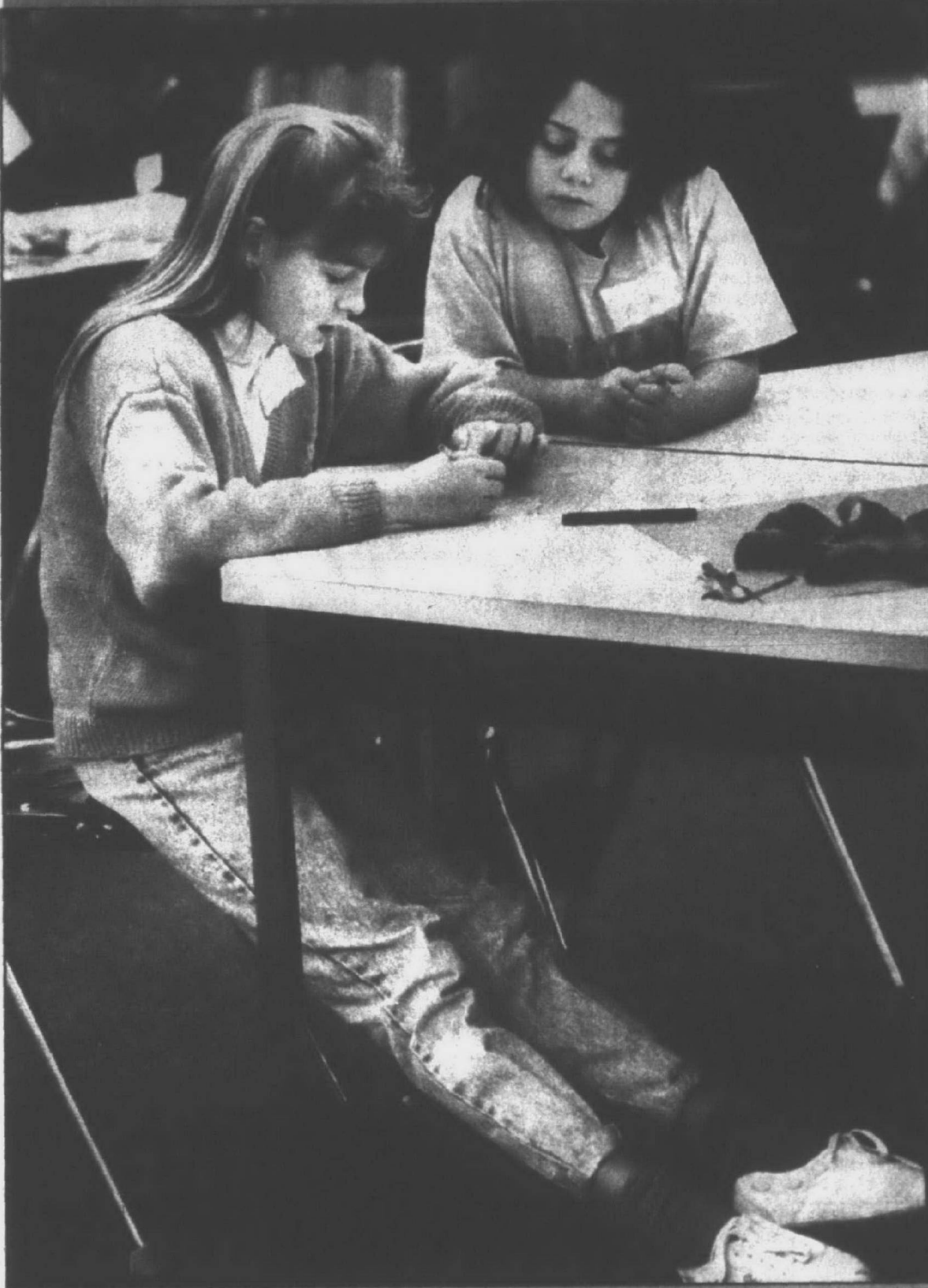
WEST TEACHERS involved in the project are Donna Sarrach, Lynn Opatry, Jan Woodford, Fred McMaster and Jodi Ring. Teachers from Pioneer are Tally Farrand, Ron Hembree, Candi Reese and Carole Brooks.

Last week's get-together included a crafts project, school tours and such quiet-time activities as figuring out how much imaginary money to spend from a Christmas catalog. Students exchanged small gifts they'd made. Refreshments were served in the Pioneer cafeteria, and students had time to visit with each other.

Brooks, a Plymouth native and 1967 Plymouth High School graduate, put her parents to work during the get-together. Gene and Jane Overholt had the job of taking photos of the pen pals. The project was truly a family affair for them; Jodi Ring, a West teacher, and Carole Brooks are sisters.

Students from both schools were looking forward to Christmas vacation last week. Fun was high on the list during the get-together, but learning was also part of the program.

"They will be getting something out of it they may not be aware of," Brooks said. "They don't realize they're doing math skills and those other kinds of things."



Pen pals Mandy Schwartz of Pioneer (left) and Verona Perlongo of West play a word game during the get-together at Pioneer.



Jane Overholt takes a photo of pen pals Julie Jun of West (left) and Marilyn Pilotto of Pioneer. The pen pals have been writing letters throughout the fall and winter.

Songs bring tidings of joy

By Julie Brown
staff writer

LISTENING TO Christmas music is a great reminder of what the season is all about. "Oh, absolutely," said Michele Johns, director of music at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic



Church. "What would we do without music at Christmas?"

Musicians from the Plymouth church told the story of Christ's birth through their Festival of Lessons and Carols on Thursday, Dec. 20. Songs, prayers and lessons focused on the story of Christmas.

THE PROGRAM began with a candlelight procession featuring 160 musicians of all ages singing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Six handbell choirs from the church performed that evening, as did the 60-member parish choir.

The Singation children's choir, including third through sixth graders from the church, sang several songs, and the talents of folk musicians and soloists were showcased. Harpist Karolyn Verble of Detroit was among the soloists.

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Soloist Jan Harwood sings "This is the Truth Sent From Above."



photos by BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Musicians sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" during the candlelight procession at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

clubs in action

VOYAGERS SINGLES

Voyagers Singles will meet 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. The group is for singles age 45 and older. A "white elephant" card party will be held. Those attending should bring a "white elephant" gift in an unsealed brown paper bag. The public may attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 591-1350.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold a dance/party 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at Roma's of Livonia, on Schoolcraft west of Inkster. The dance/party is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). There will be snacks and a budget bar. For more information, call the hot line, 542-3160.

TRI-COUNTY SINGLES

Tri-County Singles will hold a "Holiday Warm-Up Dance" 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman, Romulus. Admission price is \$2 for women. The dance/party is for singles over age 21. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Saturday Night Singles will hold a "Pre-New Year's Warm-Up Dance" Saturday, Dec. 29, at Roma's of Garden City, on Cherry Hill east of Venoy. The dance is for singles age 21 and older. Dressy attire should be worn (no jeans). Admission price is \$4. For more information, call the hot line, 277-4242.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

A New Year's Eve party will begin 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post No. 6695 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. The annual party is sponsored by the post and auxiliary and will continue through 1 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1. A prime rib dinner will be served 9 p.m.

Price is \$25 per person, and Saturday, Dec. 29, is the deadline to make reservations. Music will be provided by the Trademark Band. There will be a bar. For reservations or more information, call the VFW post, 459-6700, or Bruce Patterson, 455-6811. Tickets are also available at Yer Grampa's Mustache, 137 W. Liberty in Plymouth. (For more information, call Greg Huddas, 453-5020.)

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

Tri-County Singles will hold a New Year's Eve dance 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at the Airport Hilton Inn, I-94 and Merriman in Romulus. The dance is for singles over age 21. Admission price is \$8. For more information, call the hot line, 842-7422.

SENIOR TOUR CLUB

The Western Wayne County Chapter of Senior Tour Clubs of America will meet 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center. The evening will include socializing, songs, slides, refreshments and door prizes. There will be a review of upcoming one-day trips, overnight trips, cruises and vacation packages.

Club members have planned a Thursday, Jan. 24, "Day in Detroit."

They will visit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle for a flower show. Lunch at Trapper's Alley and an afternoon visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts will be included. For more information, call Len Bloch, 459-5508.

ATTENTION DEFICIT

The Attention Deficit Disorder Association will meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Farmington Hills Public Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. Admission is free. The public may attend. Registration will start 7 p.m. and the meeting will include a "rap session." For more information, call 464-8233.

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Woman's Club of Plymouth will meet 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church. A program on wok cooking will be presented by Ronnie Cambra of The Kitchen Witch in Northville.

TRAIL WALK

A trail walk will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro, Ann Arbor. Docents, volunteer guides at the gardens, will focus on winter tree identification. They will also search for signs of color in the woods.

Warm clothing and sturdy, waterproof footwear should be worn. Weather permitting, the walk will be along the Blue Trail and will last about two hours. The walk will be shorter and closer to the conservatory if temperatures drop. Participants should meet in the lobby of the conservatory. For more information, call 998-7061.

NOVI PLAYERS

The Novi Players will hold auditions for the comedy/drama "Daughters." There are five roles for women. Auditions will be held 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile, Novi. For more information, call 455-3084 (evenings).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics athletes from Wayne County will compete in area winter games Friday, Jan. 11, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe, Wayne. Downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing, figure skating, speed skating and other events will be included. Opening ceremonies are set for 9 a.m. The Special Olympics program is for mentally impaired athletes ages 8 and older. Volunteers are needed for the winter games. For more information, call 730-0119.

YOUNG CAREERIST

The Canton Business and Professional Women organization is looking for candidates for its Young Careerist program. Candidates must be ages 21-35 as of July 31. They must be or have been employed in business or the professions with at least one year of full-time work experience. Achievement in scholastic work, community service and/or church work will be considered. Candidates must live, work, train or attend school in the area they represent.

Applications are available at the

Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, and at Schoolcraft College. For more information, call Cecelia Round, 845-8943. Friday, Jan. 25, is the cutoff date for applications. Young Careerist candidates must support the goals and objectives of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club.

CLUB DONATION

Members of the Three Cities Art Club recently donated \$100 to the Plymouth Historical Society. The money will be used for conservation and restoration of dolls from the Plymouth Historical Museum's collection. Beth Stewart, museum director, accepted the contribution on behalf of the historical society during a recent holiday open house at the museum in Plymouth.

CIVITAN CLUB

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is a community service organization for men and women. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday of the month for a business meeting at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce office. The club meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at the Italian Cucina, 39500 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, for a dinner meeting and program. For more information, call 981-2411 or 981-7250.

MORNING PLAY GROUPS

The Canton Newcomers Club sponsors morning play groups. Groups meet 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday and Friday. For more information, call 981-9197.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

A group for advanced Dungeons and Dragons players meets Friday nights in Plymouth. The group is for adult players. For more information, call 454-0134.

JAYCEES

The Plymouth-Canton Jaycees meet 8 p.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. The non-profit organization is dedicated to community service and individual development. For more information, call Cam Miller, 453-1915, or Ronnita Kreiling, 455-8676.

TOASTMASTERS

A Toastmasters Club meets 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Denny's, on Ann Arbor Road east of Haggerty, Plymouth Township. Participants improve their communication skills and make new friends. For more information, call 451-1241 or 455-1910.

BOWLING LEAGUE

The Mixed Singles Bowling League is a group for singles age 30 and older. Substitutes and regulars are needed. League members bowl 2:30 p.m. Sundays at Merri-Bowl

Lanes, Five Mile and Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call 581-1350.

LAMAZE EDUCATION

The Lamaze Childbirth Education Association of Livonia offers a variety of classes. Participants learn about pregnancy, labor, delivery and other topics. There are six-week classes for new parents, two- and four-week refresher classes, and a monthly breast-feeding class. Weekday classes are 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday classes 9-11:30 a.m. For more information, call the registrar, 937-0665.

MUSEUM FUN

The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main, Plymouth. It is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday. An exhibit featuring more than 1,000 Santa Claus figures will continue through late January. The exhibit, from the collection of Weldon Petz, shows how Santa Claus has changed through the years. Museum admission price is \$1.50 for adults, 50 cents for students ages 5-17, free for children under 5. Family rate is \$4. For more information, call 455-8940.

NEW BEGINNINGS

New Beginnings, a grief support group, meets 7-9 p.m. Mondays at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon, just south of Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Meetings are open to those grieving as a result of a death or divorce. Free admission. For more information, call 453-7630.

BRIDGE GROUP

The "Party Bridge Group" meets 1-4 p.m. every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Singles and couples who enjoy playing bridge may attend. For more information, call Boyd or Dorothy Shaffer, 459-2206.

SYMPHONY COOKBOOK

Prelude members of the Plymouth Symphony League have issued a cookbook. The cookbook, priced at \$5, includes complete menus for brunch, lunch, dinner and special holiday meals. The professionally typeset cookbook makes an ideal hostess gift, shower gift or favor. Books are available at a number of Plymouth-area stores, including Paper Parade, Sacks of Forest Avenue, Cheese and Wine Barn, Country Cupboard, Beitner Jewelry, Petite Shop, Frame Works and Corner Curtain Shop. For more information, call 453-7537 or 459-7016 before 5 p.m.

CHURCH COOKBOOK

A cookbook has been compiled by members of The First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth. Cookbook price is \$5, plus \$1 for handling. The cookbook includes recipes, cooking information, pictures and more. For more information, call 326-6255 or 561-4502.

anniversaries

Couple marks 50th anniversary

Raymond and Ruth Kimble of Jerome, Mich., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration included a Sunday, Dec. 16, reception at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Raymond Kimble and Ruth Weitz were married Dec. 3, 1940, in Flint. They lived in Plymouth for 23 years.

Their children are: Debra (Michael) Jett of Northville; Catherine (Michael) Kandel of Everon, Wash.; Douglas Kimble of Traverse City, Mich.; and the late Carlene Kimble. The Kimbles also have three grandchildren.

Ray Kimble's retirement activities have included work with the Plymouth Council on Aging and Kiwanis.



The Kimbles met while in high school and married shortly thereafter. They lived in Linden, Mich., for their first 24 years of marriage, moving to Plymouth in 1964. They remained in Plymouth until 1987.

engagements

Krohn-Quinn

Earl Krohn and Sandy and Bernie Zeiler announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Krohn of Elkton, Mich., to John Quinn of Canton. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jack and Fran Quinn of Canton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University. She is employed as a math and science teacher at Clawson Middle School.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He is employed as a mechanical engineer for the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

A late June wedding is planned in Elkton.



new voices

Geoff and Janice Schrock of Plainfield, Ill., announce the birth of a daughter, Kelsi Nicole, Dec. 2 at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Ill. Grandparents are Kenneth and Agnes Wheeler of Plymouth and Frank and Barbara Schrock of LaGrange, Ind. Great-grandparents are Clayton and Florene Evans of Carmel, Ind. Kelsi Nicole has a brother, Dylan, 14 months old.

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- GRAND RAPIDS: 2035 26th S.E. between Breton & Kalamazoo. 616-452-1199
- NOVI/NOVI TOWN CENTER: south of I-96 on Novi Rd. 347-3323
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Decorations

Vietnam veterans take top honors for their efforts



By Julie Brown
staff writer

A patriotic theme was favored when local Vietnam veterans decorated their group's Christmas tree.

The tree in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park is decorated with small American flags and with red, white and blue ribbons and ornaments. Members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter No. 528 of Vietnam Veterans of America took first-place honors for their efforts.

"I'm really pleased. It's great for the chapter," said Greg Huddas, president of the group. "They were hoping for that."

The tree decorating contest's a grass-roots project that originated with members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce retail committee. Fred Hill, Sharon Pugh, Nancy Sheehan and others helped with the Christmas project, said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber.

"Hopefully, it will grow," she said. "I think that's the plan. It's gotten real good response. They're just so unique."

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Chapter No. 528, Vietnam Veterans of America, won first place in the tree decorating contest.

BUSINESSES, FAMILIES, clubs, schools and others signed up as sponsors. Lights were already on the trees and sponsors provided the decorations and elbow grease.

"It was an all-community effort," Toney said.

Many businesspeople chose tree decorations related to their work. Restaurant owners incorporated food or food containers into their tree designs. Eyeglasses and prescription bottles were used to decorate the trees of a local optical facility and pharmacy, respectively.

Second-place honors went to The Plymouth Manor/Wedding Chapel and third-place recognition went to the Cafe Bon Homme in Plymouth. Judging was done by spectators who picked up entry blanks at local businesses.

"Anyone could vote so that's who the judges were. As they viewed the trees, they were voting," Toney said.

The 50 decorated trees helped to attract visitors to Kellogg Park and Santa Claus was busier than in previous years, she said. The Santa house was sponsored by the Community Federal Credit Union, with the chamber of commerce in Plymouth helping to coordinate Santa visits.

THIS IS THE first year a tree decorating project's been held and organizers hope to continue it next year and beyond. The Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans were pleased to be involved, Huddas said.

"This is the first year of the chapter. We're trying to get involved in the community as much as possible."

Chapter members served as bell-ringers for the Salvation Army's red kettle campaign this holiday season.

"We've participated in the Fall Festival this year, the whole gamut," Huddas said. Members have also put a memorial near Kellogg Park honoring local servicemen who died in Vietnam and Korea.

Chapter members want to have a positive impact on the community, said Huddas, who owns Yer Grampa's Mustache, a barbershop in Plymouth's Old Village.

"Most of us feel we don't need to improve our image." Media coverage of Vietnam veterans often presents a distorted or limited view, he said.

"That's what we're trying to change."

The vast majority of Vietnam veterans are busy working and raising families, Huddas said. Many veterans are concerned about the

'We're trying to get involved in the community as much as possible.'

—Greg Huddas
Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans

current situation in the Middle East and hope another war doesn't start, but don't take to the streets to protest.

"They're not out there burning the American flag."

Huddas and other chapter members plan to decorate a tree in Kellogg Park again next year. Toney was pleased with the response from the veterans' organization.

"A lot of them showed up to decorate their Christmas tree. They were very enthusiastic," she said.

Trees will remain on display in the park until Saturday, Dec. 29, and will then be taken down to make room for the upcoming Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Taking down the decorations won't be quite as much fun as putting them up, but it's a necessary task.

"It'll get taken care of," Toney said. "Everybody'll just get out there."

Musicians bring a message of peace

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"People love to look at harps," said Johns, an associate professor of music at the University of Michigan.

THIS IS the fifth year the concert has taken place at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Christmas concert helps the parish reach out to the community, Johns said. It also promotes a sense of community within the parish and gives musicians a chance to share their music with others.

"It's a good crowd. People bring their neighbors," said Johns, who has been director of music at the church for five years. "It's a good way to show we're hospitable."

Rehearsal for the concert began in October. Musicians didn't have any trouble getting into the Christmas spirit during Halloween.

"No, they love to start. That's the big draw, to start singing Christmas music."

REPRESENTATIVES FROM different parish organizations tell parts of the Christmas story at the concert each year. Johns, who earned a doctorate in music from the U-M, chooses people who don't ordinarily serve as readers during worship services at the church.

Those who aren't comfortable speaking in front of an audience can decline, but the goal is to get a variety of people involved.

"I like to have different styles," Johns chooses the work of different composers. She tries to avoid having too much repetition from year to year.

"The story's the same, but it's told in different ways each year."

THE CONCERT gives people an opportunity to hear religious music, and that's important, she said.

"It certainly is and what better place than the church to be showing it off?"

People hear taped Christmas music in stores when they're out and about, but that's not really the same thing.

"The live music is unusual in this day and age."

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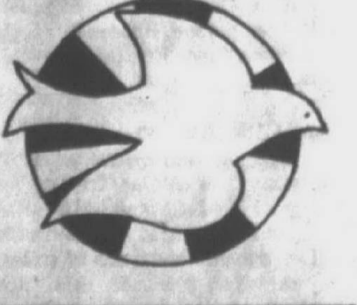
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Building bridges

He works to increase understanding of other faiths

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

Arnold Michlin has made a commitment to ecumenism. It's been a lifelong labor of love for him to see barriers break down between those of different religions and cultures. He applauds every bit of progress he sees or hears about as ignorance is erased through understanding.

Sometimes he calls bringing the Christian, the Jew, the Muslim and, most recently, the black together as "my calling." Sometimes he calls it "building bridges."

The Farmington Hills resident inherited that calling of building bridges when his grandfather, a Jew from Russia, was befriended and learned the ways of America from a Dutch Christian in Indiana. Not too long after that, the Dutchman accepted Michlin's grand uncle into his home and did the same thing for him.

But when it was time for his grandmother to come to the United States she balked at having anything to do with a Christian.

"She was afraid the family's religion would be diluted, or the entire family was going to fall apart, or they would all be converted to Christianity," Michlin said. "It was a very real fear for her. She believed all Christians were bad and nothing good could come out of that situation."

"Yet, that man who lived about 100 years ago in Hudson, Ind., was what I have come to believe is the supreme example of what people ought to be — a man who liked people for themselves."

MICHLIN BELONGS to many organizations and uses his knowledge of history and religion to spread the ecumenical word through many of them.

He said, for example, that he has kept the job of program chairman over the years for Congregation Shaarey Zedek's Men's Club "to keep the membership enlightened on these matters."

He was instrumental in changing the name of the Detroit chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews to "The Muslim, Jewish and Christian Dialog Round Table." It is the only chapter of the conference that has included Muslims.

"It was right that we be the first to do this because we have 250,000 Arabs here, one of the largest communities in the U.S.," he said. "And a Muslim is now the head of our interfaith round table. I consider that great progress."

"So many times if a Christian and Jew and Muslim did get together they would talk about baseball, politics, the weather, anything but religion. Here (at the round table) we do talk about religion and what we accomplish is exposing each other's prejudices."

He has been a member of B'nai B'rith for more than 40 years. He is an ardent worker on the Detroit Action Committee for Soviet Jews.

He was the first to arrange for a visiting archbishop to be welcomed by the Jewish community here.

And he arranged for the first Christian to ever speak from a Jewish pulpit — at least in the northwest suburbs.

He serves on the board of The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies, a position he calls "one of the most important things I do."

But what he is most proud of now is the success of a group he initiated called American Arabic and Jewish Friends.

"We make no attempts to solve the problems in the Mideast," he said. "There are enough problems right here to be solved."

MICHLIN WON the Heart of Gold Award a few years ago for his work in ecumenism, notably for the friendships that have been made among the Arabs and Jews in the Detroit area through the group he founded. And as pleased as he is about that, he said there is still a long way to go.

"About two years ago I started the Black-Jewish Dialogues. I was hesitant about this because I was afraid I

was going to be spreading myself too thin. But it was something that had to be done and the time was right," he said.

The next on his things-to-be-done list is a class for Jews who will be taught about Christianity by rabbis.

"The Christians are way ahead on this one," he said. "The Christians have attended model Seders and have been learning about our Festival of Lights for at least the past 30 years."

"The new classes (to be given in Midrisha, a branch of United Hebrew School) will be sponsored by B'nai B'rith and are the first of their kind in Detroit."

MICHLIN IS one of a kind. For all the work he's done in the area of ecumenism if he has a counterpart in the world — one who gives as much time and energy to the subject as he does — he is not aware of it.

When The Ecumenical Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies opened in Southfield about eight years ago, it was almost a given that Michlin would become involved.

Of that he said "I know (the Rev.) Jim Lyons doesn't have a counterpart. He is utterly unique. He is the only full-time minister in the country that heads up an ecumenical institute."

"He is known internationally, but our work is very local. You do whatever you can do right where you are."

The reality of combat is anything but a game

Last week, the American general who is second in command in the Middle East, Calvin Walker, compared his plans for a war in the gulf to strategy in a giant football game. He said that preparing for war is like getting ready for the Super Bowl.

The world has changed. But our male leaders still think of war as a game. They, unfortunately, have not changed. For too many males in our society, sports, hunting and war are similar pursuits. In all three you can set strategy and go for a win/kill. Men look up to those among us who can make the successful win/kill. Really successful generals are rewarded with the presidency. War is still a male sport.

When will we learn? War is not a game. It is obscene to compare it with a game. No longer is war something that will end. War is more like a sickness. It is an epidemic. It breaks out, spreads, infects, and then the effects go on and on for generations.

AS TIME goes by, this fact is more evident. War must be turned into a political process and a peaceful solution must be found. Old problems must be addressed. How different this is from the Super Bowl!

If there is a war in the Middle East, the world will not recover for 100 years. The Arab-Israeli conflict will intensify. The destruction of Middle Eastern religion, culture and societies will be enormous. Will these people forget? One major goal of Iraq is to polarize Arabs against westerners. All the Arabs of this



moral perspectives
Rev. David Strong

world will be forced to turn against America, Europe and Israel.

What would a war in this area do to religious tolerance? The world is getting smaller. A newly dawning desire for religious understanding will be set back 100 years.

Indeed, a war in the Middle East will become a holy war. Holy wars prevent peace on earth. Such is the truth.

To liken war to a football game is a moral obscenity. It is a little like saying that rape is a game. Unfortunately, the war is a game image was hallowed by people in the past. The Kennedys projected this image that sports prepares men to win in business and in war. Sports is considered clean, American male play. The image of the Kennedys was that of the weekend football player.

I have talked with servicemen who have flown in the Middle East to deliver war materials. They flew there on the weekend and were back at their jobs on Monday morning. To some, Vietnam was just another game to be won by the best team. How wrong we were.

FOR TOO MANY the image confusion of war and a clean, sports game will not die. It is obviously a

part of the military mind witnessed by Calvin Walker's statement.

Who will stand up and say that war is immoral? Who will point out that wars never end? Who will talk to us in terms of human lives and dreams rather than oil, military bases, paying the enemy back? Who will say that God does not want us to kill? Who will tell us what it costs to turn our young men into killers?

For every "right" that an American president or a general can state, the other side has a right or grievance in reply. There is brutality and repressive power in every part of the world. Is America convinced this is a holy war?

The sports analogy is distasteful. It reduces death, horror, the clash of great cultures to a game. The implication is that we can win the bowl game and come home as victors. There will be no happy homecoming. There will be no welcome of the hero players. There will be no satisfaction that we played well and won the prize. Stop and think, America. Stop and pray, you who are a follower of the God of all peoples.

The Rev. David T. Strong is pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Detroit.



Watch Night

The Downings, recording artists from Nashville, Tenn., will perform during a "Watch Night Service" beginning 9 p.m. New Year's Eve, Monday, Dec. 31, at Tri-City Assembly

of God Church. The group includes Brian Wieneke, Joyce Halbert, Paul and Ann Downing. The church is at 2100 Hannan, north of Michigan Avenue in Canton.

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Class sessions will include a combination of lecture, small group discussion, discovery learning and skill practice. The course takes place 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 9, 16 and 30, and Feb. 6-27, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Registration fee is \$20. Deadline to register is Wednesday, Jan. 2. St. Matthew Church is at 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For information, call 522-4856, 421-5684 or 473-0399.

● **SINGING EVANGELIST**
Rick Ballach, "The Singing Evangelist," will be in concert 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Bethel Baptist Church, 29474 W. Six Mile, Livonia. A nursery and toddler service will be provided.

Ballach was severely injured when the motorcycle he and his wife were riding was hit by a car in 1975. After 14 operations, his leg eventually had to be amputated in 1980. Since the accident, Ballach has earned a degree in theology at Baptist Bible College East. He was ordained into the preaching ministry at Temple Baptist Church in Detroit.

● **MORNING OUT**
First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman, Garden City, will start a new program, "Mom's Morning Out." The first meeting will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the toddler room of the church. Mothers of preschoolers can attend this meeting with their children. It isn't necessary to be a member of the church to join the program. For information, call 421-8628.

● **TELECONFERENCE**
A statewide teleconference on the problems of child abuse and neglect will be broadcast live 7:15-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16. The teleconference is sponsored by the Michigan Catholic Conference, the Family Life Office of the seven Catholic dioceses in the state and the Children's Trust Fund.

Teleconference sites have been set up throughout the state. Those interested in participating should contact their diocese Family Office by Wednesday, Jan. 9. For information, call 237-5892.

● **COMMUNITY CHORUS**
The Farmington Hills Christian

Community Chorus performed recently at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington Hills. The show featured guest soloist Bettye Stines, a contralto. Stines, an accomplished soloist, has earned her place in the musical arts world with applause from such conductors as Dr. Hugh Ross of the Schola Cantorum in New York and Dr. Paul Katz, conductor of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

● **TRINITY CHURCH**
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church will have a New Year's Eve service 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31. There will be a special 7 p.m. communion service. The church is at 1345 Gratiot, Detroit. For information, call 567-3100.

● **WARD CHURCH**
Johnny Hall, Dove Award nominee, will perform at the "Watch Night Service" 10:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington, near Six Mile, Livonia. Hall's concert will be followed by a worship service. For information, call 422-1150.

● **NEW YEAR'S PARTY**
Sacred Heart Activities Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, one block east of Middlebelt, Livonia, will have a New Year's Eve party Monday, Dec. 31. Cocktails will be served 7 p.m., dinner 8 p.m. Live entertainment will include The Together Band. Price is \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit the building fund. For information, call 261-8560.

● **KEN LEE**
Ken Lee will be the guest 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 30, at Tri-City Assembly of God Church, 2100 Hannan, north of Michigan Avenue in Canton. Lee travels thousands of miles each year to present his special characterizations. For information, call the church office, 326-0330.

● **BUDDHISM**
The Detroit Area Karma Kagyu Study Group offers meditation and discussion of the Buddha's teaching. Free meditation instruction can be arranged by appointment. Weekly meditation and discussion takes place Thursdays in Redford. For information, call 538-1559.

● **WOMEN OF THE WORD**
Women of the Word, a women's Bible study group, will meet 9:15-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 31260 Haggerty, off I-275 and north of Eight Mile, Farmington Hills.

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Worship Together

Living history

Bringing historic events into area classrooms

By Jay M. Grossman
staff writer

At the age of 8 he was sold to a plantation in Mississippi, where he was forced to work the cotton fields 14 hours a day.

He was without an education, and his family was left behind in Virginia. His possessions included a carpet bag, a Bible and a tag around his neck stamped with his owner's name.

His name was Simon Turner and he was a slave.

The year was 1858, and across the country an angry debate was stirring over the idea of one person owning another.

It was a debate the country would eventually decide in one of the bloodiest conflicts known to man — the American Civil War. And trapped in the middle were thousands of blacks, most of whom were born into slavery and had no idea what the concept of freedom truly meant.

Welcome to Living History. It's a program produced by Historic Fort Wayne designed to teach children — and adults — about the brutality of slavery and the daring escapes many blacks made to the north during the slavery years.

The program travels throughout Detroit and into the suburbs. Last year, Living History productions were put on at schools in Birmingham, Walled Lake, Southfield and Rochester Hills.

JERRY McDANIELS plays Simon Turner, the young slave who eventually escapes to the north and helps create an underground railroad from the deep south into Michigan.

McDaniels is a 30-year-old Detroit resident and a political science graduate of Wayne State University. His specialty, he said, was the Civil War and slavery.

"My job is to take the audience and move them to the year 1858," said McDaniels during an interview at Historic Fort Wayne, which was built by the French in 1701 and used to train military personnel during the Civil War.

Living History, he said, is a way to teach people major events in history by literally bringing those events into the classroom.

Turner's journey first takes him to Canada, where he meets the famous abolitionist Josiah Henson. From there the two travel to Detroit to set up an underground railroad.

"I think we've all been in a history class where basically we've been put to sleep," said McDaniels, who's been playing the character of Simon Turner since 1988.

"Living History is a way to keep everyone's interest and teach them a piece of history that's really been shuffled aside for the most part. And we do it in a way to bring universal messages to everyone... such as what it's like to live in a democracy — and what it's like to live in a police state."

PROPS USED during McDaniels' presentation include a wooden broom that was used during traditional slave marriages, and a cat-o-nine tails which the overseers — or "straw bosses" — used to punish runaway slaves.

"We show them the good — and we show them the bad," said McDaniels. "In one part of my program we have this festive marriage ceremony that has a couple from the audience jumping over the broom and into the land of matrimony."

"And then we jump to another part where a different member from the audience is a captured slave who has the fun of getting whipped 100 times with a cat-o-nine tails."

Following the 45-minute program, McDaniels holds a question-and-answer period with the audience. At a recent performance in Rochester Hills, a group of children at the Ro-

chester Historical Museum wanted to know what happened to Simon Turner — and whether it was true that slaves were treated so badly.

"The students have a very vivid imagination," said McDaniels. "Most of the time they want to know if Simon Turner gets whipped, or if people are still out there looking for me."

"One student, I remember, asked if slavery still exists," he said with a pause. "That was a fun one to answer."

Other programs produced by Living History include a segment on the first Detroit settlers, the Civil War as told by a Union soldier, and one person's battle in the early 1900s to gain equal rights for women.

"We're actors and historians," said McDaniels. "We're there to entertain, but we're also trying to stay as close to history as possible."

CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 21, 1991, at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

CONSIDER MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 2.10, D.4. PRIVATE ROADS OR STREETS DESIGN REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE MODIFIED PRIVATE ROAD DESIGN STANDARDS.

PLANNING COMMISSION
John Burdziaik, Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 7, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, to consider a request for the following special land use as provided for in Section 27.03 C. of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance. The request is to permit the location of an auto restoration refinishing and detailing shop in the Damavoletes Office/Warehouse Complex on Koppernick Road. (Parcel No. 008-99-0001-021).

Written comments will be received until 7:00 p.m. at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. A Public Hearing on the special land use may be requested by any property owner or the occupant of any structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for special use.

JOHN BURDZIAK,
Planning Commission Chairman

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Astronomers seek Star of Bethlehem

Look high in the west southwest before sunrise in December and you cannot fail to see a brilliant 'star.' It's actually not a star at all; it's the planet Jupiter, one of the brightest objects in the night sky. Only the sun, the moon and Venus are brighter. Meanwhile, after sunset you can see bright red Mars, currently the 4th brightest object in the sky, in the east.

When seen before sunrise, a bright planet is often called the "morning star," seen after sunset it's the "evening star." When seen in December it is often given another name; the "Christmas Star," and that makes people wonder about a special "star" that appeared nearly 2,000 years ago. What was the "star" that guided the wise men to Bethlehem? That question has puzzled people for centuries.

To try and determine the nature of the Christmas Star, we must look back in time. Of all the astronomical objects that were visible to the wise men, what did they actually see? Looking into the past gives rise to another question: How far into the past do we look? When was the time of the wise men and the birth of Jesus? That's very difficult to determine. Back in antiquity, birth records for only the most important people were made, so we can't simply look up a record of birth. Besides, the calendar in use at the time was very different from the one we use today. It was based on the legendary founding of the city of Rome.

In our attempt to calculate a date for the birth, we must take clues from early historical records. The first clue is a direct statement from the Bible: "Now when Jesus was born in the Bethlehem in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem..." (Matthew 2:1)



skywatch
Raymond E. Bullock

We know when Herod was king. The Jewish historian Flavius Josephus wrote that Herod died shortly after an eclipse of the moon, which occurred just after the feast of Purim, and shortly before Passover. Astronomers understand the motions of the moon well enough to calculate eclipses. Calculating backwards, it was determined that an eclipse was visible to that part of the world on March 14, in the year we call 4 B.C. Herod died after that eclipse, so Jesus must have been before that year. But how much before?

THERE IS another clue which explains why Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem: "...there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city." (Luke 2:1-3)

It is possible to determine when that taxation (actually a census) occurred. In 1923, archeologists discovered an ancient tablet in the ruins of a Roman temple. On it were inscribed three dates for taxations demanded by Caesar Augustus. One was in 28 B.C., the next was 8 B.C., and the third in 14 A.D. Assuming the decree of 28 B.C. to be too early and the decree of 14 A.D. to be too

late for our consideration (remember Herod died around 4 B.C.), we are left with the decree of 8 B.C.

Allowing for the slowness of communication in those days, the news of the decree may not have reached Mary and Joseph until 7 B.C. It would have taken them a good deal of time to travel to Bethlehem. Perhaps the birth occurred in late 7 B.C. or early 6 B.C. That would be a few years before the eclipse of 4 B.C. and coincided with the death of Herod.

We can almost be certain the birth did not occur on Dec. 25. Another clue (Luke 2:8) tells us there were shepherds tending their flock by night when they learned of the birth: Shepherds only watch the flock at night when lambs are being born in spring and the flock is vulnerable to being attacked by predators. If the birth occurred in spring, why is it celebrated in December? For safety.

In order to avoid Roman persecution, early Christians had to practice their religion in secret. The best time to have a Christian celebration was when the Romans were having a pagan festival. The Roman Saturnalia was held around the end of December, so if the Christians chose to celebrate an event, such as the birth of Jesus, during the same time, they would not be noticed. It wasn't until over 400 years later that Dec. 25 was

made the official date, and that date may have been chosen only because, after 400 years, it would have become a major tradition. So let us consider the spring of 7 B.C. and see if anything spectacular was occurring in the sky that might have been interpreted as the star.

COULD THE "STAR" the wise men saw have been what we call a "falling" star? Probably not. "Falling" stars are not stars at all; they are bits of rock and dust that fall into our atmosphere from space. As they fall they heat up because of friction and burn, producing streaks of light. Most falling stars, more commonly called meteors, are not very spectacular. At certain times of the years there are meteor showers when dozens of "falling" stars can be seen, but only if you are a patient observer. Most meteor showers do not attract much attention, although in 1833 one shower produced an estimated 30,000 meteors in a single minute. Sometimes a large meteor, called a fireball, falls into our atmosphere and it may explode in the air. That would be a startling sight, but only for a few seconds and meteor showers last only a few days at best. That would not be enough time to guide anyone on a long journey.

IN THE YEAR 1604, astronomer Johann Kepler saw a supernova and this made him wonder about the identity of the Christmas Star. He knew of no written records which mentioned the appearance of a nova in 7 B.C., so the "star" must have been something else. Unfortunately, the Bible does not explain the nature of the star for us. As important as the "star" is, there are only four refer-

ences to it in the entire Bible, all within four verses in Matthew Chapter 2, and never with any explanation.

"For we have seen his star in the east..." (Matthew 2:2)

"Then Herod, when he had privately called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star had appeared." (Matthew 2:7)

"When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them..." (Matthew 2:9)

"When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." (Matthew 2:10)

To the early skywatcher, the planets were mysterious wandering lights, or stars. They had no idea what the planets really were, but it was assumed that the planets must be very important objects because they moved. Astrologers believed that life was influenced by the location of the planets amongst the stars and they devised complex interpretations of their movements.

Kepler calculated the position of the planets far back in time and found that Jupiter and Saturn appeared close together in the early evening sky in 7 B.C., that they would soon be in conjunction. A conjunction (close grouping) of planets is not very spectacular; not everyone would notice it.

Perhaps the Christmas Star was a special, one-time only event, never to happen again. But is it, after all, important to know just what the Christmas Star was? The important fact is that a man named Jesus was born, that he lived for a time on earth, and his teachings altered the history of the world.

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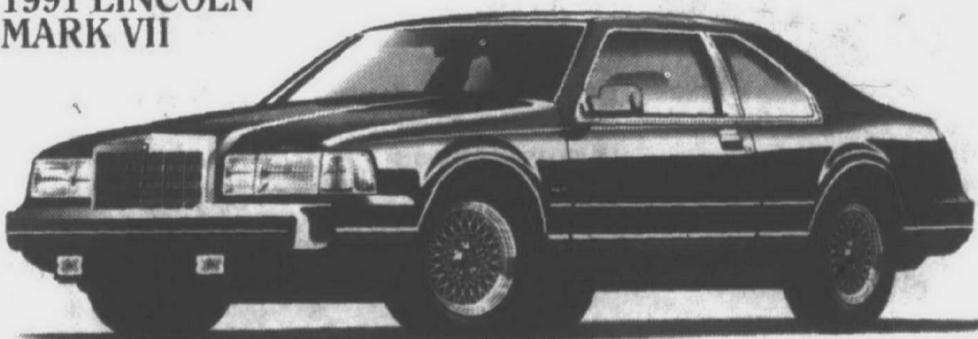
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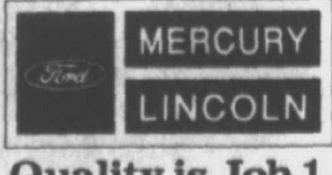
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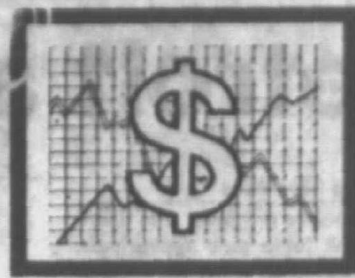
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Auto show spawns more than vehicle sales

Related services pay off

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Car and truck dealers harvest sales from exhibitions like the North American Auto Show. Most families that attend buy a vehicle within a year, said Daniel Hayes, executive director of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

But hundreds of models, singers, dancers and musicians, local talent for the most part, can expect a more immediate payoff and a pretty good one during the run of the show Jan. 12-20 in downtown Detroit.

They'll work as narrators and floor people at exhibits. They'll greet dignitaries at the airport, assist in the press room and sell tickets at Cobo. They'll entertain at parties and breakfasts.

And in the end, they will earn \$2-3 million for their aggregate efforts, said Tim Rice, general manager for Gail & Rice Productions of Troy. "There are a lot of people working down there," he said.

"Manufacturers prefer not to be used by name. We'll have at least 115 people, male narrators, female narrators, spokespersons," Rice said. "They're pre-

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Wendy Kulczycki of Farmington Hills (second from left), a dancer for Chevrolet, uses the auto shows as a way to earn money while a full-time student majoring in marketing.

Work is fun but tough

By Doug Funke
staff writer

The money is good and so is the travel. But narrators and entertainers who do the auto show circuit apparently don't plan to make a career of that kind of work.

Wendy Kulczycki, a dancer for Chevrolet, is a full-time student majoring in marketing. Jamie Lynn Kolodziej, a narrator for Hyundai, is a part-time student majoring in broadcast communications. Cynthia Guenther, a narrator for Ford, owns a modeling/talent agency.

"It's a very good job," said Kulczycki, 21, a Farmington Hills resident. "I get a lot of experience from traveling. It pays very well."

This is Kulczycki's third year on the circuit. She took dance lessons for 12 years, first at the insistence of her mother, then because she found them enjoyable. She's also taught dance.

Kulczycki generally dances a five-minute number once an hour eight times a day.

"I STUDY on the road constantly," she said. "It's been diffi-

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Thrift bucks S&L mess with charter conversion

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Taxpayer bailouts, federal regulator crackdowns, forms in triplicate — let's face it, being a savings and loan today is not what it used to be.

Even in Michigan, where the industry is relatively healthy, having the word thrift associated with a financial institution is like leprosy.

It's bad for business, it's bad for public relations and it's bad for morale.

Which is why Franklin Savings Bank, a savings and loan founded with branches in Birmingham, Southfield and Grosse Pointe Woods, has taken steps to convert to a federally chartered bank, said Franklin Savings Bank vice president of corporate communications Rebecca J. Christian.

Franklin Savings received approval from the office of the Comptroller of Currency — the federal agency that regulates banks — and the Office of Thrift Supervision — the agency that supervises savings and loans — to convert to a bank Dec. 17.

Franklin Savings is the first thrift in the Midwest and only the second in the nation to receive conversion approval. Button Gwinnett Savings Bank in Norcross, Ga., was the first.

"The main reason is banks are allowed to be more diversified in loans and investments," Christian said. That is doubly true now that federal regulators are cracking down on thrifts.

JUST AS AN example, new regulations requires 70 percent of a thrift's portfolio be made up of residential loans, she said. "Currently, 52 to 55 percent of Franklin Savings loans are commercial."

The other main reason, Christian said, is public perception. Despite the relative health of Michigan thrifts, many people feel banks are more stable.

"When all is said and done and the smoke clears, people will want banks," she said. "Whether the perception (of thrift instability) is real or not we want (the sense of stability) for our stockholders and customers."

Ironically, Franklin Savings Bank promoted itself as a product of deregulation after incorporating in 1983. At the time, Christian said, deregulated thrifts offered great opportunities.

Dean DeBuck, a spokesman for the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, said Franklin Savings applied for conversion in September 1989 soon after the passage of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act (FIRREA) of 1988. "It was the first to do so, it's the second thrift to receive approval."

Only 10 thrifts have applied for conversion thus far, DeBuck said.

It is not unreasonable to expect other thrifts will soon follow suit and apply for conversion, DeBuck said, adding future applications should be processed more quickly. "This was new for us — before a thrift can convert to a bank there needed to be new procedures (established)."

ANOTHER REASON for the delay, DeBuck said, is the Office of Thrift Supervision questioned the legality of direct conversions. The Office of the Comptroller of Currency was prepared to grant approval in early 1990, but since two supervisory agencies are involved, both

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must agree to a conversion.

Christian said Franklin Savings will continue as a thrift because it must meet conditions set by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency before the conversion is complete, Christian said, adding the transition should take between six and 12 months, she said.

To come into compliance, Franklin will need to increase its risk and core capital to ensure adequate capital and liquidity to deal with situations as they arise.

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Change seen benefiting all

By Gerald Frawley
staff writer

Franklin Savings Bank's decision to convert from a savings and loan to a bank should benefit everyone involved, from the smallest depositor to the largest stockholder.

"I can't think of any reason not to (convert from a savings and loan to a bank)," said Franklin Savings Bank vice president of corporate communications Rebecca Christian.

Since the passage of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1978, the benefits of being a savings and loan no longer exist, Christian said. "Financial institutions might as well become banks to benefit from the advantages such a move offers."

Stockholders will benefit from an appreciation of stock value, she said. "Because banks will be able to make more diversified investments, and because of the public perception that banks are more stable, a bank stock will be more attractive than a thrift stock."

It therefore stands to reason that Franklin Savings Bank stock will increase in value if it converts to a bank. Even if that does not occur, the regulations affecting savings and loans will not cause a bank's stock to depreciate.

DEPOSITORS STAND to benefit because — if they believe the perception that banks are more secure than thrifts — they can be confident their money is safe,

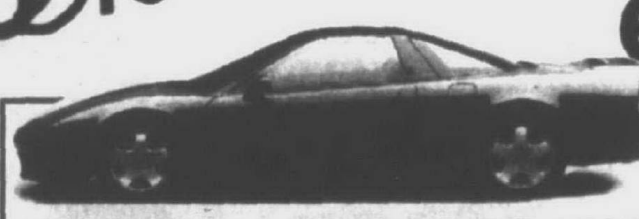
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Detroit auto show spawns related business

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screened before the client sees them. "We look for a nice appearance. They have to be smart enough to talk one-on-one. Anyone can learn a script. They have to have a nice personality. They can't be stuck on themselves," he said.

Narrators can earn from \$125 to \$550 per day depending on experience, credentials and what they're asked to do, Rice said.

But because Detroit is still considered the Vatican of the auto business, Rice said, most narrators are hired here in April to work the exhibition circuit through the following March.

"A lot of our people are carry-over from previous years, about 50 percent," Rice said.

Margery Krevsky, vice president for Productions-Plus of Birmingham, will place upwards of 70 floor product specialists and narrators for Pontiac, Buick, Nissan and Infiniti.

THE FLOOR specialists will earn upwards of \$300-\$500 daily, narrators \$150-\$250, she said.

Krevsky expects some travel from her placements. "I won't consider a person who will do just one week," she said. "It's expensive to train talent."

Cynthia Guenther, president of United Talent Agency of Detroit and Dearborn, helped the Detroit Auto Dealers Association select some 80 women to help with public relations

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— GMC Truck manager Jim Wagner

tasks relating to the show.

"They will do credentialing. Many women will greet dignitaries from Paris, Tokyo, many women will sell tickets," she said.

These jobs, which pay \$7-\$10 per hour, often are used as stepping stones to narrator and product specialist jobs, Guenther said.

Guenther also placed about 30 in exhibits with Buick, Hyundai, Ford and Pontiac.

THEN THERE are opportunities for local talent with ambitions other than mouthpieces for manufacturers.

"We're doing all the domestic manufacturers parties, 15, easy," Rice said. Most will be afterglows following the charity preview Jan. 11, and the fair varies.

"One party has a 22-piece big band, another a trio," he said. A large orchestra could command

about \$1,000 for three hours work; a piano player \$125-\$250, Rice said.

Chrysler will feature a five-piece jazz band for its party, said Peter Brown, shows and exhibit specialist for Chrysler. "I told the agency in this particular case what I wanted — a nice piano, bass, drums playing mellow, light music for the 45-60-year-old group," he said.

Entertainment Connection of Southfield has booked a trio for a dealership party and Doug Jacobs and the Red Carter Band for a breakfast, said Karen Hall, a sales agent.

"ONCE WE find the location and type of atmosphere, we'll suggest a certain type of music," she said. "It all depends on what the client is trying to do."

Some exhibitors hire entertainers to supplement the narrators.

"We've got eight dancers for Chevrolet, the Chevy Thunder Dancers, and eight dancers for Toyota, those Toyota Dancers," Rice said. They can expect to make \$150-\$250 per day and hit the road for other big domestic shows.

"It's pretty tough to get a job," Rice said of the dancers. "We looked at 100, the client looked at 80."

National talent sometimes supplements local entertainers.

GMC Truck has hired a group from the Up with People troupe, while Chevrolet has engaged Mike Sweet, a comedian/magician and former Detroit, and The Piano Juggler, both from Los Angeles.

"WE HAVE entertainment for one reason only — to attract an audience," said Jim Wagner, manager of shows and exhibits for GMC Truck. "It (auto show) is a family affair. You have one third who come there basically to be entertained, another one third are interested in concept cars and the other third are true buyers," he said.

But there's another school of thought. Chrysler, not wanting singers or dancers to detract from the vehicles, complements narrators and floor people with stimulants and exhibits.

"We feel to a certain extent it gets people more hands on, involved in products," said Donald Schmid, display and exhibits manager for Chrysler. "They get into vehicles."

"The industry has become much more technical," said Barbara Mitchell, owner of Affiliated Models of Troy. Her agency will supply 70 narrators and floor people for the Detroit show and another 60 for four

other auto shows around the country at the same time.

"Schick has gone to a technical level," Mitchell said. "It's more to inform the public than just entertain."

Auto show work is fun but tough

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with them, room with them. But I do find myself getting homesick."

Kolodziej works 5-8 hours per day, and brings homework on the road. How long will it go on? "I expect to do this until after I'm out of college and stable in my broadcasting job, a few more years, definitely," she said.

Guenther of Bloomfield Hills has been a Ford narrator for 14 years. "I enjoy it. It's part of business I'm accustomed to," she said.

Guenther auditioned for Ford after participating in the Miss Michigan World Pageant. Now, she runs the Miss Michigan United Pageant and a talent agency.

"You're always looking for new contacts. I've been through this. I know," she said. "This (auto show work) is part of a tree. I've branched out."

Guenther has seen a few changes in how narrators are expected to approach the job over the years.

"I see a transition from glamor to professional," she said. "Women (narrators) have become more knowledgeable about the product because the public demands it."

"It's exciting. I'm traveling all over the U.S. It is very good money. You cash your check and say, 'Isn't this great?'" Kolodziej said.

COMPETITION for jobs is tough, with 50 sometimes vying for two or three slots.

"The girls I work with, you get to be close friends," she said. "You live

Thrift plans change to avoid S&L mess

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Savings and loan risk and core capital requirements were much more lenient before FIRREA.

Franklin plans to meet its risk and core capital requirements by selling off some loans and raising capital through the sale of preferred and common stock, Christian said.

ANN ARBOR BANKING analyst Justin Moran said he believes Franklin is the first of what will prove to be many conversions. "I feel they're in the forefront of what we'll be seeing a lot of in the 1990s."

Moran said there is some question as to whether savings and loans as an industry can even survive the new regulations. "People in the industry seem to be coming to the consensus there is no future for the thrift industry."

"Broadly speaking, FIRREA created a new standard for thrifts for 1990 and beyond," Moran said. "It brings into question whether the savings and loan industry can even survive."

Basically, the regulations do two things, he said. First, it stipulates a thrift must have 70 percent of its loan portfolio in residential mortgages

and many thrifts will be unable to meet this requirement without drastically changing the way they do business and selling off a significant portion of its loan portfolio, Moran said.

The second stipulation is federally chartered thrifts must maintain the same capital standards as a nationally chartered bank, he said.

"The problem is that while residential mortgages are low risk, they don't generate much of a profit," he said. "If they must keep the same capital, they will never make enough money to have a rate of return that will keep the stockholders happy." Stockholder dividends will level off and thus stocks will not increase in value, he said.

FRANKLIN SAVINGS, he said, is well suited for a conversion because they are small enough to raise the necessary capital and adjust its portfolio as required by the Office of the Comptroller of Currency, but savvy enough to handle the intricacies being a pioneer demands.

Smaller thrifts will have difficulty raising enough capital to convert or will not have the wherewithal to convert, Moran said.

It's more likely that existing sav-

ings and loans will convert to state-chartered banks, rather than federally chartered banks as Franklin Savings has done, Moran said.

"The difference between state and federally chartered banks isn't very

much," he said. "It may be easier to deal with the state financial institutions bureau than the Office of the Comptroller of Currency just because of the size of the bureaucracy."

Thrift sees benefit in charter change

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Christian said.

Borrowers, Christian continued, will benefit because they will have a wider pool of competing institutions offering loans — especially when one of those competitors in an aggressive financial institution like Franklin Savings that has its eyes set on steady growth in the coming years.

"We have the capital to compete with larger banks, but are small enough to offer small bank services," she said. Institutions with reserved growth strategies would be hard pressed to build assets of more than \$400 million in the seven years Franklin has been in existence, Christian said.

And finally, employees benefit by having the burden of extensive reporting and regulations removed.

"As we saw it, if we were going to

have (basically) the same requirements as banks, we ought to operate as a bank."

The move will also mean a tremendous boost in employee morale, Christian said. "That's a big part of it, too."

For more than a year now, Franklin Savings has been waiting for the Office of the Comptroller of Currency and the Office of Thrift Supervision to approve the conversion. "Not knowing the fate of that decision," she said, "has affected employee morale."

Christian said the question wasn't whether Franklin Savings would survive or not — even as a thrift, the savings and loan could have been profitable — but once the company set the course to follow, simply not knowing whether the application for conversion would be approved or not was constantly on people's minds.

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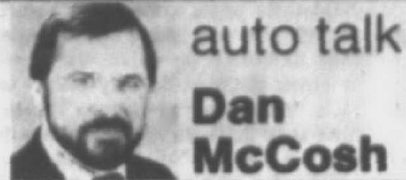
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1990: It was a very odd year for auto makers

There's no question that this has been an odd year for the auto industry, what with 1990 taking stabs at one time or another at emulating 1929, 1933, 1936, 1942, and even 1893, the memorable year the Baring Brothers Merchant Bank failed in London, which created a financial panic and a run on gold that nearly ruined John Quincy Adams II, bringing home the point that even the Republicans get a little crazy at times.

Actually, 1990 was shaping up to be something of a showdown in the showrooms when it got started, what with the incredible flood of new models coming from the Japanese and even a new car from Volkswagen, of all things.

Then, things began getting a little soft economically, and we decided to face off with Iraq, and all bets were



auto talk
Dan McCosh

off. Not that the bets were covered to begin with.

Someone decided to make 1990 a fast-forward of the whole decade of the 1970s with a strange combination of government legislation, a re-invented environmental movement, a credit crunch and the establishment on U.S. soil of foreign-owned car plants. All in a single

year. That alone would have been enough to rattle a few normally stalwart auto execs, even before you tossed in the collapse of the savings and loans, the wobbling banks, and the subsequent arrest and bankruptcy of a whole generation of Wall Street high-flyers on whom lots of BMW and Mercedes dealers in the East were heavily dependent.

In fact, the one amazing thing

about 1990 is that with all the shocks, any one of which would have been sufficient to justify a serious sales collapse, the overall car market stayed remarkably strong, albeit down about 10 percent or so — nothing like the big dive in 1974.

The big stuff did, however, tend to overshadow some fairly significant events that otherwise might have gained some attention. The troubles at Subaru, for example, which demonstrate something about the question nobody seems to ask — exactly how do the Japanese react to a bad slide in the U.S., anyway? Pretty much as you would expect — by buying out their U.S. investors, then cutting back on U.S. operations to salvage some profits. Forget any paternalism or lifetime employment.

On the other hand, Honda distrib-

uted profit-sharing based on its worldwide operations, something no U.S. company has seen fit to offer its U.S. employees, which got their share based only on North American profits.

On the hardware side, 1990 goes down as the year safety began to sell seriously, with the acceptance of anti-lock brakes and something akin to a buying panic on airbags. This left the Japanese rushing to catch up. Also left behind, Saturn gets the dumb-dumb of the year award for ignoring the airbag, missing a chance to seriously one-up the competition with what was otherwise an outstanding effort.

Other odd things happened, including the fact that the second most expensive auto program launched in 1990 (after the Saturn, which techni-

cally doesn't really get started until next year after all) wasn't a car at all, but an engine program at Ford Motor Co., launched furtively in a year-old Lincoln.

But mainly, it was a bad year for car enthusiasts, as Nissan floundered despite the strongest investment in new product in decades, winning lots of congratulations but few checks for down payments.

It was, of course, the swan song for Roger Smith, who managed to end his reign at GM as the farthest-thinking, and most short-sighted chairman in history, leaving history to decide what is most important.

Meanwhile, after a taking a good look at what is coming up in January, the auto business decided to do what we are all doing now.

Hold its breath.

It takes a pro to estimate the value of a business

When selling your business, everything you have achieved over the years must be transformed into financial terminology. And if you are like most small business owners, this aspect of the business valuation process is both confusing and frustrating. Although most would like to believe that they are capable of successfully estimating the value of their business without benefit of figures and formulas, the fact is that this process is not a job for amateurs.

After all, it's one thing to state how much you believe your business is worth; it's quite another to get it within a reasonable time frame. If



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you are serious about getting the best price for your business, these guidelines should help.

When working with a qualified and reputable business valuation expert, be sure to first know exactly what it is you are selling. It is common for an owner to go through the business

valuation process before deciding what he or she is actually willing to sell. For instance, you may have accumulated antiques, cash or have your personal automobile on the books of the company, and you may not want to include these items in the sale. Conveying a clear and

concise description of what is included for sale will lead to fewer surprises later on.

Charles Esser, partner with the Birmingham-based CPA firm of Nemes, Allen & Co., explains how the business valuation process is structured to best satisfy the needs of both seller and buyer.

"Generally speaking, everything that is significant to the business is reviewed in order to deprive an appropriate capitalization rate (multiplier) representing the perceived risk of investment to the seller along with the amount of future anticipated earnings of the business for one

year. Multiplied together, the result is the value of the business."

Coming up with a company's multiplier, or capitalization rate, involves an analysis of several factors to include the safety of the investment, the certainty and regularity of the return, the liquidity of the investment, the burden of management, ownership perks, how the business is affected by inflationary changes, and firm's anticipated earnings. Esser states that this figure is based on an in-depth analysis of past and present company performance, as well as its future growth potential.

"Once we get the necessary infor-

mation and documentation from the owner, it takes approximately three to four weeks to prepare the final report, which is usually 30-50 pages in length."

For more information about business valuations, readers can call 540-6600.

In two weeks we'll discuss the "art of the deal" relative to negotiating business sales agreements.

Mary DiPaolo is the owner of MarkeTrends, a Northville business consulting firm. She is also producer and host of the cable television series, "Chamber Perspectives."

A thought for the new year

1990 has been an unusual year for me. On the one hand, I've had my share of trials and tribulations; on the other, the year has brought in many challenges and opportunities.

My greatest challenge has been to serve you, my loyal readers, by keeping you informed, motivated and focused. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and I truly appreciate your support for this column.

Today I would like to share with you a poem by Gordon H. Taggart which occupies a prominent place on my desk.

I wish you the very best in the coming year.

"I wish I were honest enough to admit all my shortcomings; brilliant enough to accept flattery



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without it making me arrogant; tall enough to tower above deceit; strong enough to treasure love brave enough to welcome criticism; compassionate enough to understand human frailties; wise enough to recognize my mis-

takes; humble enough to appreciate greatness; staunch enough to stand by my friends; human enough to be thoughtful of my neighbor; and righteous enough to be devoted to the love of God."

Errors could mean mortgage refunds

By John Cunniff
staff writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't bank on it, but there's a possibility you might have a sizable refund coming from your mortgage lender, the result of errors in computing your adjustable rate payments.

The first hint of errors came in the summer of 1989, when a former employee of the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corp. studied portfolios of failed thrift institutions and found errors in a large percentage of mortgage loans.

Federal regulators already have asked lending institutions to audit their portfolios. Among these regulators were the Federal Reserve and the Office of Thrift Supervision.

Meanwhile, a recent report from the General Accounting Office contains estimates that between 20 percent and 30 percent of all adjustable rate mortgages might have been calculated incorrectly.

HSH Associates, which tracks rates at institutions around the country and calls itself the nation's largest publisher of mortgage information, says errors could involve wrong dates, wrong indexes and just poor arithmetic.

Adjustable rate mortgages, or ARMs, are changed on a regular basis by rises or declines in an independent index.

Most ARMs, says HSH, add a margin or mark-up to the index at each adjustment, which might occur at six months or a year.

HSH, which has produced a booklet for homeowners wishing to check their ARMs, lists a few of the other possibilities for error:

—The servicer, or company to which a borrower sends payments, might select a monthly index value instead of a weekly one.

—It might use the wrong date, and thus the wrong index value.

—An incorrect margin might be added to the index value. In some cases, the sum might not be rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent.

But, say the folks at HSH, it can be done by the homeowner with access to a newspaper and, of course, their handy little booklet and worksheet. It is available for \$3 from HSH Associates, 1200 Route 23, Butler, N.J. 07405.

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Business offers sports cards for fans, collectors

By Linda Lee Sparkman
special writer

Local sport card and comic book collectors are enjoying a number of area shops specializing in their hobby.

Sam Pashigian, owner of World-wide Exchange and Collectibles, in Wayne, feels they are making wise investments.

The Wall Street Journal rated sports card collecting as one of the top five investments you can make today, Pashigian said.

In addition to possibly making a profit, collectors enjoy a great way to hone organizational skills and exercise memory techniques that can help in many areas of life.

"Kids who collect cards and comics are set apart from the other kids," says Mike Odetalla, co-owner of Play Ball, on Warren Road west of Wayne Road.

"These kids are well behaved," he said. "You rarely see them steal, or get into trouble."

Stores provide collectors with a wide selection of sport cards including baseball, football, hockey, basketball and others. There are also a variety of companies that produce the cards like Score, Donruss, Topps, and Upper Deck.

Shop owners are happy to give advice to hobbyists who visit their shops. The owners agree that collectors should decide on one sport and one company, then concentrate on completing their "set."

A set may be a team set, or a set of one player from their rookie year card on through their current year card. Other collectors work on collecting a complete set of players who played pro that year. Complete sets can be purchased from dealers for about \$20 to \$50 depending on the company that produced the set.

THIS IS the best way to insure you have one of each player according to Richard Rey of A to Z, on Ford west of Merriman.

But, if a collector buys individual wax packs, working toward a complete set, they have the opportunity to obtain duplicates of key players, that can be traded or sold for cards they need, he says. So, there are possible advantages for the collector either way.

"It's always exciting to open a wax pack," says Rey. "They're like little lottery tickets." Older wax packs are still available from dealers and "for a \$75 pack of 1986-1987 Fleer basketball cards, you still have a chance at a \$300 Michael Jordan

card," said Rey.

According to Rey, buying individual wax packs is the way most collectors get started.

Keeping cards or combs in good condition plays an important part in their value, said Rey. "A small crease in a card can reduce it to a fraction of its original value," he said.

There are several ways to store and protect cards and comics, from cardboard boxes and backings, to individual acrylic cases for special cards.

Magazines and books are available at the shops for collectors to keep up on the latest information giving collectors updated card and comic values and other helpful or entertaining information about their hobby.

DAVID TOURANGEAU, owner of The Treasure Hut on Middlebelt just north of Ford, opened his shop after he got tired of packing up everything on weekends to take to card shows.

Tourangeau, a full-time Ford Motor employee, enjoys the business and says he likes working with kids and because "its like you never have

to grow up. I also get a lot of information from the kids, as well as give them information," he says.

For Tourangeau, the only real drawback to the business is "sorting commons," which is organizing cards that are worth only about three or four cents each.

Sorting commons isn't as distasteful to Odetalla of Play Ball.

Odetalla, who recommends collectors follow their sport closely and try to determine who may have a good year, found plenty of Cecil Fielder cards in the "common" files at a card show this spring in Atlantic City. "Cards that were 10 to 15 cents a piece jumped to \$20 or \$30 this summer," he said.

Odetalla dropped out of law school in order to devote his time to what he really enjoyed — sport card and comic collecting. So far, he hasn't been sorry. For a few years he worked card shows. "I've been to shows all over the country," he said.

ODETALLA OPENED Play Ball in August with Fred Farhat, a long-time friend who became interested in collecting after Odetalla took him

to New York for company as he attended card shows there.

Odetalla urges collectors to stick to their plan and "don't run after the fads, like the error cards. They never get their money back," he said. "One hundred percent of the time they go down in value. Usually in about a month."

Odetalla says there are two types of collectors, "investors and collectors." Investors might buy up rookie cards by the hundreds hoping to cash in on future stars, he explained.

Collectors, on the other hand are more specialized and usually have less to spend on their hobby.

Odetalla enjoys working with collectors, especially when they open a pack at the store and get the card they've been looking for. "People jump up and down like they won the lotto," he says.

Richard and Michael Rey are co-owners of A to Z in Garden City. The brothers come from a collectors family. "My father's sole support comes from stamp collecting," says Richard.

"Right now sports card collecting is in, but all collectibles are cyclic,"

he says. "They will slow down sooner or later."

The brothers opened their Garden City store about five years ago. They were owners of a stamp and coin shop in Dearborn before that time.

Richard feels fortunate to be able to make a living doing something he really enjoys, although he admits he might make more money doing something else.

HE ADVISES collectors to keep their cards in good condition and to keep them organized, so they will be able to find what they're looking for.

"Cards should be organized first by company, then by year and then by numerical order," he suggests.

Wayne's Pashigian has been in the area eight years and dealt in stamps and coins before buying into the card shop. He still has a few coins and stamps available, but most of his inventory is sports card, comics, and collectors supplies for these hobbies. Pashigian quit his brick laying job to enter the collectible business.

All the owners buy, sell and trade cards and comics.

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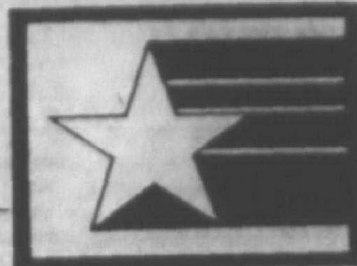
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'Ghost': It's tops at box office for 1990

By Dan Greenberg
special writer

WHAT WERE 1990's best films? It depends on how you define "best."

The hallmark of a good film, at least to those who pay the enormous production costs, is what's lined up at the box office.

"If a film sells tickets," many in the business claim, "it's a good film." So look at the Top Ten box office receipts for your answer.

Considering current expenses, that's an understandable position.

"The Godfather, Part III" reportedly reached its final cut, the negative ready for distribution, at a cost of \$55 million. Add in distribution/exhibition costs and the breakeven point reaches \$120 million.

That's 20 million tickets at \$6 per ticket. "Dick Tracy" garnered over \$103 million and Disney is crying the red ink blues, claiming a \$50-million-plus-loss.

Of course there are some films, notably European ones, that don't cost much to produce by Hollywood standards and have a modest success at the U.S. box office. That's a financial accomplishment for their producers. And they are often films with values.

Witness "Cinema Paradiso" and "Henry V." Although they were released in time for last year's Oscars, they each amassed over \$10 million, largely at the 1990 box office. Petty cash for Hollywood but a considerable success for European filmmakers.

Their critical acclaim and sense of values are another type of "good." Not all films need to be rock-n-roll/teenage/slasher fare or obscure, often boring, essays on art, philosophy, life and love. This country's pleasure orientation, however, tends toward materialistic rewards and that satisfaction is costly.

Sometimes all those qualities come together. That certainly seems to be the case with "Ghost," by far the top film of 1990. As of Dec. 13, it had collected \$200.4 million at the U.S. box office with another \$144.5 million overseas.

"GHOST," WHICH I called the "sleeper of the summer," came out of nowhere and is characterized by an unusual concept as well as excellent production values. Number two on the box office list, "Pretty Woman," which brought in \$178.1 million, adds a fresh touch to an old concept with widespread appeal.

Both have something special going because they deal with redemption, something that attracts most of us.

In "Pretty Woman," Julia Roberts is a prostitute and her special customer is a big shooter on Wall Street, Richard Gere. This unlikely couple save themselves through the love that evolves out of their initial business relationship. It's remarkable how much an excellent production can do for a cliché story. The rich breath of romance makes "Pretty Woman" successful.

In "Ghost," Patrick Swayze hangs around after death to protect his lover, Demi Moore, and that dedication saves her while liberating him. The serious thought behind that concept and the top-notch production values, of course, are a big part of "Ghost's" success.

There's a big drop to the number three slot, in dollars as well as quality, with "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" drawing \$131 million of what might be characterized as junior, fad dollars.

Number four at \$120.5 million, "The Hunt for Red October," has a major draw in Sean Connery, whose "Russia House" may do for the '91 box office what "Red October" did for 1990.

In close contention for the number

five spot are "Total Recall" (\$118.3 million) and, number six, "Die Hard 2" (\$155.3 million). Both feature popular stars (Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis) in exciting, shoot-em-up adventure films. All that violence may not be good for us, but neither is chocolate.

THERE'S ANOTHER big drop in box office totals to number seven, the much ballyhooed "Dick Tracy" at \$103 million. Given its pre- and post-debut publicity, nothing less than a box-office take eclipsing "Batman's" 1989 record of a quarter billion dollars would have satisfied Disney officials. Nonetheless, it didn't do badly for a cartoon strip. Sold a lot of T-shirts, too.

Surprisingly, "Home Alone," which just opened, has done a phenomenal \$87.7 million in four weeks, putting it at number eight.

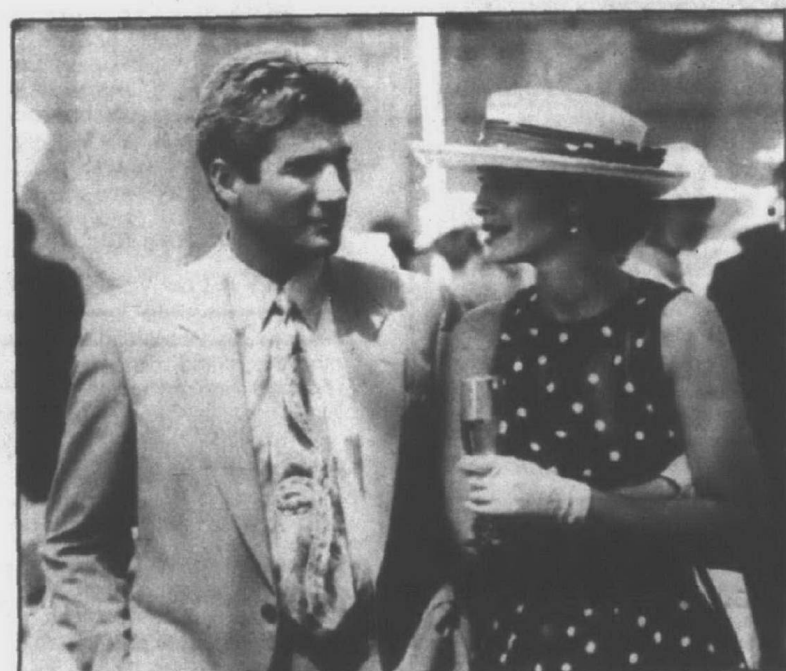
Remember, the stats quoted here are as of mid-December. One problem with Top Ten lists are films that open late in the year to catch the Oscar nomination deadline. But if they garner big bucks, it's not in the calendar year when they opened. "Mermaids," "The Russia House," "Godfather III," "Bonfire of the Vanities," "Dances With Wolves" and "Three Men and a Little Lady" all fall in that category.

THOSE SIX probably will crack the \$100 million mark in 1991, but they are considered 1990 films. "Look Who's Talking" and "The Little Mermaid," both of which did terrific box office in 1990, are two examples of 1989 films that had built a full head of steam when their year ('89) ended.

Number nine, "Presumed Innocent" (\$86.2 million) is followed by "Another 48 Hours" and "Back to the Future, Part 3" both looking to tie for number 10 at around \$80 million.



Demi Moore (left) and Patrick Swayze star in "Ghost," a suspense-thriller. The love story is the top box-office draw of 1990.



Left: Richard Gere and Julia Roberts star in the romantic comedy, "Pretty Woman," the second most popular movie of the year, according to box-office receipts.

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'HEIDI CHRONICLES'
 Wendy Wasserstein's multi-award winning play, "The Heidi Chronicles" opens at the Fisher Theatre Jan. 23 for one week only through Jan. 27. Stephanie Dunnam from the hit TV series "Dynasty" stars as Wasserstein's heroine, Heidi Holland.

A coming of age tale of Heidi Holland and her generation, "The Heidi Chronicles" follows one woman's journey through the last three decades. "The Heidi Chronicles" first opened in 1988 at off-Broadway's Playwrights Horizons where Wasserstein is a resident playwright. Following widespread critical acclaim, "The Heidi Chronicles" moved to Broadway in 1989. "The Heidi Chronicles" opens at the Fisher Theatre Jan. 23-27. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets or the Fisher Theatre Box Office. Group discounts can be arranged by calling Amy at (313) 832-1132. For more information, please call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000. To charge tickets by phone, call (313) 645-6666. Tickets, depending upon

performance, range from \$20-\$25.

IN CONCERT
 The Possum Corner Traditional Music Association, a non-profit organization, presents in concert Sally Rogers and Howie Burson at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29, at St. Daniel's Church, Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive in Clarkston. Tickets are \$9 for adults; \$8, members; \$7, seniors and children; children 5 and under, free. Tickets are available at all ticketmaster locations, "The Book Place" in Lake Orion or at the door

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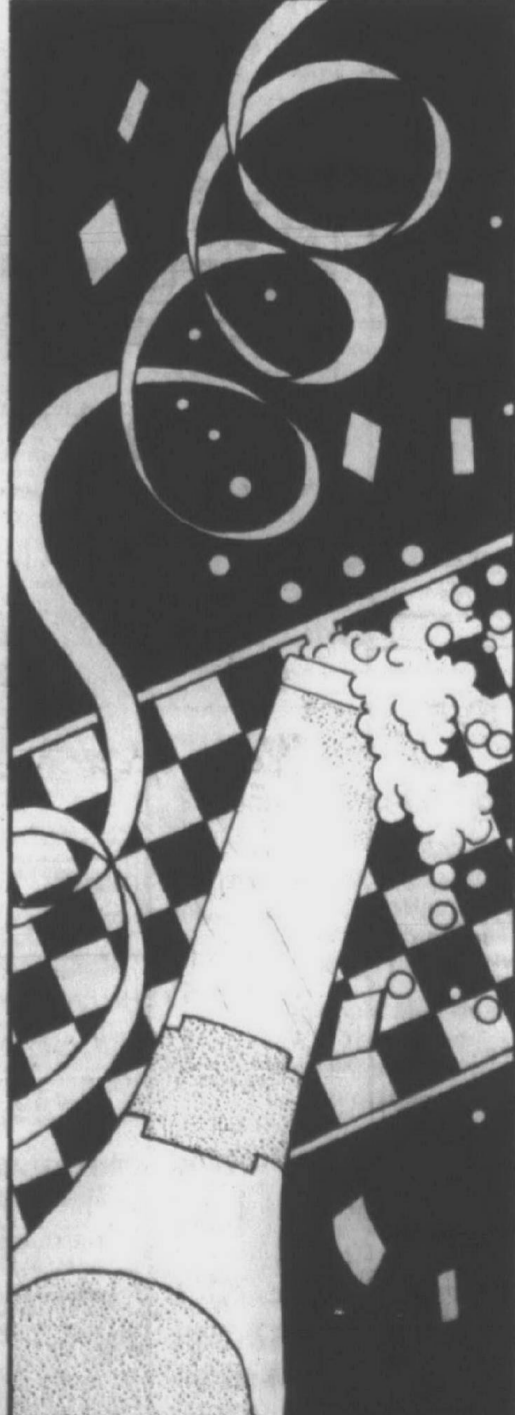
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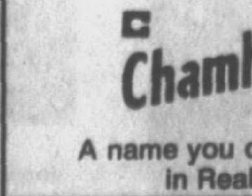
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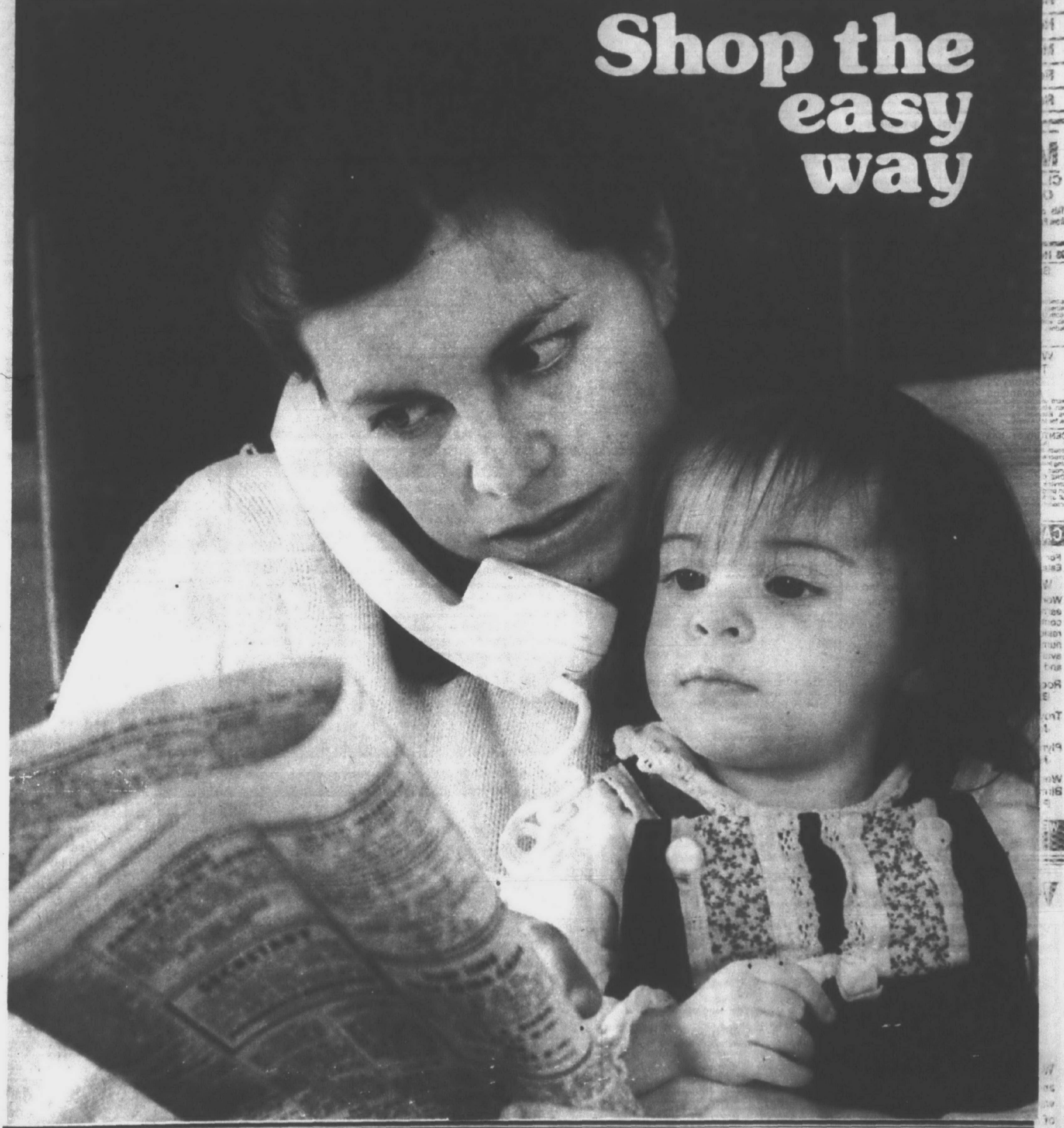
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To make a report or get additional information about the Adult Protective Services Program contact your local Department of Social Services office Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

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A. You must be a very healthy person which is most fortunate. Everyone however, regardless of age is concerned about entering a hospital. Being prepared for the stay will certainly make the event less stressful. The National Institute on Aging suggests the following hints for people who are entering the hospital by choice rather than in an emergency situation. The patient's family and friends may find this information useful also.

The National Institute on Aging recommends that you pack as little as possible for your stay, however, be sure to bring a few nightclothes, robe, sturdy slippers, comfortable

clothes to wear home, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb and brush, deodorant and razor. You should also bring a list of all the medicines you take, prescription and non-prescription, details of any past illnesses, surgeries, allergies, your health insurance card, a list of names and telephone numbers (home and business) of family members to contact in case of emergency, and \$10 or less for newspapers, magazines or any other items you may wish to buy from the hospital gift shop. It is a good idea to put your name on any personal items.

What not to bring is almost as important as what to bring. Leave cash, all jewelry, including wedding rings, credit cards and checkbooks at home or have a family member or friend keep them for you. If you must bring valuables ask if they can be kept in the hospital safe while you are there.

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While you are a patient in the hospital, the institute offers advice on patient safety. Because you may not be familiar with medical equipment and your medications may make you feel tired or weak, it is good to take a few extra precautions while in the hospital. Use the call bell when you need help. Use the controls to lower the bed before getting in or out. Be careful not to trip over any wires or tubes that may be around your bed. Try to keep the things you need within your reach. It is very important

that you take only prescribed medicines. If you have brought your own medications with you tell your doctor or nurse and only take them with your doctor's permission. Combining drugs can have serious ill effects. Be very careful getting in or out of the shower or tub. Use the grab bars for support and use the handrails in the hallways or on the stairways.

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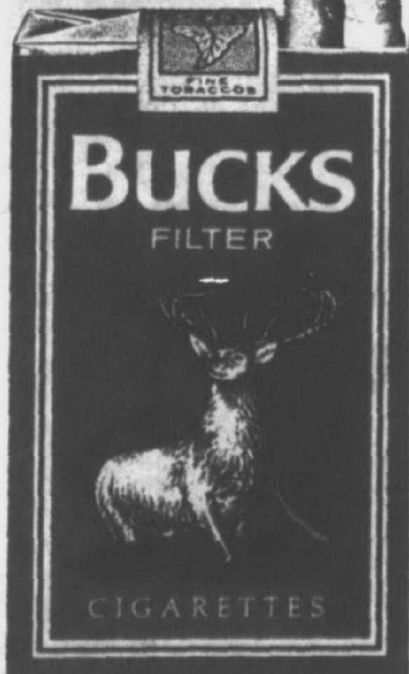
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Hockey haven Area players back for GLI tourney

By C.J. Rieak
staff writer

Michigan State's normally powerful hockey team is finally thawing.

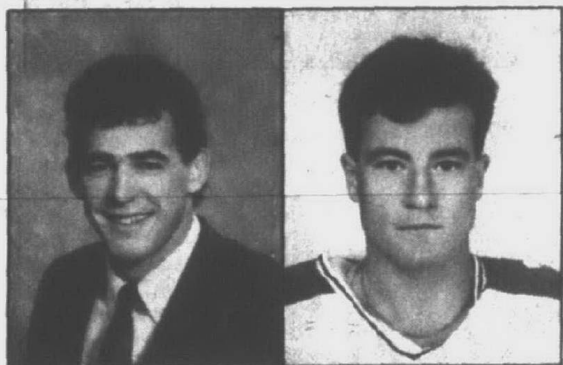
The Spartans are just returning from the deep freeze — a victory at the Great Western Freeze-Out Tournament, in Los Angeles — and they are red-hot.

Michigan Tech was struggling, but the Huskies have shown signs of life lately. They come to Detroit after a Western Collegiate Hockey Association road win at Denver Saturday.

But the team Michigan State and Michigan Tech, along with the University of Maine, will likely be chasing for the Great Lakes Invitational championship this weekend is defending champ University of Michigan. The Wolverines have been impressive through the first 18 games of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association season; they are tied with Ferris State for second, each with 25 points.

The GLL, now entering its 26th year, will start at 5 p.m. Friday at Joe Louis Arena with Tech facing off against Michigan. MSU will battle Maine at 8 p.m. Friday. The consolation game will be at 4 p.m. Saturday. Friday's winners will battle for the GLI title at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

IT WILL be a homecoming of sorts for several players. A pair of Spartans — senior forward Walt Bartels, from Plymouth (and Redford Catholic Central), and junior goalie Mike Gilmore, from Farmington Hills — will try to give their team its fifth GLI championship in nine years.



Rob Tustian Walt Bartels

college sports

Tech senior defenseman Rob Tustian plans to deny MSU that distinction, while extending the Huskies' leadership for most GLI victories.

Making the trip to Joe Louis for the GLI is nothing new for Tustian. It's something the Livonia Stevenson graduate looks forward to each year.

"You get family out (to the games), there's a big crowd . . . It's a good atmosphere for hockey," said Tustian.

This has been a season of adjustment for Tustian. He was at forward for the first three years of his collegiate hockey career; he switched to defense this year.

TUSTIAN SHOWED he still had some offensive instincts Saturday when he scored the go-ahead goal on a power play in the second period, helping push the Huskies to a 5-3 over Denver.

Still, he isn't completely comfortable. Not yet. The biggest adjustment? "The speed of the game," he answered. "We've got a real fast league."

Tech is 5-10-1 in the WCHA, 8-11-2 overall. They are in seventh place in the WCHA.

MSU's fortunes have started to reverse. After a 3-1-2 start to the season, the Spartans went into a tailspin, posting three wins in 11 games.

They've rebounded since, winning five straight to improve to 10-8-4 overall, 7-7-4 in the CCHA. Gilmore and Bartels have played a role in the Spartan resurgence.

GILMORE, WHO shares goaltending duties with Jason Muzzatti, is atop the CCHA goals-against list. He has a 2.59 goals-against average and a 4-3-2 record, and his save percentage is 89.6.

Bartels, a team co-captain, is coming off his most productive season (seven goals, 15 assists). This season, Bartels has two goals and five assists.

It will take quite an effort for either to upend U-M. MSU has played the Wolverines twice this season, losing once and tying once. In last year's GLI final, the Spartans were beaten by U-M 6-3.

One factor favoring Wolverine foes is the absence of sophomore defenseman Pat Neaton, a Redford native who attended CC until his senior year. Neaton is with a U.S. team currently playing in Canada. He won't be in the lineup this weekend.



Patrick Neaton of Redford is one of the University of Michigan's top defensemen, but he won't be playing this weekend in the Great Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament. Neaton was selected for the U.S. team currently playing in Canada.

Juggling lineups not enough to lift CC

By Brad Emons
staff writer

As the old expression goes, Bernie Holowicki is "caught between a rock and a hard place."

Through four games, the Redford Catholic Central basketball coach has tinkered with various lineups.

And following Saturday's 64-50 loss to Ypsilanti at the Big Michigan Shoot-Out (held at Detroit's Cobo Arena), which dropped the Shamrocks to 2-2 overall, Holowicki is searching again.

"We're struggling because of the point-guard situation," he said. "We're still trying to find a good combination that we can stick with."

The Shamrocks' center from a year ago, 6-foot-5 junior Bob Kummer, has been playing the lead guard role all season with mixed reviews.

"Bobby's done it so far, but it pulls him away from the basket and that can be a drawback for him," said the CC coach. "And you know what he can do when he posts up inside."

Kummer had 15 points in a losing cause,

basketball

while the Shamrocks' other big gun, 6-4 Steve Whitlow, contributed 12.

Ypsilanti, behind Shannon Williams' 15 first-half points, took a 33-25 lead at intermission.

The Braves (4-1), who got hot from three-point range, continued to surge in the third quarter by outscoring the Shamrocks 17-6.

"We started out OK, hung in there for awhile being down by only five or six, but eventually we got caught," Holowicki said. "Then we played hard again in the fourth quarter."

Williams led the winners with 18 points, while Wendell Rodgers and Wayne Minor contributed 17 and 10, respectively.

"Ypsi is so quick and the big kid (Williams) hurt us big-time," Holowicki said. "He (Williams) is a big-time player, a major college player."

CC returns to action Friday at home (7:30 p.m.) in a non-league encounter against St.

Clair Shores Lake Shore.

The Shamrocks then open their Catholic League Central Division schedule Friday, Nov. 4 at home against Redford Bishop Borgess.

ST. AGATHA 61, MT. CARMEL 45: On Friday, Redford St. Agatha won its Catholic League C-D Division opener, snapping a three-game losing skid with a victory over visiting Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

The Aggies are 1-3 overall and 1-0 in the division, while the Cornets slipped to 2-3 and 0-1.

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Salem battles injuries

By C.J. Rieak
staff writer

To say the future of Plymouth Salem wrestling was on display Saturday might be taking the recent rash of Rock injuries a bit too far.

But you'd be half right.

Six of 13 starters were missing when Salem tangled with five other teams in a round-robin dual meet

tournament at Salem. Considering the competition, it isn't too surprising the Rocks won just one of its five duals.

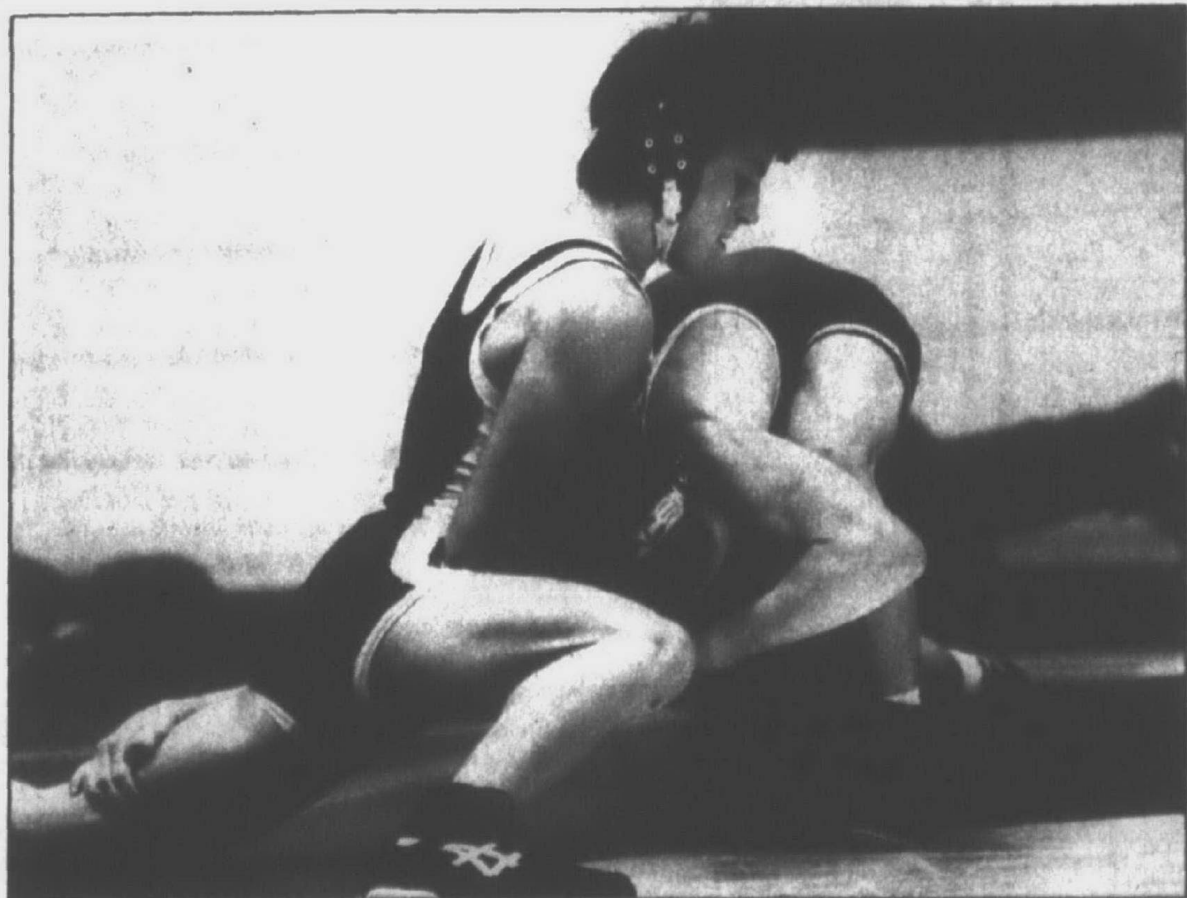
Holt was the champion of the day, winning all five of its duals. Belleville was next at 4-1, followed by Flint Kearsley (3-2), Adrian (2-3), Salem and Davison (0-5).

The Rocks beat Davison, which was also missing several starters,

60-18. They lost to Holt 52-21; Belleville 42-32; Kearsley 39-32; and Adrian 50-21.

Those out of the lineup were mostly from the upper weight classes; two of them, heavyweight Ken Coker and 160-pounder Tom Baker, could be lost for considerably more time. Coker is troubled by a bad back, and Baker has an injured knee.

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JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Chad Wilson of Salem was too much for Adrian's Jason Richardson in Saturday's five-team

dual. Indeed, Wilson was better than most — he finished 4-1 on the day.

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Shorthanded Salem continues to scrap

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OTHERS OUT with various ailments were Bob Hansen at 152, who's just returning from a bout of mononucleosis; Dan Bonnett at 119, who hurt his shoulder while winning the Temperance-Bedford Tournament; Charlie Apigian at 171 (also a champ at Bedford), who had an operation to remove a swelling from his neck; and Wade Langdon at 189, out with the flu.

Considering all those who were missing, Salem coach Ron Krueger was happy. "We had a lot of good things happen," he said. "We've got a ways to go, but we've got the kids to do it."

The Belleville meet was particularly pleasing. A pin of Salem's Tim Galda at 189 allowed the Tigers — second at the Class A meet last season — to escape with the win.

"I felt good about that," said Krueger of the outcome. "It gives us something to build on."

Salem had four wrestlers earn runner-up honors on the day, each posting a 4-1 match record. John Moran at 103, Chad Wilson at 119, Jeff Shumate at 135 and Josh Viau at 145 each finished second for the Rocks. Scott Martin was also 4-1, but placed third.

Krueger thinks he may get two or three of his starters back within the

next week or so.

"I'm hoping for anything back," he said, then added, "But these young kids we had in there, I don't want to sell them short. They're just young and inexperienced, but they were scrapping."

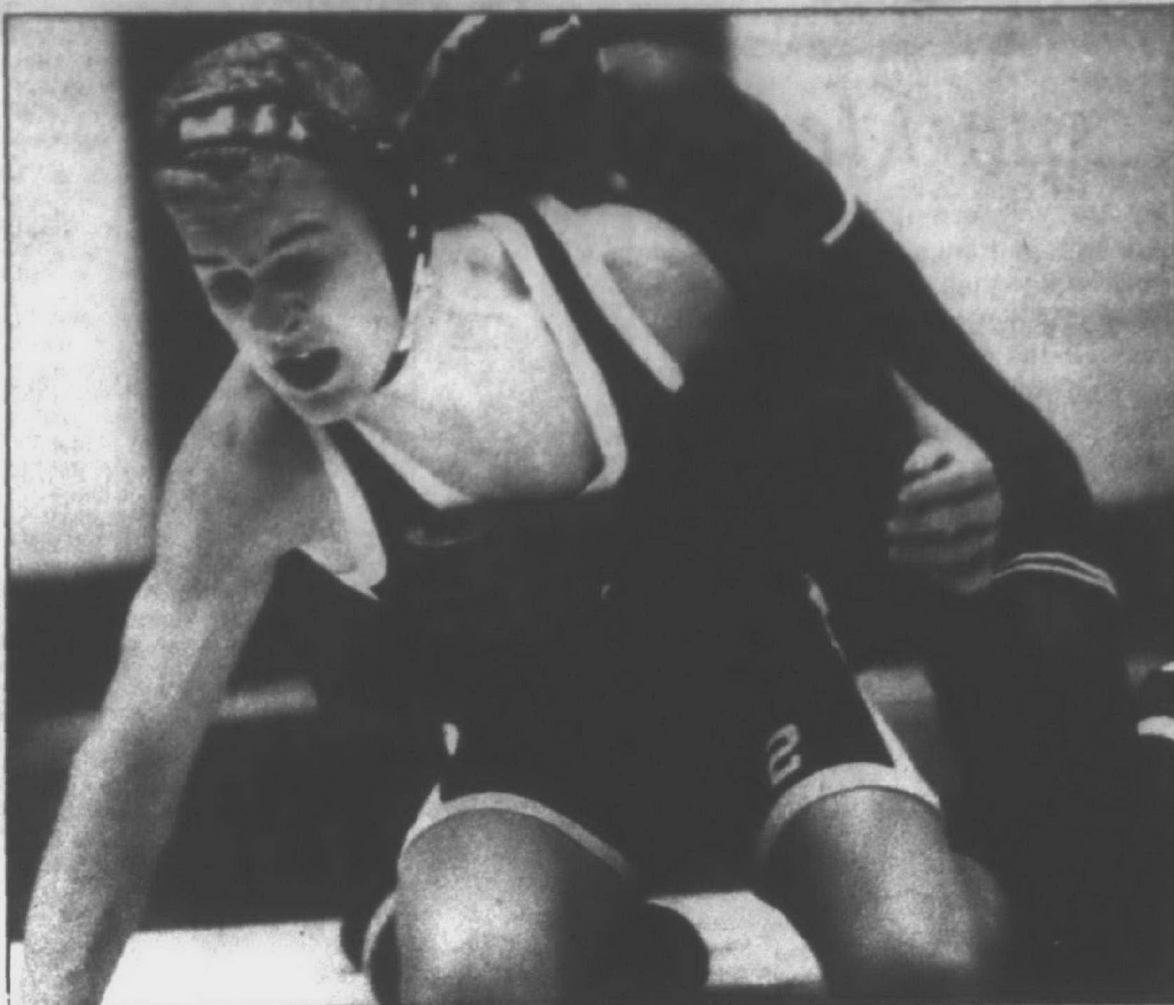
LAST WEDNESDAY (Dec. 19), Salem's shuffled lineup was still good enough to handle Livonia Stevenson, 45-27 at Stevenson.

The first nine matches were decided by pins, with Salem coming out on top in five of them. Moran started it for the Rocks at 103 by pinning Greg Kendall in 1:30. Scott Martin followed at 112 with a pin of Brian Tibbals in 1:07.

Wilson also won on a fall at 125, beating Wayne Krause in 1:16. Shumate pinned John Marshall in 1:16 at 140, and Jeff Coleman pinned Adam Carrier in 3:02 at 145.

Heavyweight Coker topped Eric Kirkland in 1:32. Galda defeated Chris Lehti 4-3 at 189, and Phil Haynes won on an injury default by Randy Micallef at 171 to round out the Rock winners.

Salem will be idle until a Jan. 3 quad meet at Garden City, with Northville and Temperance-Bedford also on hand. On Jan. 5, the Rocks will host the Salem Invitational; 18 teams will take part.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Salem's Scott Martin couldn't handle Adrian's Mike Dusseau, losing this 112-pound weight class match Saturday.

Aggies win 1st

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Agatha jumped out to a 14-5 first-quarter advantage and Mount Carmel was never able to get any closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

Jerrod Krosnak, Derwin Henderson and Jeremy MacNicol pumped in 14 points apiece for the winners. Joe Boards added nine.

John Borovich and Keith Krosnak tallied 13 and 18, respectively, for the Comets.

ROBICHAUD 71, GARDEN CITY 49: On Friday, host Dearborn Heights Robichaud overpowered the Cougars (1-4) behind a game-high 19 points from Ernie Baskin.

The Bulldogs led 37-27 at halftime and then blew it wide open with a 22-7 scoring spurt in the third quarter.

Robert McClain and William Flemming contributed 14 and 10 points, respectively, for the winners. All-State football player Tyrone Wheatley chipped in with eight.

Adam Marano and Jeff Williams tallied 10 and nine, respectively, for the Cougars.

"They're so physically big," said GC coach Mark Cranston of the Bulldogs. "They've got Tyrone Wheatley and they just physically dominated us."

"We didn't shoot very well and we never got any second chances either. They're just monsters. We were no match for them physically."

Franklin comes up short in bid for GC tourney title

By Brad Emons
staff writer

Santa showed up Saturday to pass out medals during the Garden City Christmas Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

And for Livonia Franklin's ever-improving mat team, all their wishes nearly came true except for a team championship, which was whisked away by Melvindale.

The Cardinals, boasting three individual winners, led a tight team field with 127 points, only four ahead of runner-up Franklin (123) and eight in front of third-place Trenton (119). Defending champion Westland John Glenn was fourth with 115 1/2. See statistical summary.

"If we had wrestled our best, we could have won it," Franklin coach Ken Meinschein said. "We could have finished as low as fifth, however, and I'd still be happy."

"Overall I thought all the kids wrestled hard. We could have done better at a couple of weights and those kids know who they are."

Meinschein was certainly pleased with the way things went at heavyweight where senior Bobby Johnson

opened the championship round with an upset victory over Dearborn's giant Andy Balestrieri.

JOHNSON trailed 5-2, but pulled even at 5-5 and then stunned the state's fourth-ranked heavyweight with a pin in 5:15 in what turned out to be one of the most exciting matches of the day.

"He was pinned by him (Balestrieri) in no time at all last year," said Meinschein. "This time we told him to wrestle with the kid instead of doing it all in the first period. By going all three periods, good things will happen and let's see if we're in better condition."

Balestrieri defeated Johnson earlier in the month at the Trenton Dual Meet Tournament, but this time the Franklin wrestler wore down his opponent.

"It was a huge win for Bobby," said the Franklin coach. "He beat a tough kid."

Another Franklin standout was 140-pounder Eric Holmes, nicknamed "Okie" by his teammates.

Holmes, who transferred to Franklin last year from Tulsa, Okla-

homa, outlasted Riverview's Tim Phillips in a high-scoring match, 9-8. Holmes, who comes from a wrestling background (his father wrestled at Michigan State), is now 14-1 overall.

"Eric stepped up 'big-time' with time running out," Meinschein said.

THE ONLY OBSERVERLAND performer in the winner's circle was Glenn sophomore Mike Reeves, who captured the 152-pound class with a 9-2 decision over Livonia Stevenson's Doug Carmack.

The once-beaten Reeves, who was MVP of the Plymouth Canton Invitational a week earlier, once again looked impressive.

"Reeves is excellent," said Stevenson coach Don Berg. "I understand he has quite a bit of freestyle experience and it shows. Carmack is not a bad wrestler himself. His only two losses are to him (Reeves)."

Other area grapplers earning sec-

ond place finishes including Tony Horvath (119) and Ben Maton (171), both of Lutheran Westland.

Third place area finishers included Tom Pace (103) of Glenn; Gary Arai (119) of Redford Union; Clint Shepley (125) of Livonia Churchill; Ryan Carriere (130) of Stevenson; Craig LeTourneau (135) of Redford Union; and Fred Vargas (145) of Franklin.

Johnson drew consideration for Most Valuable Wrestler honors, but the coaches voted for Trenton's Marc Famularo, who decided Northville's Brandon Mardossian for the 135-pound title. Famularo was one of three Trenton wrestlers to come away with titles.

"135 WAS THE toughest weight class," said Garden City coach Phil Freeman. "Of the 16 schools at that weight, 14 came in with winning records."

"My man (Chris Gorak) took fifth

and he was wrestling well."

Freeman said that Johnson's win was significant.

"Anything can happen in the heavyweight division," said the GC coach. "For the Franklin kid to come back and beat him (Balestrieri) is a

great chore. It was a good win for him."

The Garden City coach also had praise for the Patriots overall.

"They're the surprise in the area right now," Freeman said. "They're coming on as a team."

Churchill, CC icers win

Livonia Churchill's hockey team finished the 1990 portion of its 1990-91 hockey schedule undefeated with a 7-1 victory last week over Birmingham Country Day. The game was played at Livonia's Edgar Arena.

The Chargers, 8-0 entering the holiday break, return to action at 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 against Howell in another non-leaguer at Edgar.

In the win over Country Day, Churchill jumped out to a 4-0 first-period lead and never looked back.

REDFORD CC 15, ST. FRANCIS 2: On Saturday, visiting Toledo St. Francis was no match for Redford Catholic Central (5-9) at the Redford Ice Arena. Jesse Hubenschmidt paced the CC scoring assault with three goals and four assists.

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The class of 1941 will have a reunion at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 21, at the Birmingham Community House. For information, call Patty Lewis, 644-2095, or Ginny Turner, 646-4981.

● BIRMINGHAM GROVES

The class of 1971 will have its reunion Aug. 10, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803 or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

● BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Saturday, July 13, at the Northfield Hilton, Troy. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The class of 1965 will hold its reunion July 14. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● CHIPPEWA VALLEY

The class of 1981 will have its reunion July 27, at the Mirage Banquet Hall, Mount Clemens. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803, or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

● DEARBORN

The class of 1966 will have a reunion Aug. 2. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● DEARBORN EDEL FORD

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion for 1991. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● DEARBORN FORDSON

The class of 1956. For more information, call Diane (Stephens) Rader, 563-9224, or Dolores (Wojcik) Loos, 582-5254.

● The class of 1941 will have a

reunion Friday, Aug. 2, at St. Clement Hall, Dearborn. For more information, call Dale Johnson, 336-3191.

● DETROIT CHADSEY

The class of 1941 is planning a reunion. For information, call Irene (Kosowski) Wygonik, 382-8962, Jean (Bahrie) Feges, 282-4864, or Leonard Bartosik, 937-0425.

● DETROIT CODY

The January Class of 1966 will have a reunion April 6. For information, call Dolly, 478-4364.

● DETROIT COMMERCE

The classes and staff of 1937-39 are planning a reunion for the Spring 1991. For information, call Vinita (Riley) Morton, 545-2511, or Rita (Scaglion) Pavlick, 777-7657.

● DETROIT COOLEY

The class of 1951 will have a reunion Oct. 5, at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

● The class of 1941 will have a reunion Sept. 15. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● The class of 1981 will have a reunion July 19. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● DETROIT DENBY

The January and June classes of 1951 will have a reunion Saturday, Oct. 26. For more information, call Rosemary Rein, 681-8294.

● DETROIT HENRY FORD

The January and June classes of 1971 are planning a reunion. For more information, call Gail, 453-0613, or Mary, 538-8593.

● The classes of 1960-61 will have a reunion June 29, at the Troy Marriott. For more information, call Fred Mengel, 464-3163.

● DETROIT MACKENZIE

The classes of 1964-67 will have a reunion Saturday, April 27, at the Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. For information, call Rita Whitley, 746-9643.

● DETROIT NORTHERN

The classes of 1963-1967 will hold a reunion Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Warren Chateau Hall, Warren. For more information, call Ethel Campbell, 746-9643.

● DETROIT NORTHWESTERN

The class of 1941 will have a reunion Sept. 6, at the Northfield Hilton Hotel, Troy. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803.

● DETROIT OSBORN

The January class of 1966 will have a reunion Sept. 13. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● The class of 1970 will have a reunion April 6. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● DETROIT REDFORD

The January and June classes of 1951 will hold a reunion Sept. 28, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For more information, call Pat Smith, 356-1866, Judy Robertson Neihoff, 626-6643, or Bob McGuigan, 19561 Mariner Ct., Northville 48167 or 348-1113.

● The January and June classes of 1971 are planning a reunion Oct. 5, at Roma Hall in Livonia. For more information, call Wendy Maine Sielaff, 459-3041, or Kathy Roth Majawkas, 673-7386.

● The January and June classes of 1940-41 will have a reunion May 19, at Roma's of Bloomfield. For more information, call Bob Johnson, 525-6671, or Virgene Jones Wright, 685-3913.

● DETROIT SOUTHEASTERN

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Demetria Johnson, 343-0486, or write P.O. Box 241043, Detroit 48224-1938.

● The class of 1951 is planning a reunion. For information, call Tess (Pappas) Nepi, 884-8858 or 775-0725.

● DETROIT WESTERN

The January and June classes of 1947 are planning a reunion. For information, call Jack Tian, 464-1171, or George Zeitz, 563-9452.

● EAST DETROIT

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Oct. 12. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● FARMINGTON

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For information, call (800) 397-0010.

● GARDEN CITY

The class of 1956 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Gloria, 422-7777, or Jean, 427-6451.

● GROSSE POINTE

The class of 1959 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Tom Teetaert, 343-2205.

● The class of 1966 will have a reunion Aug. 16, at the Roostertail Restaurant, Detroit. For information, call 465-2277 or 263-6803, or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

● The class of 1971 will have a reunion Aug. 3. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● HANTRAMCK

The January and June classes of 1945 and 1946 will hold a reunion April 30, at the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy. For more information, call Art Skorupski, 755-2940, Bill Hapiuk, 937-3228, Henry Golata, 278-3711, or Clara Jablonski Hylenski, 563-3478.

● HARDING ELEMENTARY JUNIOR HIGH

The class of 1961 will hold a reunion in July. For more information, call June LaPierre Weaver at 525-2695.

● JOHN GLENN

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● The class of 1971 is planning a reunion. For information, call Mike, 454-4674, or Peggy, 981-4723.

● LIVONIA BENTLEY

The class of 1976 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Steve Dutcher, 425-3909, or Cheryl (Adams) Magalski, 422-8419.

● The class of 1971 is planning a reunion for Aug. 31. For information, call Marcy, 937-1362, or Tommi, 421-5795.

● LIVONIA FRANKLIN

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Aug. 9. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● LIVONIA LADYWOOD

The class of 1966 is planning a reunion. Send name, address and telephone number to Toni (Maniaci) Knechtges, Dept. 2000, P.O. Box 39114, Redford 48239.

● LIVONIA STEVENSON

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Aug. 3. For more information, call Kim, 464-6020, or Joanie, 478-0813.

● The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● LST ASSOCIATION

The LST Association will hold a reunion in September in New Orleans. For information, call (800) 228-5870, or Bob Garner, (409) 579-3732.

● MILFORD

The class of 1981 will have a reunion in September. For information, call Darryl Fegan, 229-4923, or Lori Davidge-Emme, 685-9859.

● NORTH FARMINGTON

The class of 1971 will have its reunion Aug. 3, at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. For information, call 465-

2277 or 263-6803, or write Reunion Planners, P.O. Box 291, Mount Clemens 48046.

● NOVI

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Sept. 7, 1991. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The class of 1971 is planning a reunion for August. For more information, call Theresa Regan, 459-2311, Jayne Toomey Henderson, 471-0496, or Teri Edwards Lynn, 437-6380.

● PLYMOUTH

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Saturday, July 6, at the Novi Hilton Inn. For more information, call Pam Cunningham, 347-5632, Phyllis Maycock, 453-6036, Ted Pulker, 788-0621, or Brenda Johnson, 455-5364.

● PLYMOUTH CANTON

The class of 1981 will have its reunion Saturday, July 27, at the Novi Hilton Hotel, Novi. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● PLYMOUTH SALEM

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For information, call (800) 397-0010.

● PONTIAC NORTHERN

The class of 1971 is planning a reunion. For information, call Cathy (Loughheed) Lisk, 634-4238, Angela (Webb) Kline, 673-3473, Mark Woods, 628-3326, Cyndy (Lamberson) Brown, 360-0878, or Glenden Rayner, 853-3454.

● REDFORD UNION

The January and June classes of 1941 are planning a reunion for July. For more information, call 737-6908 or (517) 835-7837.

● The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Brian MacNamara, 535-0437, or Patricia (Mulka) Barrowcliff, 455-7747.

● The class of 1961 will have a reunion Aug. 17. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● The class of 1971 will have a reunion June 28. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● ROBICHAUD

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Aug. 10. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● ROMULUS

The class of 1971 is planning a reunion. For information, call Deborah, 981-3266 after 6 p.m.

● ROSARY

The class of 1966 is planning a re-

union. For more information, write Nina Sinatra Hric, 7123 Buckthorn, West Bloomfield 48033.

● ROSEVILLE

The class of 1971 will have a reunion Oct. 12. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● ROYAL OAK

The January and June classes of 1941 will have a reunion Sept. 14, at the Somerset Inn, Troy. For information, call Harry Blair, 549-8230, or Bob Dondero, 542-8151.

● ROYAL OAK DONDERO

The January class of 1959 is planning a reunion. For more information, call Carl Hoops, 852-7875.

● ROYAL OAK KIMBALL

The class of 1963 is planning a reunion. For more information, write The Class Reunion, CBC, Box 287, Ortonville 48462.

● The class of 1971 will hold its reunion in 1991. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● ST. ANDREW HIGH

The class of 1950 will have a reunion Jan. 5, at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn. For information, call Irene, 532-5510.

● ST. MICHAEL OF PONTIAC

All-student reunion is planning a reunion. For more information, call Sheila O'Connor Damiano, 565-4054, or Mildred Hensel Reeve, 853-7535, or Box 214735, Auburn Hills 48361.

● ST. PAUL OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Former students of the Christian school are sought for 100th anniversary celebration services and dinners January through May. For information, write to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20815 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills 48336.

● SOUTHFIELD

The class of 1971 is planning a reunion. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● SOUTH LAKE

The class of 1966 will have a reunion Oct. 12. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● TROY ATHENS

The class of 1981 is planning a reunion. For more information, call (800) 397-0010.

● WALLED LAKE

The class of 1951 will have a reunion Aug. 23. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

● The class of 1966 will have a reunion July 20. For information, call (313) 773-8820.

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They know how to party

Mummers Parade attracts all kinds in Philadelphia

By Nicki and Harold Chodnof
special writers

It's a 12-hour party on Broad Street in Philadelphia; princes, clowns, devils and angels, in sequins, satins and feathers, all marching to the sound of music, the strains of banjos and glockenspiels.

It's New Year's Day in Philadelphia and time for the annual Mummers Parade, which has the madness of Mardi Gras mixed with melting-pot immigrant customs.

The parade's history goes back to 1876 when mummers marched to Independence Hall accompanied by New Year's Shooters, comic masqueraders who rode the streets shouting, firing guns and occasionally killing fellow merry-makers. City officials tried to contain the rowdiness when they took the parade over in 1901.

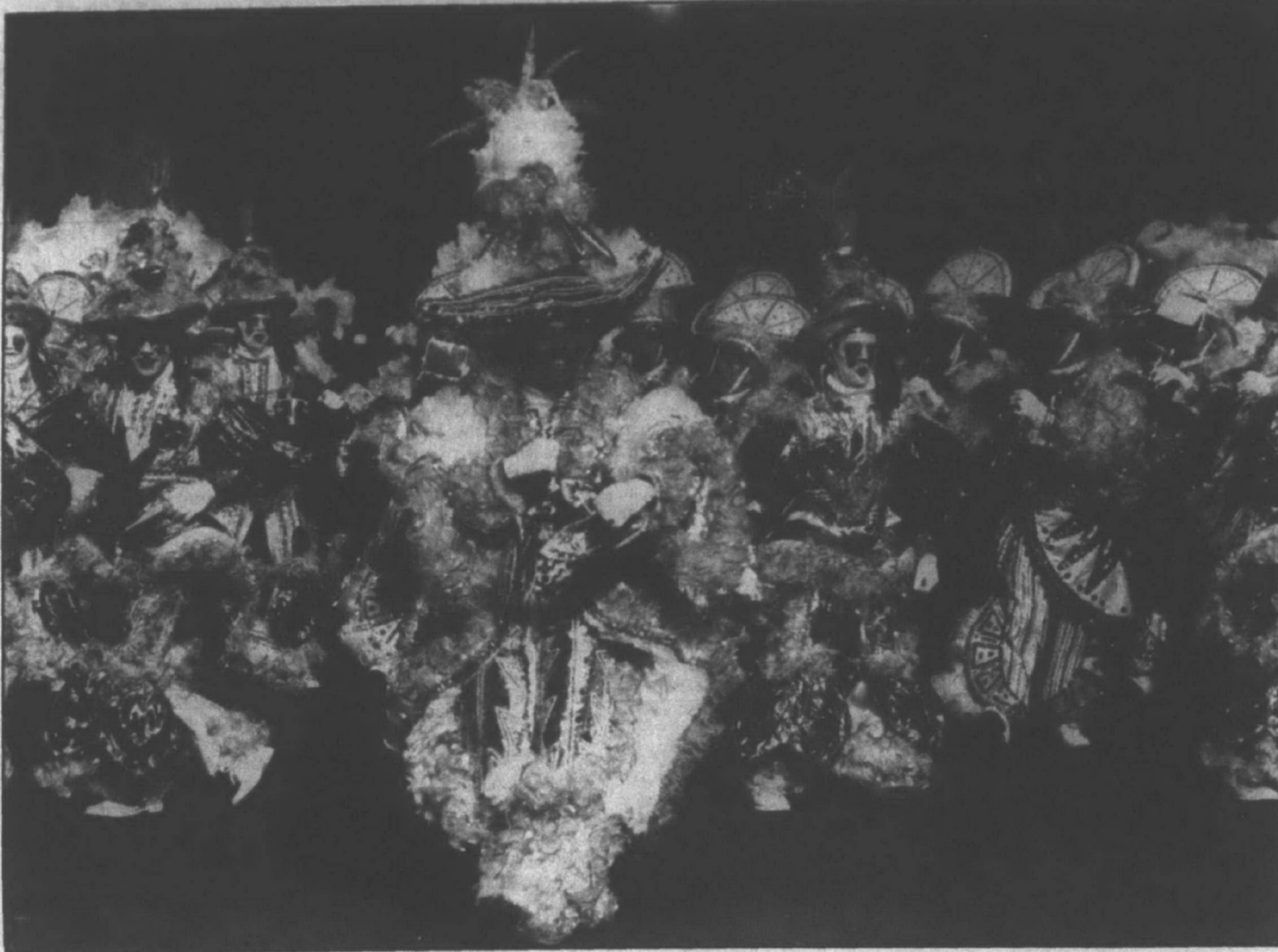
Today, the city distributes more than \$200,000 in prize money among the four parade divisions and 25,000 participants who march 2½ miles up Broad Street every New Year's Day with spectators lining the route and a million more from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware watching on television.

Leading the parade at 7:45 a.m. is the Comic Division with prancing, dancing, colorful clowns wielding parasols as they strut to the Mummers theme, "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers," composed by Philadelphia James Bland in 1879. Floats and presentations comically satirize current events and everyday life.

Elaborately dressed marchers make up the Fancy Division, accompanied by brass bands, bigger-than-life floats and frame suits.

The String Band Division, the most popular unit, marches in mid afternoon. It's made up of plumed, bespangled musicians, at least 48 men per club. Banjos and glockenspiels mark time as ornately-garbed captains perform precision drills and dance routines.

The Fancy Brigade Division features embellished captain's floats and spectacularly costumed march-



Philadelphians get out their fancy clothes every New Year's Day and dance through town in the annual Mummers Parade that lasts 12 hours. Some of the costumes weigh more than 100

pounds. In keeping with tradition, fathers often march beside sons and it isn't unusual to see three generations of men from one family marching together.

Costumes, particularly in the Fancy and String Band divisions, can

cost several thousand dollars each. Some of the finery, namely the framed costumes, can weigh 300 pounds and be 13 to 14 feet high. String band attire, with back-pieces

strapped to each man by a harness, often weigh as much as 125 pounds.

Every club has its own admittance requirements, but one rule holds true — all members are men — a tradi-

tion left intact since the parade's inception. Men become involved with clubs through ethnic affiliation, family or neighborhood ties.

Philadelphia is a city of many dis-

tinct ethnic neighborhoods, all of which maintain a small-town feel. Philadelphians root and cheer mightily for their favorite clubs — from their grand parade entrance, through performance stops along the parade route, to their final performance before the judges.

Judges are professionals, mainly from the performing arts and communication fields, who donate their time. All are well-known in their areas of expertise, but their names are not revealed to the public.

Many mummers begin learning the famed "Mummer's Strut," an off-shoot of the popular 19th century cakewalk dance, as two- or three-year-olds.

In the parade, fathers march beside sons, with three generations from one family strutting together a common sight. Family ties are strong and this spirit and sense of belonging is one of the parade's chief attractions.

The 12-hour parade is the climax of a year of hard work, practice and preparation. The cycle starts anew each year as mummers create new themes for each parade.

New dance routines are devised. Appropriate music is arranged. Local priests register each club's theme to ensure originality and non-duplication.

Work continues throughout the year as dance routines or drills are learned and practiced, music is perfected and costumes made. Fund-raising performances are scheduled throughout the year to defray enormous costume costs which are supplemented by parade prize money and personal contributions from mummers.

Experiencing the parade provides a feel for the real flavor and heart of Philadelphia, away from the usual historic sites and tourist spots. Street-side viewing all along the parade route is free and has the added benefit of standing, elbow-to-elbow, with a cross section of Philadelphians.

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City of big shoulders proves to be a bonanza for kids, too

By Irene McMahon
special writer

There was a time when large hotels and resorts were perturbed by juvenile visitors. Not any longer.

Nearly 100 Hyatt hotels and resorts in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean have initiated supervised weekend activities for children under 15 years of age. Their Camp Hyatt offers special room rates, children's menus, room service and a welcome check-in packet for the kids. My family and I spent such a weekend recently at the Chicago Hyatt Regency.

We started early Saturday morning at the Museum of Science and Industry, a place that could have done us in for the weekend. To avoid this we limited our time to one exhibit per person. Jonathan, 8, chose the story of petroleum with cavemen and woolly mammoths. Mac and I wanted to see the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit. Meryl, 9, opted for the gift shop.

Before we all developed a bad case of museum feet we headed for the Billy Goat Tavern under Michigan Boulevard. (The children had pushed for McDonald's but we held firm.) Saturdays the long wooden bar is empty and tables at the Billy Goat are filled with families munching hamburgers and grilled cheese sandwiches. Over our heads hung portraits of great Chicago journalists, Maggie Daley, Irv Kupcinet, Bob Crompton and Mike Royko, among others. Our gourmets reluctantly admitted the hamburgers were at least as good as those at McDonald's.

At noon we checked into our hotel. The flashiness of the Hyatt is in itself an experience for a child from the "burbs." At the desk they received their Camp Hyatt caps, as below in the great atrium dancers stepped lightly on the large keyboard of an oversized piano. It was all an exciting promise of things to come, and we registered the kids for that evening's session of Camp Hyatt.

Our 20th floor room provided a

panorama of the Chicago River, the newly renovated 1905 warehouse, North Pier on the Ogden Slip with the locks and Lake Point Tower behind.

Soon we were down on the river for an hour-long excursion through the locks and out into the lake. We had missed a 10:15 a.m. Wacky Boat excursion piloted by pirates, but you can't get everything into one weekend.

Meryl observed every move as we passed through the locks. She learned that they were built a hundred years ago to reverse the flow of the Chicago River and carry our effluvia toward New Orleans.

The start of the Mackinac Race was forming and hundreds of sails seemed an imaginary island in deep water. A red fireboat sent them off with a stream of colored water.

By five o'clock we were back in our room for a wash-up before dinner at the Scampi Restaurant. We watched the sunset reflect off the buildings and the city light up. Jonathan was bereft of a cassette player for his Batman tape but he was pleased with the candy on his pillow and the fact that he wouldn't have to make his bed.

Our table was near the waterfall and there was a special menu for children: Alphabet soup, "big juicy burger" with fries, "hot dogger" and "goosey" chocolate cake. This was perceived as an improvement over the Billy Goat.

Camp Hyatt occupied an ordinary hotel meeting room but was supplied with copious slices of pizza and scoops of ice cream, costumes and games.

Apprehension permeated the air as we left behind two reluctant children, the Batman tape and our room number. Merynn Lacco and her helpers were in charge. It was reassuring to learn that Merynn holds degrees in

hotel management and recreation.

We returned to our room expecting a knock on the door at any moment. Finally, at 9:30 we checked to see how it was going.

Jonathan stood before an easel displaying his drawing of Batman, telling the story of the movie to the entire group as his tape blasted off in the background.

Meryl had been on a scavenger hunt throughout the hotel and there were samples of cookies they had all made in the kitchen assisted by a pastry chef. Camp Hyatt was a big success.

That night we walked down to the river where a steel band was playing in front of the Wrigley Building. From a hawk on the bridge we bought Batman and Joker T-shirts.

Early Sunday morning we stood on the site of Fort Dearborn, now a watchtower for the bridegroom, and pointed to the Wrigley Building across the river where Jean Baptiste Point deSable, the city's first non-Indian resident, established his 1772 trading post.

Tables were being assembled in front of the Equitable Building for the annual marathon along Michigan Boulevard. We discovered stones from the Coliseum in Rome, the Pyramids in Egypt, Yale University and Injun Joe's cave in Hannibal, Mo., all embedded in the walls of the Tribune Tower. In the quiet of Sunday morning one feels the city in a more, personal way.

Meryl and Jonathan showed limited interest in the red hats of Chicago's former cardinals hanging from the ceiling of Holy Name Cathedral.

Brunch in the glass-walled Captain's Walk Restaurant of the Hyatt gave us a view of the last of the marathoners and brought our spectacular weekend to a spectacular finish.



Small visitors to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., might want to follow this little girl's example and get a feel for Goofy's big nose and winning smile. Also walking the Disney streets are Mickey Mouse (Goofy's master), Donald Duck and other cartoon stars.

Disney World trip a success, despite doing everything wrong

By Kathleen Shipley
special writer

How would a family of four, including two boys ages 14 and 17, fare at Walt Disney World? That was the question I found an answer to this year.

We did nearly everything wrong. We waited until the kids were teenagers to go for the first time, went there in the heart of the summer with the weather at its hottest and the crowds at their largest — and loved it anyway.

The most interesting aspect turned out to be Epcot Center. It's loaded with fabulous exhibits and rides that both the teens and adults found enjoyable.

reader's report

In Spaceship Earth we were taken on a journey through the vast geosphere that visually identifies Epcot Center. This journey through history from the days of Cro-Magnon man to the present was my younger son's favorite.

Another favorite was Kodak's Journey Into Imagination, an artistic exploration of how our imagination works. In another part of this pavilion the 3-D rock show "Captain EO," starring Michael Jackson, was enjoyed by all.

So was the Image Works, a hands

on activity center that allowed us to try a variety of imaginative exhibits, such as the Lightwriter, which draws geometric designs with laser beams.

Children should be at least 12 years old to get the most out of Epcot.

There is another section at Epcot called The World Showcase. Here we took a most interesting look at various countries of the world. Each country was represented by shops, restaurants and individual villages or pavilions showcasing a movie or exhibit.

Everything about The World Showcase was sensational. What interested the boys was the food. One day we had lunch at the beautiful

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San Angel Inn Restaurants in the Mexican pavilion. The menu offered authentic cuisine and the atmosphere was stunning as diners ate within a dark pyramid amid scenery of an erupting volcano.

One of the boys celebrated his birthday on our trip, so we had a special dinner at the three-star restaurant Chefs de France on the street corner of the cobblestone French promenade. The restaurant had an authentic French feeling.

Our waitress spoke heavily accented English, and one waiter spontaneously started singing a French barroom song. Other members of the staff joined in and it became quite lively. Also, a group of waiters and waitresses came to our table to sing both the French and English versions of Happy Birthday.

Reservations are a must for both these and the other restaurants within in Epcot. These are made on the day of the meal at the World Key Information System screens in Earth Station at Epcot Center. The most popular seating times (5:30-7:30 p.m.) are usually booked by 10 a.m., so get there early.

One experience that shouldn't be

missed at Epcot is the nightly light show called IllumiNations. The show consists of fireworks, lasers, fountains, lights and music which, as the name implies, is keyed to the countries in the World Showcase.

The place to best see it is on the bridge overlooking the lagoon that separates Future World from World Showcase. It was a spectacular show for everyone and I was thankful the boys were old enough to stay up and appreciate it.

There were a couple of attractions within the Magic Kingdom that interested our teenagers. On the whole, though, this area for younger children.

First and foremost was Space Mountain. This is a roller-coaster ride in the dark within a futuristic looking white concrete and steel dome rising to a height of 180 feet. Needless to say, the boys rode this several times. Their mom and dad even rode it — once.

I think they also enjoyed Haunted Mansion, a special effects bonanza (it wasn't very scary, but fun nevertheless) and Pirates of the Caribbean, a boat ride through a pirate raid on a Caribbean town. I know they also enjoyed the Diamond

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Horseshoe Jamboree, a western dance hall saloon show for which reservations are required. To get them you must go to the Hospitality House on Main Street in the Magic Kingdom as it opens in the morning.

The attractions at Typhoon Lagoon, a spectacular water park offering water slides, snorkeling, a scenic, lazy river ride and a wave pool, was yet another part of Disney World our teens enjoyed. It should be noted that Typhoon Lagoon is a separate attraction with its own admission.

Also, the Disney-MGM Studios offered a lot for everyone. One of the things the kids really liked was the Indiana Jones Stun Spectacular, but there are many more things to see here too.

One important point: We got up at 7:30 a.m. every day so we could enter the parks in the opening hours. This was crucial, especially in the hot and crowded summer months. Knowing how teen-agers like to sleep, it was essential to have their cooperation on this point.

They were groggy as we started out in the morning but quickly got into the spirit of things. They were gratified later when they saw the lines outside exhibits we'd walked right through. Actually, everything at Disney World is so lovely it was impossible to stay sleepy for long.

A guidebook to Disney World, available at public libraries and book stores, is a good thing to have when planning a trip. There is so much to see and do that it was truly

helpful to be somewhat prepared and have useful information about making reservations and knowing all the events.

It's a good idea, too, to talk to a friend who has recently visited Disney World. Also, brochures are available at travel agencies or by writing Walt Disney World, P.O. Box 10090, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, 407-824-4321.

After exploring all that Disney World had to offer, we journeyed east down Route 528 to the coastal town of Cocoa Beach. (Do bring lots of change for the tolls.)

We stayed at Sea Esta, a unique cluster of apartment suites directly across the street from the Atlantic Ocean. Our suite consisted of two bedrooms, a bath, a living room with sofa bed, television and a kitchen and dinette area.

A delicious home-made breakfast was served daily on the patio! Pancakes served with a tasty banana sauce and syrup, scrambled eggs, home-baked bread and muffins and an assortment of fresh fruits and beverages. A dessert was also presented every morning: Chocolate

cheesecake with cherry topping, chocolate-chip cookies and fruit cobbler.

Additionally, Sea Esta provided bicycles, chairs for the beach, towels, boogie boards, and surfboards. All were free of charge to guests.

One spot not to be missed if you have teen-agers is Ron Jon's. This large store carries everything from T-shirts to surfboards. If it's for the beach, Ron Jon's will have it.

Cocoa Beach is only a short distance down the coast from Kennedy Space Center. We were told we'd be able to view launches right from the beach. We made plans to visit Spaceport USA/Kennedy Space Center, but then decided to spend the day lounging around the pool and on the beach.

We found Sea Esta to be a delightful aftermath to four busy days and nights at Disney World. The unburied pace, accessibility to the ocean and all the amenities made it perfect for us.

Our accommodations at Sea Esta were \$125 per night for the four of us. For information and reservations, write Sea Esta, 686 S. Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-2540 or call 800-872-9444.

'Junk' fans Philly museum officials are home-grown

Elaine Wilner grew up in Franklin Village and spent her childhood exploring "the junk" at Henry Ford Museum, so it seems quite fitting that she should now be public relations director for the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Bill Booth graduated from Roeper City and Country School in Bloomfield Hills and discovered museum life while working as a volunteer at Cranbrook. He is now the vice president of exhibits at the Franklin Institute.

Both of them are fans of the famed Philadelphia Mummers Parade and have the same advice: Be warmly dressed. "The parade goes on all day, from early morning to about nine at night, so people come and go," Booth said. "My favorite time to go is in the evening when the string bands are playing and the costumes get wild!"

How did two Oakland County kids grow up to be executives at the Franklin Institute?

"My dad's idea of Sunday afternoon fun was to go to the silent



crossroads
Iris Jones
movies at Henry Ford Museum," Elaine said. "If the movies got boring, we'd say 'Dad can we go see the junk.' That's what we called all those cars and trains at the museum."

"Whenever I walk into the train room here at Franklin Institute and see our 101-foot-long Baldwin locomotive, I always think of those Sundays in Dearborn." Elaine's parents, Celia and Herman Chapin, still live in Franklin Village.

Elaine graduated from Groves High School in Birmingham and met her husband, Evan Wilner, at the University of Michigan. His

parents, I.A. and Sarah Wilner, live in Bloomfield Hills.

Evan is now the public advocate of Delaware, so Elaine lives in Wilmington and commutes to Philadelphia. She often talks about Michigan with Bill Booth, who graduated from the University of Michigan as a teacher but fell in love with museums when he ran day camps for fifth graders at Cranbrook Institute of Science.

He applied for an internship from the Associated Science Technology Centers, the trade association of science museums, and was accepted by Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

Franklin Institute is the oldest science museum in America, founded in 1824 by a group of men who admired Ben Franklin. Its original purpose was to convey science information to tradesmen.

"There were a number of institutes for the mechanical arts up

and down the east coast in post-colonial times," Elaine said. "The Franklin Institute is the only one that survived. In 1933 we became a hands-on science museum, the first of its kind in the country, although hands-on museums are very popular today."

1990 was the 200th anniversary of Ben Franklin's death, so there were lots of celebrations in Philadelphia. The Institute has the Ben Franklin National Memorial, a huge rotunda attached to the science museum. There is a big statue of Ben Franklin in the middle and exhibits around the periphery. A new addition this year is the Future Center, which has eight exhibits on science and technology.

The Institute is on the Ben Franklin Parkway, which runs from the art museum to the Institute to the historic district. Booth's advice to potential travelers is to walk the compact city and eat in the hundreds of ethnic restaurants.

Mummers Parade is a hit in Philadelphia

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An equalizer of humanity, the parade brings together earthy, blue-collar workers and upper-crust socialites. The excitement, the pageantry, the camaraderie and raw irreverence make the Mummers Parade an unforgettable event.

Grandstand tickets are available for purchase by contacting the Philadelphia Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 800-321-WKND, during business hours. The Bureau can furnish information on hotels that line the parade route. These are considered choice accommodations and are usually booked far in advance.

Heavy rains, high winds or sleet can ruin costly costumes and cause injury to marchers and viewers. When these inclement conditions strike, the parade is traditionally

postponed to the Saturday after New Year's Day.

The mummer experience is still available even if you can't attend on New Year's Day. During April, member clubs of the String Band Association will perform the "Show of Shows," an indoor best-of presentation in full costume. Individual clubs also hold fund-raising concerts throughout the year. For information call 215-823-7327; for tickets 215-823-7403.

Colorful parade sights and sounds can be experienced any time you're in Philadelphia by visiting The Mummers Museum, Two Street and Washington Avenue, a permanent public display of the history and tradition of Philadelphia mummery. For museum information, call 215-336-3050.

travel notes

Honeymooners sought
The Caribe Hilton & Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico is conducting a nationwide search for couples who spent their honeymoon at the hotel in 1950.

If there are any couples in our reader area who fit that description and are still married, the hotel invites you back to enjoy a "Recapture the Memory" island return in June 1991.

Each couple is invited to stay for three nights in a beautiful ocean-view room for the same price they paid in 1950, \$14 per room per night. They will also receive a complimentary bottle of wine and have their photograph taken as a keepsake of their second honeymoon anniversary stay at the Caribe Hilton.

Couples must be able to prove they honeymooned at the Caribe Hilton in 1950. The \$14 per night offer is subject to availability and certain restrictions apply. For more information and reservations contact Maria Elena Perez at 809-721-0303.

Irish clans
The Irish Genealogical Office in Dublin, Ireland, has opened an office for The Clans of Ireland to assist those researching their roots, and to promote family reunions in Ireland.

A network of heritage research centers have been set up around the country to help visitors trace their ancestry. Local records are computerized at each center and available for a fee. Future plans include a national network to cover all available data.

Fully operational centers are located in Claire, Leitrim, Limerick and Sligo. Twenty-three other centers provide partial information.

For the brochure "Tracing Your Ancestors" write: Irish Tourist Board, 757 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017. For information on clan gatherings in Ireland contact The Clans of Ireland, Genealogical Office, 2 Kildare St., Dublin 2, Ireland, or phone 01-761-8811 (ext. 410)

British home hosting
Wessex Heritage, an English tour operator, now offers a home hosting service for groups or individuals traveling to Great Britain.

Home hosting gives tourists a taste of the British home life with lunch, afternoon tea, or dinner provided in a hospitable British family home. Hosts are carefully selected and are known to have interests in overseas travelers. The program includes transportation to and from the hotel in pre-paid taxis and gifts for the host. This can be arranged

according to each client's wishes.

The 1991 schedule: Afternoon tea in Bath (Avon) with other meals available on request; lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in Inverness (Scotland); lunch and afternoon tea in London; lunch, afternoon tea and dinner in Winchester (Hampshire). Prices vary according to occasion and special requests. For more information write Sally Inghald, managing director, Wessex Heritage, St. Peter's, Cattistock, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 0JD, or call (0300)20671 or (0300)21062, fax (0300)21042.

America creates
"America Creates: 200 Years of Patents and Copyrights" will be showcased through Feb. 19 at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry. In the two centuries since the passage of the first American patent and copyright laws, some 28 million inventions, books, songs, maps, movies and other creative works have been patented in the United States.

This exhibit gives visitors a look at the complex process of innovation and at thousands of patents associated with inventions like the sewing machine, the sneaker and other products. The museum is located at 57th Street and Lake Shore Drive. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The museum is open every day of the year except Christmas day and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

Let's go skiing
During January's "Let's Go Skiing, Michigan" promotion, some 30 participating ski areas will offer free beginner lessons and beginner-area lift tickets to those who preregister for "Learn to Downhill Ski Free Day," Friday, Jan. 18, "Silver Streak Week," Jan. 28 to Feb. 1, offers individuals 55 years and older free downhill and cross-country skiing at 46 ski areas across Michigan. Free brochures listing the participating ski areas can be obtained by calling 800-5432-YES.

Northwest Michigan
Winter vacationers who want information about lodging, skiing and driving conditions for the Petoskey, Harbor Springs and Boyne City areas can call the Boyne Country Convention and Visitors Bureau toll-free (800-845-2828) for up-to-date reports. The bureau can mail callers a number of free brochures regarding lodging, skiing and other seasonal activities and attractions.

McMichigan winter fun
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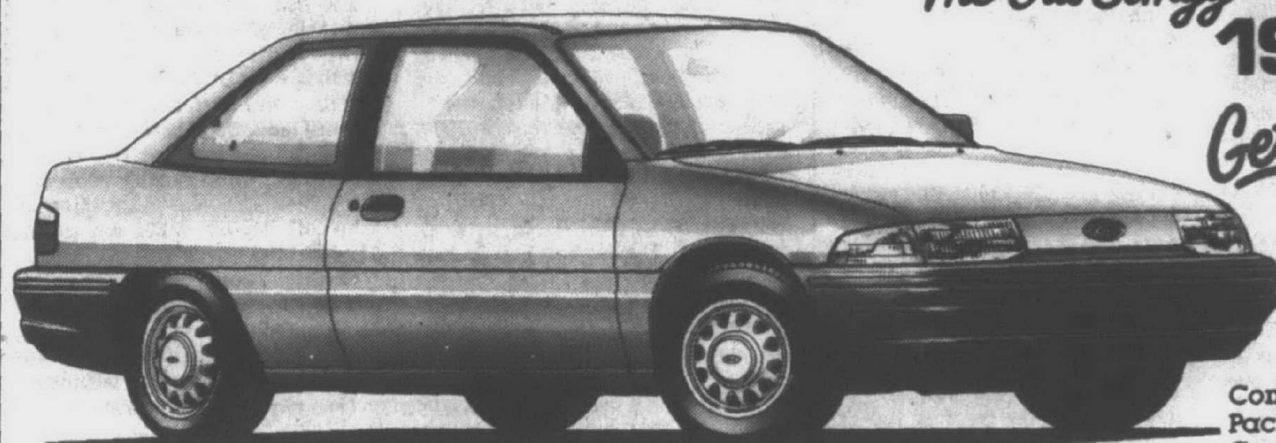
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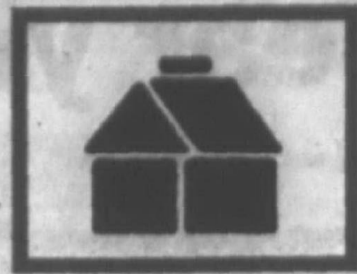
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Glassblower practices an age-old craft

By Keely Wygonik
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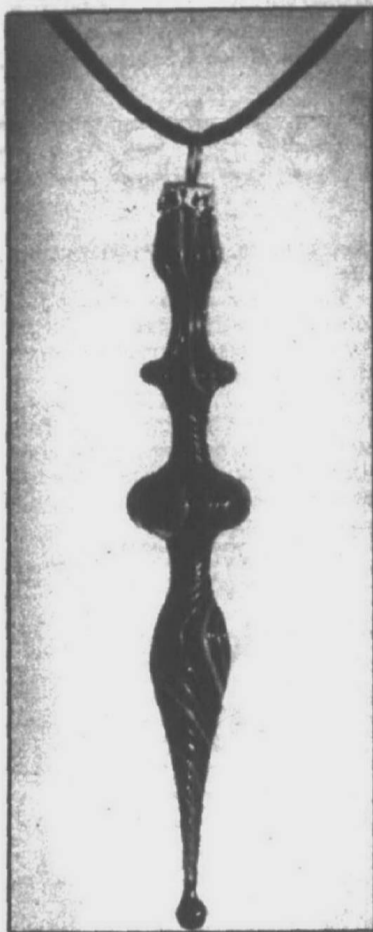
ON THE surface, glassblower Don Schneider seems all showman. A wizard of the elements who, by the light of a flickering flame, pulls, turns and twists glass to make it perform the way he wants.

It's more difficult than it looks, and Schneider, 41, who describes himself as a furnace working glassblower and lampworker, is more artist than showman.

Schneider learned his craft the old-fashioned way, at Greenfield Village. He started out as a rug hooker, but got hooked on glass blowing after he and the village glassblower became friends.

"He talked me into taking his class. I just got fascinated with it. After my third piece, he told me I'd be working at the village. And I did, two years later in 1976 during the bicentennial celebration."

A year later, Schneider left, but his village training gave him a solid foundation to build on. From reproductions of Early American tableware, he progressed to lampworked beads and one-of-a-kind furnace worked pieces of glass.



Swirls of colored glass cover a spiral-shaped Christmas ornament designed by glassblower Don Schneider.

SCHNEIDER SPECIALIZES in two kinds of glass work: Lampwork, reheating glass rod and tubing in front of a flame to change its shape, and furnace work, pulling molten glass from a furnace and blowing it into shape.

He divides his time between studios in Plymouth and the Fox Tower Glassworks in Beulah, Mich., behind the Brookside Inn. And some of his time is spent on the road, doing demonstrations at gift shops, art museums and the Detroit Science Center.

"When people tell me it looks so easy, I know I'm having a good day. It's a lot harder than it looks," said Schneider, who doesn't mind answering questions from the half circle of people gathered around him.

IT WAS during one of these trips that he was introduced to ancient glass beads.

"I was at the Toledo Art Museum and they took me into the glass studios room and showed me glass beads that dated back to 4500 B.C. I was fascinated by how sophisticated they were. They were the high art of the

day. More valuable than gem stones."

Schneider calls his beads the expressive part of his lampwork. Three of them were featured in an article about American glass beadmakers in the fall issue of Ornament magazine.

THE WORK is labor intensive. Although it takes an average of 20 minutes to make a bead, Schneider might spend up to two days preparing the glass for beadmaking.

He starts out with clear core, which is formed into a bead by slowly rotating it in front of a flame.

To add color, he heats a colored rod and applies it to the clear tube by rotating it in front of the flame, allowing the color to preheat, soften and stick to the bead.



Plymouth glassblower Don Schneider rotates a piece of glass tubing over a flame to make a bead.

Sometimes, he decorates the bead, adding other colors to give it a zig-zag effect. Or, he adds millefiori made by fusing four to five glass rods together into layers.

The tip of the heated millefiori is placed against the bead to make the design that resembles a flower.

Millefiori translated means "a thousand flowers." No two are alike and Schneider often applies clear glass over the millefiori to magnify the design.

Most of the glass he uses for his lampwork is of the Pyrex type, the same kind your kitchen casserole dishes are made of.

THE FURNACE work is different because he makes his own glass.

"It's a very magical process. You process dry powders that look like cake mixes to make molten glass. Because I have complete control



Left: At Fox Tower Glassworks in Beulah, Mich., glassblower Don Schneider creates vases like these from molten glass. When the thermally active glass is reheated, the metals surface, creating interesting colors and patterns.

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Career musician finds work invigorating

By Cathleen Collins Lee
special writer

After 32 years with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, you might think Salvatore Rabbio, principal timpanist, would be counting the days until retirement.

But Rabbio, 56, doesn't feel he is at the end of anything. Rather, the Farmington Hills resident thinks he is on the threshold of a wonderful new stage in the life of the orchestra.

For Rabbio, that new era is marked by the orchestra's music director, Neemea Jarvi, and its new home at Orchestra Hall.

"It is brand new and so exciting to be working with Jarvi," Rabbio said.

"He creates that excitement and that love for making great music. I've been there so many years that you have to be pretty darn good to make me feel that excitement. But it's like plugging a light into a socket."

Rabbio is also delighted with Orchestra Hall.

"Ford Auditorium was an absolute musical nightmare," he said. "When you're at Orchestra Hall, you know that this is a hall built strictly for making music. When you arrive, you feel that there couldn't be a better place to show off your craft. And it's absolutely beautiful; the more you look, the more you see."

RABBIO WAS interviewed at one

of his favorite places, the screened-in porch he built on the back of his home last summer. The simple porch, made of wood and decorated in yellow and white, looks out on an acre.

There is plenty of room to garden, grow tomatoes and putter around, all activities that offer him a break from the intense concentration required by music.

Rabbio and his wife, Nina, share this home and its quiet, almost country setting. Inside, the many framed museum posters reflect their interest in art; they visit museums wherever the orchestra travels. A wind chime made of ceramic treble clefs hangs opposite the front door. Their

two children, a daughter and son, are grown.

Pausing between an orchestra meeting and an evening performance, Rabbio is warm and relaxed. He explains that it is a mystery to him how he became involved in music. And it was just a lucky accident that led him to the drums.

RABBIO'S PARENTS immigrated from Italy at a young age. When they met and married, they worked hard to make a living. There wasn't any room for music.

But when Rabbio was in junior high school, he had an opportunity to sign up for band.

"Now my parents, being of Italian origin, said I should take up the ac-

cordion," he recalls with a smile. "One musician can be a whole orchestra!" they told me.

"So I reluctantly signed up for accordion, but all the accordion classes were filled up. I ran home pretty quick and said, 'How about drums?' I don't know how I knew to choose the drums. It's a gift from upstairs that I'll always be grateful for."

Rabbio played the jazz drums in the marching band through high school. But when he started at Boston University, he happened to hear a recording of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony on an old 78. He was never quite the same again.

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Salvatore Rabbio
principal timpanist

Historic sites provide captivating peek into our past

TRACKING HISTORIC footprints in Observersland:

• It's steeped in history. And I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Hill House for the Livonia Historical Society's annual holiday party Dec. 9.

The Hill House, in Livonia's Greenmead Historical Village at Eight Mile and Newburgh, looked terrific in its patriotic holiday setting.

The Greek Revival-style house, a national historic site, dates back to 1841. That's when Livonia Township pioneer Joshua Simmons commissioned Farmington architect Sergius P. Lyon, husband of his niece Lucinda, to design and build it.

The landmark home was the Simmons' third residence on their 160-

acre farm, Meadow Brook.

The prosperous farm was a testimonial to the pioneering spirit of Simmons. He brought his new wife, Hannah Macomber, here from Bristol, N.Y., when he was just 25 and built a three-sided log shanty.

The farmste, including a farmhands house built in the 1830s, stayed in the Simmons family until 1915.

In 1920, Sherwin and Jean Hill acquired the farmste to raise dairy cattle. They renamed it Greenmead, after her childhood home in Baltimore. They also hired noted architect Marcus Burrows to remodel the main farmhouse.

A master builder, Simmons built a barn at Greenmead that's still standing. He built the first frame barn in



Bob Sklar

Plymouth in 1827 for Erastus Starkweather. And he hewed timber for the first mills in Plymouth and Farmington townships.

Simmons also built farmhouses for each of his three sons. The Lawrence Simmons House, built in 1861, still stands northwest of 12 Mile and Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. It, too, was designed by Lyon.

"The handsome Victorian-style, stone house displays seven different

gingerbread designs in the trim," the state historic marker on the front lawn tells us.

Lawrence lived there 12 years, including the period of the Civil War.

• It's called Sleepy Hollow.

But the Farmington Hills crossroads was a bustling village by the 1830s. Over the next century, it was home to three mills, a cooper's shop, a soap factory, a shoemaker's shop, stores, a slaughterhouse, a tannery, churches, a school and a cemetery that's now a historic site.

The miller's cottage and the cooper's house still stand across Drake. The cottage was moved across the stream in 1988 to accommodate "road paving."

First came a gristmill, the first in Farmington Township. In 1827, Ed-

ward Steele built the mill on the banks of the Rouge after journeying from East Bloomfield, N.Y.

When J. T. Little bought the gristmill in the 1840s, he renamed it Pernambuco after a Brazilian port he'd visited as a sailor. The surrounding valley became known as Pernambuco Hollow. Pernambuco Flour was popular in Detroit.

Peter Hardenbergh bought the mill in 1868. His family made flour until 1886.

In the millpond, west of Drake, "youngsters fished and swam in summer and skated in the winter. Floods in 1904 and 1906 broke the millpond dam, which was not repaired," a city historic marker at Drake and Howard roads tells us.

The Wadenstors bought the mill

in 1902 and converted it to a cider, flour and feed mill. They dismantled it in 1936 and Sleepy Hollow became a memory.

• Soon after Henry Ford I and Clara Bryant were married in 1888, he built their Honeymoon House in Dearborn. The two-story, one-bedroom house boasts timber cut and sawed at his sawmill.

Clara designed the specs for the kitchen, sitting room, parlor and bedroom.

Henry "added his workshop, where he often experimented with gasoline engines," according to a state historic marker outside the house, moved to Beechwood Avenue in downtown Garden City in 1952.

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Year yielded a bookshelf full of news

Looking back at the book world in 1990.

January — The American Booksellers Association sponsored a national poll revealing that about 40 percent of the adult population in the U.S. either gave or received books for Christmas 1989. The poll backed up claims from bookstore owners that the holiday book business was brisk, despite dire media predictions that sales would slump. Sound familiar?

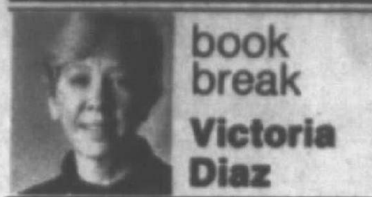
February — The poetry of Robert Hayden was celebrated at a four-day conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The conference marked the 10th anniversary of the Detroit poet's death. It included readings by Gwendolyn Brooks, Michael Harper and Rita Dove. Considered one of America's finest modernists, Hayden was elected a Fellow of the Academy of American Poets during his lifetime. He also served as a poetry consultant at the Library of Congress.

March — The National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction went

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to E.L. Doctorow for his novel, "Billy Bathgate." In the general non-fiction category, Michael Dorris received the award for "The Broken Cord," a story centering on his adopted Native American son, born with fetal alcohol syndrome.

April — Twelve years after a class-action fraud suit was initially filed, Vantage Press, the country's largest vanity press, was ordered to pay \$3.5 million in punitive damages. More than 2,000 writers were



book break
Victoria Diaz

represented in the suit. Some of the writers testified that Vantage made no real effort to sell or promote their books, even when they received orders for the books.

Subsequently, the jury decided that Vantage had not fulfilled its role as a publisher, and the decision resulted in a legal definition of a publisher: "an entity in the business of making books and written material generally available and (one that) makes a good-faith effort to distribute books to bookstores."

Will Vantage and other vanity presses be adversely affected by the decision? Don't hold your breath.

May — Critically acclaimed author Walker Percy ("Lancelot,"

"The Moviegoer," etc.) died near Lake Pontchartrain, La.

June — Popular novelist Irving Wallace ("The Chapman Report," "The Word," etc.) died in New York.

Grand Rapids crime writer Tom Kakonis ("Michigan Roll" and "Crisis Cross") found himself \$235,000 richer after Dutton outbid at auction his original publisher, St. Martin's, for his next two novels.

July — Olive Ann Burns, author of "Cold Sassy Tree," died at her home near Atlanta after a long illness.

August — Elmore "Dutch" Leonard's "Get Shorty" was published. Set against a backdrop of Hollywood sleaze, Leonard's latest crime thriller received more applause from critics, and shortly made its appearance on bestseller lists across the country.

September — After much controversy over the past several months, a bipartisan commission (set up by Congress) to review the National Endowment for the Arts, recommended that content restrictions not be placed on works of art

supported by the NEA.

The commission also recommended that the NEA rescind its requirement that grant recipients pledge in writing that their funded work will not be "obscene." The group, however, did suggest that federally funded arts programs should be "sensitive to the nature of public sponsorship."

October — Barnes & Noble opened a new "superstore" at Hampton Village Center in Rochester Hills. The Rochester Hills bookstore was the second of a projected 30-30 such stores across the nation (the first opened Sept. 6 near Minneapolis, St. Paul). About 100,000 titles will be available to customers in the 15,000-square-foot area. Regional manager Marc Winkelman said selection and customer service will be the watchwords in the new venture.

Ze'ev Chafetz' "Devil's Night: And Other True Tales of Detroit" was published by Random House amidst much wailing, gnashing of teeth and general brouhaha in and around the Motor City.

November — Speaking of brouhaha, Simon & Schuster, report-

edly after pressure from high management and concerned about bad taste and moral offensiveness, canceled official publication of Brett Easton Ellis' "American Psycho," even as the hardcover copies waited to be shipped to bookstores. Within 48 hours, Ellis' novel, which apparently contains super-explicit murder scene after murder scene, was snapped up by Vintage Books, which promises to publish it early next year. Ellis gets to keep the \$300,000 advance he'd received from Simon & Schuster, by the way.

December — H.G. Bissinger, author of "Friday Night Lights," canceled a book signing at an Odessa, Texas, bookstore because of a death threat. Bissinger's bestseller focuses mainly on Odessa's obsession with high school football and its home-grown teen heroes.

"I don't perceive (the book) as an indictment of the people of Odessa," Bissinger said.

Apparently, at least one football fanatic disagreed.

Victoria Diaz is a Livonia-based book reviewer.

Light affects color; color affects feelings

Q: Does the quality of light in a room influence color? I am wondering what are the most flattering colors to wear for an evening that begins with a well-lit cocktail party and ends up in a soft candlelight, or even a darker disco setting? It appears to me that some colors look nice in brighter light but make me look sallow when the lights are low. Am I imagining this?

A: Your observations about how color can shift its appearance are not the product of your imagination. Some of the best color researchers have analyzed what happens to our perception of color under various lighting conditions. They've concluded that color will maintain its original appearance within a wide range of light levels.

But as the level of light becomes much dimmer, as it would in candlelight or at a disco, the blue and blue-green shades actually increase their value, or intensity, while the warm colors, such as red, decrease their value. However, it takes almost total darkness for white not to be perceived as white.

How you translate this phenomenon to your own advantage is to wear evening clothes in soft aqua and teal on those occasions you know you'll be moving from the

Some of the best color researchers have analyzed what happens to our perception of color under various lighting conditions. They've concluded that color will maintain its original appearance within a wide range of light levels.

clear slightly bluer light of a cocktail party into the very yellow-red light of candles.

In any event, blue-greens flatter most skin tones. Also, avoid too much sequins, which only look good in very dim light. Should you decide to wear red or even black, frame your face with something white or any other pale color to catch the reflection of whatever light there is in a room. Actually reds, which are identified with the idea of brightness, darken considerably in dim light, and can appear to be nearly



all about color

Helen Diane Vincent

black in even a slightly darkened room.

Q: I'm newly divorced and about to face the Christmas holidays alone, for the first time in my life. At the same time, I'm starting to furnish a new apartment in addition to decorating for the holidays. The problem is I've never fully exercised my color and style preferences without adjusting to someone else's opinions. Particularly in regard to the decorations, I want to avoid a false sense of merriment that just might exaggerate my loneliness rather than alleviating it. What do you advise?

A: Any attempt to duplicate the colors from your former home is bound to enlarge the sense of loss because it will force you to look back at a point in your life where you ought to be looking forward.

On the other hand, compensating with overly cheerful color harmonies or unfamiliar styles will make

you feel like a stranger in your own home. Further, overdoing your favorite color isn't entirely satisfactory either because favorite colors, ironically, also represent a source of tension within your psyche.

Knowing all of this, where can you turn? To achieve the most suitable environment at this time of your life, you have to look within and accept a wide range of colors, both most favorite, and just acceptable. Then you will have to acknowledge to what extent do these colors genuinely reflect your self, or to what extent are they derived from powerful advertising pressures, especially those that manipulate status drives.

Once you've thought this through, use as wide a range of final colors as well as can be accommodated into a harmonious interior scheme. The goal is to achieve a balanced color harmony open to new possibilities and future changes. You will need to create an environment for yourself that allows you to grow from this point, onwards.

Once your overall color scheme is established, try to coordinate your Christmas decorations as closely as possible to these colors. Don't just think of the traditional bright reds and greens, as nice as they are. More than likely, you've had this type of

decoration in your former married life.

Take a look at what some of our local department stores are showing for the holidays. J. L. Hudson, in particular, has coordinated key home furnishings color and style trends in fully dressed Christmas trees. They even have the popular Southwest, or Santa Fe look, represented in a tree arrangement. Another one used the

rose and soft teal shades accented by gold sculptured papier mache ribbons.

Of course, an important ingredient will be to invite friends to see what you've accomplished and share in the holiday spirit.

Helen Diane Vincent is a Troy-based furnishings writer.

Symphony 'so exciting'

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"I was hearing these wonderful sounds," he said. "To me classical music has a more deep-rooted, sensitive feeling. And if you want to hone your skills, you can't do both (jazz and classical music)."

RABBITO LEARNED to play all the orchestra percussion instruments, including the timpani. In his senior year at Boston University, he won a competition to play a timpani solo with the Boston Pops.

After graduating, he worked with the Pops for a year. And when he had a chance to join the DSO, which had an impressive national and international reputation, as principal timpanist, he jumped at it.

Even though he has played Beethoven's Fifth hundreds of times since then, Rabbitto's love for classical music hasn't dimmed. He has shared that enthusiasm and his many years of experience with younger musicians by teaching at the university level.

He taught at Wayne State University for 21

years as director of the percussion division and now teaches one day a week at the University of Michigan. But even though Rabbitto finds college students today are better prepared in a technical sense, he often thinks something is missing.

"Everything is in place and in order, but it's not musical because it's not coming from inside," he said. "There's no worth or beauty."

"It's happening to the world in general. No one thinks for himself anymore, it's all mechanical. But live music is not mechanical. It's the difference between music making and great music making."

GREAT MUSIC is what Rabbitto thinks the DSO is about these days. The main ingredients, he believes, are Jarvi's skill and enthusiasm and his rapport with the orchestra.

"We've had very well-known conductors work with us, and the chemistry just wasn't there," he said. "Jarvi shows his honesty on the podium, his love for what he's doing. His attitude is, 'Let's really make music. Show me your stuff.'"

"You can see the audience respond," he added. "You get the audience jumping to its feet."

The audience has responded just as dramatically to Orchestra Hall, which reopened last season and was just completed this season.

"I've had patrons tell me, 'I've been coming to the symphony for 25 years, and I just really heard you for the first time,'" Rabbitto said. "All the sections blend into one glorious sound just coming at you."

All of these developments have made playing with the symphony very gratifying for Rabbitto. And they don't leave much time for thinking about retirement.

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He shapes glass

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over the chemistry, no one works with my glass." With furnace work, Schneider starts with molten glass, which is gathered from the furnace, or glory hole, and blown into shape. What once looked like a pear, takes shape as a vase.

RECENTLY, HE has become interested in thermally active glass, which changes color when reheated.

In this process, Schneider attaches a vessel, such as a vase, to a rod, and puts it back into the furnace. Upon exposure, the metallic content of the applied glass surfaces to give the vessel a metallic effect.

The vessel is then put into an annealing oven to cool slowly so it doesn't crack.

"Furnace work is more meaningful than lampwork. I'm much more enthused about the furnace work. It's more exotic."

GLASS, NO matter what form, interests Schneider.

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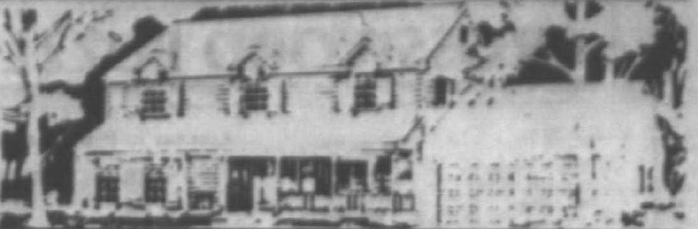
Schneider can often be reached at the Brookside Inn, 115 North Michigan, Beulah, MI 48617, (810) 882-0688. His work can be found locally at the Michigan shop in Birmingham and during the holidays at the Detroit Artist's Market, in Harmony Park. Prices range from \$10 and up.

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 Enter on Tulane 1 block W. of Middlebelt on the S. side of Grand River.
 Near Bostford Hospital, Livonia Mall & downtown Farmington.
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 1 Bedroom Apartments
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2 Bedrooms 2 Baths
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 • Cathedral ceilings.
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 • Balconies & patios.
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 • Minutes from Southfield offices & all major freeways.
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 • Our spacious living.
 • Carpet included.
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GRAND OPENING
 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
\$635
 Includes washer & dryer in each apartment. Carpeting, vertical blinds, deluxe appliances, balcony, patio, swimming pool, tennis courts, community room.
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 7 Mile Rd. corner Mayfield between Farmington & Merriman Rds.
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HEAT INCLUDED
RENT FROM \$485
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 Spacious 1 & 2 bedroom apts. with plush carpet, vertical blinds, self cleaning oven, frostfree refrigerator, dishwasher, ample storage, intercom, carport, club house, sauna, exercise room, tennis courts, heated pool.
 On Joy Rd. W. of Newburgh
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 * On selected units only
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SPECIAL
\$50 SECURITY
GREAT LOCATION
LEXINGTON VILLAGE
 1 BEDROOM APARTMENT
 Includes:
 • Heat
 • Stove & refrigerator
 • Pool
 • Newly decorated
 • Smoke detectors
 • FROM \$445
 1-75 and 14 Mile
 across from Oakland Mall
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WINTER SPECIAL
CONCORD TOWERS
 1 & 2 BEDROOM APARTMENTS
 Includes:
 • Stove & refrigerator
 • Dishwasher
 • Carpet
 • Intercom
 • Newly decorated
 • Smoke detectors
 • Sprinkler system
 • FROM \$425
 1-75 and 14 Mile
 Next to Abbey Theater
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1 & 2 Bedrooms
 Over 1,500 sq. ft. of comfortable sound conditioned living.
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AVAILABLE NOW!
 Includes hot water, walk-in closet, porch or balcony, swimming pool, community building, storage area.
OPEN MON-FRI 9am-5pm
 After 4pm & weekends by appointment.
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LIVONIA'S
FINEST
LOCATION
 Merriman corner 7 Mile
 Limited time offer: 1 month free rent with 1 year lease, new tenants only.
Deluxe
2 bedroom, 2 bath
\$620
 • All appliances
 • Vertical blinds
 • Pool
 • Nearby shopping
MERRIMAN WOODS
 Model open 9-5 except Thursday
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Northville/Novi
TREE TOP APARTMENTS
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 Affordable luxury is available to you with these newer 1 & 2 bedroom oversized apartments. Walking distance to shopping & restaurants, covered parking, 30% discount, & easy access to 3 expressways. EHO
 One Bedroom - \$535
 Two Bedroom - \$595
 (Ask about our specials)
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 Northville's best value is available to you with these 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, heat included in the rent. Freshly painted, clean as a whistle, up to date. EHO
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 • Swimming Pool & Clubhouse
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 1 block S. of Ford Road • on Newburgh Rd.
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 Microwave Oven Paid Gas Heat
 Air Conditioning Great Location
 Pool & Tennis Spacious Rooms
 1 & 2 Bedroom 1 1/2 Bath in
 Apartments 2 Bedroom
 Pets allowed with permission
 Walton Corner at Perry
 Adjacent to Auburn Hills
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ONE MONTH FREE*
 (Any month of your choice)
 GE appliances, ceramic bath, central air, carports available, intercoms, patios/balconies. Cable ready, large storage area, laundry facilities. Ask about our carport special.
1 BEDROOM from ... \$495
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CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR IN STYLE
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 **Effective rents on selected units
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GARDEN CITY PLYMOUTH
Starting at \$380
HEAT & WATER INCLUDED
 Spacious 1 & 2 bedroom & studios
 • 24 Hour Maintenance
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 • Laundry & Storage Facilities
 • Cable TV
 Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Luxurious 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms
 • 2 Full Baths
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 Daily 9-6 • Weekends 10-5

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The Crossings At Canton.
Apartment living just got better.
 When you make the Crossing your home, you'll get more than a new address. The Crossings at Canton offers 19 different floor-plans with 1 to 4 bedrooms. And whether you choose a 2-level townhouse or a luxury apartment, the renewed beauty of this charming rental community shines through in every one. These apartments and townhomes are the largest in the area, yet are still incredibly affordable.
Discover these features at The Crossings at Canton:
 • Dens & Fireplaces
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 • Central Air Conditioning
 • A Clubhouse with sauna, indoor pool, exercise room, and more!
 Visit The Crossings at Canton today. We're just 20 minutes from Ann Arbor and downtown Detroit, yet comfortably away from it all. From I-275, just exit Arbor Rd. West to Haggerty Rd., follow south to Joy Rd. then east to The Crossings. Open Mon.-Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5. Phone 455-2424 today.
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Be Up To Your Neck In Something Besides Snow This Winter.
 Like the warm waters of our indoor heated pool, for example. We're the only apartment community in Westland to have one, along with these fine features:
 • Private Health Club
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 Don't fly south to warm waters this winter, just take off for our pool.
NO HEAT BILLS!
WESTLAND TOWERS
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New "on the Water"!
1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments from \$375
"Less than 5 minutes from Novi & Farmington Hills"
 • Convenient to Twelve Oaks Mall
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 • Variety of Floor Plans Available
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 Open Monday - Friday, 10 - 6 Weekends, 11 - 5
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DIAMOND FOREST APARTMENTS
From \$640 and up
One Month Free Rent
 • Complete Kitchens with microwave
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 • Swimming Pool with spa & tennis courts.
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 Between Grand River & 9 Mile on Halstead
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2 Bedroom "Townhouse" \$520
3 Bedroom "Townhouse" \$605
 Pool • Spacious Rooms • Clubhouse
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 Mon.-Fri. 9-5
 Sat. 9-5; Sun. 12-5
GRANDVILLE TOWNHOUSES

WESTLAND WILDERNESS PARK APARTMENTS
 Warren Ave., E. of Newburgh across the street from Meijers.
 Spacious 2 bedroom apartments with 2 baths and private laundry rooms.
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Charming 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments from \$475
 Featuring:
 • 6 mo. & 1 yr. leases available
 • Convenient to freeways, shopping, and business districts
 • Central Air Conditioning
 • Private Balcony/Patio
 • Swimming Pool
 • Carpets Available
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 Located on 12 Mile Road between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Roads.
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 Equal Housing Opportunity **476-1240**

APARTMENTS

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Brand New In Farmington Hills

Amenities at our brand new 1 & 2 bedroom apartments include:

- Fireplaces & cathedral ceilings.
- Clubhouse with indoor racquetball court & business center.
- Mini blinds.
- Outdoor hot tub.
- Washer & dryer.
- Card key security entrance & intrusion alarm.
- Pool with cascading waterfall.
- Rentals from \$590.

14 Mile & Haggerty Rd.
Village Green of Farmington Hills
788-0070

NOVI \$300 MOVES YOU IN

Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments and great 2 bedroom townhouses.

- Great locations - near 96, 696 - 275
- Minutes from 12 Oaks Mall.
- Full basements in the townhouses with washer/dryer hook-ups.
- Vertical blinds included.

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On 10 Mile between Novi Rd. & Meadowbrook
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PLYMOUTH

CALL NOW!
All car 2 bedrooms are rented so call now about spacious 1 bedroom apartments. They won't last long.

- Spacious 1 bedrooms 900 sq. ft.
- Nestled in residential area
- Convenient to 275, 96 & 14
- Ample storage/blinds included
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Ask about our move-in special. Rent with a 1 or 2 yr. lease

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Deluxe 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with balcony porch overlooking nursing brook. On Handicap at 9 Mile, 1/2 mile W. of Skelton Rd. Walk to downtown Northville.

RENT FROM \$520
SECURITY DEPOSIT \$300
Includes carport, plush carpeting, appliances.
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PLYMOUTH - BROUGHAM MANOR APTS.
1 BEDROOM \$445
2 BEDROOM \$485
Year Lease. Heat & Water Paid Adults. No pets.
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PLYMOUTH LIVE ON THE PARK
Starting from...\$435
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Offering half month security deposit. "NEW TENANTS ONLY". Please call 455-2143 or stop in Mon thru Fri 9-5

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FROM \$375
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FREE HEAT
• Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms
• Cable Ready
• Walk-in Closet
• Lighted Parking
• 1 or 2 Year Lease
• Intrusion Alarm System

GLEN COVE TELEGRAPH 1/2 mile S. of I-96
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ROCHESTER, DOWNTOWN Charming loft apartment. 2 bedroom duplex upper. \$575 plus utilities.
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WARREN PLAZA APARTMENTS
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Conveniently located near I-696
1 and 2 BEDROOM UNITS
INCLUDES HEAT
FREE CABLE TV

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STARTING AT \$445-\$550

• Individual laundry room
• Appliances
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Model open daily 2-8
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CALL 9-5
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PLYMOUTH: 1 bedroom. Big room size, spacious kitchen. Heat & carporting furnished. Best value in town. See this before you rent elsewhere.
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AMBER GREEN/GREAT VALUE 2 bedroom apt. in Royal Oak. \$455/mo. includes ceramic tiled kitchen & bath, hardwood floors & storage locker. Tenant's heat bill guaranteed not to exceed \$40/mo. on 12/mo. average. Perfect for sharing.
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12 MILE & LAHSER
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lovely 1 & 2 bedroom. \$480 - \$600
Includes heat & water. First mo. rent free.
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SOUTHFIELD ONE BEDROOM SPECIAL \$450

FREE HEAT
• Walk-in closet
• Intrusion Alarm

WELLINGTON PLACE
Lahser near 8 1/2 Mile
HOLIDAY SPECIAL
NO SECURITY DEPOSIT
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Hurry to French Quarter Apts. 1 & 2 bedrooms 1st months rent free.
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ASK ABOUT OUR SPECIALS

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400 Apts. For Rent

Pontrail Apartments

1 bedroom, \$410
Heat included
1 MONTH FREE
Ask about our SENIOR PROGRAM
On Pontiac Trail
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in S. Lyon
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• Fireplaces & Oak Floors
• Covered Parking
• Pet? Ask!
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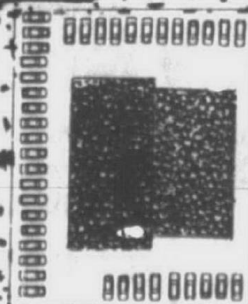
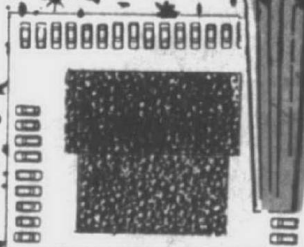


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Jimmy Kogut shows off his invention, the Equaliz-Air. One hose from an outside vent provides fresh air to the house through the cold air duct in the fur-

nace. The other hose places outside air near the furnace for the burning process.

Antiques may be hazardous

(AP) — The idea these days is to use your decorative collectibles instead of just admiring them. Items like turn-of-the-century teddy bears, celluloid trays, colorful dishware and funky old radios and lamps are fun to use.

But beware. "Hazardous items show up more frequently than you might imagine," says Terry Kovel, an antiques commentator who tracks mishaps involving collectibles. An example is an early 20th century ceramic jug that contains radium. One manufacturer was Radium Ore Revigator Co.

"People were supposed to fill it with water and drink it for their health," Kovel says. "Now we know that radium is a carcinogen and these crocks shouldn't be kept, but recently I visited a house and there were two right in the dining room."

Old watches with luminous radium dials are safe so long as they are covered with a crystal, but the naked dials are being used in some modern costume jewelry and can pose a hazard if worn frequently.

OTHER COLLECTIBLES to beware of are china and glass dishes made before 1950. Many have lead-based glazes. Used for display, they are fine. But don't serve or store food in them, Kovel advises in her new book, "Antiques & Collectibles Price List" (Crown, \$11.95). The book, written with her husband, Ralph, has a section on hazards associated with collectibles.

Celluloid, an early form plastic with a shiny beige-yellow color that makes it look like yellowed ivory, was used in making everything from dolls to dresser trays. It is flammable when overheated and gives off a sour, vinegar-like odor when it starts to break down. Items should be thrown away when this happens, she says, because there's no way to reverse the deterioration.

Collectibles were undoubtedly responsible for only a fraction of the 22,500 deaths and 3.4 million disabling injuries suffered in home accidents in 1989, says Robert L. O'Brien, public relations director of the National Safety Council in Chicago. Still, it pays to beware of potential dangers.

Tack small rugs to the floor or place them over a foam rubber

pad to keep them from sliding. Don't store foodstuffs in old medicine bottles, even if you wash them first, and flush down the toilet any medication found in them.

DON'T USE SMALL electric appliances that are more than 30 years old. Wiring could be frayed, they could be poorly grounded and inadequately shielded, and they might contain asbestos.

If you have antique firearms, be sure they are not loaded and never allow children to play with them. Items children might play with or use are of greatest concern. Old toys with lead-based paint or sharp edges and stuffed toys with easily-removed glass eyes on metal pins which can be swallowed are hazards.

Old nursery furniture such as cribs also can pose hazards. They may have lead-based paint which can be poisonous if swallowed. Decorative cut-outs and slats can cause suffocation if they are spaced far enough apart so an infant can squeeze his head through. Make sure a mattress goes all the way to the edges of the crib, and don't allow active children to use old high chairs and cradles which are easily tipped, safety experts advise.

Use the same caution for antiques and collectibles that you would use for new items, said Dan Rumelt, acting public affairs director of the Consumer Product Safety Commission in Washington.

While collectibles have the potential to hurt you, it's more likely that you'll damage them through improper care, says Kovel.

Some common errors include washing ivory to make it white. The characteristic yellow patina of age is preferred by collectors, and washing can reduce its value by half. Cleaning and polishing coins is also a mistake since it reduces their value. And be sure real gold leaf is used if chipped gold leaf frames or other objects are refinished.

Dishwashers are a modern convenience, but they don't do well by some old dishware. Eventually, Kovel says, the gold designs on china and glass will fade if washed in the dishwasher. Don't put pottery or porcelain with thin black lines known as crazing in the dishwasher. The heat from drying can cause the remaining glaze to flake off.

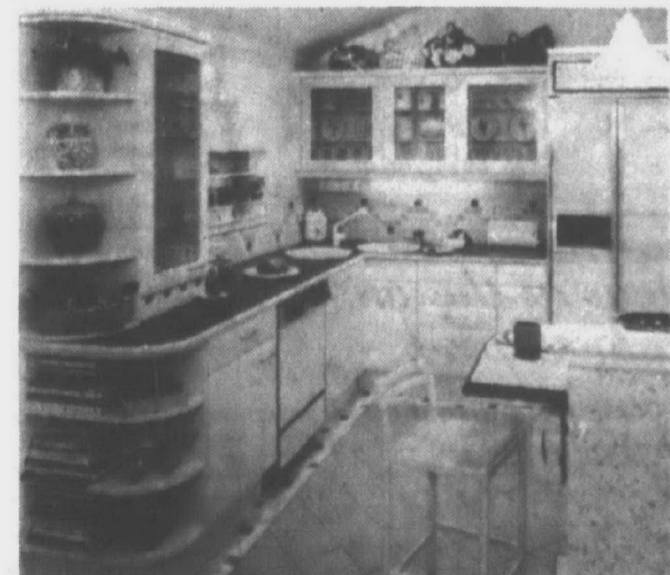
Everyone's need: more storage

(AP) — Nearly all homeowners share one common problem — lack of storage space. Regardless of the size of their house, it seems there is never enough room to store everything.

This is true especially for condominium owners and apartment dwellers. Somehow, the longer you live in the same place, the worse the problem gets. Fortunately, easy-to-build shelving systems offer an effective, inexpensive remedy for the do-it-yourselfer.

Shelving materials are available at lumber yards and home centers. Shelves are most commonly made from particleboard, plywood or solid lumber and are either 3/4 or 1 1/2 inches thick.

Edge treatments are often applied to shelves for appearance. They can conceal exposed plywood edges, add rigidity and increase the shelf's load capacity, or simply create a decorative detail to dress up the room.



No matter how big the house, additional storage space is always mentioned as a need

The exact shelf design you choose is determined by the weight of the items being stored and the look you desire. But remember, you might also want to store heavier items in the future, so it's always better to overbuild the shelves slightly to prevent sagging and possible collapse.

The maximum span for each shelf between supports varies with the load and the material. As a general rule, 3/4-inch particleboard 10 inches wide can handle a load of 30 pounds per linear foot with supports 24 inches apart. You can stretch this span to 32 inches for 3/4-inch plywood. If the shelf is reinforced with 2-inch-wide stiffener along the front edge and a 3/4- by 2- by 6-inch long support cleat under the rear of the shelf at the middle, you can increase these spans by 50 percent.

WHEN APPEARANCE is not the controlling factor — utility shelves in the basement, garage or workshop, for example — No. 2 common pine is quite suitable. This grade of pine has knots of various sizes, so be sure to handpick the boards carefully to avoid loose or oversized knots that would weaken the shelves. Note: If the pine is to be painted, first seal each knot with shellac to keep it from showing through.

Particleboard is the most economical shelving material and is often used under a plastic laminate. The disadvantage of particleboard is that it's heavy and tends to sag if it isn't supported properly.

When the look of fine hardwood shelves is desired, choose hardwood-veneer plywood. This cabinet-grade plywood is less expensive and lighter than solid hardwood and it's warp-free. Also, extra-wide plywood shelves are made easily without having to edge-join several boards together. Conceal the plywood's exposed edge with veneer tape, trim or a molding.

Shelves can be installed as permanent fixtures in the cabinet or as separate components that can be adjusted or removed, if necessary.

Large cabinets or cabinets without backs often have several adjustable shelves and one fixed shelf. This fixed shelf adds rigidity and strength to the assembly. Fixed shelves for small, light-weight cabinets can be attached with simple butt joints using glue and screws.

However, for a much stronger assembly, you should use dado joints — slots in the end supports — to install permanent shelves.

Inventor battles building industry

By Doug Funke
staff writer

Jimmy Kogut of Livonia is a man with a vision impatiently waiting for the rest of the building industry to see the light.

Kogut has invented, patented and manufactured a product, Equaliz-Air, which he maintains will save heating dollars and efficiently introduce fresh air into houses and condominiums.

All at a cost of less than \$100 to the individual consumer.

"It's gone nowhere," Kogut said. "I'm battling millions and millions of dollars spent by window companies, insulation companies to seal up homes. I tell them to put a hole in the wall."

Kogut's invention consists of an aluminum vent mounted on an exterior wall of the house or condo. One plastic pipe from the vent connects directly to the cold air return of the furnace. Another leads to the furnace but isn't necessarily hooked up.

THE PIPE plugged into the furnace replaces air to the house lost from kitchen or bathroom fans, dryers and fireplaces, Kogut said. The lagging pipe, or combustion pipe, affects the burning process.

"It (combustion pipe) reduces air changes," Kogut said. "It's not using air in the house. It goes right from the pipe to the burner." That, in turn, keeps the rest of the house warm, reduces the number of times the furnace kicks on and saves money.

There are screens on the vent to keep insects out of the house and flappers controlled by pressure from the furnace blower, which open both pipes to allow outside air to enter only as needed.

EQUALIZ-AIR can be adapted to older houses or installed as houses are built.

Kogut, a buyer for Ford Motor Co., started experimenting in the late 1970s and early '80s when he got caught up in the energy crunch. He patented Equaliz-Air in 1984 and went into production in 1986.

The parts are made at a factory in Jackson and assembled in Kogut's basement. He figures he and his family sank some \$40,000 into the product before the first unit was stamped out. He's sold a couple of hundred.

Kogut has tried without success to sell directly to major retailers and heating contractors.

"They explained that people wouldn't understand

it . . . people aren't concerned about heating costs," Kogut said.

SOME BUILDERS agreed with the concept, but then added that it was up to heating contractors to do the job, Kogut said. Contractors said they didn't need it.

"I got a runaround," he said. So now Kogut makes the circuit of radio talk shows and newspapers, trying to take his message directly to the people.

Kogut has his supporters, among them, Glenn Haege, a building expert who hosts a call-in advice show on WXYT Radio.

"His product was way ahead of its time," Haege said. "Anything new people can't touch, see or feel, they're very apprehensive about."

Outside air combustion source is an option builders should offer customers, Haege said. "It cuts down on drafts, which cuts down on heating bills."

THE TREND is toward outside air sources for combustion, said Temison Barry, assistant chief of the mechanical division, bureau of construction code, state labor department.

"We're building houses tighter and tighter," he said. "No outside air is coming in."

A state amendment to the BOCA building code has mandated an outside combustion source on new houses since September 1989, Barry said. But he suspects that most municipalities haven't adopted the amendment.

"They have their own amendments, special needs," Barry said.

So why don't we see more fresh air pipes in new construction today?

"It's an old story with a lot of builders. They try to get as much profit out of a product as they can," said Mike Shortke, president of Detroit Safety Furnace Pipe Co.

"With construction and tightening today . . . they should absolutely consider putting in a make-up air unit," he said.

Kogut doesn't know why furnace manufacturers don't adapt similar systems to their original equipment, but he offered a theory.

"It's really like an accessory, a humidifier or electric air cleaner. I don't think furnace manufacturers are interested in accessories."

But Kogut expects that the tide will turn, probably in the next few years.

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Smoke detector primer

News story after news story tells of fire fatalities that might have been prevented if smoke detectors had been in use.

Smoke detectors make a shrill warning sound when exposed to smoke. Since they are relatively inexpensive and easy to install, there is no reason any home should be without them.

Here's some basic information on buying and using these life saving devices:

• "Ionization" detectors contain a tiny amount of shielded radioactive material. This material breaks air down into charged atoms through which a small current can flow. Smoke interrupts the flow of current which sets off the alarm. An ionization detector responds more quickly to the fumes of a fast-burning fire.

• "Photoelectric" detectors use a small light beam which impinges on a light-sensitive photocell. The alarm sounds whenever smoke interrupts the light beam. The light bulb producing the beam lasts about three years; then it must be replaced. A photoelectric type of detector gives a faster response to smoke from a smoldering fire. It is also less prone to false alarms from innocuous kitchen fumes.

Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.

EITHER TYPE of smoke detector may be powered by a battery (usually 9-volt) or house current. For effective use:

• Test your smoke detector about once a month to make sure it's operating properly.

To test, simply press the test button on the front of the unit. The alarm (a continuous blare) will sound as long as the test button is depressed. This test automatically checks the electronic circuit, horn and battery.

If the horn does not sound, replace the battery. If it still does not sound, have the detector repaired or replaced.

• When the smoke detector battery begins to weaken, it will sound a warning signal (usually intermittent

beeps or chirps). Replace the battery immediately following the manufacturer's directions.

• Clean your smoke detectors yearly to remove dust, grease and other soil.

WHERE TO locate:

• In halls leading to sleeping areas.

• At the heads of stairs leading to living areas.

• In your basement, but not too near the furnace.

• In the bedroom of any smoker in your family.

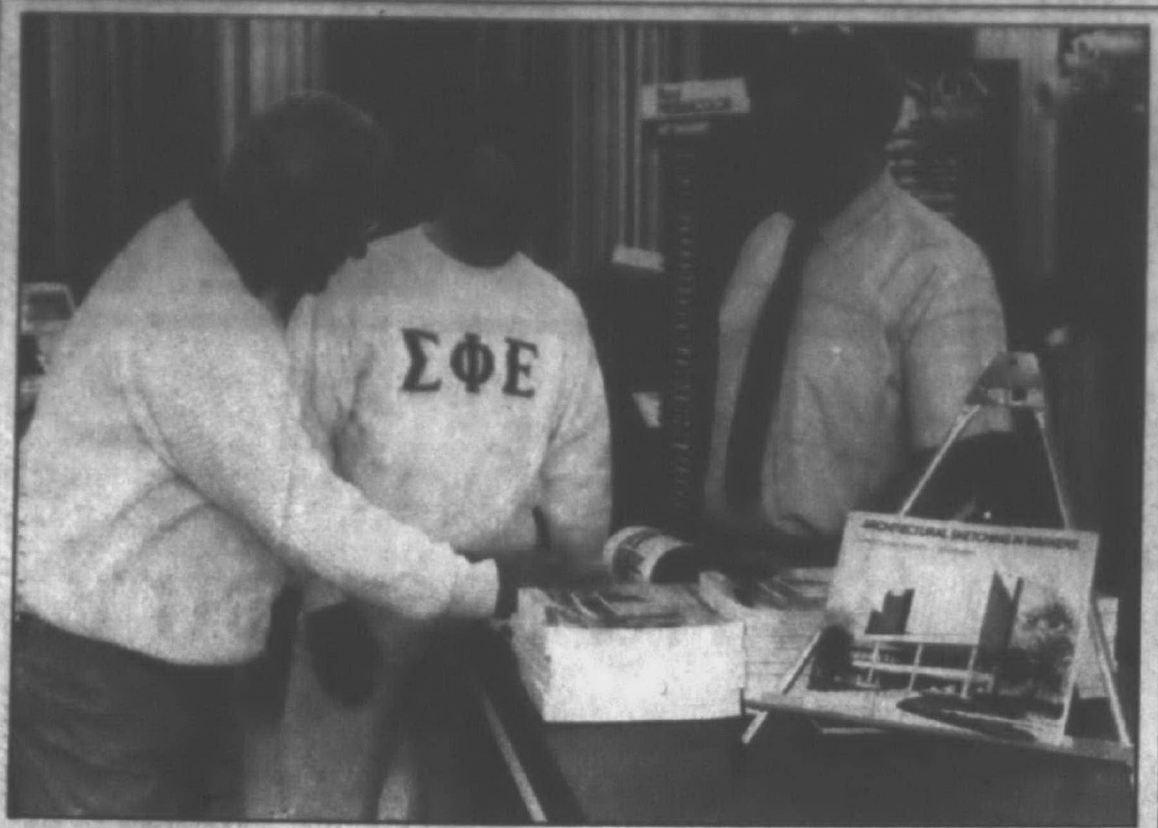
• On the same house level as your kitchen, but not too near your appliances since everyday cooking can easily set it off. Caution: Never turn off a smoke detector because you are cooking something that will cause it to sound off. It's too easy to forget to turn it on again.

• Away from air currents (vents or radiators, for example), dead air corners and ends of halls.

• On the ceiling at least 30 inches from all corners or walls.

• On walls, at least 13 inches from the ceiling and the nearest corner.

Note: Don't paint the detector. Painting clogs the holes and reduces its effectiveness.



On the book circuit

Roy Strickfaden of Southfield (left), a lecturer in architecture at Lawrence Technological University and owner of a design rendering practice, autographs a copy of "Architectural Sketching in Markers" for Chris Garrison (center), an LTU student, during the book's debut at Millers Artist Supplies in Farmington Hills. Waiting his turn to sign is

co-author Harold Linton, professor and director of freshmen studies at LTU's College of Architecture and Design. The book discusses how to analyze space, establish effective visual viewpoints, "tune in" color and use sketching to achieve results. It is aimed at architects, artists and graphic, interior and industrial designers.

commercial real estate sales in Oakland and Wayne counties

This lists recent commercial real estate transactions in Oakland and western Wayne counties. The first name listed is that of the buyer. The second name is that of the seller. Any transaction price followed by an * represents the price paid for more than one piece of property.

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Maintain storm windows

Snug-fitting, well-maintained storm windows and doors can do much to reduce heating bills. The space between the storm and prime windows, or between the storm and house doors, creates an insulating pocket of air that reduces heat loss to the outside.

Here are some tips for keeping

your storm doors and windows in top condition:

• If your aluminum storm windows and doors are unpainted, brush the frames with fine steel wool to remove oxidation once a year. Then apply a good automobile paste wax.

• Remove wood-sash storm windows periodically and repaint them.

This is important not just for looks but to prevent absorption of moisture that may cause swelling, warping and rotting.

• While a wood-sash storm window is out, before repainting, inspect it for damage.

• Reglue loose joints and reinforce them with corner plates available at your local hardware store.

• Replace crumbling or missing putty.

• Repair bent hardware. Inspect the hangers for loose or missing screws and damage to the bracket on the house or the hook on the storm sash.

• Check the interior fasteners to be certain they are all functioning properly.

• To paint all sides of the storm sash in one operation, install storm window hangers in a ceiling joist in your cellar or garage, and suspend the storm sash from it.

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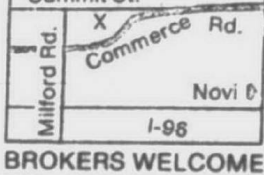
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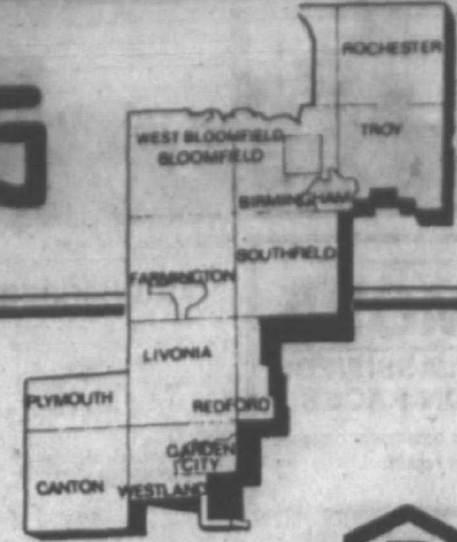
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PUBLICATION	TYPE OF ADVERTISEMENT	DEADLINE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 31	Classified In-Column "Liners"	5:00 p.m. Friday, December 28
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644-1100-Oakland County • 591-0900-Wayne County
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500 Help Wanted
AMERICAN MAIDS is hiring housekeepers \$8.50/hour to start. Own car required. 855-1649

AMERICAN RENT A CAR-Rental Agent needed for Redford office. Offering Blue Cross & Blue Shield. Experience preferred. Call 291-0040

ANSWER TELEPHONES - Full time in our Westland office. 8am-5pm. 14520 Keel St., Plymouth, MI. 48170. Attention: N. Jordan. An Equal Opportunity Employer

APARTMENT & HALLWAY cleaning people for Farmington Hills apartment complex. Call Rich Mohr-Fri, 8:30-4:30 at 476-5200

500 Help Wanted
ASSEMBLY WORKERS
 Transmission remanufacturing firm. Excellent benefits & bonus plans. Immediate openings for production assembly workers. Light factory setting. We offer competitive wage and fringe benefits. If you are qualified send resume or letter and wage requirements to: AWTEC 14520 Keel St., Plymouth, MI. 48170. Attention: N. Jordan. An Equal Opportunity Employer

ASSISTANT STORE MANAGERS to \$26,000.
STORE MANAGERS to \$35,000
 Previous supervisory experience in grocery, hardware, health & beauty, etc. a plus. Openings in all areas. Excellent benefits & bonus plans. Employment Center, Inc. 508-1838

500 Help Wanted
CASHIER-Large Amoco service center has opening for midnight shift cashier, part time weekends. Good pay with train. Apply: Tel Maple Car Care, 6495 Telegraph, Birmingham 644-2910

CASHIERS/STOCK PERSONS Full & part time. Flexible scheduling. Overtime available. Apply at: 6701 Newburgh at Warren, (Westland) or 24135 Joy Road at Telegraph, (Dearborn Hills).

500 Help Wanted
CLEAN HOMES - Days, Own car. \$5-87/hr. Nice working conditions. Apply in person: Parkside Plaza, 22218 M. St. & Livonia, 10-3pm.

COLLECTION Immediate opening for experienced aggressive telephone collector with skip tracing skills. Salary up to \$18,000, commensurate with experience. Lucrative commission program, also major medical and life insurance coverage. Please call Mrs. Felner at 227-4300 or send resume to: P. O. Box 673, Southfield MI 48076

COMMERCIAL CLEANING company is looking for career minded personnel. Janitors, excellent supervisors and supervisors are the positions to be filled. Job title is to: 34/Ans Arbor-Bathrooms. Send resume call 517-665-6118 or send resume to: MABC, P. O. Box 456, Colman, MI 48018-0456

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN Assembly & service. P2/XT 286/286 experienced only. Full time. P. O. Box 2514, Southfield, MI 48037

COUNSELING POSITION - Full time, Mon. - Fri. 3-11pm working with inner city families in temporary crisis shelter. Must have BA degree in Social Services field and experience in counseling with children and/or teens. Salary is \$13,500 + benefits. Call Linda at 583-2006

500 Help Wanted
COMPUTER SERVICE TECHNICIAN experienced technician needed for computer distributor located in Farmington Hills. Laser experience needed only. Send resume to: Microware Distributors, 22206 Commerce, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Attn: Mark Zywica.

COMPUTER TEAM LEADER to act as internal coordinator for installation of new customized accounting computer system. Well organized, task driven, tight deadlines, work directly with software vendor, experience & knowledgeable in accounting. Southfield location. Send resume to: Box 918, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

COMPUTER CLERK Part-time. No experience necessary. Somerset Cleaners, 5118 Rochester Rd., at Long Lake, Troy 48065-1474 644-8200

500 Help Wanted
COMMUNITY DEVELOPER For small non-profit. Will coordinate agency marketing, public relations, special events and quarterly newsletter. Prior experience required. Full time. Excellent benefits. Send resume by Jan. 7th to: O/M C/L, 6044 Rochester Road, Troy, MI 48068

COMPUTER OPERATOR Growing Livonia Industrial Distributor, seeking a Computer Operator for day shift. Entry level position. Some computer operations experience required. Assist in daily operations and problem solving. Experience with PICK, operating systems helpful, but not required. Starting wage, \$8 to \$7.50 per hr. Hours 8am to 5pm, Mon thru Fri, and some weekends. Offering an excellent benefit plan. Please send resume to: PO Box 48625, Detroit MI 48240 Attn: COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

APPRaisal TRAINee
 Local office of a national organization needs two full time career-minded persons willing to work hard. We offer training - help and full-time positions for photo and appliances, health and beauty aids, cosmetics and floor care. Credit interviews will be conducted at the following location on December 26, 27 & 28 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm and on December 29 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Apply in person.
 37700 W. 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills (12 & Hallstead)
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ART MANAGER
 For Livonia Mail location. Contact Peter for details. 873-6940

ASSISTANT MANAGERS & Sales People. Earn up to \$35,000 per yr. Many benefits. Paid training, paid vacations, medical & dental program. Apply at: Waterford Gallery, 52975 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER For Bloomfield Hills Credit Union. Must have experience in letter work, lending & bookkeeping. Send resume & salary needs to: Credit Union, 300 East Long Lake, Suite 140, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

ASSISTANT TEACHERS & Substitutes needed for Nursery/Child Care Program. For Livonia. Call 425-6980

ATTENTION 87/hr., 15-40 hrs./wkly. Sales/marketing Dept. Car needed. Call Livonia 425-6980

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS: Needed for cleaning hallways & laundry rooms in apartment complexes. Day work. \$5.10 to \$5.50 per hour, paid holidays & vacations. Call Mon. 9:00 Fri. from 8am to 3:30pm. 427-4343

AUTO BODY INSTRUCTOR For 17,000 sq. ft. auto body school. Qualified applicant must have 3 yrs. hands-on experience in up-to-date repair techniques and good communication skills. Teaching experience helpful but not required. Full or part time. Send resume to: Training Manager, Motch Automotive, 18150 South Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Call today. ADIA'S GOING TO WORK FOR YOU 855-8910

AUTO DEALER seeks hostess to welcome customers into our Westland showroom. Must be energetic, outgoing, and have a great attitude. Call Mr. Jerry Douth, Wednesday between 10 am & 12 noon for appointment.
 North Bros. Ford
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ATTENTION!
 DO YOU WANT \$7-8/hr?
 We need full time professional sales people to join the latest growing mail order company in the industry.
 We are looking for career oriented sales people to answer incoming calls from customers responding to our nationally advertised products. Complete training plus benefits in a luxurious office environment.
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AUTO DEALERSHIP
 New import auto dealership to open April 1, 1991. H/W suburbs, now staffed. Excellent individuals to staff. Complete applications for all positions. Replies will be in strict confidence. Reply to:
 NEW DEALERSHIP
 P.O. Box 3325
 Farmington Hills, MI, 48333-3325

AUTO MECHANIC - immediate position - Light duty service, tune-up, front-end. A self-motivated person. 834-4477 or 350-2529

AUTO SERVICE PORTER
 Sunshine Honda of Plymouth has the following position responding to you: Service Porter. Good pay and benefits. Apply in person: 1205 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth

BLANCHARD OPERATOR
 Experienced on precision machined aircraft parts. Full benefits. Hytrol Manufacturing, Garden City area. 261-8030

BRIDGEPORT MILL OPERATOR
 Hytrol Manufacturing, Garden City area. 261-8030

CARING PEOPLE needed to work with developmentally disabled adults in a family style environment. Afternoons and evenings. 95 to start. Call 798-2164

CARING PEOPLE needed to work in a family style environment. Part or full time. Flexible hours. Call between 8 a.m. & 3 p.m. 853-1367

CASHIER - Needed for new greener/snack shop location in Rochester Hills/Troy area. Seeking dependable, self-motivated individuals to staff 7 day, 24 hr. station. Starting wage \$4.50/hr. plus benefits. Apply at: 5015 Livonette at Long Lake-855-7966 or Carol.

CATALOG CALLS
 Do you want \$7-\$8/hr? How about a great office environment with your own desk. We need full time people to answer incoming calls from customers responding to our nationally advertised products. Complete training plus benefits in a luxurious computerized office. Call 351-8700

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 Start a new career in real estate today. Call Erin Walsh at 356-7111 REAL ESTATE INC.

CLEANING PERSON - to clean vacant apartments & hallways. Westland area. Call 425-0930

CLERK CASHIERS STOCK CLERKS PART TIME
 Must be 18 years or older. Heavy lifting required. Good pay.
GROCERY BAGGERS also needed part time. Must be 16 years or older.
 Apply at:
SHOPPING CENTER MARKET
 425 NO. CENTER ST. NORTHVILLE

STOCK CLERKS PRODUCE CLERKS DELI COUNTER CLERKS CLERK CASHIERS
 SHOPPING CENTER MARKET has immediate part-time openings for stock clerks, produce clerks, deli counter clerks & clerk cashiers. Must be 18 years or older. Heavy lifting required. Excellent pay. \$6.00 per hour to start. Premium time (time & a half) for Sunday work. Very flexible scheduling available. These are year 'round positions...not summer jobs! Apply in person at:
SHOPPING CENTER MARKET
 6433 ORCHARD LAKE RD. (at 15 Mile Road - West Bloomfield)

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 40 Hour week/long term assignments in the Farmington Hills/Rochester area. Adia offers excellent benefits. Call today.
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CASHIERS
 Farmington Hills Co. has immediate full or part-time opening. Good start pay plus bonuses. Blue Cross available. Vacation Pay. Perfect hours for students. Call 855-8943

CERTIFIED LIFE GUARDS & their relatives. Must be at least 18. Apply at the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Rd. or call Jean at 553-4020

DO YOU HAVE MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS OR AFTERNOONS FREE?

Want to earn extra cash?
 An Adult carrier route with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers can be the solution. In just four hours a day, twice a week, you'll earn the extra cash you want without sacrificing your time to the demands of a full time job.

Interested persons must possess a polite business-like attitude, be self-motivated, and have dependable transportation. Scheduling is flexible.

CURRENT ROUTE OPENINGS ARE IN:
 Oakland County Wayne County

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY, Call 644-1100

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500 Help Wanted
ACCOUNTANT: Farmington CP A firm seeks quality person with 5 yrs. exp. experience to become part of our team. Call 471-0521

A DYE MAKER: Minimum 5 yrs experience, on medium, progressive dye line dye. Blue Cross Blue Shield. Paid Training. Excellent working conditions. Bloomfield Meeting Works. 950-8430

ACCOUNTANT SENIOR For Farmington Hills CPA Firm. Part time permanent position, minimum 3 years recent public accounting experience. Send resume to: Son #794, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

AEROBIC INSTRUCTOR certified. Licensed High School and Nat Technicians. Livonia area. Call between 8am-5pm. 277-5225

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 • Flight Attendants
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 • Customer Service
 • Inflight Cleaning/Crew
 • Maintenance/Photo
 For info: 848-9800, Ext. 4030

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ACCOUNTANT, part time. Expanding Southfield CPA firm. Permanent position. Must have current CPA office experience. Start Jan. Corporate taxes, 1040s, all phases of accounting. Minimum 3-5 yrs. experience. Excellent working conditions. Northwestern Hwy/12 Mile. Please call Mrs. Paul 354-3178

ALARM INSTALLER
 Southfield company needs experienced and semi-experienced installer. Call Mon. thru Fri. 8am-5pm 358-2555

50 Immediate Openings
 Start work in the Livonia area performing light packaging work. All shifts available. Apply Mon. - Fri. 8am-5pm at:

SOMEBODY SOMETIME
 18320 Middlebelt Parkside Pavilion Between 6 & 7 mile
 477-1262

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A CAREER IN REAL ESTATE SALES WITH US IS A "REAL JOB". Our programs and support systems are so effective, we guarantee you a minimum annual income of \$25,000 with unlimited potential. DON'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR FUTURE. CALL ME TODAY! GUS SEGER 477-1111 REAL ESTATE ONE, INC. Farmington-Farmington Hills

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needed for well established...

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DATA PROCESSING
Data processing Co-ordinator...

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DIRECT CARE WORKERS
needed for group homes in South...

500 Help Wanted
FINANCIAL SALES CLERK
Part Time
Chrysler Financial Services...

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HUMAN SERVICES
Temporary positions for work...

500 Help Wanted
LAW CLERK
needed for Law Firm...

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Motivated, detail oriented...

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Experienced Machinists...

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In looking for companion...

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Duties include assisting customers...

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Full or part time work with...

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Full or part time work with...

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needed for Florist...

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Technician wanted, experience...

GROCERY PERSONNEL
Part Time
needed for Grocery Store...

GYMNASIUM INSTRUCTORS
Part Time, days, evenings...

HAIR STYLIST
needed for Hair Salon...

HOUSEKEEPING HELP WANTED
Troy/Birmingham area...

DATA PROCESSING PROGRAMMER ANALYST
5 or more years experience...

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FIELD SERVICE ENGINEER
Detroit based manufacturer of...

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IMMEDIATE OPENING
For Teacher's Aide, Farmington...

INCOME TAX PREPARERS
Full or Part Time, High volume...

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New job opening, Expanding South...

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Needed to sell and deliver out...

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Contract & health care, part time...

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A 24 hour full service copy center...

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Machine shop Farmington Hills...

LEADING AGENT - experienced in
Sales. Must have some knowledge...

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Our modern precision machining...

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Weekends (part-time)
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One of the nation's largest home...

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AAA/ALUMINUM/VINYL SIDING
Trim, corners, replacement windows...

33 Bldg. & Remodeling
ABLE AND READY TO WORK
WITH YOU
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ALL TYPES CARPENTRY
Specializing in finished basements...

62 Doors
DOOR SALE
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PAUL BUNION TREE SERVICE
Seasoned mixed hardwood
Pick up or delivery.

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A-1 HAULING - Moving, Scrap metal,
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Drapery, alterations & tailoring...

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Call for a free estimate. Free estimates...

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Attics, walls and crawl spaces...

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Tree Removal, Trimming, Stump...

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AAA CUSTOM BRICK WORK
Specializing in all masonry repairs...

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ALL FORMICA kitchen, baths,
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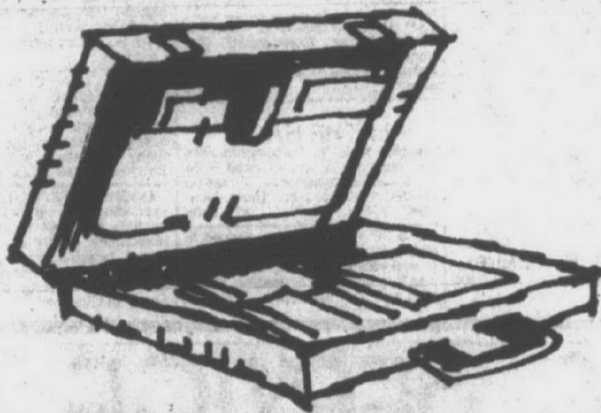
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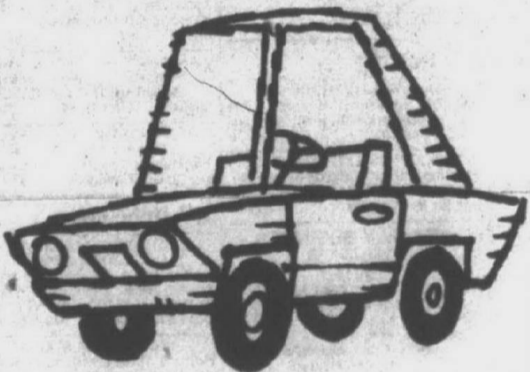
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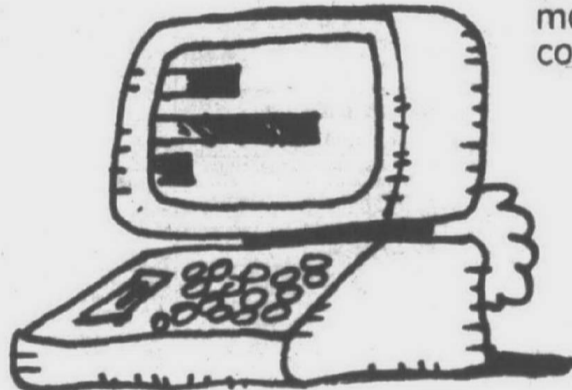
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Wayne County

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Observer & Eccentric classified ads

Red Wing Tickets

TO WIN Send your name and address on a postcard to
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36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150
Then watch the classified section every Monday and Thursday. When your name appears, you're a winner!
(Due to high demand, we ask that there be only one entry per family)

500 Help Wanted

PRESS OPERATORS
Medium sized stamping company, located in NW Detroit. Send resume to: Box 918, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

PRINTING/COUNTER SALES
Experienced Sales Person, with minimum 5 years experience. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to: Susan Ewing, Director of Probation, 3550 District Court, Box 3050-C, Plymouth, MI 48170

PROBATION PROJECTS OFFICER
6th District Court, S.S., B.A., or Associates with work experience. Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Counseling Certificate required. Personal computer and data collection experience preferred. \$22,000 per year. Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume to: Susan Ewing, Director of Probation, 3550 District Court, Box 3050-C, Plymouth, MI 48170

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Experienced required with professional moving company. Immediate openings. 398-6087

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To promote 800 numbers. Need creative ideas. 20-40% of profit. Work 5:45 hrs. Send resume to: I.P., P.O. 1441, Troy, MI 48069

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Part time, for educational supply store. Apply to: 27191, Dec. 28, Sat., Dec. 29, 11AM-3PM at THE LEARNING CONNECTION, 29730 Southfield Rd., Southfield Plaza

SECURITY OFFICERS
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Amicare Services, Inc., a private duty home health care company sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opportunity available for a Claims Processor.

Responsibilities include processing on a weekly basis, performing quality assurance audits on all bills, collecting unpaid commercial insurance claims, and additional duties as necessary. To qualify, you need a high school diploma with a minimum of 1-2 years billing experience in a medical setting.

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General dental office in Livonia seeking Dental Assistant Mon-Thurs. Must be experienced with an outgoing personality. Great benefits. Resumes to: P.O. Box 97, Westland, MI, 48185.

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Experienced physician's office assistant or EKG Technician needed for full-time position in outpatient clinic. Duties include performing EKGs and other diagnostic studies. Training for new diagnostic studies provided. Some local travel between clinic locations required. Excellent salary and benefit program. Submit resume in confidence to: Box 924 - Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan 48150

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Manufacturing firm, located in Farmington Hills, seeking an individual experienced in production scheduling activities. Responsibilities would include data entry, manufacturing order releases and related tasks. We offer an excellent benefits package and a pleasant work environment. Send resume to: P.O. Box 578, Farmington Hills, MI 48332-0578.

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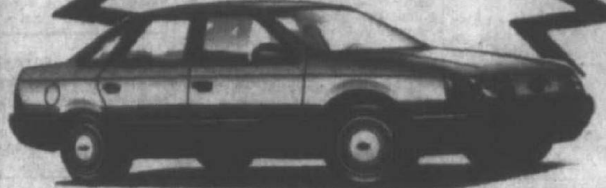
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WAS \$15,878 IS **\$11,942***

\$700 REBATE

NEW 1990 FESTIVA L 2 DOOR **42 MPG**

Rear window defroster, power brakes, BSM, console, gauges, courtesy lamps, reclining bucket seats, side window demister, stabilizing bar, rack & pinion steering. Stock #7614.

WAS \$6,861 IS **\$5,544***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 TEMPO L **26 MPG**

4 Door Sedan, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo, automatic, air, body side molding, dual electric remote control mirrors, aluminum wheels. Stock #6334.

WAS \$9829 IS **\$8242***

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NEW 1991 TEMPO GL **26 MPG**

4 Door Sedan, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, power door locks, air conditioning, rear window defroster, light group, BSM, stereo cassette, front & rear door locks, dual electric remote mirrors, color seat belt, sunroof, body side moldings. Stock #6335.

WAS \$12,734 IS **\$9494***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 MUSTANG LX 2 DOOR HATCHBACK **30 MPG**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, overdrive transmission, air conditioning, BSM, console light group, instrumentation, power door lock group, power windows, rear window defroster, cast aluminum wheels, custom equipment group, AM/FM stereo cassette, speed control, power equipment group, dual electric remote control mirrors. Stock #6076.

WAS \$13,559 IS **\$10,481***

\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT GT **31 MPG**

2 Door Hatchback, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, air, premium sound system, body side molding, rear window defroster, BSM, console, air conditioning, speed control, tachometer, fog lights, dual air conditioning, cast aluminum wheels, custom equipment group, AM/FM stereo, body side moldings, rear spoiler, light group sports performance. Stock #6261.

WAS \$13,227 IS **\$10,554***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 PROBE GL 2 DOOR HATCHBACK **31 MPG**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, air conditioning, power door locks, speed control, rear window defroster, air steering column, convenience group BSM, console, performance instrumentation cluster, tachometer, AM/FM stereo & cargo area cover. Stock #6268.

WAS \$13,912 IS **\$11,343***

100 GALLONS OF FREE GAS**

\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT PONY **41 MPG**

Power brakes, tinted glass, reclining bucket seats, console, cargo area cover. Rear window defroster, remote control mirrors, side window demister & interval wipers. Stock #5948.

WAS \$8501 IS **\$7171***

100 GALLONS OF FREE GAS**

\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 2 DOOR HATCHBACK **36 MPG**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, body side molding, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, light group, convenience group. Rear window defroster, clear coat paint, console, reclining bucket seats & cargo area cover. Stock #5892.

WAS \$10,707 IS **\$8501***

100 GALLONS OF FREE GAS**

\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT HATCHBACK LX 4 DOOR **33 MPG**

Power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, rear window defroster, clear coat paint, body side molding, console, AM/FM stereo, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, child safety locks. Stock #5480.

WAS \$10,636 IS **\$9191***

100 GALLONS OF FREE GAS**

\$500 REBATE

NEW 1991 ESCORT LX 4 DOOR WAGON **33 MPG**

4 Door wagon, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic, air, rear window defroster, light group, convenience group, clear coat paint, console, body side moldings, cargo area cover, reclining bucket seats, child safety locks. Stock #5915.

WAS \$11,866 IS **\$9520***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2 STYLESIDE PICKUP **23 MPG**

XLT trim, power steering, power brakes, tinted glass, automatic transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo cassette, tachometer, cargo box light, rear anti-lock brakes, dome light, spoiler, front chrome bumper, light group, instrumentation, interval wipers. Stock #6067.

WAS \$14,468 IS **\$10,277***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x2 SUPER CAB **23 MPG**

XLT trim, rear jump seat, power steering & brakes, tinted glass, AM/FM stereo cassette, sliding rear window, chrome front bumper, chrome rear step bumper, automatic transmission, air conditioning, cast aluminum wheels, tachometer, rear anti-lock brakes, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation. Stock #6067.

WAS \$15,740 IS **\$11,565***

\$1,000 REBATE

NEW 1991 RANGER 4x4 SUPER CAB STX **20 MPG**

STX trim, rear jump seat, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control, air steering wheel, sport bucket seats, top chrome, AM/FM stereo cassette, cast aluminum wheels, power steering & brakes, tread guard, tachometer, handling package, rear anti-lock brakes, automatic, locking, fuel, leather, wheel steering wheel, cargo box light & spoiler, dome light & instrumentation, light group, intermittent wipers. Stock #6270.

WAS \$18,624 IS **\$13,811***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 THUNDERBIRD **27 MPG**

Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, automatic overdrive transmission, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo premium cassette, premium sound, power drivers seat, power door locks, power windows, power mirrors, cast aluminum wheels, luxury group, rear window defroster, BSM, console courtesy lights, instrumentation, reclining bucket seats, digital clock, intermittent wipers. Stock #6042.

WAS \$17,881 IS **\$14,024***

\$600 REBATE

NEW 1991 AEROSTAR EXTENDED XL WAGON **23 MPG**

Power steering & brakes, tinted glass, convenience group, super cooling, AM/FM stereo instrumentation, anti-lock brakes, intermittent wipers, rear leather vinyl, spoiler, XL trim, power transmission group, rear window defroster, automatic transmission, air conditioning, speed control & air wheel, primary glass, dual captain chairs, 7 passenger. Stock #62117.

WAS \$18,615 IS **\$14,864***

50 EXPLORERS IN STOCK

NEW 1991 EXPLORER 4 DOOR 4x4 **20 MPG**

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WAS \$19,469 IS **\$17,066***

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